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Student fees fund renovation

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Student fees earmarked since 1992 to build a new Student Union to replace the outdated University Center have been allocated from the University Center Reserve Fund to finance two projects scheduled to be completed within the next year.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Shanley said that funds will be allocated toward the renovation of Albright Health Center, estimated to cost \$850,000, and the transforma-

tion of the former Delta Airlines call center into a Student Involvement Center, which will cost approximately \$600,000.

The 2002-2003 Student Government Association senators initially passed a resolution to finance \$390,000 for the renovations out of the University Center Reserve Fund on Sept. 9, 2002.

President Votruba and staff members reviewed the initiative and determined that additional funding would be needed. They found that new fitness equipment would cost \$260,000. The Board of Regents approved this funding, along with \$600,000 for

the renovation of the former Delta Airlines call center, in November 2002.

Then-SGA President Katie Herschede said the idea was to provide a return on the investment students had been making for 12 years. Since there were no immediate plans to construct a new Student Union, the Albright renovation was conceived as a "great, tangible project we could do to immediately realize that benefit."

Engineers later determined that an update of the heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system of Albright Health Center would be needed, requir-

ing an additional \$200,000.

The initial SGA resolution allowed for the additional funding, which was passed by the Board of Regents.

The SGA Senate of 2002-2003 was "very supportive of this project," according to Herschede. "It was our top priority. We took the idea and ran with it."

Some SGA members, includ-

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UNIVERSITY CENTER RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW

June 2002 Balance	\$3,015,000
Less Fitness Center	\$850,000
Less Involvement Center	\$60,000
Remaining Balance	\$2,105,000
FY 02-03 Fee	
Revenue	\$430,900
June 2003 Balance	\$2,535,900
FY 03-04 Fee	
Revenue	\$430,900
June 2004 Balance	\$2,966,800
FY 03-04 Fee	
Revenue	\$430,900
June 2005 Balance	\$3,397,700

Source: Office of Student Affairs

More enroll for fall term

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If enrollment numbers are any indication, the attraction to Northern Kentucky University just keeps getting stronger.

Enrollment numbers for the Fall 2003 semester are up in almost every category compared to the same time last year and, if they aren't up, the decrease is minimal, according to Jerry D. Smith, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management at NKU.

As of Aug. 27, the total number of students enrolled was 14,270 compared to last year's 13,743, and 2,067 of those students are first-time freshmen.

"I'm especially happy with the first-time freshmen," Smith said. "By the very nature of freshmen, they will be with us for a longer period of time...and be a positive bubble to carry forward in future years."

While the total for first-time freshmen jumped to 105 percent of last year's total, the number of restricted students admitted decreased, Smith said that not only is the university getting more freshmen, but it is also getting better-prepared students.

"It's a double win," he said.

The only other category with a decrease from last year is transfer students.

Last year, 743 students transferred to NKU from another university, while this year only 739 have made the switch.

"We're down by four bodies there...pretty close to level," Smith said.

The other categories that showed increases are:

- Total undergraduate students: 12,578 for 2003; 12,164 for 2002

- Graduate students: 1,187 for 2003; 1,107 for 2002

- Law school: 527 for 2003; 472 for 2002

Smith said the only reason he isn't "jumping up and clicking (his heels)" is because of the possibility of the numbers slipping somewhat due to withdrawals before the final day of registration, which is Aug. 30.

"At the same time, there is the possibility of gaining in enrollment with late registrations," Smith said. "We may get a few late registrations, but it will be very few."

University Suites welcomes new residents



Freshman Katie Studer, pictured above center, led the group of new University Suites residents as they posed proudly at the Aug. 27 dedication ceremony of the recently built dorm. Three hundred ninety-six residents moved into the dorm this August.

Tim Downer/Photo Editor

New chair seeks understanding

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Thomson

Dr. J. Michael Thomson wants to take the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice in a new direction.

"I think it's a good time for the department to make an examination of itself, see where it is, and where it wants to go," Thomson said. "I've committed, as our goal for the year,

a mission-driven process."

His aims are high: Thomson would like to unify the department by "building a core set of values and premises." The values will be focused upon the concepts of teaching, scholarship, engagement and service.

"We need to determine who we are. I'd like to see departmental objectives and goals. This would be a good framework that will help us walk through the future," he said.

Thomson, who was named inter-

im chair of the department on July 14, replaced Dr. Dean Minix, who resigned this summer.

In May 2003, Ryan Garrett, a disabled NKU student, filed a lawsuit against the university that named Minix and several other faculty and administrators. The lawsuit says that Garrett seeks to "redress the injury caused him by the deprivation of his rights and privileges...as a result of the intentional acts of the defendants."

Minix declined to comment on

his reasons for resigning or on the lawsuit.

Thomson also declined to comment. He said simply that he was asked to assume the position and that he doesn't want to discuss the past.

Thomson said the department's biggest weakness was "stability over time."

"We're going to do some faculty searching and pick a permanent

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Finance faculty resign after investigation

Chair of finance department resigned amid plagiarism allegations

Shailendra Verma



Verma

- He resigned as chair of the finance department six months ago.

- He was named as an author on all 23 of the research papers investigated.

Richard Snyder, an economics professor for 25 years, was fired for their part in what the Investigative Committee called numerous instances of "fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or serious deviations from accepted practices."

Two other faculty members involved in the investigation included Shailendra Verma and Louis Noyd.

Verma, named as an author on all of the 23 papers in question, resigned as chair of the finance department six months ago.

Noyd will retire at the end of

this year after 31 years as an economics professor at NKU.

The decision came after an 18-month investigation conducted by Thomas Kearns, mathematics and computer science department. Robert Kempton, chemistry department, and Matthew Shank, chair of the management and marketing department, led to NKU President James Votruba's recommendation of termination for cause, which the Board approved.

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Modern culture or urban legend? *The Northerner* exposes the dreaded weight-gain phenomenon.

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**AUGUST 31 2003-
Saturday-02:02pm**
Location: DORMS/UNIVERSITY SUITES - FIRST FLOOR - SMOKE ALARM
Dispo: NO FIRE. A Smoke Alarm was received, via the ESUSA Computer, from the listed location. The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and along with DPS Officers and NKU Physical Plant personnel checked the area finding no evidence of smoke or fire. Upon investigation, it was determined that the alarm activated when food had been burnt in a toaster oven. The alarm was reset, building cleared for re-occupancy and scene cleared at 02:14pm. Case closed...

**AUGUST 29 2003
Friday-08:30pm**
Location: LANDRUM HALL/FOURTH FLOOR - PROPERTY-Found/Recovered Property
Dispo: A ladies purse and contents were turned into DPS by a faculty member after it had been found in the listed location. Owner of the property was identified and contacted. The item was secured in the DPS Property/Evidence room. Case closed...

**AUGUST 29 2003-
Friday-04:07pm**
Location: PARKING LOT G - VEHICLE DAMAGE
Dispo: Subject reported damage was done to his vehicle by another vehicle while it was parked unattended in the listed location. Subject was issued a Kentucky Civilian Traffic Control Report to file with the state. Case closed...

New Space
for Student Life

The new Student Involvement Center will open on campus later this semester, according to Dean of Students Kent Kelso.

The center is located on the ground floor of the University Center in the space formerly occupied by the Delta Airlines call center.

Construction of the center cost \$60,000 and was funded from the University Center Reserve Fund. Kelso said the center will be a much-needed addition for student life at Northern Kentucky University.

New department
chair for chemistry

Dr. Diana McGill was named chair of the chemistry department this past summer. She is an alumna of Northern Kentucky University and Harvard University. Dr. McGill teaches Biochemistry I and a research course. Her area of specialization is in the "enzymology of proteins involved in ion homeostasis," according to her website. Her professional accomplishments include numerous publications and involving students in research.

Biological sciences
gets new interim chair

This summer, Dr. Debra Pearce was named interim chair of the biological sciences department.

Dr. Pearce has been teaching at Northern Kentucky University since 1976 and was named Outstanding Professor of the Year in 1992.

She received her bachelor's and doctorate from the University of California-Davis in 1971 and 1976, respectively. Dr. Pearce is a past president of NKU's Faculty Senate and the Kentucky Academy of Sciences.

Freshman programs
see staff changes

Vicki Stecha was named director of First-Year Programs on July 1.

She replaced Fran Zaniello, who will now be a freshman specialist with the department. Peg Adams was named assistant director for the department.

New dorms dedicated

The new University Suites were dedicated on Aug. 27. Members of the campus community, along with residents, came out to celebrate the new addition to campus.

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Controversial Alabama
monument moved

A Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama Supreme Court building was removed Wednesday, Aug. 27 following two years of controversy and weeks of heated debate. Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore installed the monument two years ago to symbolize the basis of U.S. law in Christianity. Alabama's eight associate justices ordered the monument removed on Aug. 20.

Moore was suspended without pay for defying the order and he plans to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clinton accuses
EPA and White

House of misconduct
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Rep. Jerrold L. Nadler, D. N.Y., asked Aug. 26 for a Congressional inquiry into the Environmental Protection Agency's response to the World Trade Center attack.

Clinton accused the EPA and the White House of concealing health hazards, such as contaminants in the air, from the public. She cited an August report by the EPA inspector general that said White House officials told the EPA to assure New Yorkers that the air was safe to breathe, although the agency did not have "sufficient data and analyses" to confirm this. White House and EPA officials strongly denied Clinton's accusations.

Mars nears Earth

The planet Mars came within 34.6 million miles of Earth last week, the closest it has been in 60,000 years.

It reached its closest point to Earth at 5:46 p.m. EDT on Aug. 27. It could be viewed as a pale orange light in the sky, slightly larger and brighter than an average star.

The next time Mars will be so close to Earth is the year 2287.

Local employer to target college students

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The days of working two or more low-wage jobs to make ends meet may soon be a thing of the past for some Northern Kentucky University students.

Federal Express Ground will begin construction on a new distribution center in Boone County later this month that will provide 480 jobs by 2005. Three hundred of those jobs will be part-time package handling positions often filled by college students.

"I'm hoping, like UPS, they (FedEx) will provide a lot of well-paid part-time jobs," said Karen Chinetti, coordinator for the Career Development Center at NKU.

The majority of NKU students work at least one part-time or full-time job - sometimes more than one - in addition to taking classes.

The new FedEx center will lighten the burden on those students by allowing them to work only one job to meet the financial necessities of tuition, rent and food, Chinetti said.

"Any time we get a well-known company in the area, it's going to help our students," she said.

The new 335,000 square-foot FedEx Ground Support Systems center will be built on 96 acres at U.S. 25 and Maher Road and could employ up to 2400 people when operating at full capacity, according to Allison Sobczak, public relations coordinator for FedEx Ground.

Sobczak said it is difficult to say when the center will be operating at full capacity. It depends on the demand for services and packages processed through the center.

"Additional jobs will be brought on as capacity at the facility increases," Sobczak said.

FedEx Ground, based in Pittsburgh, is a division of FedEx Corporation that handles only packages delivered by truck.

Several factors led to the decision to locate at the Boone County location, including the close proximity to area colleges including NKU, the University of Cincinnati and Thomas More College, Sobczak said.

"We will definitely get the



Photos illustration courtesy of FedEx.com

employee base," she said.

FedEx recruits heavily from area colleges, according to Sobczak, and college students are often attracted to the package handler positions because they are part-time, four-hour shifts and tuition reimbursement is offered based on the number of hours worked.

Another determining factor was the site's convenient accessibility to interstates 275, 74, 71 and 75.

FedEx will get tax credits from Boone County and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Chinetti said working for

FedEx won't be for everyone, but she said it is important to remember that "it's not just packaging and shipping."

There are many degree-required positions such as accountants and managers also. Students may see this opportunity as a "get-thru-school job or as a career," she said.

Sobczak said a lot of the managers at FedEx started as package handlers in college.

"By starting as a package handler, you certainly have the means to advance your career in college," she said.

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A new face for Campus Recreation



Tony Redell/Photographer
Students enjoy the new volleyball courts during NKU's Rock & Jock over the summer.

Tribble meeting Campus Recreation goals

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Steve Tribble became director of Campus Recreation one year ago. At this time, he set several goals to improve Campus Recreation at Northern Kentucky University, including the renovation of the Campus Recreation Center, hiring new staff members and improving the volleyball and basketball courts. He has already accomplished many of these goals.

Renovation of CRC

After several logistic issues, architects are now planning the renovation of the fitness center with new facilities and updated equipment. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2004 and to be finished in August 2004.

New staff

Tribble has hired a staff that will improve all areas of the campus recreation center.

Jill Kleister from Milaps College has become the assistant director for Recreational Programs.

Sarah Daugherty from the University of Notre Dame is now a Coordinator II in charge of aquatics, fitness and special events.

Jeremy Chapman, from Indiana University, is also a Coordinator II and is responsible for intramural and club sports and outdoor adventures.

Handicap lift for pool

A new handicap lift for the swimming pool in the A. D. Albright Health Center will be added this year. This was made possible by a \$5,000 grant awarded to Northern Kentucky University by the Christopher

Reeve Paralysis Foundation, which awards grants to help make the lives of those with disabilities a little easier. The department has not yet set a date to install the lift.

Volleyball and basketball courts

The task of improving the sand volleyball and basketball courts located near the dorms is now complete.

They are used often by students, Tribble said.

Point system

In addition to his other goals, Tribble and Campus Recreation will unveil a new points system this year, which will award points based on how well a team does in each sport entered throughout the year.

In May, a trophy will be given to the team with the most points.

Almost 20 years old, Albright gets its first facelift

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The first major upgrade to the Albright Health Center since the building's construction in 1984 will soon begin.

The renovations will include structural improvements to the building's interior and the addition of new fitness equipment.

Campus Recreation Director Steven Tribble said the ground-breaking is not set in stone but is slated to start in December 2003 or January 2004.

He said that funding was provided through an "SGA resolution of \$650,000."

An additional \$200,000 was later approved by SGA and the Board of Regents to update the heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system.

A \$20 fee paid by students

each semester goes into the University Center Reserve Fund, which funded the project.

Tribble said the project will be completed in phases. First, the gymnastics room will be relocated and then the weight room will be expanded.

The current gymnastics room is located in the heart of the building and will play a pivotal role in the new design.

It will be turned into a new weight room adjacent to the current weight room. It is currently used for recreational classes and physical education courses.

The current weight room has 1500 square feet of space.

The expansion will add 3200 square feet of space.

Possible design plans for the new weight room include creating a mezzanine level to the room and changing the room's concrete outside wall to a glass

wall, according to Tribble.

"We need to replace that location first so that we can continue to use the space during construction," said Tribble.

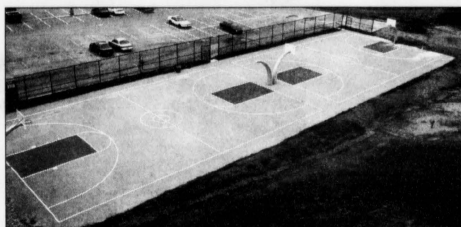
The gymnastics room will be relocated to a new multi-purpose room that will feature a rock-climbing facility, among other things.

"We're removing three racquetball courts and we're going to start construction of the new multi-purpose room first because that's where the majority of the physical change is going to take place," he said.

The multi-purpose room will be completed in April or May 2004.

Construction on the weight room, the final phase of the project, will begin in May and finish in August 2004, according to Tribble.

"That's the very tentative game plan for it," he said.



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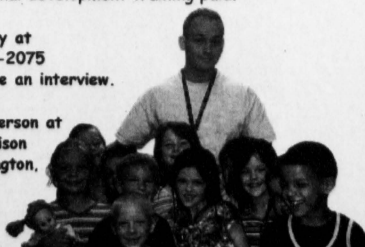
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Admissions policy to change in 2004

NKU will no longer be an 'access university,' says Robinson; Gateway posed as fallback school

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Next fall, Northern Kentucky University will impose more rigorous standards for admission of students. Students who apply to the university under restricted admission status will be less likely to be admitted than in the past.

Admissions officials say that students who apply to NKU with deficiencies in pre-college curriculum requirements and/or poor ACT or SAT scores will have a more difficult time enrolling. "What we have decided to do in the fall of 2004 is limit the number of restricted students we will admit to NKU," said Director of Admissions Joel Robinson.

"We're going to limit that number based on how many students we feel we can provide high-quality service to and ensure their success."

"I really think it's not only the right thing for the institution but it's the right thing for the students," Robinson said.

"We want to make sure that, if you're coming into NKU and you're going to fall into that restricted category, that you're getting the support that you need to be successful. So we're going to limit that number," he said.

Students who apply early will have the best chance for admission, according to Robinson.

"It will be important for us to get the message out to the community, to guidance counselors and

to students that ... it's really important to apply early because spots may fill up quickly, and that's really going to be the key for those students: to apply early if they sense they're going to fall into that restricted category," Robinson said.

He said struggling students who apply early, attend Transitions early and get financial aid taken care of early will have a better chance of academic success, because when classes begin they will have fewer distractions and be better prepared to focus upon schoolwork.

"We really want to put these students in the best position possible to be successful," said Robinson.

A committee of faculty and staff members, led by Interim Provost of Academic Affairs Dr. Jerry Warner, will determine the new standards.

Standards may include "baseline criteria: we're looking at grade-point average, class rank, test scores, and if a student doesn't meet a certain level of criteria, then that student may not be admitted," Robinson said.

The committee will examine current university practices and then recommend new admissions standards to President Votruba, according to Robinson.

Robinson said NKU is no longer just an "access university."

The mantra of the admissions department is now "access with the opportunity to succeed."

He named Gateway Community College as an option for students who may not be admitted to NKU under the new policy.

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Divergence on Convergys

"Cincinnati needs more private-sector jobs - jobs that pay well enough for parents to support their families."

The severity of Cincinnati's economic problems is increasing, which only exacerbates other problems. The principal cause of our economic troubles, however, is our "free-trade" foreign policy, which is set exclusively at the federal level.

No amount of fiscal policy at the local level is capable of contracting the enormous damage done by importing both products and services from foreign countries where the legitimate rights of citizens are not

even nominally recognized by law.

Cincinnati needs more private-sector jobs - jobs that pay well enough for parents to support their families. Countless such jobs in manufacturing have migrated overseas, and now many of the lower-paying service jobs are migrating as well. This loss of jobs, of course, is eroding our tax base. As a result, we see local governments trying over one another kinsing up to transnational corporations in

order to hang onto whatever jobs are permitted to remain. Case in point: the \$52.2 million "incentive package" to keep Convergys downtown. Convergys provides a variety of business services, such as telephone collections, technical support and telemarketing. Despite the fact that Convergys employs hundreds of people at its headquarters here in Cincinnati, the complex boasts of being the world's leading outsourcer of "contact center ser-

vices," through its Convergys India Services division.

In other words, though on the surface the incentive package appears to protect jobs locally, what it really accomplishes is to subsidize the shipping of American jobs overseas. Evidently this is what they mean by the expression, "think globally, act locally." Personally, I cannot see it as anything short of treason.

What we need at the local and state levels are leaders with the

backbone to demand that the federal government return us to an America-first foreign policy, not poltroons who merely carry out the globalist party agenda. Once our national economic independence is restored, our private sector will flourish anew, which will provide a tax base more than sufficient to revitalize our cities.

The apparent need to pay kickbacks to keep companies in town will then vanish into thin air.

Kudos to Jazzman employees

"I would like to praise the individual who had the inspired wisdom to hire these wonderful people."

Like many students this semester, I have been very impressed with the new Jazzman coffee bar inside the lobby of Steely Library.

Better than the coffee and food, however, I have been more than pleased by the employees. They always greet me with a smile, inquire about my day,

and a few of them even know me by name.

To be specific, three very kind young employees, Lisa, Chris and a very friendly and cheerful blond woman who works in the morning, have turned my day from a nightmare into a blessing on more than one occasion.

I would like to praise the individual who had the inspired wisdom to hire these wonderful people.

I realize that dealing with seemingly endless lines of students and uncomfortable temperatures from the hot steam of the espresso machines and a most probably low wage could

be a major drain on the morale of any employee, but these terrific individuals never cease to lose their enthusiasm for meeting and conversing with new people while going about their business in a quick and efficient manner. It is for this reason that I would like to request that a tip jar be available at the counter so

that extremely satisfied customers like myself can express our gratitude for such fine workmanship.

These individuals work hard, demanding jobs and I believe they deserve to be rewarded for their tireless effort.

So please consider a tip jar for the counter.

Big Brother is watching, but is he helping?

Webcams in classrooms threaten privacy with minimal gain in security.

Staff Editorial
 The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Biloxi, Miss., public school district is raising some crucial questions about the extent and the importance of school surveillance systems with the completion of a controversial new classroom observation project.

The project — started over two years ago — included the installation of more than 500 Webcams in the district's public schools. Deputy Superintendent Robert Voles told Deborah Bulkeley of *The Associated Press*.

The visual images taken by the cameras in every classroom and hallway are linked to the Internet — rather than closed circuit television networks older systems rely on — and are available to administrators with a valid password.

Teachers, parents and others wishing to see the archived footage must first go through court to obtain access.

Voles insists everyone in his schools feels safer because of the increased surveillance of the Webcams,

and at first glance, both the new surveillance tools and the unprecedented amount of coverage in Biloxi seem harmless enough.

Initiatives for school safety are as important as any for school districts that must deal with problems most never dreamed of in the past.

With new trends of violent crime in schools during the past decade, it could be argued that no practice dealing with school security is overcautious; that the means — no matter how intrusive and stifling — justify the desired goal of curbing school crime.

But the long-term benefits of Webcams to a district's primary goal of safety are indeed questionable, while the effects on everyday educational practice are not. Maryann Graczyk, president of the Mississippi American Federation of Teachers, said she doubts the cameras will deter crime, especially when assessed against their \$2 million installation price tag.

"We're willing to give up a lot of privacy ... in the interest of safety," she said. "I'm not sure it's the right thing to do."

Surveillance cameras viewing external school



Photo courtesy of KRT Campus

grounds, parking lots, hallways and even lunchrooms seem appropriate safety measures — because they are not as stifling to the education process and are less conspicuous than those at the front of every classroom.

But creating an observation system that includes every classroom seems as unnecessary as it does hindering to creative classroom practices and open relations between students and teachers.

Having the sleepless eye of Big Brother in classrooms most likely will not have a significant effect on school safety, since most crime in schools happens outside the classroom. Anonymity was never a requisite factor for most of the school shooters; ironically, the Columbine tragedy — the most horrific school shooting of the last decade — was broadcast to Americans via surveillance tapes from school cameras.

Other problems will abound as well — especially with Biloxi's attempts to integrate school surveillance and new Internet technology and the problems with transmitting information such as classroom proceedings through a medium that is largely unregulated and prone to misuse and abuse.

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We now know that by the time he turned 30, Arnold Schwarzenegger had smoked pot and hush, posed for a gay magazine and taken part in group sex.

Is this guy ready to be governor of California, or what?

The dirt on Arnold's youthful activities comes from Arnold himself. In a 1977 interview in *Oui* magazine that magically resurfaced on the Internet last week, young Schwarzenegger outed himself as a hetero stud for whom "having chicks around is the kind of thing that breaks up the intense training. It gives you relief, and then afterward you go back to the serious stuff."

California Democrats, wholly unimpressed with such soulless sexual manipulation, let it be known that they are shocked and disturbed.

Initially, Arnold didn't blink.

His first reaction was to tell the truth, it was a different time, he was a young athlete and he hadn't been running for public office at the time.

Then someone in Arnold's entourage — I suspect Rob Lowe or George Shultz — got to the candidate and convinced him that the GOP base wouldn't take such a sanguine view of his youthful indiscretions.

So Arnold called a news conference and back-pedaled. "I have no memory of any of the articles I did 20 or 30 years ago," he told news reporters. Pot and hash and anabolic steroids can do that to a man's memory. So can politics.

But it would be a shame for Arnold to start weaseling like some busted Orange County councilman. Arnold is offering leadership, after all. And real leaders don't cringe.

Schwarzenegger ought to take a page from the book of Abnold Sukarno, the father of Indonesian independence.

Legend has it that back in the 1960s he was filmed by the KGB while engaging in lewd conduct with a round number of Soviet-supplied hostesses.

Confronted with the evidence, he asked the Russians for enough copies to screen in every movie house in Indonesia.

God knows what Arnold committed to film in his gym days. But whatever it is, he should embrace it.

As for the GOP's born-again constituency, it is commended to hate the sin but love the sinner, is it not? Arnold is the

prodigal son, returned to the fold with some damn good stories.

Besides, Arnold isn't the only California candidate with a past. Turns out that Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, his main rival for the executive mansion, was also young once, and stupid.

Back in the 1970s, Cruz belonged to a Chicano national group called M.E.C.H.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de

each dressed out loud about liberating the Southwestern United States from the rest of the country.

Confronted by this, Bustamante has so far refused to apologize or condemn

MECHA. This sort of loyalty is commendable. It is also dangerous.

MECHA's motto, *Por La Raza* todo. *Fuera de La Raza* nada. (For the Race, everything. For those outside the Race, nothing.) is not really what you could call inclusive.

A lot of voters who don't happen to belong to La Raza are bound to wonder what "nothing" might actually amount to.

There are still five weeks before the California election, plenty of time for further revelations. Schwarzenegger and Bustamante undoubtedly have a lifetime of indiscretions to share.

And the best news is, we're only up to 1977.

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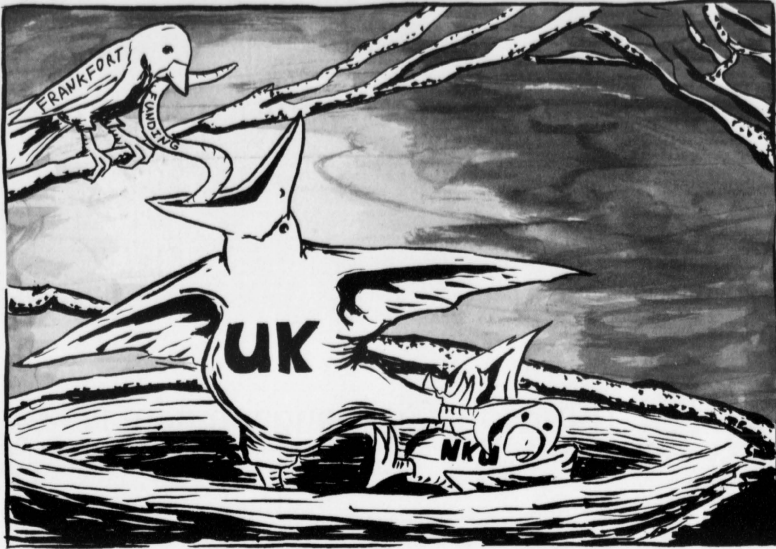
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Colleges must prove their value

All across the country, archaic tax systems, ancient policies and state-wide cost-cutting are negatively affecting state-supported universities and colleges.

By WILLIAM F. WALKER
KKT Forum

State-supported universities and colleges must devise new strategies if they are to weather the fiscal crisis confronting them and preserve their vital role as escalators on our upwardly mobile society.

And while the institutions of first resort for youngsters of modest means, including minorities.

Where else can teachers, nurses, librarians and others devoted to public service get an affordable education?

Now, public campuses are becoming less accessible to those who most need them.

Across the country, tuition and fees are rising rapidly while programs are being cut.

According to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the average hike for in-state students this

fall is 12.3 percent. That follows a hefty increase last year. In some states, such as California, increases could approach 30 percent.

The immediate cause is the fiscal woes afflicting most states, prompting legislators and governors to savage higher education budgets.

Auburn University, at which I serve as president, has suffered similarly, though we remain affordable relative to peers in our region.

This experience tells me that while plunging states' revenues is the crisis de jour, state-supported higher education faces a more basic challenge.

The fact that many state governments have inflicted deeper cuts on our institutions than on other programs demonstrates a deficit of political will to maintain affordable public universities.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley seeks to modernize the state's

archaic tax system.

His bold initiative is up for voter approval in September. Like most Alabama educators, I support it.

However, none of the additional funds to be generated would be earmarked for higher education.

Authorities have made clear that we must stake our claim by demonstrating anew the value of investing tax dollars in us.

This need is emerging in many states.

Priorities vary with venue, but I suggest that five measures apply widely.

We must reverse the trend toward program duplication.

Just as hospitals with many empty beds drain scarce public health dollars, redundant campuses consume education funds inefficiently.

Alabama has six engineering schools, for instance, while Georgia, with nearly twice the population, has just one.

Research must remain one of a public university's three basic missions, along with instruction and community outreach, but we can better focus research on projects that demonstrably promote economic development in our states.

The vigorous role played by Duke, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State in Research Triangle Park — a great asset to their state's economy — is a model to be followed.

In practicing community outreach, we should concentrate on programs that broaden our support base by serving appropriate constituencies in meaningful ways.

Universities should pursue more programs similar to our College of

Agriculture's contribution to catfish farming.

It helped make Alabama a world leader in catfish production.

All state universities want

some students from elsewhere and charge them higher tuition.

But schools that have difficulty finding enough qualified recruits often lower that differential to the point where the host state's taxpayers, in practical terms, pick up the tab.

This is a mistake in both academic and political terms.

If a school's merits are insufficient to attract the right mix of applicants, that institution's viability must be reconsidered.

Too often, a state's higher education establishment vies for public dollars in a zero-sum game that pits it against those who represent primary and secondary schools.

This divisive approach should give way to a holistic one. We should create alliances to make the case that public education at all levels serves the public interest.

Accountability has become a buzzword in several sectors of society for good reason.

The polity demands it. Public universities and colleges must accommodate that demand if they are to prevent the current fiscal crisis from becoming a chronic condition.

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What do you think NKU can do to remedy the parking situation?



Fred Metzger, Senior, physics

"I think it stinks. I would take away the faculty parking."



Sarah Hafley, Class of 2003, Geology

"They should take out the normal lots and replace them with free parking garages."



Sue LaGrand, Sophomore, English

"There is parking problem when the administration advises new students to show up two hours prior to the start of their classes."



Serna Owen, Graduate Student

"I use the parking garage. I like the idea of having a shuttle."



Jacob Barley, Senior, Environmental Science

"We need free parking garages which would make more room."



Blake Sellman, Senior, Art Education

"More shuttles and cheaper parking permits."

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Renovation: Rise in tuition for fund

Allocation of funds to Albright will not slow construction of new Student Union

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ing Eric Fegan, the current executive vice president, questioned the approval of the additional HVAC funding earlier this year. "First we were afraid we wouldn't get a new Student Union built without that money," Fegan said.

When it became clear that both the construction of the Student Union and the renovations to Albright would be possible, even with additional funding allocated to Albright, a majority of SGA members agreed to move forward with the plans.

Shanley said that a cash flow analysis of the University Center Reserve Fund showed that it will contain "more than sufficient funds" to provide cash up front for the new student union, even after the \$900,000 withdrawal.

The analysis proved to university officials that funding the projects would not jeopardize the construction of the new Student Union, Shanley said.

The balance in the fund as of June 2003 is \$2.5 million.

By the time construction

begins on the new Student Union, the fund is expected to hold more than \$3.3 million from student fees.

A two-and-a-half percent tuition increase over the next three years will also go into the fund, according to a March 2003 Board of Regents presidential recommendation.

This increase is expected to raise \$2.4 million per year to help support the debt service payments needed to finance the new Student Union.

The new student union is estimated to cost \$31 million, according to Shanley.

He said \$3 million in cash will come from the current balance of the University Center Reserve Fund.

The remaining \$28 million will be financed in bond debt service supported by current UC fee revenue and income from the tuition increase.

Construction on the new Student Union is tentatively expected to begin in 2005 and should be completed by 2007, according to Shanley.

For extended SGA coverage, with video from their retreat, visit *The Northerner Online* at www.thenortherner.com.

Corrections

- The Eric Meyer memorial story from Aug. 27 printed the incorrect year of his birth. The actual dates are 1977-2003.
- A photo caption on page 3 of the Aug. 27 issue spelled the last name of Eric Fegan incorrectly.
- The headline of the race results on page 6 of the Aug. 27 issue spelled the last name of Brian Rhone incorrectly.



Anjo Ramjee



Balasubramani Ramjee



Richard Snyder



Louis Noyd

Faculty: Authorship questioned

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Procedures in the faculty handbook were followed step-by-step from the initial concern of misconduct raised by Nancy Lang, chair of the economics department, in February 2002, through the formal decision of the Board last week. "We wanted to make sure no one was unjustly charged," said Brenda Wilson, chair of the Board of Regents.

Wilson said the work done by the committee was "phenomenal, diligent and professional," consistently guided by professional ethics and that everyone on the Board asked a lot of

questions.

"We didn't want to make mistakes, this was serious. We wanted to do the right thing," she said.

The investigation concluded that some research results were fabricated or falsified by data from one paper being presented in part or exactly as claimed in a previous document.

The committee also found what was called "serious deviation from accepted practices" where information was reused in separate papers or work from other documents was not properly attributed.

The investigation also cites plagiarism in the form of

"authorship issues."

The report lists Verma as an author on all 23 papers, B. Ramjee on 17, A. Ramjee on 15, Noyd on five and Snyder on two.

The report said, "not only did the other listed authors not make a significant contribution in any of these areas, they made no contribution."

Snyder was fired for research misconduct for plagiarism by claiming authorship when he had actually made no contribution.

Wilson said the Board invited Snyder on six separate occasions to meet with them to discuss the allegations, but he

declined.

"We wanted to hear from him but we didn't get that opportunity," Wilson said.

Noyd's involvement was less active and considered an irregularity, but did not constitute misconduct, Wilson said.

"He did not seem to be aware of issues with the papers," she said.

Wilson said the work of the committee left her extremely proud to be associated with NKU faculty.

"They care about other professors and about professionalism," she said. "Their actions have kept the university's reputation intact."

Thomson: Civic engagement is key

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leader," he added. "I think the biggest challenge for us is setting the tone for the next couple years and getting people comfortable with that. We'd like to settle on where we're going and what we want to do."

Thomson named faculty-student rapport as one of the department's strengths.

"This department has a long history of strong teaching and interaction with students. It's a department that's known for serving a lot of majors and a lot of different programs. We get to know our students personally."

Thomson would also like faculty to unite and reach mutual understanding among the various disciplines that compose the department.

"We need to look at departmental enduring goals and see the flavor of those changes across the disciplines and then learn about them," Thomson said.

"One of the things I'll do is try to encourage more learning across the disciplines, of each other and what we do."

He also praised the civic engagement of departmental staff.

"Our faculty, as compared to other faculties, tend to be a lot

more service-oriented," said Thomson. "We've got a long service history."

We have several faculty members who have been president of Faculty Senate and who are involved in community projects and university activities. That's part of the history of the department, to be connected to a service perspective."

Thomson himself has a long history of civic engagement at

Northern Kentucky University. He served as faculty regent to the Board of Regents from 1994 to 1997.

He was president of the Faculty Senate from 1991 to 1993. He has served as director of Academic Technology Services and graduate director of the MPA program.

He has been a faculty member of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice for 17 years.

He began teaching political science at Northern Kentucky University in 1986. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Penn State University in 1975. In 1978 he received his M.A. in Political Science from the University of Kentucky.

In 1984 he received his Ph.D. in Political Science, also from the University of Kentucky.

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AVOIDING THE FRESHMAN 15

"Significant weight gain during the first semester of college is a real phenomenon." - Dr. David Levitsky

Left: Kelly
Kuntz, 18,
Freshman
Elementary
Education major

Right: Nick
Garmany, 20,
Freshman
Undeclared

BY EMILY CHALFANT
Staff Writer

Freshmen gain many things when entering their first year of college, including freedom, greater responsibilities, a higher education and sometimes the dreaded "Freshman 15."

Health studies prove that the Freshman 15 – or, the 15 pounds or more that college students may gain in their first year – is not a myth.

"Significant weight gain during the first semester of college is a real phenomenon," said Dr. David A. Levitsky, a professor of nutritional sciences and psychology at Cornell University, concerning his study of 60 first-year students at Cornell.

His finding is no surprise when taking into consideration the changing lifestyles, schedules and eating habits of many first-year students. Rolling out of bed 20 minutes before class begins barely leaves time for breakfast, taking classes all day leaves students with few options for lunch except on-campus fast food

restaurants or lunch carts and those vending machines are just too convenient when students need a quick – and usually unhealthy – snack to get them through their next class.

Students' eating habits tend to change when entering college, whether it's late-night snacking, consuming large quantities of alcohol or having leftover pizza for breakfast, for example.

Also, students may not realize how many calories are in the foods they consume. For example, according to the American Dietetic Association (ADA), 12 ounces of regular beer contains 150 calories, three handfuls of nuts has 525 calories and a personal-size pizza can contain 500 to 600 calories.

However, the Freshman 15 is not inevitable and there are ways to prevent the weight gain, or to lose those pounds if students have already noticed a change.

What can you do?

Walk: Walk to and around campus if possible, and take the stairs instead of the elevator.

Breakfast: Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast are more alert and energetic than students who skip breakfast. Also, eating breakfast can prevent snacking or overeating later in the day.

Nutrition: Bring healthy snacks from home. Or, if buying from vending machines or carts on campus, choose pretzels and fruit instead of chips and candy. Also, drink water instead of sodas.

Library: Study in the library instead of the dorm, and obey the "No Food or Drink" signs. The ADA discourages students from eating and studying at the same time, since students are less likely to realize how much they have consumed.

Fast: The ADA also suggests students should stop eating at least two hours before going to bed.

Moderation: Eat junk foods in moderation. Students should eat until they are satisfied, not stuffed.

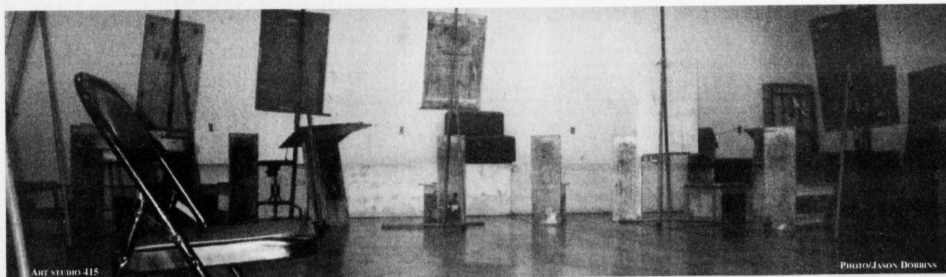
Participate: Enter in intramural sports. NKU offers a variety of sports, including flag football, sand volleyball, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, miniature golf and racquetball, to name a few.

Exercise: Students should spend extra time between classes at the Albright Health Center instead of the dorms or game room. The Center provides a recreational and exercise facility that offers a running track, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, racquetball, wallyball, a swimming pool, a gymnastics room and a weightlifting/fitness room.

Learn: Finally, seek information and advice from the Wellness Office, located in the Albright Health Center. The Wellness Office provides several events and guest speakers, individual consultations, presentations and resources for information on various health and wellness topics.

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Where have all the students gone?



Teachers, students debate attendance

BY BRIANNA BODINE
Staff Writer

If John Penn arrived more than five minutes late to his studio art class, he would fail for the semester. His professor's attendance policy allows for only so many absences before a student fails and, under the policy, two tardies count as one absence.

Penn, a graphic design major at NKU, argues that when students pay money to go to class it should be their responsibility to show up. And he doesn't think attendance classes are fair.

"By the time you get to college, everybody's adults," Penn said. "It's their responsibility to get to class, but I don't think they should be penalized for not showing up. It's their grade that's going to suffer, it's their money they're wasting by not going to class, so extra punishment is just excessive."

In a study by Margaret H. Launius, a professor at Mansfield University, Pa., students who attended class were found to perform significantly better on both exam scores and outside-class work.

In her classes Launius used an attendance system that awarded points for coming to class. She surveyed her students afterward and found that 70 percent of the 374 students favored the attendance policy, and 84 percent said receiving points for coming to class affected whether they came.

An additional study found that in classes with mandatory attendance the average attendance rate was 82 percent. However, when attendance was not required average attendance dropped to 76 percent.

"I can understand attendance policies in high school because everybody's required by law to go, but college is someone's decision

to go," Penn said. "It should be your decision to go to class."

Penn said that sometimes he really needs to miss class to complete extra work in other classes. Penn said many studio art classes require four times as much work outside of class, making it hard for him to keep perfect attendance.

"I always have two art projects due," he said, "so I actually sometimes need to miss one class to finish one (project) for the other class."

Penn said many art classes also have stricter attendance policies, such as automatic failing after three absences.

"For some freshmen I think having to come to class could definitely help," Penn said. "But maybe a loose policy to kind of ease them in, because I know some people who, their freshman year, just don't go because they have too much freedom."

Penn also thinks that taking a break really helps. "Just taking a day off every once in a while," Penn said. "People need that, especially when they have so much going on during college, and if you have to go to class every day then you just get stressed out over the class."

Professors, however, have a different take on the necessity of attendance classes.

Rodney Daniels teaches African studies at NKU, but he is also a student working on his doctorate, so he can see the conflict from both perspectives.

"I actually had a student recently tell me he felt that since he was paying for his education so he shouldn't have to come to class," Daniels said. "That made me realize we're really in a sad state, because everything is associated with money."

"There are just some things you can't put a price on," he added.

*It should be
your decision
to go to class.*

- John Penn

campuscalendar

wednesday

- Student Organization Orientation, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in UC 11.
- Norse Visitation Day, 12:45 p.m.-3 p.m. This is a recruitment event for high school students. There will be an information session and also a tour of the campus. It will begin in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required. Contact Maribeth Carskadon at (859) 572-1400.
- Norse Day! Go to the University Center and have lunch for a buck on that. Be sure to wear your NKU attire.

thursday

- Join President James Voruba at the faculty/staff Ice Cream Social to kick off the Combined Giving Campaign. The social will start at 2 p.m. in the UC Ballroom with door prizes and entertainment.
- The annual Freshfusion will begin at 5 p.m. in Regents Hall and continue in the main plaza until 9 p.m.

friday

- Sorority Recruitment begins and runs until Monday, Sept. 8.
- The Student Organization Orientation, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in UC 11.

monday

- The Phi Beta Sigma sponsors a DPS presentation at 11 a.m. in Budig Theater.
- Annual Street Dance in Norse Commons. Free and open to all students.

- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Steely Library. Reservations required.

tuesday

- Blood drive in the UC Ballroom from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments made through Student Life.
- "Get the Scoop" on study abroad. UC plaza from noon-2 p.m. Free ice cream and information will be available.



Delta Sigma Theta sisters were only one of the many sororities recruiting on campus during last year's Freshfusion.

Northerner file photo

Freshfusion offers prizes, food, fun

By AMIE VOGT
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Starting a new school can be scary at first, unfamiliar faces, buildings that appear identical, and acronyms whose meanings remain a mystery. This, and much more may be on the minds of many of Northern Kentucky University's incoming freshmen who might also be thinking they'll never meet anybody.

There is one way to head in the right direction—attend Freshfusion. "It's a festive welcome for all new students with a carnival type atmosphere," said Gemine Brewer, assistant director of

admissions and the chairperson of the Freshfusion committee.

Brewer, along with the majority of the student organizations, will meet Thursday, Sept. 4, to share in this welcoming event. A pep rally will start at 5 p.m. in Regents Hall with an official welcome by NKU President James Voruba. Along with Voruba, there will be a few other speakers to give the students an overview of the campus and some clues on what to expect this semester.

After an hour, the student plaza will migrate to the University Center steps where the games will begin.

The main plaza will be lined with tables and booths including wax bands, candles and caricatures. NKU's different organi-

zations will be there conducting games, giving out prizes and informing students about their organization.

"It is basically a recruiting tool for student organizations," said Joe Myers, vice president of administrative affairs for the Student Government Association.

There will be free food and musical entertainment provided by Pavola, the winners of last year's "Battle of the Bands" competition.

Along with food and music there will be a show by the Norse cheerleaders, the dance team and also a step show performed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

The festivities will last until about 9 p.m.

Fighting alcohol: A story about recovery

Tea Time



with Susan

"I got a beer so I didn't have to look at myself."

"It got to the point where I wanted to kill myself."

- Pat

He sat at the table with a cigarette in one hand and a coke in the other. His troubled deep blue eyes gazed across into the night as he recounted his story. One that began as fun, he said, and then turned unexpectedly into a spiral of misery.

A turn of events eventually led Pat to hit rock bottom before he could even think of rebuilding his life. The cause, Pat said: Alcohol.

"I took my first drink when I was 4 or 5," Pat, a recovering alcoholic who preferred not to mention his full name, said. "My dad would make me go get a beer and I'd drink half of it. I liked the taste, the way it felt."

When he became a freshman in high school Pat said he began to drink consistently. "Back then, the more you drank, the bigger man you were," Pat said. "It was for Pat and his friends to purchase alcohol. They had fake identification cards and hung around with men that could provide them with what they were looking for - an escape."

"I first started drinking for a good time," Pat said. "Alcohol filled all my fears. I could get away with women, anything I wanted."

Pat said he and his friends thought they were invincible. One example happened when his friend drove a car into Pat's parents' living room.

"My dad was pretty cool about it," Pat said. "The only thing he said was, 'He can come in my house, just through the door.'"

After high school Pat decided to join the Marine Corps. He was 19 years old. "Marine Corps was the perfect place for an alcoholic," he said. "I hung out with people who drank, and I even married a bartender."

But his marriage did not last long and at the age of 25, he and his wife divorced. After that he started drinking more heavily, he said.

"I probably drank 12 or more beers in a day," Pat said. "I was stationed in Japan at the time and once I got off work, I just went to the clubs."

At the clubs, Pat said he would stay till closing time, go back to his room, pass out, wake up and repeat the process the next morning. For 15 years Pat said his life was an alcoholic cycle.

As Pat looks back on his life, he said he realizes now that "everything bad that happened at that time happened because of a beer can." Yet during this time in his life he was blinded, he said. Instead of blaming himself he blamed others for his problems.

Pat said he began to realize he needed help when he began to seclude himself and ignore phone calls. "I got a beer so I didn't have to look at myself," he said. "It got to the point where I wanted to kill myself."

When the help of family members Pat said he checked himself into a rehabilitation program March 1, 2000. "But," he added, "It was not their place to stop it. It was mine."

"AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) taught

me how to live sober," Pat said. "It's given me my life back." Pat talked about the 12-step program, the alcoholic's bible. It's a program, he said, that helps recovering alcoholics stay sober.

Pat dealt with his cravings for alcohol, by attending meetings, changing his lifestyle, and working with other people in the same situation as him. "For an alcoholic to stay sober, means getting off your ass and helping others," Pat said.

During his recovery process Pat learned that AA did not just cater to "low bottom drunks but to every profession. There's priests, lawyers, nurses, truck drivers, it could be your brother, sister or your mom." This disease, Pat said, does not discriminate.

Once he began to sober up, Pat said he realized that good things started happening to him. "I met a woman I love who is going to be my wife," Pat said. "I recently was promoted to a manager after two years." Pat added that once he was bankrupt, financially and spiritually, but now his bank account and love for God have grown.

During his three and a half years of sobriety Pat found himself only one time face to face with a beer can.

"There was a time," Pat said, "I was a year sober, and I started feeling sorry for myself because my family was having a good time," he said. "It was dark outside and I went to a cooler and tried to open a Heineken, but the can opener was inside."

For Pat this was a sign that he had to stay sober another day. "I don't want to

go back to where I was three and half years ago," Pat said. "The only thing I have today is today. I have to stay sober one day at a time."

As he looked back on his life, Pat realized how miserable and lonely his life had become when he drank.

"A lot of people don't get it, alcohol will kill you real quick," Pat said. "I didn't give it much thought when I was younger, I had a couple of divorces, but I kept a job."

He added, "Even though I had gotten two DUI's (driving under the influence charges) I didn't suffer any consequences. I never thought I'd go to AA. I thought I would kick the rest of my life until it killed me."

But AA has given Pat M. a second chance at life he said. With AA he realized that when he was younger, alcohol was his liquid cocaine.

"I could do anything," Pat said. "I was living like I was a god. Once I realized there was a God and it wasn't me, I started getting sober."

As he smoked one more cigarette and looks back on his life, Pat says he realizes that each person needs to figure out one's own life.

Pat has a simple test for anyone questioning whether or not they have a problem with alcohol: "Go to a bar and see if you can stop after two beers. If you can't then there is a problem, but it's up to you to fix it, because I can't tell you, and no one else can tell you, you are an alcoholic."

Student learns a valuable lesson from DUI charge

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Many students will find themselves, as school begins, craving a beer after a tough day of classes. Because Northern Kentucky University is a dry campus, students often drive to a bar to dose their problems with a swig of alcohol.

But driving to a bar also means that students might drive home. According to the Scientific American website, alcohol causes loss of the sense of reason and caution, slower reaction time, impaired motor coordination and other adverse side effects.

Last year the city of Newport cited 429 people for driving under the influence (DUI) said Captain Howard Nehmer of the Newport Police.

Marc Teismann, an NKU junior, was added to the list last October of those who received DUI's.

Teismann who was 20 years old at the time, said he had gone to meet friends for a few beers. Before he left to meet them he

had about 13 beers, he said.

While he relaxed with friends for three hours, Teismann did not pay attention to the alcohol he consumed. "I can't remember how many beers I had," he said.

As he followed a friend home, a police officer pulled Teismann over. The officer proceeded to ask Teismann and his friend to step down from the truck.

Teismann said he knew why he was asked to get out of his truck. "A wild guess is that I think it was the smell. And my friend couldn't stand," he added. "That's what I think gave it away."

Once out of the truck Teismann had to perform a variety of field sobriety tests. He had to count on my fingers which was a hard one because it was cold outside and my fingers were numb," he said.

The download for Teismann occurred when the breathalyzer showed his Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) at .18.

"That was a hefty blow," Teismann said. According to Kentucky statute 189a, Teismann's BAC was well over

BY THE NUMBERS

- In 2001, 17,448 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, representing 41 percent of all traffic deaths, according to Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

- Kentucky's number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities increased sharply in 2002 to more than 25 percent of all fatalities from 18.9 percent of the previous year.

Source: The Kentucky Post

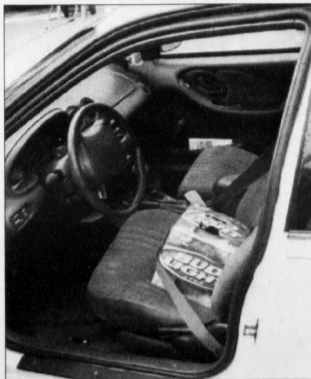
the 0.80 limit for drinking and driving. BAC is determined by a number of factors—the number of drinks a person has had, the alcohol consumed, how much a person weighs, and the amount of time spent drinking.

Police escorted Teismann and his friend down to the Newport City Building to administer another breathalyzer test and then placed them in a cell until 7:30 a.m.

After his release Teismann said he spent the next five

months paying off a fine of about \$1700, going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, driving around with parents and friends, and sometimes when he was desperate he walked to and from work and school.

Teismann, who turned 21 on Dec. 31, 2002, still drinks beer. When asked if he ever plans on drinking and driving again, Teismann simply said no. "Find a DD whenever possible, and I don't mean designated drunk," he added.



Susan Neltner/Features Editor

When a person drinks and drives, the alcohol is in control.

IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER

OKI brings new artwork to campus

Artists from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana join together at Northern Kentucky University to celebrate diversity in art.

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On Aug. 11, the main gallery of the Northern Kentucky University Fine Arts Center became the backdrop for the works of 22 different artists, in celebration of the 2003 opening of the Lois and Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art in Cincinnati.

The OKI: New Art exhibition at NKU is just one of many cultural programs included in the "Festival of the New," a collaborative effort of the arts and cultural community to showcase new art and other cultural programs throughout the tri-state area.

"(The) main reason for this event is the art museum," David Knight, director of exhibitions and collections, said. "We want to show what's new in art and what's happening in the art world."

The artists successfully accomplish this feat by covering all aspects of different kinds of work, and different styles. Knight said. "Everyone will find something here that will appeal to them," he said. Visitors to the exhibit will see the wide variety of mediums used by the artists in the works hanging on the walls or lying on

podiums placed strategically for the exhibition.

Some of the artists use photographs, in such a way creating the message or image they want the visitor to see.

"There's more digital... they've altered the picture so that it changes how you look at the world," Knight said.

Other mediums used include a magnetized velvet splashed wall that runs the length of the hall outside the gallery produced by Emily Sullivan.

The artists use these mediums, along with their personal creativity, to create a masterpiece that is different from the rest.

One such piece is a finger lying on the floor holding up a wooden house. That is correct, a finger. The artwork was created by local artist Kirk Mayhew and is known as "Fingerhut."

Another interesting piece blows the other art out of proportion, literally.

"Herby 2007" by Christopher Corbett is made with gallon garbage bags and is hard to miss as it fans across the expanse of one corner of the gallery.

OKI: New Art will remain open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., through Sept. 26 for anyone who would like to visit, and celebrate the newness and diversity of art.

Show Winners

Three of the 22 featured artists were recognized at an artist reception Aug. 28. The top exhibits were chosen by judge Michael Rooks.

First place:
Thomas Condon "Charlie Bucket Repose Pans" Mixed media.

Second place:
Geneva McCoy (NKU alumni) "Untitled/Self Portrait Among Leaves" Charcoal on paper

Third Place:
ayoon Choi "Sound I" Stoneware and paint.

Tony Redd/photographer
Right: A bird-eye view of the gallery from above.



Pam Atkinson/Photographer

Above: A woman gazes at one of the various pieces of art on display at the OKI: New Art show.

Freddy, Jason live again

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After months of waiting, "Freddy vs. Jason" hit theaters on August 15, making an amazing 36.4 million nationwide opening weekend.

Children in the 1980's had two reasons to keep their lights on at night. Freddy Krueger from the six "Nightmare on Elm Street" haunted children's sleep by sneaking into their dreams with his razor fingers and red striped shirt and killing them without mercy.

Jason Voorhees the hockey mask-wearing psychopath from the 10 "Friday the 13th" posed a threat that happened not in the world of dreams but in reality. He was the Camp Crystal Lake killer who stalked and dismembered his teen victims.

Director Ronny Yu ("Legacy of the Rage") brings the unimaginable to the screen. With his R rated film Yu brings Krueger and Voorhees back for another round of killing, but it is not the helpless shirtless women these demons are after, this time it happens to be each other.

The movie opens with Freddy, played by the original "madman" Robert Englund, trying to find a way to wreck havoc on the town of



Photo courtesy of KRITCAMPUS.com
Robert Englund returns as Freddy. Ken Kirzinger plays Jason.

Springwood. Freddy has been rendered helpless to kill, and the town's residents have found a way to sleep without dreams.

Freddy desperate for the kill, haunts Jason's, played by Ken Kirzinger, dreams coercing him to go to Springwood.

One psychopath holding the reigns of another is not a good combination for the town of Springwood. As the bodies begin to fall Freddy realizes he has no control over his "puppet".

To control the situation Freddy leaves the comfort of the dreams world and enters into the world of reality when Lori a teenager played by Monica Keena ("Freaky & Geeks"), pulls Freddy from her dream into the real world so he can battle on Jason's turf.

He thus entitles the gruesome

battle between the two warlords of the horror movie genre. A fight many of the children of the 1980's have been dying to see. The thought of one of the men that scared them as children dying offers an excitement like none other.

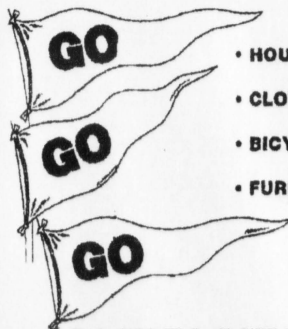
Due to the brutal nature of the two killers, the movie does not lack on the side of blood and gore.

One of the best parts in the movie is when nearly 20 teens are killed in a cornfield whirling partying. Those with weak stomachs might want to avoid this movie.

No matter how much one despises the horror gurus, Freddy vs. Jason is worth the time and the money to see what will happen when the world of two serial killers collide.

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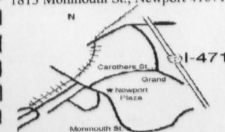


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Art Gallery offers a new place to take your date

By KAT LAUER
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Wondering what to do on a Friday that is free, interesting and fun?

The Pendleton Art Center is an alternative to the usual dinner and movie. The atmosphere is casual and laid back good for hanging out with friends, yet extending an elegant air ideal for a romantic date.

Pendleton Square and three other galleries, the Annex, Studio 510 and The Pendleton Coffeehouse, are located on Pendleton St. in Cincinnati and are home to over 100 local artists.

Admission to the galleries is free to the general public on the first Friday of each month from 6-10 p.m.

On Aug. 29 the gallery was filled with children, college students, and more mature viewers discussing techniques or purchasing the art by the featured artists.

The artists are welcoming and friendly to all questions and provide a variety of free food and drinks.

The art varied from watercolor or portraits to oil abstracts, to folk jewelry.

One part of the gallery that should not be overlooked is the Wilson Gallery, located on the

third floor, which features photographs by Joseph H. Wilson Jr.

Wilson captured the simple beauty of nature with eye-catching, breathtaking photos.

An equally interesting exhibit is the art of Karl Rosenberg, located on the first floor of The Annex.

Rosenberg specializes in "textured surfaces of light and color." For those who miss final Friday, there is also Second Look Saturdays.

The Saturday after final Fridays, the gallery is open noon to 4 p.m. so visitors get a last chance to see the featured art, or see it a second time.

Sports Scene

Where are the fans?

With approximately 14,000 students enrolled at Northern Kentucky University one thing that is hard to explain is why the NKU sports teams don't have more of a student following.

For the past decade the Norse athletic teams have won championships after championship and they still have a tough time finding fans to fill the seats. Why? I would venture to say that virtually every student at NKU has some kind of job to keep them busy during non-school hours. Or is it that this being a commuter school, most students don't really connect with the university unless they are actually sitting in class. Maybe Xavier and UC attract much of the fan base instead of NKU - which doesn't get as much media exposure.

Or could it be that there isn't enough promotion of upcoming athletic events? If they don't check the Web site or see a schedule posted on the wall, do students even know what is going on? Do the students even know where these teams play? Athletic Director Jane Meier believes that students don't have a lot of free time and this leads to low student attendance. "We know that students are very busy," said Meier. "We are trying to do different promotions and things during games to attract more of a student fan base."

About five years ago, the athletics department put together a survey to see why more students don't attend games. "The survey came back and said that 70 percent of students don't attend games because of work or classes," said Meier.

This is why Meier and other administrators are trying to get students more involved. Norse Force was an attempt to try and attract students to games. They have pre- and post-game get-togethers. They also have contests during games to get the students and fans involved.

Many students don't have the loyalty towards NKU's teams as they might for a larger college or high school team. "They don't think of the Norse as 'their' teams," said Meier. Look at the NKU basketball teams, which are by far the most popular spectator sport events at this university. Last season, average attendance was 1,332 fans per game. Students might make up half of that at the best. Besides the pep band, the "Student section" in Regents Hall usually has plenty of seats available, and this is the biggest fan base of any team at the university.

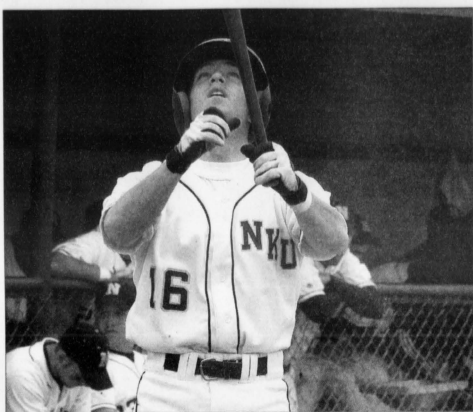
Students shouldn't be so disinterested. This level of play is only a level below those student-athletes who are seen daily on ESPN and other national networks.

So, pay attention to the successes and the achievements of NKU teams. Show more interest in the games, the names and the stats.

Think something of them as "your" team.

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Former Norse Osterkamp shows promise in pro league



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Former NKU baseball player Chris Osterkamp watches as the ball he hit flies into the air.

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It's 3 p.m. at Foundation Field in Hamilton, Ohio, and the baseball players from the inaugural Florence Freedom baseball team have reported to the field and begin to get dressed. Among them is former Northern Kentucky University baseball

player Chris Osterkamp. A 2003 graduate of NKU, Osterkamp is the starting shortstop for the Freedom, who play in the independent Frontier League.

The league, which includes teams from Missouri to Pennsylvania, is in its 11th season, and Osterkamp is just one of hundreds of other guys just trying to get to their ultimate goal, a chance to play in the

major leagues.

Osterkamp made the team out of spring training and quickly established himself as one of its most consistent players.

He entered Saturday's game having played in 56 games with a batting average of .269 with 24 RBIs and nine stolen bases.

"We started off pretty slow," Osterkamp said, "but some personnel moves were made, and ever since July we have been 10

games over .500."

The Freedom signed a one-year contract with the city of Hamilton to play this season at Foundation Field, until a new field is built in Florence.

Playing at home is what Osterkamp says is most rewarding.

"It's great to be able to play in front of my parents and the rest of my family," he said. "Once we move into the new ballpark in Florence, it should be really fun."

Osterkamp isn't the only NKU product playing and succeeding in the Frontier League.

One of his teammates, Justin Rahschulte, also played with Osterkamp at NKU as well.

Lenny Bays, a pitcher for the Mid-Missouri Mavericks, played at NKU as well.

"The level of competition is definitely higher than in college," Osterkamp said. "I think that playing here is really a great experience for me."

The contracts for the Frontier League go on a year-by-year basis, and Osterkamp has already been asked to come back for next season.

"Hopefully we can end this season on a good note," Osterkamp said, "and next year a good core of players is returning and we should have a little more success."

Osterkamp, a graduate of LaSalle High School in Cincinnati, is still enrolled at NKU.

He is working on his degree in education and this spring will be a graduate assistant for the baseball team.

"I will look on my options after next summer, and hope-

ful I will have the opportunity to catch on with an affiliated team," Osterkamp said. "If I don't then I will go into teaching."

Although getting paid to play baseball is an attractive proposal, Osterkamp says that one of the most difficult parts about playing in the Frontier League is the travel.

The teams travel by bus across the Midwest and, while the travel time is usually only two to four hours, there are times when it really wears on the players.

Last Monday, the Freedom had a game in Washington, Pa. The game didn't finish until 11:15 p.m., and after the game had to ride the bus eight-and-a-half hours to their next game in Evansville, Ind.

They arrived in Evansville at 7:30 a.m. and got just 5 hours of sleep before having to be at the field again for a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

"The travel is definitely not fun," Osterkamp said. "It is just impossible to sleep on the bus, and sometimes it really gets to you."

What these guys are hoping for is a chance to join an affiliated team, a minor league team that is affiliated with a Major League Baseball team.

Earlier this season that dream came true for one of Osterkamp's close friends and teammate, when former Freedom player Jason Tuttle was signed by the Montreal Expos organization.

"That's why people play in this league—to get more looks,"

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Norse volleyball striving for title

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Experience, experience, experience. This is definitely the strength for the 2003 NKU volleyball team.

The Norse, who finished with a 22-10 record last season, didn't lose a single player to graduation. They hope to parlay that experience into a Great Lakes Valley Conference championship and a berth into the NCAA tournament.

The team comes into this season with a little more motivation than normal, after having their string of five straight GLVC championships snapped by Southern Indiana last year.

Head coach Carlos Chia enters his third season at the helm and expects to get his third straight winning season. "Our really big strength would be our team cohesiveness," said Chia.

"This group of girls has been together so long. That alone should lead to a lot of success on the court."

The success is going to have to start with seniors Sara Taylor, Cammi Welter and Nicole Salisbury. Taylor returns this season after leading the nation with 13.82 assists per game last year and being named first team All-Great Lakes Region.

Welter, who was also named first team All-Great Lakes Region last year, returns for her final go-round after compiling

395 kills and 83 blocks last season.

Salisbury is in her second year at NKU after transferring from Wayne State University, and put together some impressive numbers, in her first season, with team highs in kills, with 398, and digs, with 318.

"While the seniors will lead on the court," said Chia, "this team understands every one else's job, so the leadership role changes throughout the matches."

Junior Kristin Koralewski also returns for her second season with the Norse. The former Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference freshman of the year, compiled 346 kills and 315 digs while leading the team with 46 service aces.

Fellow juniors Maggie Pugh and Amber Timmons also are expected to contribute for the Norse.

Chia has put together a what he calls a very talented sophomore class, anchored by middle-hitters Kalliana Kalache and Lynne Fischesser.

Those two combined for solid play off the bench last season, and are expected to be major contributors to this year's squad. Julie Lewis and Marcela Canha round out the sophomore class, and should see more playing time this season.

The lone freshman on the team is setter Andrea Lanham. Lanham, a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, was named Kentucky First-team All-State last season. Chia expects big things from her in the future.

"She is a wonderful talent," said Chia. "She started this past weekend and really filled in well for Sara (Taylor)."

The Norse begin the season with one of the toughest schedules in recent seasons.

They traveled to Florida last weekend to take part in the University of North Florida Invitational Tournament, where they faced three teams ranked in the preseason top 25.

From there they move on to play in the Findlay Invitational. Then, they will host their own tournament on the weekend of Sept. 12-13.

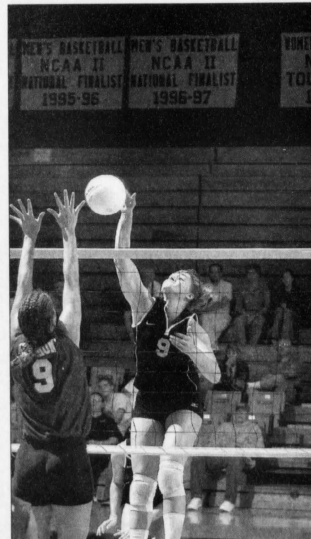
The tournament has 18 teams taking part in 36 matches over two days. Chia believes that this tournament is going to be very big for the entire university, as it is going to attract hundreds to the campus for the weekend.

"We will be having players, coaches, parents and fans from 36 teams. It is going to be the biggest volleyball tournament this season at any level," said Chia.

The tournament will lead into GLVC play for the Norse. Chia believes that the experience gained from playing these tough teams will only help the Norse in the long run.

"We need to play these tougher teams in order to see what we need to improve," said Chia.

"If we play a team that isn't as talented as us and we beat them, then it doesn't tell us anything about how good we really are."



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Cammi Welter hopes to help lead the Norse to the GLVC crown.

Men's soccer player Madden hopes team improves

Hot Seat



This week: Men's soccer goalie Nate Madden.

Elias Hajjar: Last season the men's team finished with 6-10-2 record. No. 8 in the GLVC. This season you are ranked No. 7. Are you guys getting the respect you deserve?

Nate Madden: You get what you deserve, and we really didn't perform that well last season, so we don't deserve respect.

EH: What's your take on new head coach John Basalyga? Good choice by NKU?

NM: I think so. He's working us real hard in practice. I think he'll turn the team around for the better.

EH: If the game comes down to penalty kicks to decide a winner, would NKU prevail?

NM: Yeah, I think so. Yeah, we will definitely prevail.

EH: Should Peter Rose be reinstated?

NM: Definitely. He was a great basketball player. I don't think what he did outside of baseball should affect him being reinstated.

EH: How do you feel about Anna Kourikova's decision to stop playing tennis and focus on her other assets?

NM: I think it is a good decision.

She was never really good at tennis. She brought money to the women's game, but she's a much better model than tennis player.

EH: Lebron James just signed a contract with Sprite for \$12 million. If you had that much money right now, what would you do with it?

NM: Well my parents have helped me out a lot, so I'd give them almost half of it. I'd invest half of it and what ever is left over, I'd blow.



Madden

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Volleyball

NKU's women volleyball had a rough start to their season as they opened up with four consecutive losses in the University of North Florida Labor Day Classic, last weekend. The Norse fell to North Dakota 3-1, Tampa 3-0, North Florida 3-0 and Barry (Fla.) 3-0.

In the opener versus North Dakota, the Norse managed to compile just a .179 hitting percentage, and were outscored 18-6 in blocks for the match.

Cammi Welter led NKU with 20 kills in the loss.

NKU faced Tampa, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation, in the second match on Friday.

NKU was very competitive, as they lost two of the three games by just two points. Welter finished with 15 kills, and freshman starter, Andrea Lanham finished with 73 assists, 22 digs and six service aces in the two matches.

On Saturday, NKU met up with tournament host and 20th ranked, North Florida in the first match.

NKU couldn't ever quite pull ahead as they dropped three straight games to the Ospreys.

Kristin Koralewski led NKU, with nine kills, four service aces and 11 digs to go along with a .452 hitting percentage.

In their final match of the tournament, NKU faced off against the number eight team in the nation, Barry.

Although the Norse dropped three straight games, all three were by three points or less.

Freshman Andrea Lanham had 40 assists and seven kills to lead the Norse.

They will face off against Northwood University on Friday at Findlay University.



Contributed by Sports Information
Members of the NKU women's cross-country team, display their trophies after a meet last season. The men's and women's cross-country teams kicked off their season Saturday at Bellarmine.

Women's Soccer

NKU's women's soccer team opened up it's season with a 4-0 defeat of Saginaw Valley on Friday.

The Norse, who are ranked number three in the nation, limited Saginaw Valley to just one shot the entire game.

Sophomore Michelle Kelly scored a goal and had an assist to lead the Norse offense.

Men's Soccer

Freshman, Chris Thompson scored two goals to pace the NKU offense as they knocked off Findlay University in their season opening game, Saturday.

Randy Walters and Nick Rascona tallied a goal a piece in the victory for the Norse.

The win was the first for new NKU Head Coach, John Basalyga.

Osterkamp: Living a dream

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Osterkamp said.

"Jason was already drawing a lot of interest, and he finally got signed, and he is doing real well."

While Osterkamp hasn't had any serious offers from a major league organization, he has talked to some scouts and people in the business to get a feel for what it takes to make it to the next level.

"Our assistant coach is a scout for the Reds," Osterkamp said, "and our pitching coach is a former major leaguer, so I have talked to them about everything it takes."

Osterkamp really enjoys the time he gets to spend with the team and, right now, is just enjoying life as a professional baseball player, something he never really considered before his junior or senior year in college.

"Of course, playing professionally has always been a dream," Osterkamp said. "But I never really thought about doing it until my last couple of years in college, when I really started to have a lot of success."

Osterkamp credits NKU head coach Todd Asalon for helping him get to the next level. Asalon made telephone calls to some of his baseball contacts

and, these calls, coupled with the attention Osterkamp had already attracted from the Freedom franchise, led to a try-out and an eventual starting spot with the team.

For now Osterkamp is just one of the hundreds trying to work his way up to receiving an offer from a major league organization.

"I just love being able to play every day," said Osterkamp.

"It's great to play at this level with all of these guys that are trying for one thing and that is to prolong their professional playing career."

"All of these guys are in the same shoes."

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Men's and Women's Cross Country

- Saturday, Sept. 6
@ *Hanover Invitational*

Men's Soccer

- Saturday, Sept. 6
@ *Ashland* at 3:30 pm

Women's Soccer

- Friday, Sept. 5
vs. *Northwood* at 2:30 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 6
vs. *Findlay* at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 7
@ *Tusculum* at noon

Volleyball

At Findlay University
Tournament

- Friday, Sept. 5
vs. *Northwood* at 2:30 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 6
vs. *Findlay* at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 6
vs. *Lake Superior St.* at 3 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 6
vs. *Hilldale* at 5:30 pm

Women's Tennis

- Saturday, Sept. 6
@ *St. Joseph's*
- Friday, Sept. 6
@ *Lewis*
- Tuesday, Sept. 10
@ *Bellarmine*

Women's Golf

- Monday, Sept. 1-2
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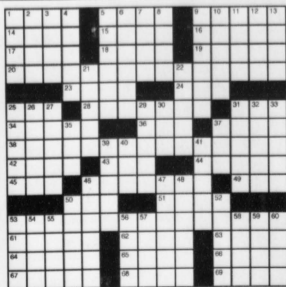
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- 9 Map collection
- 14 Charles Lamb's pen name
- 15 ... Stanley Gardner
- 16 Sierra ...
- 17 At any time
- 18 Fill to excess
- 19 Infamous Helmsley
- 20 Three weeks from now
- 23 ... sapiens
- 24 Brief commercials
- 25 Heart disease
- 28 Non-Jewish
- 31 Little lie
- 34 Speculative genre, briefly
- 36 4-wheel drive transport
- 37 "Mephisto Waltz" star
- 38 Common September TV fare
- 42 Paris airport
- 43 Ring off
- 44 ... looking at you, kid
- 45 "The Daugher of Time" writer
- 46 Satellite of Saturn
- 49 Hurle's stat
- 50 Rifle or revolver
- 51 In addition
- 53 Today, yesterday and the day before
- 61 Standoffish
- 62 French friend
- 63 Offshore
- 64 Migratory flock
- 65 Place to skate
- 66 Unit of length
- 67 Nail alternative
- 68 Units of work
- 69 Soap bubbles

DOWN

- 1 Touch
- 2 Edison's middle name
- 3 Equal scores
- 4 Third planet
- 5 Bun seed
- 6 Wax stick
- 7 Type of sax
- 8 Groove
- 9 Make an indirect reference
- 10 Abounds
- 11 Tower
- 12 Comic Meera
- 13 Canterbury
- 21 Motherless calf
- 22 Military tribute
- 25 English racetrack
- 26 Twenty
- 27 Rolling, landscape-wise
- 29 Chewy candy
- 39 Chevy or Lance
- 41 Blaze of light
- 42 Layabout
- 33 Model wood
- 35 Picnic pest
- 37 Lincoln or Burrows
- 39 \$1,000
- 40 Underwater shocker
- 41 "... Were the Days"
- 42 Time to be home by
- 47 Marfanoid
- 48 Grooves over
- 50 Silly fowl
- 52 Gives a thumbs-up
- 53 Falls behind
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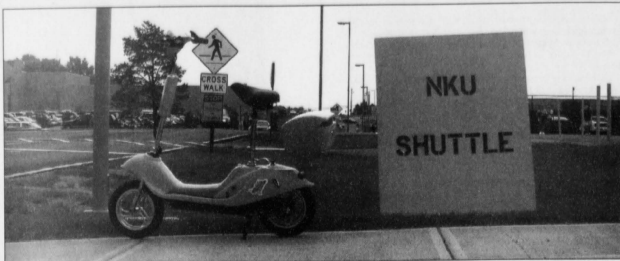
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Horoscopes

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Aries

(March 21-April 20).

New career awareness will trigger almost two months of business ambition. After Wednesday, however, promised rewards may not arrive as scheduled. Expect annoying delays and revised assignments. Thursday through Sunday, family discussions intensify. Remain diplomatic. Group or home decisions are difficult but necessary.

Taurus

(April 21-May 20).

Before Wednesday, a returning faith in long-term trust will inspire a dramatic break from the past. Over the next few weeks, family restrictions or repeated romantic patterns will cause more irritation than expected. Expect to steadily reclaim forgotten ideals, enthusiasm or life goals. Loved ones will demand concrete promises. Go slow and listen to your inner voice. Later this week, business and financial progress will be derailed by legal decisions. Wait for clarity.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21).

Home finances, renovations or family planning are highlighted early this week. For many Gemini's security will soon increase. Creativity and new ideas are highly favored. Expect loved ones or financial partners to outline shared business ventures. Late Friday, a close friend may ask difficult questions. Romantic pride, marital disputes or complex social triangles require careful discussion. Set firm boundaries and watch for meaningful, lasting progress. All is well.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22).

Late Tuesday, a close friend or work mate may reveal a private attraction or issue rare

invitations. Over the next few days, social speculation will trigger unusual loyalties. Remain determined. Before mid-September, a clear expression of long-term goals will be necessary.

Wednesday through Saturday, relocation and complex family decisions are accented. Don't expect relatives or roommates to participate in lengthy group discussions. Strong opinions will take time to emerge.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22).

After Tuesday, workplace seniority no longer causes division between colleagues. Leo's born after 1962 will soon experience a new atmosphere of group acceptance and companionship. Mentoring relationships may also be affected. If so, expect educational programs to reach request extensive revisions. Later this week, minor aches or pains are bothersome. Loved ones suggest new hobbies, travel plans or health regimes. Remain receptive. Physical vitality may be low.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Friends and lovers discuss home arrangements or scheduled group events. For many Virgos the next six days will help clarify long-term romantic obligations. Study minor comments for important clues.

At present, loved ones will reveal their deeper feelings through hints, subtle gestures or innuendo. Early this weekend, unexpected news from family members may require decisive action. Respond promptly. Financial disputes, broken promises or unpaid bills are accented.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Previous reluctance or critical work mates will accept your leadership. Although sudden business or educational improvements are exciting, remain sensitive to the pride of

colleagues or officials. Before Thursday, others may still feel compelled to defend their ideas and prove their skills. Friday through Sunday, gather joyful friends or relatives in the home. Celebrations, social sharing and trusted companions will increase your optimism and daily confidence.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Romantic partners may be sentimental or quietly reflective over the next six days. Past memories or difficult family decisions are strong influences. Allow extra time for contemplation. For loved ones, little or no progress will be made until yesterday's disappointments are completely resolved. Thursday through Sunday, flashes of insights are accurate and deeply felt. Expect powerful messages from subtle thoughts, revealing discussions or quick hunches.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Family spending, home renovations and payment agreements demand careful consideration over the next eight days. Pay special attention to the needs of younger family members.

Your sensitivity and guidance will be appreciated. Wednesday through Saturday, romantic invitations are passionate and unavoidable. Expect potential lovers to request extra private time or offer strong overtures of affection. Remain cautious, however. Short-term promises may be unreliable.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20).

Early this week, your social and romantic instincts are accurate. Watch for new messages and subtle hints from loved ones. A recent phase of boredom and low activity now needs to end. If possible, plan for new health, social or home regimes. Before Thursday, small tensions between business or financial partners may escalate. Mistaken facts, figures

or deadlines will soon create confusion. Outstanding paperwork and incomplete tasks require special attention. Don't hesitate.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19).

Recently silent officials or business partners may issue surprising new instructions. Areas of concern involve corporate funding, legal documents or fast contracts. Workplace change is beyond your control, but it is also potentially rewarding. Let bosses or managers witness your enthusiasm for controversial or complex assignments. After Friday, several weeks of intense intuition arrive. Quick glimpses of key relationships in the future are highlighted. Stay open.

Pisces

(Feb. 20-March 20).

Late Tuesday, long-term friends or work mates provide scattered instructions or mistaken information. At present, mental and verbal energy is extremely unreliable.

Carefully check facts, figures and vital social details. Some Pisceans may be asked to act as mediator or adviser concerning an ongoing or subtle battle of wills. Refuse, however, to be drawn into dramatic events.

Over the next eight days, friends and colleagues may be recalcitrant and highly emotional.

If your birthday is this week

should be avoided over the next four weeks. At present, long-term friends may feel doubtful of their own values or opinions. Areas affected are rescheduled public celebrations, important invitations and large family events. After Oct. 3, predictable reactions are re-established. Remain patient and ask for clarification. October through early January also highlights new or career outlets. Loved ones may announce controversial or risky investments.

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