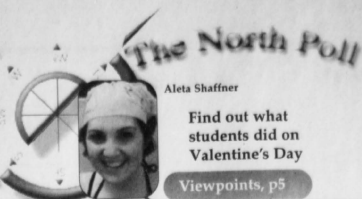


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Find out what students did on Valentine's Day

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Campus calendar

Basketball Marathon

Alpha Tau Omega Basketball Marathon will be in the Albright Health Center. The marathon will start Feb. 23-24. There will be a three on three basketball tournament at 5 p.m. A sign up sheet will be available at the tournament. All the proceed benefit St. Luke Community Foundation. For more information contact Adam Robbins (859) 572-7733.

'Celebrations of Blackness'

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presents 'Celebrations of Blackness' on Feb. 23 at 7-9 p.m. in Graves Hall. The following guest and performers are National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, President of Northern Kentucky branch of NAACP, New Unity Steps, Anointed Voices, Praise Dancers and Reenactment of Harriet Tubman. There will be door prizes, group pictures and refreshments. Tickets are \$5 for students and children, and \$7 for general adults. For more information or tickets call Danielle Vereen at 572-7669.

Art and Writing Contest

Second annual freedom studies visual art and contest deadline will be noon on April 5. Turn your work in at the Institute for Freedom Studies department in the Landrum Building room 330. Winners will be announced April 15. The first place winners will receive \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25. Timothy Rub, director of the Cincinnati Art museum will be the judge for the art contest. Steven Weisenburger, professor of English at University of Kentucky, will be the judge for the writing contest. The winning works will be exhibited the last two weeks of April in the Lucas Administrative Center in the lobby on the third floor.

Racism Workshop

"Undoing Racism" Workshop will be on Feb. 22 and will start at 7 p.m. The workshop will be in Norse Commons room 115. On Feb. 24 the workshop will start 1 p.m. The workshop will be in Norse Commons room 117. For more information or to make reservations call 757-6047 or e-mail anabis4life@hotmail.com.

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-Handicap Accessible? -



Right: a commons area outside the new Science Center features a ramp to the plaza level.
Bottom: Workers patch up the roof. The Science Center, scheduled to open in Fall 2002.

Photos by Stacey Sutton/The Northerner



University considers the handicapped in new buildings

By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

Two new buildings that open their doors on Northern Kentucky University's campus in the next two years—the new science building and a new residence hall, will feature increased accessibility for the handicapped.

The new science building is first building to be built on campus since the Americans with Disabilities act was passed in 1992. The new science center will be the easiest building on campus for disabled people to travel around in, said Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning.

"It is the most accessible building we have," Schuh said. "We tried to do a better job of making the building available for everyone."

In designing the \$38 million science building, the university learned from some of the problems the other buildings on campus posed for handicapped people, Schuh said.

One of the main improvements in the science center is the design of the bathrooms. Schuh said. For easy entrance, the building's four bathrooms will have no doors at the entrance, and to conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the handicapped stalls are made wider to encompass its own sink. "That will help a lot," said Jeff Murray, senior who suffers from a spinal cord injury leaving him confined to wheelchair. Murray said the current stalls are too small to be able to move in.

Schuh said the accessibility fea-

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Teachers combat plagiarism with new honor code

By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

Some teachers at Northern Kentucky University hope to use the new honor code and use the Internet to catch literary thieves.

The honor code is up for approval by the Board of Regents after having been passed last Spring by the Faculty Senate. The code sets guidelines for instructors to follow in the case of plagiarism and, according to the first line in the preamble of the code, creates "a commitment by students of Northern Kentucky University...to adhere to the highest degree of ethical integrity in academic conduct."

The current university policy toward plagiarism is very liberal and leaves it to the discretion of the teacher on how to handle it on a case-by-case basis. The honor code won't take the authority away from teachers in dealing with plagiarism, said Mathematics professor Dr. Charles Frank, one of three NKU professors responsible for drafting the code. The code will create a uniform method in confronting academic dishonesty and allow recourse for the accused student, he said.

"There is not a consistent practice on campus," Frank said. "It protects students. If a student is unfairly accused, he has a way to defend himself through the honor code."

Under the honor code, a student accused of plagiarism could appeal to an honor council. The code creates a honor council comprised of 12 faculty and 15 students that will convene a hearing for any appeal made by a student accused of plagiarism. Faculty will be selected by the Faculty Senate and the president while each department will select a student representative. The council is required to come to a decision based on the evidence presented by both sides within five days of the initial hearing.

Such hearings, Frank said, will hopefully be a rarity. "We will try to get it resolved with the student," Frank said. "Most cases will be resolved by the faculty and the chair."

For a first violation, the latitude the honor code gives teachers in handling plagiarism ranges from oral admonition to a failure for the course. A second violation warrants suspension for up to or over one year or expulsion from the university.

The honor code doesn't just focus on the penalties for plagiarism but also works to prevent it, said Ed Brewer, a professor of Business who also helped draft the honor code. The honor council will also talk with students and organize a presentation at Transitions, the orientation for incoming students, regarding the dangers of plagiarism.

Faculty will also be encouraged to put part of the honor code on their syllabi and discuss it with students. Brewer said, "What we need is a visible and tangible representation of the integrity that we will hold people to," Brewer said.

Both Brewer and Frank said schools with honor codes have less instances of plagiarism. An honor code helps teachers better convey how important academic honesty is by shedding more light on the issue, Brewer said. "Anything you put attention to becomes more important than what you don't," Brewer said. "By not paying attention to integrity, you make it easier for people to ignore it."

Internet provides a tool for fighting plagiarism

While the Internet offers free term papers for downloads and what seems like an endless stream of information, many teachers have become adept at spotting Internet plagiarism and use search engines to find material copied from it.

The Internet makes it easy for students to copy material but it also makes it easy for teachers to detect it, said Dr. John Alberti, assistant chair of the Literature and Language department. "If the prose doesn't fit and you wanted to verify it, you take the phrase and put it in a search engine," Alberti said.

In a Literature and Film class last semester, Alberti said he caught four people who took large sections of work off the Internet and pasted it into their reports.

"It is tempting for students to just copy and paste," Alberti said.

In dealing with such cases, Alberti said he will either fail students for the assignment or the course, depending on the degree of plagiarism involved.

"It is something I think a lot about," Alberti said. "I deal with it on a case by case basis on if I feel right about someone failing the course for deliberately cheating as opposed to being disorganized."

One of the tell-tale signs of plagiarism off the Internet is a shift in topic that doesn't exactly fit the subject, said Dr. Jonathan Reynolds, a history professor. "You can tell if the writing style is different or there is a radical shift in tone," he said.

Because of this, Alberti and Reynolds said plagiarized material usually is of poor quality. Even if the teacher doesn't find out, it will still usually lower the grade, Alberti said.

Kenny Sahr, the founder of www.schoolsucks.com which offers free term papers, agrees that a majority of papers found on the Internet are horrible and not worth plagiarizing. Sahr said he began schoolsucks.com in 1997 to prove the inadequacies of the United States education system.

"I think most of the papers on School Sucks are awful," Sahr said. "Look at the garbage there. Don't blame me. I didn't teach the writers of those papers. School Sucks is a mirror of the education system. This is what you get from educators."

Rather than promoting plagiarism, Sahr said he feels sites like

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Northern Kentucky University

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FEB 12 2002-Tuesday-06:09pm
Location: STEEL LIBRARY
THIRD FLOOR - SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT

Female employee advised that a subject, previously reported (See Report #020106, Dated 2/12/2002), had returned to the listed location. Complainant stated that the subject was not causing a problem, at this time, but that she had been advised to notify DPS should the subject return. Incident remains open and under investigation.

FEB 12 2002-Tuesday-03:27pm
Location: STEEL LIBRARY
SECOND FLOOR - SMOKE ALARM

NO FIRE Smoke alarm received via the ESUSA Computer from the listed location. The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and checked the area. The cause of the alarm was determined to be concrete dust from construction work being done in the area. Building was reopened at 3:27pm. Case closed...

FEB 12 2002-Tuesday-08:52am
Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER
THIRD FLOOR - MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad
Two (2) N.K.U. employees overcome by natural gas fumes from a chemical burner inside a lab at the listed location. The victims were administered oxygen at the N.K.U.

Nurses Office. Central Campbell County Squads #1 & #2 responded and transported the victims to St. Luke East Hospital for treatment. The N.K.U. Environmental Safety Officer was advised of the situation. Case closed...

FEB 9 2002-Saturday-06:58pm
Location: PARKING LOT T
TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop
Dispo: Officer observed a vehicle pass a city bus in a No Passing Zone near the listed location. The driver could not produce a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, or proof of insurance. Upon investigation, the driver (1-4-02) and the driver's license (12-27-

01) were found to be expired. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Improper Passing, Expired Registration, Expired Operator's License, and No Proof of Insurance. The vehicle was impounded. Case closed...

FEB 7 2002-Thursday-06:18pm
Location: PARKING LOT E
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-2ND DEGREE
Male complainant stated that subject(s) unknown "keyed" his vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. The incident remains open and under investigation...

FEB 12 2002-Tuesday-05:27pm
Location: JOHNS HILL ROAD

SKYLINE TAVERN PARKING LOT - MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad
Officer observed a subject who had fallen, at the listed location. Officer treated the subject for a "cut" to his right hand. The Central Campbell County Squad also responded. The subject refused transportation to a medical facility. Case closed...

FEB 7 2002-Thursday-08:56am
Location: B-E-P BUILDING
SECOND FLOOR - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF N.K.U. employee reported that a gallon of paint had been knocked over by unknown subject(s) at the listed location. Under investigation...

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ture she is most proud of in the 155,000 square-foot building is the landscape design.

The building will have a ramp from the plaza level of campus to the building and a ramp from the building to the street. This would allow a person in a wheelchair the only way to get up to the plaza level of campus without taking an elevator, she said. The science laboratories will conform to ADA guidelines and provide handicapped work stations with lower tables and lower equipment. "The laboratories will be in pretty good shape for handicapped folks," said Jerry Warner, chairman of the biology department.

Carol Maschiot, a senior with Osteogenesis Imperfecta that leaves her in a wheelchair, said the university has been very receptive to the needs of the disabled, but she said

more needs to be done other than simply adjusting the heights of tables and adding more ramps. Osteogenesis Imperfecta stunted Maschiot's growth, and she said this makes it hard for her to reach objects, such as faucets in bathrooms. Rather than simply making tables short, Maschiot suggests that more is done to make objects like tables adjustable in height to suit many different disabilities.

"There are all kinds and sizes of disabled people," Maschiot said. The university, however, has done all it can with its limited budget to improve the quality of life for disabled students, and the new science center is no exception, said Dale Adams, director of disability services. "We want to make this university inclusive," Adams said, and in this new building, we look forward to it being a showcase to demon-

strate how inclusive this university really is."

Residence Hall will consist of many features to aid the disabled

The second building on campus to be built under ADA guidelines will be a residence hall scheduled to open in 2003. The design of the building hasn't been sketched out yet, said Todd Duncan, director of university housing, but the university plans to modify some of the rooms and add features to aid disabled people wishing to live on campus.

The hall will house 400 students and two elevators. According to campus planners, some rooms on the bottom level of the dormitory will be modified with wider doors and roll-in showers for the handicapped. There are also many small details which need to be addressed to make a dorm room comfortable for a disabled person in a wheelchair, Adams said.

chair, Adams said.

Making sure the carpet isn't too thick for a wheelchair to move over; keeping the height of the cabinets low enough; placing the perchole in the door lower and installing the refrigerator away from a corner to allow for optimum mobility are all factors that need to be considered, said Adams.

Duncan said they will make every effort possible to make Residential Village hospitable to those with handicaps. Already, Woodcrest and Norse Hall have a combined 19 rooms that have wider doors and modified bathrooms for wheelchair residents.

Currently, only one student in a wheelchair resides on campus. Duncan said the fact that handicapped accessibility is playing a large role in the early stages of the design shows their commitment to inclusion.

"It is the right thing to do," Duncan said, "and the bottom line is that Northern is going to do the right thing."



Stacy Sutton/The Northerner
Tarris Horton and manager Josh Heuser play hip hop music at 'Club Dream'.

Hard work turns 'dream' into reality

By Joe Glaser
Northern Contributor

Two Northern Kentucky University students are putting their degrees to work even before they graduate. They are promoting a new club, a NKU hip-hop artist and his production company, as well as working on the same stage as famous rap artists Foxy Brown and Juvenile.

The club is Club Dream, the brainchild of three NKU students. Jaci Spicer, a senior journalism major in the public relations/journalism track, met Tarris "Troy" Horton, an aspiring musician, in August of 2001 at work. Horton, had recently transferred to NKU as a radio/television major. After discovering Spicer's major, Horton began talking to her about doing his public relations work. She thought it would be good experience.

At first only Spicer promoted Horton's concerts and shows, along with his production company, Country Boy Entertainment, Inc. Then, at a club, Spicer introduced Horton to Autumn Garrison, a friend from NKU. Horton said he liked the way Garrison danced and asked if she would dance in a music video. At first, she said she only planned to do the video.

"But then Troy realized how smart she was," Spicer said.

Garrison, a junior communications major with a marketing minor, said she wanted to be more than just the girl out there dancing. Horton decided Garrison would make a good marketing director. The three students began sitting down and laying out plans on a weekly basis. Things really began to take off, according to Spicer.

One Tuesday night Horton stopped by J.C.'s bar in Covington and noticed it wasn't very crowded. Thinking a club would be the perfect

way to help promote his production company, he approached the owners of the bar and offered up the idea to turn it into a hip-hop club on Tuesdays. Country Boy Entertainment would do all of the promoting and could charge a cover for promotional expenses. The owners agreed to give it a try.

Spicer and Garrison immediately went to work. Garrison designed and printed out flyers and Spicer secured advertising spots on WNTV. Both hit the streets and distributed flyers at clubs and bars all around Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. They did not target any particular crowd or scene.

"The whole goal of Club Dream is to allow hip-hop music to unite a diverse group of people," Garrison said. "It's supposed to be a diversifying club."

Club Dream opened Tuesday, Jan. 29 after only two weeks of promotion. Country Boy Entertainment made no money, however, that was not the goal.

"We didn't expect to make any money. That may come in time," Spicer said. "Right now we're about having a good time. I like what I'm doing, so whatever happens, happens."

Garrison considered the opening night a success.

"If you think about it, in two weeks, spending just \$33 on flyers, we got 100 people to come," she said.

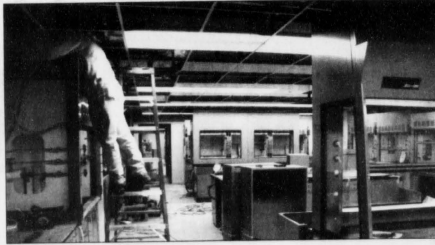
Country Boy Entertainment's goal is to have a well-known, fully functioning club by summer. "Tuesday night was our first run," Garrison said. "What at one time seemed like a dream became a reality."

But Spicer and Garrison have done more than just club promotion. They continue to promote Horton's music and his new album. Horton

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Stacy Sutton/The Northerner
Cary Daly (above) works in the herbarium and Kurt Barnes (right) works in organic chemistry lab



Fighting Plagiarism

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School Sucks helps teachers crack down on cheating since it gives them a place to search.

In the Literature and Language department, chairman Dr. Danny Miller said he has noticed an increase in reported cases of plagiarism since the use of the Internet began to rise and estimates there are about 10 cases a semester on average in his department. "It does appear plagiarism is increasing, but maybe

we are getting better at catching it," Miller said.

Miller said plagiarism is the most serious academic offense, and the university needs to be tough on it. "There is not need for it because you can always cite material," Miller said. "Expulsion is not an excessive punishment."

Dr. Jonathan Cullick, director of the writing program and a professor who has made a career of

giving advice for teachers on handling plagiarism, cautioned that a teacher shouldn't accuse a student of cheating unless he has unmitigated proof.

Cullick suggests that if a teacher suspects plagiarism, to first speak with the student and have the student submit his research.

Unless the teacher has a smoking gun, Cullick said the best way to approach it is to have the student rewrite the paper. "I always advise them to be careful to make accusations," Cullick said. "We need to respect student's work."

Cullick said the Internet has

made a great source for teachers to find proof of plagiarism. He said in one of his classes, he suspected a student had plagiarized part of a paper, and it took him about three minutes of searching on the Internet to locate the original source.

Not all plagiarism is intentional. Cullick said, and is the result of improper or nonexistent citation.

Cullick said it is imperative that student educate themselves on how to properly cite material.

"They need to learn for their own protection so they aren't accused of being dishonest."

Teachers oppose plagiarism, but what do students think?



David Braud
Computer Science, Senior

"It is fairly serious. It has to go case by case. The student should get probation maybe the first offense and get expelled on the second."



Ryan Thompson
Business finance, Freshman

"It is pretty serious. They should kick the student out of the class."



Lin Press
Psychology, Sophomore

"It is like stealing. People put a lot of work into their projects and it is unfair for people to find the right source and copy it."



Khari Davis
Graphic Design, Freshman

"I think people should be thanked for their grades. If they don't, they don't learn nothing."

Campus Closeup

NKU wins award for school spirit at state convention

The Residence Hall Association won best first-time delegation earlier this month at the Kentucky Association of Residence Hall's annual conference held at the University of Kentucky.

At the convention, Ky. schools exhibit their school spirit by presenting various activities organized on campus that promote pride in the university. NKU sent 10 students to UK for the event, three of which did a presentation on the "Hall of Screams" Halloween event into a haunted Village.

What earned RHA's award for best first-time delegation was a creative roll-call to introduce Northern Kentucky University to the rest of Kentucky, said Cori Smith, advisor of RHA and director of Woodcrest. In the roll-call, students from each school had to perform a skit that centered around a certain aspect of their school's spirit. NKU's 10 delegates performed a parody of the disco classic "YMCA" by the Village People, and adapted it to NKU. Clad in Norse Force T-Shirts, they dubbed themselves the Villagers, since the live in the Village said Smith.

Smith said RHA brought back

from the convention many ideas of programs to put on for students, including a sex education course put on before Spring break to make people aware of issues regarding unsafe sex.

P & G prepares NKU students for corporate America

The Northern Kentucky University Leadership Institute has teamed up with Procter & Gamble to help prepare NKU students for the transition from campus life to corporate America.

The "Procter & Gamble/Norse Leadership Society Corporate Leadership Conference," which featured nearly 100 NKU students and administrators and numerous P&G representatives, was held last week. The conference featured a keynote address by P&G Chairman of the Board John Pepper.

The conference, which took place in Cincinnati, featured sessions on business ethics, leadership, the transition from campus to corporate America, co-op opportunities, marketing and ad development, and a resume workshop.

Lee Whitley, a Masters of Business Administration student at NKU and director of the Northern Kentucky University Leadership Institute, helped to coordinate the

conference and was one of 87 students to attend.

Whitley said that Procter & Gamble's commitment to education should be applauded.

"Programs such as these give students insight into what companies look for in students," Whitley said. "P&G has taught students how they can better prepare themselves while they're in school, and what leadership means in a business environment."

The champions of chili are named...

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Chili Cookoff.

Vegetarian: 1st-Tamara O'Callaghan (Literature and Language); 2nd-Susan Mospens, (Student Support); 3rd-Susan Bushey (Nursing)

Cincinnati: 1st-Melvin Bayless; 2nd-Sherry Cucchiara; 3rd-Tammy Rebholz (Accounts Payable)

Text Mex: 1st-Beth McMillan-McCartney (Math); 2nd-Frank Stallings (Retired); 3rd-Carol Ziegler (Education)

Other: 1st-Barb Thomes; 2nd-Joyce Moore (Student Support); 3rd-Leva Kidd

MLK award honors student's determination and involvement

By Susan Bartels
Business Manager

When you understand the criteria used in deciding who will win the Dr. Martin Luther King Award you understand why it was presented to sophomore Emily Mihou. She was presented the award by the Student Government Association of Northern Kentucky University on Feb. 13.

The award is given yearly to a student, faculty or staff member of NKU who shares the vision and determination of King. Recipients of the award are nominated by their peers.

"We pinpointed involvement really related to Dr. King's legacy," said Burham Mohammadi, member of SGA and chairperson of the committee that decided who would receive the award.

"We looked for someone who was involved with minority groups on campus."

Mihou fit that description. She is the president of Students Together Against Racism, co-president of Feminists at Northern, a member of Common Ground and a U.S. representative for the International Student Union.

Her participation in the community off campus is just as extensive. She belongs to a social justice organization at her church, volunteers at Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, is the live-in caretaker of a mentally disabled person and a part-time caretaker of a physically handicapped person.

Her involvement extends back to high school where she was a mem-

ber of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Speakers at the award ceremony were Professor Prince Brown Jr. and nationally-acclaimed activist Anne Braden, who worked with King during the civil rights movement in the 1960s. Both commented on what they thought King's reaction would have been to the current events going on in Cincinnati and the country.

Concerning the economic boycott in Cincinnati, Braden said, "King would have done it."

She also said it was the young people who carried the movement of the 1960s, and young people today need to know what's happening both on and off campus. "Voices of students make a difference," she said.

Brown said he didn't think King would have changed his philosophy of non-violence.

"(King) was an apostle of non-violence, but that doesn't mean he didn't take action. It was a non-violent approach," he said.

Brown also said he believes King would have been just as horrified as the rest of the world at the loss of life that occurred due to recent events related to terrorism.

He also believes King would have been equally horrified by this country's response to it.

Brown said the world has to move beyond the violent approach. "We can't bomb people into loving us," said Brown.

Like Braden, Mihou's message to other students is to get involved. "There are great organizations on campus get involved," said Mihou.

Right now, she said, STAR is



Susan Bartels/The Northern
Anne Braden speaks at the awards ceremony.

working on policies at NKU such as hiring more faculty of color, bringing back black psychology classes and making social justice an area of concentration.

Mihou also commented on the current events in the community and country. "Black men can be shot and women raped and people just turn their heads," said Mihou. "Middle Easterners get searched without having to protect them. No one is paying attention. People are not involved enough."

Mihou said she thinks people are too quick to accept what is going on without questioning if it's right or wrong.

"Never stop questioning things," she said.

As for receiving the award, she said it means a great deal to her. "It means a lot to be getting thanked," she said.



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Want some coffee?

'Awakenings': Where poetry & caffeine mix

By Karen Scott
Northerner Contributor

So, you couldn't take your sweetheart out for Valentine's Day and now you're really in trouble. Why not take her somewhere different, like a romantic evening sipping cappuccino and listening to poetry and a good short story. The Awakenings Coffee House in Crescent Springs is hosting a student and teacher from Northern Kentucky University to share their works of poetry and fiction on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m.

Bryce Warren, a part-time English teacher will read a horror story called "Lela's Secret." Jason Ellis, a senior English major, will read a story called "Mr. White's Beach Dream." Both stories are quite different in content.

Ellis said of his reading, "It's a sun story about a small town Kentuckian who goes to the beach. Science-fiction fantasy is the type of stories he usually writes, but this one is more mainstream, but said Ellis.

He works plenty of practice in writing; he works at the writing center on campus. "People come to us to help them develop their papers," he said. If you like to write, Ellis said, "Keep writing a story and sharing it with people are two totally different

things." I know what I like and I figure if I like it, somebody else will like it too," said Ellis. "It's nice to be able to hear voices of the writing department."

At the last Awakenings reading in January, almost all the seats were taken. About 25 people came out to have a cup of assorted flavored coffee and enjoyed the readings. "Out of about 50 types of coffee, the top three favorites include: golden pecan, vanilla nut cream, and double french-roast," said writer John Webb. Also on the menu are teas, and an assortment of cookies, crumb cakes and croissants to eat.

"The average attendance ranges from 10-40 depending on the students, friends, faculty and teachers," said P. Andrew Miller, an associate professor of English, and the readings' coordinator. "The Awakenings readings have been going on for six and a half years," he said. "It's always held on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November because of Thanksgiving."

David Dyesard is the owner of the coffee shop located in the Buttermik Crossing Shopping Plaza. "Awakenings has always been nice to us," said Miller. "We've had no limit on content." The staff at the shop are busy cleaning up as the readings are presented. They said they liked hearing the stories

while they worked.

January was the start of this semester's readings, with P. Andrew Miller sharing a comedy story he wrote called "One Fairy Tale, Hard Boiled." The short story is about a fairy detective who solves several fairy tale cases. Miller also wrote a book, "The Sword and the Sorceress."

Along with Miller's story, poetry was the specialty of Phillis Croy, a senior English major and editor of the "Licking River Review." "I was 6 years old when I was learning to write," said Croy. Her work must pass her "gag test." "If I can take it back out a little while later and still like it, I keep it." Some of her poems included, "Christmas in a Kid's Pool," "This Old Piano," and "Mental Graffiti."

Danielle Stegeman, a junior art-history/psychology major, liked having the readings off-campus. "When you get outside the atmosphere, you relate as people, not as students," Stegeman said. "I think its great exposure for faculty and students to showcase their work and be appreciated for it. I also like the group idea for people to come and witness the readings of local writers."

Arnold



Collateral Damage
Running time: 115 min. Rated R

Collateral Damage" made me want to quit being a movie reviewer. If not for the fact I was reviewing this film for the paper I would have walked out.

Plot: Gordon Brewer (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is an Los Angeles firefighter. Gordon's family dies from a failed assassination attempt by a Colombian terrorist named "The Wolf" (Cliff Curtis). He wants revenge because the government is doing nothing so what does he do? Why he goes to Columbia, does the impossible and finds "The Wolf." He does this without even picking up a single gun. After almost killing the Wolf he is captured and the United States finally gets its act together and goes into save him. But oh no, the Wolf isn't there and he is in the US planning to blow up a building. What now? Why they all fly to the US to stop him.

From there, a lame plot twist occurs and then a very predictable conclusion.

This is the first film I've come to review that was free. I was invited to attend a special screening thanks to the University of Cincinnati. (I wish Northern would do something like this.) I believe the UC crowd's reaction summed up my opinion of this film. During every semi-dramatized scene people kept laughing. I also laughed. The dramatic moments lacked any buildup and were so poorly scripted that they were quite laughable.

This film could not decide if it wanted to be a drama or an action film. Instead, I would file this film under the genre of "Bland," a special genre created for films so bad, that to put them any other genre would hurt the reputation of films already there. A genre created to help you not waste eight bucks on a bad movie.

Here is the break down. The Plot was bad. The Script was bad. The acting for the most part was also bad but due to the first two factors, is it any wonder?

You do not care for any of these characters no matter how many kids Arnold hugs. In fact, Arnold hugs more kids in this film than he kills people. For a wanna-be action flick that's a big no-no.

The only saving grace this film has was John Leguizama as a Colombian drug maker. How does he make his boring overly scripted dialogue humorous? But of course this could not last for long, as he is quickly shot. Perhaps if we had Leguizama's comic relief longer than five minutes I would have enjoyed this film.

I pray Terminator III will come quickly so I can start to heal the wound inflicted by "Collateral Damage."

I peanut out of 5 (I'm being too kind)

By Josh Flowers
Staff Writer

One day in a



"Undeterred, I tried to make it up the ramp again. Again, I was unsuccessful."

-Rick Amburgey

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Some things must be experienced in order to be understood.

For example, I couldn't begin to understand what it's like for a person who is in a wheelchair until I spent part of the day in a wheelchair on Feb. 12.

I am not pretending that my two or two and a half hours spent wheelchair bound can compare with others who are confined to a wheelchair every day of their life. I know it cannot.

Nevertheless, the experience was an eye-opener and allowed me to see first-hand the accessibility problems we have on campus.

My tour began in the Disability Services office, where I borrowed the wheelchair.

Learning to maneuver in the wheelchair was difficult. Chairs do not have steering controls, like cars and bicycles do, making turns challenging.

For that reason, I found it hard to turn into small, narrow corridors without hitting walls.

The first real problem I encountered was riding the elevator. Unable to move as quickly in a wheelchair, I found that the doors began to close before I was safely in the elevator.

Even though the elevators are

large, it is hard to turn around in an elevator unless one else is riding, a rarity at Northern Kentucky University.

This meant I had to back out of the elevator, hoping I wouldn't be overrun by a stampede of people trying to get on the elevator. Luckily, there was only one person waiting and they waited until I had gotten out before they entered.

I utilized the handicap buttons as I was leaving the University Center. I had always taken for granted that these buttons were close enough to the door. I realized I had to go over to the wall to hit the button and then back up and align the wheelchair with the door.

I made it through the first door and had trouble getting the wheelchair to go over the doorway of the second door.

But this time, the door was beginning to close on me. I turned to hit the handicapped button nearest that door, but realized there wasn't one there.

I began to try to open the door with my hand and get through the doorway. Finally, someone saw me struggling and held the door open for me.

I made a left leaving the University Center and headed toward Nunn Hall. I started to go up the wheelchair ramp at Nunn Hall, closest to the University Center.

Once I was partially up the ramp,

I noticed a problem: I was beginning to roll backwards. Soon, I found my self sitting at the beginning of the ramp, where I had started.

Undeterred, I tried to make it up the ramp again. Again, I was unsuccessful.

I had never had a problem going up this ramp on foot. In a wheelchair, it seemed like Mt. Everest.

Because the ramp was so steep, I had to go all the way around.

I noticed things I had never noticed before, things that never had struck my as problems with accessibility.

The plaza is very uneven. There are a lot of ups and downs. These make crossing campus much more difficult than it is as a flat, level surface.

I returned to the office of The Northerner for a meeting and encountered obstacles moving around the office.

Simple things like chairs in path were easily correctable. However, when I went into The Northerner's production office, I found it hard to get around in the tight, cramped room.

After the meeting, I took another trip across campus. When I got to the Natural Science Center, I decid-

ed I needed to use the restroom.

I found several problems with my attempt to use the restroom.

First, I was hard to maneuver into the bathroom there was some sharp turns.

Second, I entered the handicap bathroom stall and found it was hard to get into.

The chair barely made it into to stall. If the bathroom had been much less wide, the door would not have closed.

I grabbed the handlebars and attempted to transfer myself to the toilet. The handlebars were a little shaky, though not nearly as bad as those in the University Center.

There was not enough room for me to transfer myself anyway.

After this experience, I made my way back to the University Center to return the wheel chair to Disability Services.

As leaving the office - the first time I had walked in two or more hours - I decided to take the stairs. As I was walking down the stairs, I said a little prayer to God for the blessings that he has given me that I all too often take for granted.

To find out how I was treated while in the wheelchair by other students, read my editorial "The Stigma of those Less Able" on the Viewpoints page of this issue.

garage bands still playing at KU

By Ryan Garrett
Northerner Contributor

After the Beatles played the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964, it said that nearly half of America's teens found themselves playing in a garage band. A look around the Northern Kentucky University's campus can make you believe that could still be the case. "I can't even think of everyone I know here who is in a band," Jeremy McMonagle, a junior music education major and drummer for local punk rock group UNX, said.

The difference between the garage bands of the past and the bands that are currently sprouting up around campus, is the drive the bands show in trying to get their music out to the masses.

With the accessibility of NKU's campus for passing out and posting fliers, students have a fertile breeding ground for an audience of almost any musical preference.

Chaz Burke, an undeclared sophomore, said that he is planning on passing out CDs on campus of his yet to be named indie rock band as soon as they are finished recording. "Some people might not be into it," Burke said. "But hopefully there will be some people who get a hold of the CD and decide to come check out one of our shows or something."

Nearly as varied as the number of bands on campus are the different local clubs that serve as their venue. Bands taking aim at the college crowd can often be found perform-

ing at Top Cat's or the Mad Frog in Clifton.

Most of the punk bands take the stage at the Void in Northside or the Buzz Coffeehouse in Clifton. Bands looking for a more intimate atmosphere and crowd usually play on the Kentucky side of the river at the Southgate House in Newport.

Ian Bolender, member of the local emo/post-rock band Krin and an undeclared freshman at NKU, recently achieved the coveted slot of headlining a show at Bogart's, one of the most recognized clubs in Cincinnati.

"We had our friends East Arcadia and Close the Door open the show for us," Bolender said. "It really made me happy to see how much people were supporting the younger groups in the local independent music scene."

Some of NKU's bands are using technology to expand their following far beyond the local scene. With songs posted on MP3.com, East Arcadia, Krin and UNX have made their songs available to an always-increasing market of Internet surfers.

Hardly a weekend goes by that an NKU band can't be found playing in at least a few of the clubs around town. Between East Arcadia, Anarkara, District 22, UNX, Krin and the many others banding that have members attending NKU, there should never be a weekend night when there isn't a show worth going to.

SPORTS

Northern Kentucky University

Sanders breaks double figure scoring record

By Elias Hajjar
Sports Editor

Former Northern Kentucky University basketball star Brady Jackson held the record for most consecutive games scoring in double figures with 39.

The operative word is held. Craig Sanders broke Jackson's

record by scoring 16 points in the 72-67 win over Lewis University, Feb. 2.

"I'm just glad it's over," said Sanders. "It was just another night, another game."

It was just another game for Sanders, who has consistently averaged just under 20 points per game for the Norse. The only difference

was the absence of head coach Ken Shields, who missed five games due to back problems.

"Coach Shields was watching the game on TV," said Sanders. "He was one of the first people to congratulate me after breaking the record."

Assistant coach Dave Bezold replaced Shields during his five game absences, guiding the Norse to

a 3-2 record.

"Under Dave we had no major changes," said Sanders. "He did a tremendous job in coach Shields' absence."

Now with coach Shields back at the helm, the Norse team is heading down the stretch with the mind-set of getting into the NCAA Division II Tournament.

"We have to finish up the season strong," said Sanders. "We have to let it all out."

Sanders will have to finish up the season strong, as well, if he plans on breaking the school's all-time scoring record. A record that would mean more to Sanders than any other record he holds.

"I wasn't coming here to break

the scoring record," said Sanders. "But it would be a nice accomplishment to get it."

Sanders still has the regular season and the conference tournament to score 84 points and set a new record. He feels confident that it will be broken.

"There is no pressure," he said. "I'll break the record."

Seven starters return for baseball season

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University baseball team had an impressive showing last season, advancing past the second round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament and finishing with an overall record of 38-21.

The Norse has the confidence that they can do even better this season and have higher expectations for the upcoming year.

"We got everyone back. We have good starting pitching. We are looking to build on from last year," NKU head coach Todd Asalon said.

"We would like to win the conference tournament and host the conference and regionals," NKU senior catcher Jason Martin said. "We have a great core of guys to help us win some ball games."

The Norse return seven starters from last season's team, including Martin, who collected a school-record 81 hits, drove in 53 runs and had a batting average of .397 last year.

"Jason is our main guy in the middle of the line-up. He is our catalyst," Asalon said.

Martin was honored for his accomplishments by being selected to the NCAA Division II All-American third team last season.

"A lot of that comes with the team winning," Martin said about his individual performance. "I'm not looking forward to winning ball games. If I do good, everybody is going to do well."

Another player returning from last year's core group is NKU senior first baseman Steve Walton, a second team All-GLVC selection. Walton hit eight home runs and boasted a .356 batting average. The Norse has a total of eight seniors returning on the team.

Among some of those players are senior third baseman Patrick Eschan, who had a .250 average and 11 doubles last season, senior Beau Bruke (.316) and senior center fielder Justin Rahschulte (.288 average).

"Good teams have good seniors. We hope they carry us far," Asalon said. "They are a little bit stronger and stronger. Experience pays off and they will step up for us. We'll go as far as they can take us."

Asalon went on to say that he likes to pay attention to his seniors, because they are a really special group and they are the major work-horses of the team.

"We have five senior position players and two senior pitchers. Experience is not a problem," Martin said. "We have played for so long and we know what each other

can do."

As for those pitchers, NKU welcomed back senior Lenny Bays, who posted an 8-2 record and had a 3.17 earned run average last season. Bays threw 80 strikeouts and was named to the All-GLVC second team.

Senior pitcher Josh Whaley (8-4, 3.68 ERA), sophomore Chris Unkraut (4-0, 4.22 ERA) and relief pitchers senior Joe Nash, junior Sean Leonard and sophomore Shane Gordon will factor into the pitching crop this year too.

"It all starts on the mound and we have great pitching. We have three senior pitchers. Bays and Whaley are our one and two starters and Nash is pitching in relief," Asalon said.

According to Martin, pitching and defense will definitely be keys to the Norse success this year. "Our pitchers will throw strikes and our defense will help take care of them. Our offense will score plenty of runs, but our defense and pitching will be the key to winning."

The NKU newcomers that have been added to the roster this season: Freshman Richie Jones and sophomore Lewis Jones will play in the outfield.

Pitcher Brian Lakes, a transfer from Bethel (Tenn.) College, will be in the starting rotation.

Also, freshmen Andy Bright, David Clutter, Jim Deller, Matt Dolan, Brandon Evans and Keith Jackson will provide some help to the team too.

"We brought in a group of freshman, and we hope they gel together. We will have a pretty successful season if that happens," Asalon said.

Martin added, "The new guys have talent."

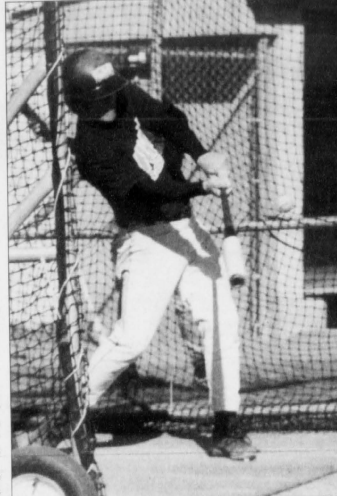
The upperclassmen need to teach them what we know. The underclassmen need to come ready to play."

But it is all about winning for the Norse. Along as the players do what they are capable of doing, the team can go far this year.

"We beat teams in the top 25 last year. We need to play tougher for the conference games. We have to come to play everyday, and we hope it will pay off," Asalon said.

With an even tougher non-conference schedule, which includes games against the University of Tampa and Miami (Ohio) University, NKU has to prepare itself for every challenge that faces them.

And hopefully the Norse will be able to go deep into the NCAA Tournament.



Brittany Contois/The Northerner
Third baseman Patrick Eschan improves his swing at a recent practice.

NKU falls to nation's top-ranked team

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Tyrus Boswell scored 26 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked four shots Saturday night as the Kentucky Wesleyan College men's basketball team defeated Northern Kentucky University, 99-76, at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

Chris Landry also recorded a double-double (19 points, 11 rebounds) as Kentucky Wesleyan, the nation's top-ranked team in the NCAA Division II poll - won its 36th consecutive home game and improved to 24-1 overall, 18-1 in

the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Panthers shot 54.8 percent from the field and won the rebounding battle by a 47-29 margin. Craig Sanders scored 25 points for NKU, which dropped to 17-7 overall, 13-5 in the GLVC. Sanders also extended his school-record streak of consecutive games in double figures to 44. Brenden Showers added 18 points and eight assists for the Norse.

NKU has now dropped 16 consecutive games to Kentucky Wesleyan in the Owensboro

Sportscenter. The Norse have not beaten Kentucky Wesleyan in the Owensboro Sportscenter since Feb. 11, 1988, when NKU posted a 93-85 victory over the Panthers.

Carl Michell finished with 16 points for NKU, which is ranked No. 5 in the latest NCAA II Great Lakes Region poll. The top six teams will qualify for the NCAA Division II Tournament in March.

NKU will return home and play host to the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7:45 p.m. Thursday night in Regents Hall. The Norse will close out the home portion of their 2001-02 schedule next Saturday afternoon with a 3:15 p.m. game against Quincy (Ill.) University.

Women maintain No. 5 ranking with victory over Ky. Wesleyan

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Michelle Cottrell scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Saturday night as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team defeated Kentucky Wesleyan College, 80-73, at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

Cottrell made 15 of 21 free throws en route to her 47th career double-double. The 15 made free throws tied the NKU single-game record, which is also shared by Linda Niehaus and Lori McClellan.

Cottrell now has 2,042 career points and is NKU's all-time leading scorer.

Any Mobley added 22 points as NKU improved to 19-5 overall, 15-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Bridget Flanagan finished with 10 points for the Norse, who are ranked No. 5 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll and lead the University of Southern Indiana (21-5 overall, 14-4 in the GLVC) by one game in the conference standings.

NKU now leads the all-time series with Kentucky Wesleyan, 37-3, and the Norse own nine consecutive victories against the Panthers.

NKU will return home and play host to the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 5:30 p.m. Thursday night in Regents Hall. The Norse will close out the home portion of their 2001-02 schedule next Saturday afternoon with a 1 p.m. game against Quincy (Ill.) University.

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was scheduled to perform at the comedy show held at NKU, but a few minutes into his performance, the sound equipment failed.

Despite equipment problems, Anthony Pierre of MacTone Productions approached Horton and said he liked his sound. Pierre's most recent promotion was for the Foxy Brown and Juvenile concert scheduled for Cincinnati's Music Hall in March. Country Boy Entertainment took advantage of their new connection and arranged for an exchange of promotion.

Country Boy would promote Pierre's concert locally and in return MacTone would give them a five-minute slot in between Pierre's performances to promote Troy and his new album. Garrison and Spicer said they are up to the challenge, but are just glad to be meeting people and getting hands-on experience.

"We're rubbing elbows with people who are going somewhere," Garrison said. "Every single thing we're doing can go on a resume. We're pursuing our careers while we're full-time students, and not a lot of people get the chance to do that."

Both say what they learned in school has been useful. Spicer attributes Country Boy Entertainment's improvement to open lines of communication. "We work together and that's why we work," Spicer said. "We're completely open and honest with each other. Others have also been helping, doing legwork and favors for Country Boy."

Reach Country Boy Entertainment at www.countryboyent.com or e-mail countryboypr@yahoo.com.

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12:30pm-1:00pm WNTV original
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3:00pm-6:00pm Meet Joe Black
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8:30pm-11:30pm Meet Joe Black
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Monday Feb 25

1:00am-3:00pm Rock Star R
3:00am-6:00am Meet Joe Black
6:00am-8:30pm Higher Learning R
8:30am-12:00pm Informative NR
12:00pm-2:00pm WNTV original programming
2:00pm-4:00pm Zilo
4:00pm-6:00pm What's The Worst That Could Happen PG-13
6:00pm-8:30pm Notting Hill PG-13
8:30pm-11:00pm First Knight PG-13
11:00pm-1:00am Beloved R

Tuesday Feb 26

2:00am-4:00am What's The Worst That Could Happen PG-13
4:00am-6:30am Notting Hill PG-13
6:30am-9:00am First Knight PG-13
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5:00pm-7:00pm The American
Rhapsody PG-13
9:00pm-9:00pm Crooklyn PG-13
11:30pm-12:30am JFK R

Wednesday Feb 27

12:30am-2:30am City Of Angels PG-13
2:30am-4:30am The American
Rhapsody PG-13
4:30am-6:30am Crooklyn PG-13
6:30am-10:00am JFK R
10:00am-12:00pm Informative NR
12:00pm-2:00pm Rocky R
2:00pm-5:00pm The Color Purple PG-13
5:00pm-7:00pm The American
President PG-13
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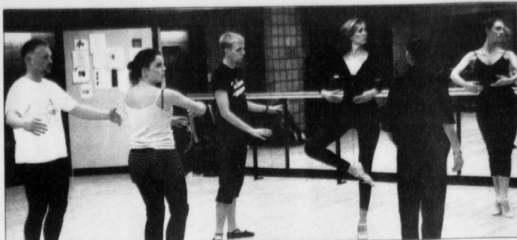
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Stacey Sutton/The Northerner

Students learn to pirouette from resident Russian ballet masters Alexei Kremnev and Anna Reznik.

University makes lucrative deal with Microsoft for license

By Jason Ellis
Distribution Manager

Northern Kentucky University has funded a contract with Microsoft that allows for the installation of the latest versions of Microsoft products on NKU computers at no charge to the individual departments.

At one point, NKU had a mix of several different kinds of software used on the computers on campus.

The Microsoft/campus agreement is essentially a site license, giving higher education institutions the rights to run licensed software for a 12-month period and all upgrades and downgrades of the software during that period.

"A software site license allows us to install the particular software on any or all of the university's computers," Bill Reed, Director, Office of Information Technology

said. "Instead of having to buy a specific license for each individual PC."

The campus agreement also gives faculty and staff that use the Microsoft products on NKU computers the option to load one copy of the software on their home computers for school related activities.

The simplified reporting allows faculty and staff to keep one copy of the software in their office and one copy for their home PC or laptop.

Students will benefit by having access to the latest Microsoft operating systems and office applications on lab and classroom PCs.

"We can upgrade more easily when new versions are released if an upgrade is warranted," said Reed. "So students are working on current software instead of using applications that are four or five years out of date."

"It allows us to ensure that we have a legitimately good product to use on campus," Debbie Chalk, Manager Customer Systems-Office of Information Technology, said.

For departments that use Mac's, like the journalism department and the Northerner, the only Microsoft product available is Microsoft Office, and it is a Mac version of it.

The agreement uses the full-time equivalent to determine the computers and the number of people who will be using those computers.

"If we have 500 staff positions," Chalk, said. "We are allowed to reduce the FTE by the number of people who will never touch a computer."

However, the agreement includes only seven Microsoft products. A list of these can be viewed at, access.nku.edu/campusagree/

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