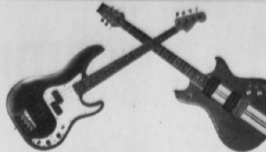


Seven bands were selected to compete in the third annual Battle of the Bands to be held April 11 in Regents Hall.

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Powell suspended from dormitories

Judge rules Dean of Students' decision valid, disciplinary hearing will determine housing privileges

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Michael Powell, the Northern Kentucky University student charged with rape Feb. 24, has been denied permission to live on campus by the Dean of Students' office.

Powell received a letter from the Dean of Students' office

that put him on an interim suspension from university housing. This came after a Campbell County District Court judge said Powell could remain living on campus.

Powell filed a civil suit against the university to obtain a restraining order allowing him to live on campus. A Campbell County Circuit Court judge denied the motion.

Burr Travis, Powell's attorney,

said he is disappointed with the decision because Powell would like to take part in on-campus activities.

Currently, Powell is only allowed on campus to attend class, other than the one he had with his accuser, and to use the library.

Powell must now have a disciplinary hearing with Dean of Students Kent Kelsio to determine whether he represents a

"safety factor for himself or for others... or that his mere presence would be in some way disruptive to the educational process," Kelsio said.

"If his information was compelling enough... and if we made the decision that Michael is not a safety factor, then he would be allowed back into housing," Kelsio said.

Powell will have a second hearing. Kelsio said, to "determine whether he is responsible for sexual assault."

"If he is found responsible, his enrollment is in question and he could be suspended from the university."

Powell has the option of hearing the hearing before or after the court decision.

Kelsio said most students choose to have disciplinary hearing after the court decision because anything said in the

hearing can be subpoenaed in court.

Powell's criminal case goes to a grand jury April 7. Travis said Powell is going to speak to the grand jury without the benefit of an attorney. Travis said his clients typically do not do this, but Powell's case is unique.

"I think when they hear his side of the story they won't indict him," Travis said.

CAMPUS SAYS, "THANK YOU"



Gov. Ernie Fletcher (bottom right) joins Kentucky lawmakers in Regents Hall March 15 to celebrate the passage of the 2005 state budget.

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Budget passage marked



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NKU President James Votruba presents Gov. Fletcher with a symbolic basketball jersey.

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Northern Kentucky University welcomed Gov. Ernie Fletcher back to the university March 15 to celebrate the passage of the 2005 state budget.

As thanks for the portion of the \$20 billion budget that goes toward NKU, Fletcher and Kentucky lawmakers were honored at a rally in Regents Hall.

"This is a celebration of the 2005 Kentucky General Assembly and the product of their work with the governor," said NKU President James Votruba.

"As you all know, northern Kentucky has much to be thankful for. Today is a time to say thank you."

More than \$100 million of the budget will fund NKU projects, including \$54 million for The Bank of Kentucky Center, \$34 million available to borrow for the construction of a new student union, \$6.5 million for other NKU operations and \$15.4 million for Gateway Community & Technical College.

Despite his self-admitted reputation for being tight with money, Fletcher said he thought NKU was aiming too low when the concept for the arena was proposed. Because he's "seen the growth rate of northern Kentucky and the growth rate of the university," Fletcher said the only problem he had with the project was that it was being built too small.

"(You were) building it too small because it's not very frequently that you can get the legislature to support a project like this - because there's a lot of competition across the state as you know for projects - and I said 'If you're going to do it... you need to make sure that it accommodates the future adequately.'"

Votruba recognized the House and Senate leaders for their time and consideration in passing the budget and acknowledged the community for its support, saying the collaborative efforts will only make the region more prosperous.

"What should be clear to us all is that if we work to construct a collective mission for our future and then stand together to get it accomplished, as strong as this region is today, we can be sure that our best days are still ahead of us," said Votruba.

New SGA election guidelines enacted

Senate experience no longer required to run for president

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More students than ever before are eligible to run for student body president in the upcoming Student Government Association spring elections.

A new SGA constitution that was approved earlier this semester by the Board of Regents deleted a requirement that candidates for executive board positions must have served at least one semester on the student senate or judicial council.

"Students need to be excited," said SGA President Andy Hixson. "It's a wonderful opportunity."

Hixson said that in years past, this old requirement narrowed down the number of potential presidential candidates to about 30 students.

"If students want somebody that's not involved in SGA to lead them, then they deserve to have that opportunity," Hixson said. "Now they have that opportunity."

Sent. Michael Tobertga agrees that not requiring SGA experience as a prerequisite to run for an executive board position is a good change but said he has concerns.

"One of the drawbacks is that you could potentially have someone (run for student body president) who is inexperienced, who essentially just wants to put something on their resume," Tobertga said.

Tobertga said he also believes this change could

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Fasting raises funds to help orphaned kids

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As she began her fast on Friday afternoon, Adaora Mbela, a second-year economics major at NKU, was a long way from her Nigerian home. Yet she and more than 20 other participants abstained from eating for 30 hours last weekend in an effort to raise funds for orphaned children living thousands of miles away.

The Hunger Campaign fundraiser, sponsored by the Association for African Charities (AAC) organization at NKU, was also an act of solidarity for underprivileged African children.

"The reason we are doing it is to experience how it feels to go hungry," said Selina Oladapo, a second year nursing student from Ghana, West Africa and president of the AAC. "Children especially get hungry very quickly, so if we go hungry for 30 hours, then maybe we can have empathy for how they feel," she said.

Back at the University Center, donations slowly began trickling in from passers-by as the sounds of classical and African music emanated from the AAC Hunger Campaign booth in the University Center lobby.

Voted the most outstanding program at NKU's student organization awards in 2004, this year's campaign is donating to three specific orphanages in Ghana and Ethiopia. Oladapo said that the orphanages are in desperate need of food and medical supplies.

Though the fasting had begun hours earlier, the event officially kicked off at 6 p.m. Friday as Hunger Campaign participants listened to keynote speeches by

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Police sting deters library thefts

By SARAH LOMAN
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On March 14, Northern Kentucky University police cited and charged a 23-year-old Erlanger man on campus for an attempted theft that occurred during a police sting operation.

Donald C. Beuchel Jr. of Erlanger was charged with theft/fraud, a misdemeanor and detained for questioning by Investigator Rob Yelton in what Chief of Police Harold Todd called "an unusual trend."

From Jan. 24 to March 18, there have been approximately 24 books stolen from Steely Library. The NKU police noticed the trend and began discussing it about a week before spring break.

The police decided on a sting operation, using officers and cadets in plain clothes to stake out the library. The officers placed unattended book bags and books around the library and kept watch over them.

March 14 was the first day of the sting, and after three hours, Beuchel approached the book bag of a cadet and took three

books out of it. When approached by the cadet, Beuchel said that he thought the book bag was his. However, during his interrogation, Beuchel admitted to Yelton that he took the books with the intent to sell them, and wrote a confession.

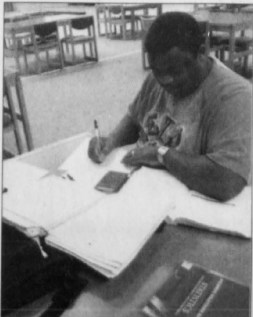
"I don't think he was acting alone," Yelton said. "This guy said he had someone with him. He said his friend had his book bag, but we never found the friend."

Yelton said this case was difficult for several reasons. One was the proximity—the books were all taken from different places. "They were all taken from the inside of the library, but there was no pattern as to which floor they were taken from that is one of the things that made this so difficult," he said.

But the police aren't finished yet. They're going to continue the investigation. "We'll set up this time in different areas on campus," Yelton said. They plan on setting up another sting in the library, and doing the same thing in other areas where the thefts have been prevalent.

In spite of the thefts, some students still feel like their belongings are safe. Junior Pre-Elementary Education major Kelly Bennett was unaware of the recent thefts,

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Justin Chulu studies in Steely Library, where many text-books have been stolen recently.

Election

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make the SGA presidential election more of a popularity contest.

In addition to presiding over senate meetings and operations of the executive board, the SGA president also represents that student body on the Board of Regents.

Each of the five executive board officers, 15 senators and 3 justices will be elected April 13 and 14 to a one-year term that begins on July 1.

Students wishing to run for any of the available positions must submit a completed election packet to the Dean of Students Office by 10 a.m. on April 4. Packets are available outside the SGA office or in the Dean of Students Office.

As of March 22, Vice President of Public Relations Jen Perry was the only candidate who had submitted an election packet to run for SGA president.

Sheena Dunn, vice president of administration, is running on a slate with Perry as a candidate for executive vice president.

According to the election guidelines, candidates for president and executive vice president may run on a slate but can run independently.

SGA meetings are held every Monday at 3:30 p.m. in room 11 of the University Center.

Theft

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but said she has left her books out in the library before. "I leave my stuff out, but not to go far," she said.

Business Administration senior Siris Sapkota tries to be careful about what he leaves lying around. "When I have my textbook and calculator, I never leave that," he said. Sapkota believes that despite the thefts, the campus is an overall safe place. "There's a problem, but it's safe."

Head of Access Services for Steely Library, Betty Riddell says that students need to keep their belongings on them, no matter how short of a time they plan on stepping away from

them. Riddell says that students are "lulled into thinking that it's okay" to leave their belongings out. "We just don't have the staff to police the area," she said. Riddell hopes that if word gets out that the police are watching, that the book thefts will be deterred.

Until then Riddell said she had been thinking about doing something to alert students how easily their belongings could be stolen, such as placing a bright orange card on their belongings when the library staff see them sitting unattended.

Beuchel was contacted by phone and declined to comment.

The Northerner would like to increase its campus coverage by establishing a beat system. We are seeking out new reporters who are interested in specific aspects of life at NKU. E-mail C.J. Fryer, news editor, at cjfryer@fuse.net for more details.

policebeat

Wednesday, March 16

9:12 p.m. Amy Ball, 19, was issued a Kentucky state citation for disregarding a stop sign.

11:30 p.m. Subject advised that a vehicle struck another vehicle, that was parked at Norse Hall, and then left the scene. Owner of the parked vehicle was notified and responded, under investigation.

Thursday, March 17

2:49 p.m. Subject reported a minor auto accident occurred in parking lot A earlier this day. Subject stated that both parties involved checked their vehicles and decided not to call the police. A state civilian traffic collision report form was given to the subject.

6:30 p.m. Darren Mosley, 21, of Newport was pulled over for speeding on Kenton Drive. Upon request, Mosley gave the officer permission to search the car. During the search, the officer observed drug related items on the seat. Mosley was issued a verbal warning for speeding and issued a Kentucky state citation for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

8:57 p.m. Sarah Sammons, 25, of Morning View was issued a Kentucky state citation for speeding on Nunn Drive.

10:16 p.m. A fire alarm was received from Norse Hall. Officers, Central Campbell County Fire Department and Power Plant personnel responded. There was no evidence of a fire. It was determined that an unknown subject pulled the fire alarm. The State Fire Marshal's Office was notified via e-mail.

11:34 p.m. Juliana Hockens, 20, of Fairfield was issued a Kentucky state citation for speeding and having an

expired registration on Campbell Drive.

Friday, March 18

6:09 a.m. A fire was reported at the Old Science building. Officers, Central Campbell County Fire Department and Physical Plant personnel responded. The fire had already been extinguished prior to the arrival of the fire department. It was determined that an elevator motor caught fire. Fire Department personnel were able to remove the smoke from the building. Physical Plant personnel shut down the elevator until the motor could be replaced. The State Fire Marshal's Office was notified by phone.

11:30 a.m. Subject reported that her 2005 NKU Parking Permit was removed from her vehicle while it was parked in Cincinnati. Subject was advised to file a theft report with the Cincinnati Police Department, and was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

3:00 p.m. Subject advised that while conducting a yearly inventory several items were found to be missing from the Administration Center.

3:18 p.m. Alkeem Atekoja of Cincinnati was issued a Kentucky state citation for having an expired registration on Johns Hill Road.

Saturday, March 19

1:11 p.m. Larry D. Ware, 55, of Concord was issued a Kentucky state citation for speeding on Nunn Drive.

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School-shooting suspect admired Hitler in writings

By DAVID HANNERS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Although his people had long suffered oppression and were nearly annihilated, Jeff Weise identified with the oppressor and annihilator.

"I guess I've always carried a natural admiration for Hitler and his ideals, and his courage to take on larger nations," Jeffrey Weise, an American Indian, wrote in an online forum frequented by neo-Nazis and wannabes last year. The postings give a glimpse into the thoughts of a troubled young man, now suspected of going on a killing rampage Monday before turning the gun on himself.

He said he was interested in finding like-minded Indians, a goal other posters on the forum encouraged. He also admitted he was a suspect in a threat at school.

"Once I commit myself to something, I stay until the end," he replied.

For Weise, the end came Monday afternoon when he allegedly shot himself at Red Lake High School on the Red Lake reservation, about 300 miles north of the Twin Cities. Authorities said he too' his own life after killing seven others at the school, including six fellow students, and his grandfather and a woman at their home before going to the school.

Officials said they had no clue as to what fueled Weise's violence. But in a post to a nationalist Web site last year that foreshadowed Monday's events, he said he had been questioned by police in connection with an alleged threat at the school.

"By the way, I'm being blamed for a threat on the school I attended because someone said they were going to shoot up the school on 4/20, Hitler's birthday, and just because I claim being a National Socialist, guess whom they've pinned," he wrote in comments posted at 11:41 p.m. on April 19, 2004.

Five weeks later, he wrote that "the school threat passed and I was cleared as a suspect. I'm glad for that. I don't much care for jail, I've never been there and I don't plan on it."

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate and extremist groups across the country, only lists three neo-Nazi groups in Minnesota. They are far from the reservation.

Alternately using the online pen names Todesengel-German for "angel of death"—and "NativeNazi," Weise wrote several posts in which he said he believed Hitler and the National Socialist movement that embroiled the world in war and caused millions of deaths got a bad rap.

"When I was growing up, I was taught (like others) that Nazi's were evil and that Hitler was a very evil man etc.," he wrote in one posting replete with misspellings. "Of course, not for a second did I believe this. Upon reading up on his actions, the ideals and issues the German

Third Reich addressed, I began to see how much of a like had been painted about them. They truly were doing it for the better."

In other posts, he wrote that he believed a National Socialist movement could work on his reservation and planned on trying to recruit some members at school when it started up last fall.

"The only ones who oppose my views are the teachers at the high school, and a large portion of the student body who think a Nazi is a Klamson, or a White Supremacist thug. Most of the Natives I know

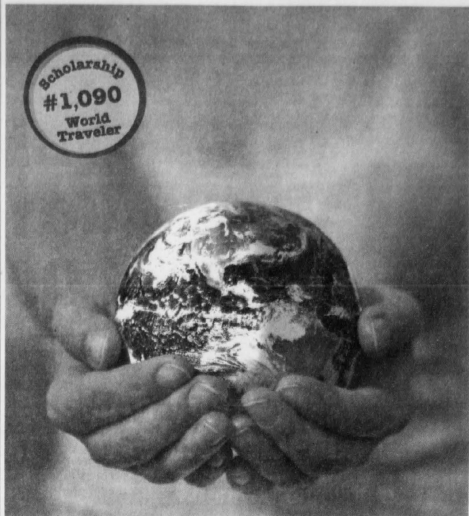
have been poisoned by what they were taught in school."

The public school system, he wrote, "has done more harm than good, and as a result it has left many on this reservation misled and misinformed."

He wrote that when he talked in school about maintaining the tribe's ethnic purity by not marrying outside the bloodline, "I get the same old argument which seems to be so common around here. 'We need to mix all the races, to combine all the strengths. . . .'"


"They (teachers) don't openly say that racial purity is wrong, yet when you speak your mind on the subject you get 'silenced' real quick by the teachers and likeminded school officials," he wrote.

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Fasting

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AAC members registered students to participate in a 30-hour fast.

Oladope and NKU sociology professor Dr. Barbara Arrighi. The speeches were followed by a series of interactive games, dancing and movies.

"It went very well," said Corey Cotton, vice president of public relations for the AAC. "We were a tightly knit group, and we had a lot of fun. You become friends with so many people that you don't notice the hunger as much," he added.

In addition to the satisfaction of helping needy children, the event was part of a broader focus for some participants. "For me, I've always wanted to help promote world peace," said Mbelle, who wants to use her economics degree to find work at the United Nations.

Oladope added that the fundraiser is sparking ideas of establishing an African sister school, where NKU students could foster civic engagement on an international level.

For now, participants in the

2005 Hunger Campaign can be sure that their efforts have produced tangible benefits for children in need.

"It gives me a connection with people who are hungry," said Oladope. "I feel like I made a difference, that I have done something good."

"It's a good feeling," she said.

The sponsored orphanages are the Onyasssi Orphanage in Cape Coast, Ghana, the Abbech Gubena Orphanage and School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (<http://www.telecom.net.et/~agos/>), and the Kinbuda Trust Orphanage in Gondar, Ethiopia. The AAC is still collecting donations in order to purchase food, medicine and other supplies for these orphanages. To contribute, please contact Selina Oladope at oladope@nkku.edu.

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Letters to the editor

Coverage inconsistent

Dear Editor,
Racism has smacked us front and back in the face right here at NKU. You see, free speech is protected on this campus, so for all those who get the opportunity to read this and agree, we are speaking for you. I am a son of The Northerner, has highly upset us and a majority of the people that represent this school as a whole.

First of all, why is there a big bold section from page, right picture, right Michael Powell with "Student charged with rape" above it? Yes, all sex crimes and offenses must be reported, but why not in the police beat section of this paper - is that not what it's there for?

Michael is, and still will be, a highly educated African-American male student at this institution who keeps to himself and worked extremely hard to maintain good standing at NKU, but now his professors are trying to take education and a better future from him by not wanting him to be in class. Which in essence, he's telling him and other African-American students at NKU that they do not want us to succeed. No matter the background or character of any student here or worldwide, the professor's job is to educate,

not pass biased judgments.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

I once took pride in NKU for being diverse and accepting students who they are and what their individuality brings to this campus. I have even been quoted for why "I LUV NKU" for the same issue, but if this is what Northern Kentucky University is truly about and the true colors have been shown, then I demand that what I previously stated be removed immediately and replaced with a poem from Tupac Amar Shakur: "The Rose That Grew From Concrete" Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete. Proving nature's laws wrong 'til it learned to walk with out having feet. Funny it seems but by keeping it's dreams it learned to breathe fresh air. Love life the rose that grew from concrete when no one else even cared

Ashley Achoe, Ramala Coleman,
Whitney Abell

Reporting crosses the line

Dear Editor,
I am concerned with The Northerner's portrayal of people of color.

I have been a student here at NKU since 2000, and since then people of color have had a problem with The Northerner. From the false report about the words from an excellent professor here that caused him unnecessary public humiliation, the inaccurate DPS reports that covered up a dangerous crime, to the unethical exposure of an alleged sex offender causing unrest from the African American students here at NKU.

There is one thing in common with the very few named here out of many other examples: they were all people of color. When will this attack on the group of people that make this university multicultural end?

It seems that after meeting

with the Northerner staff that they feel justified in that free-press is a little thing called a right to endanger one's reputation and character. But since this is an educational institution and a little thing called a Code of Ethics that should never be broken, and The Northerner is definitely guilty of breaking more than a few of them.

The Northern Kentucky University College of Education Code of Ethics and professional conduct states that "The student shall create and maintain a safe physical and emotional learning environment. The student shall collaborate with others in a positive, cooperative and courteous manner."

The student shall not fabricate or misrepresent any facts, documents, reports or information given to faculty staff, supervi-

ing teachers, university supervisors, students, colleagues or others. Deceitful or dishonest behavior is not professional behavior."

In the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel states that: "Students shall provide students with professional educational services in a nondiscriminatory manner." The student shall respect the constitutional rights of all students. Students shall take reasonable measures to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students," to name a few. I hope that in the future the university practices these principles and will apologize to the victims that were not considered in previous articles.

Deven A. Favors
President of STAR

Inaccurate reports on Terri Schiavo more

False statements about case perpetuate opposition, controversy

Dear Editor,
I am writing to voice my disgust at the recent column about Terri Schiavo-Schiavo, and to inform you of some of the facts that you found convenient to overlook.

Before you question my knowledge of this case, I'll tell you that I am Terri's cousin. I remember the morning of Terri's collapse when my father told me what had happened, and I remember the long weeks and months that followed, where there was much uncertainty about her condition and her future.

While reading your editorial, I was struck by the number of factual errors and omissions that I saw. Honestly, the story is just laden with them, and the result is a pretty offensive piece of prose. It's offensive to Terri and her family; it's offensive to disabled people who are the cause of it; it's offensive to good journalists who get their facts straight before they put pen to paper.

You state: "It all started in 1990 when Schiavo's husband heard her fall and called 911."

The truth is: Michael Schiavo never called 911. Terri's brother, Bobby, did after Michael called him and asked he come over stating "something is wrong with Terri."

You state: "Efforts to revive her were successful, but she suffered severe brain damage from being deprived of oxygen. Her cerebral cortex was replaced with cerebral spinal fluid, and most doctors agree she will never recover from her vegetative state. Even the most optimistic doctors feel she can only gain a limited sense of awareness."

The truth is: Unless you have it surgically removed or suffer a

traumatic head injury, your cerebral cortex doesn't just become a still fern, just there. Scores of doctors testified to this during the malpractice trial against Terri's physicians. While Terri currently has limited abilities, her family's contention has always been that she could have improved with surgery. Terri currently has a brother named Fred with a similar brain injury who not only survived, but learned to drive a car on his own. Of course, I didn't know him as "Fred," I knew him as "Grandad."

You state: "It is a very tragic story, a quality of life taken from such a young woman and the family doing all it could to help in her recovery. They moved her from one treatment to another in search of hope."

The truth is: My Uncle Bob and Aunt Marylee have never been awarded a quality of life they deserve and needs. This is because Michael Schiavo is her sole guardian. Did you not even take the time to only one of the briefs filed on Terri's behalf by her mother and father where they requested - over and over and over again - that they be allowed to make medical decisions for their daughter? Terri has received no rehabilitation of any kind in more than a decade.

You state: "Schiavo's husband filed a lawsuit claiming medical malpractice. Before her collapse he had made medical visits many times for various symptoms, and he had failed to recognize the signs of bulimia. The eating disorder caused a potassium imbalance leading to her collapse. Schiavo's husband successfully won a \$1 million judgment."

The truth is: An eating disorder

was never indicated as the cause of her collapse. This has been an ongoing observation in Terri's situation and, frankly, my family is getting sick of hearing it. Also, the judgment was \$1.4 million, and the award was determined by a jury who was told that Terri would need care and rehabilitation for the rest of her life (they estimated that at 52 years).

You state: "Schiavo's parents felt they deserved half the money her husband won for loss of consortium, and he disagreed. The husband had lived with her parents after the accident until the time he was awarded the money. The parents, feeling slighted, began to charge him with abuse and asked him to divorce her so they could become her legal guardians."

"To support their claim, they argued that a 1991 bone scan showed signs of cancer and was the real cause of her collapse. It was not brought up during the malpractice suit but arose after they had been refused half the money."

The truth is: Terri's parents, on Valentine's Day, 1993, about five months after the money was awarded, asked Michael Schiavo when he was going to start Terri's rehabilitation. That was when the trouble started. Michael refused to grant Terri treatment of any kind. Months later she was moved into a hospice (a hospice is where terminally ill) and Michael refused to allow her to be treated for a simple urinary tract infection, an action that could have cost her. That was when Terri's parents filed their first of many court motions asking their daughter to be treated.

Incidentally, Terri's parents

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Article invades privacy

Dear Editor,
I am responding to the article in the edition of The Northerner dated March 21. I was dismayed to find the picture in the paper of the student who is the subject of the article. This strikes me as flagrantly irresponsible.

As stated in the article, the student stands charged with the crime, not found guilty of it.

Printing his picture is an invasion of privacy particularly sensitive in our university environment. His participation

in classes and activities here at the university is potentially compromised until and even after judgment is rendered.

Both this student and the alleged victim deserve reasonable privacy to pursue their course of action in the court of law. The court of public opinion hardly needs to be fanned for both their sakes.

Brian Roberson
Professor
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Advised should face expulsion

Dear Editor,
I was shocked to pick up the Cincinnati Enquirer and find out that a student at Northern Kentucky University was allegedly raped. It was even more shocked to find out that the student who is charged with this vicious crime is still a student here. What in the world are the school administrators thinking?

A student charged with rape is a menace to society and ought to be expelled and put behind bars. There are a number of females on this campus, one of whom is my sister, who cannot defend themselves against men. They are at risk for assault and possibly worse.

The black students want to turn this, every other racial issue, into a racial issue.

According to the Enquirer, the black students on campus have complained that Michael Powell's mug shot was posted on the cover of The Northerner. These students are attempting to find a legitimate safety concern in a divisive, racial issue.

Every student at Northern needs to make a decision: either you stand with a scumbag or you stand with the unnamed victim and every other female on this campus. Those who stand with the females need to maintain vigilance and work hard for Powell's expulsion.

Kevin Mulvey
Junior, international studies-pre-law

never even knew about the bone scan until a decade after it was taken, and the statute of limitations on typical domestic violence cases expires. The abuse they refer to early on in Michael's case by neglect.

You state: "Her husband's actions raise concerns also. He has found a new girlfriend, with whom he has two children. He would like to marry her but cannot as long as Terri is alive. He stands to inherit the money in her will when she passes. Both parties seem to have other interests than the welfare of Terri Schiavo. Greed seems to be the common factor on both sides."

The truth is: There's no money left. Michael Schiavo has given the money to his legal team to have Terri starved. Meanwhile, Terri's "greedy" parents have given up their retirement funds, their house, their savings, and even substantial amounts of money from Terri's siblings to pay for her legal counsel. Terri's parents are greedy; that is a disgusting statement to make. They are dedicated parents who would go to the ends of the earth to save their daughter.

You state: "Schiavo's parents admit in court records that she did not wish to be attached to life support but that she made those comments when she was a minor."

The truth is: That is just a lie. I have no idea how you came up with that statement.

You state: "Before the malpractice award, both parties agreed on seeking treatment, and no medical treatment of her desire not to be on life support."

The truth is: This is the only true and factual statement made in your entire article. The only one.

You state: "Greed seems to

be the only motivation for both parties. It is tragic that both parties, but that is not the point. We are putting her interest aside to further their own agendas." And "The only lesson learned is that a livable will is needed. Every person 18 years or older should have one. It can be amended if you should change your mind, but it guarantees your wishes will be heard. You will not be left in a pain in an ugly game of greed."

The truth is: Again, you claim to know for a fact that Terri's parents are greedily trying to save their daughter. And for what? "To further their own agendas." What exactly, does this mean, John? What is their "agenda"? Why would two people give up everything they have made up in your mind while to keep some brain damaged woman alive?

Well, those two people are parents, and that brain damaged woman is their daughter, who needs their help right now. That's why, John. Not greed and not some imaginary agenda you made up in your mind when you were writing this at ten minutes to deadline.

Every newspaper article that disseminates inaccurate information about Terri and her family adds to the mountain of opposition that Terri and her family have to fight. The article you wrote is available through Google News and God knows how many other media outlets, and your article makes numerous libelous statements that have no basis in fact.

As a journalist, you are responsible for the truth, John. You are also responsible for it when you are wrong. In this case, you are.

Katie J. Brown

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staff stances on civil coverage

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Northern's recent coverage of an alleged rape has raised questions about legal and ethical practices of the paper. In the March 2 edition, it was reported that Michael Powell, a 20-year-old Northern Kentucky University student was charged and arrested with rape.

The Northern covered this report of sexual assault because it led to an arrest, which had not happened on campus in more than a year. According to police Lt. Col. Jeff Martin, all but three sexual assaults reported to the NKU Police Department since August 2001 have been determined to be unfounded. The last time a sexual assault was reported on campus that led to an arrest

was in January 2004. The third sexual-assault-related arrest happened in December 2001.

As journalists, we have a responsibility to inform our audience of newsworthy occurrences and issues that concern them. The majority of The Northern staff is comprised of upper-classmen journalism majors who obtained positions as editors because of their knowledge of journalistic writing styles and ethics. Through the communication department at NKU, we are learning how to follow legal and ethical standards and strive for objectivity. Upon learning about and researching the incident, the editorial board discussed at length appropriate steps to take when covering the alleged assault.

Students have questioned

whether the article would have been handled the same way or covered at all if the accused had been a white student. The staff was not aware of the race of either student involved until we received Powell's mug shot, at which time we had already made the decision to publish it. Although Powell's complete address was not included in the article, the location of his residence was included because

according to the police report the alleged assault occurred in Powell's dorm room, thus making the location critical to the article. Both Powell and the alleged victim were contacted and given the chance to respond before the article was published.

Our coverage of this particular incident has also raised questions about objectivity and lack of diversity in the past. The Northern makes great efforts to diversify its coverage, addressing issues representative of the entire NKU campus and community. However, with a core staff of 13 editors on a campus of over 14,000 students, it is not possible for us to be aware of every event and issue. We always have and continue to encourage all students to inform us of events and topics they feel

NKU should know about.

Students with an interest in keeping the NKU community informed of pressing issues are also encouraged to write for the Northern. You do not have to be a journalism major or have any previous experience. Applied online at www.thenorthern.com or in person at our office in EC 203. The Northern staff can be behind its coverage of the arrest. We believe we handled the situation fairly and accurately. As we expressed at a meeting with concerned students March 3, we are always willing to hear students' issues with the paper in an effort to provide full representation of the campus community.

norse poll responses

Compiled by Amanda Davidson

Do you think professors should be required to post midterm grades for all students?



Evan Moore
Sophomore, graphic design

"I think it's a good thing because you know where you're standing in case you get a bad grade you can drop the class."



Ajita Jadhav
Grad student, psychology

"Yes, to keep track of how you are progressing."



Robert Pederson
Junior, music education

"Yes, I'd like to see where I'm at halfway through the course. I don't get a lot of feedback from the teachers."



Julie Schmidt
Sophomore, English

"Yeah it would be nice. I think it would help."



Abdul Banire
Senior, biology

"Yes, you'd like to know where you stand."



Rose Freer-Lancaster
Freshman, undeclared

"I think all professors should provide grades because it gives people a good idea of where they're at and what they can improve."

editorialnote

Prepare to schedule with caution

Registration for the fall semester is fast approaching and Northern Kentucky University students are mapping out their course of action. This can be a tedious task for students, so the university has appointed academic advisors to assist the troubled student population.



A comic's perspective
With Matt Stanton

Though the proper intentions may be present, the adviser meeting can be hazardous to one's health. How can you survive the dreadful "advising"? Don't worry, because our old friend, Miss Knottall is back to save us once

again. Her knowledge of college life once again can prove helpful.

First and foremost, Knottall suggests looking up information about the classes that you want to take. You have to know what you're getting into. There have been occurrences of students not

knowing the difference between geography and geology. Imagine the embarrassment of showing up to the first day class with your globe in hand and all you see are people studying rocks. If you don't know the meaning of the dis-

pline then don't take it. Knottall adds that political science doesn't count as a lab requirement for graduation.

NKU has a large faculty because of the amount of students enrolled. There is a good chance that you won't know every instructor. This is where your adviser steps in and can be very helpful. Miss Knottall waves a flag of caution. In order to understand your adviser, you must speak the ancient student lingo. The native language of the lost empire of Advisory. These are the ancestors of the modern day adviser.

Knottall gives us a few examples to help in your decision-making. If your adviser

tells you, "that you will learn a lot," run! That phrase is Advik for "instructor who breaks souls." On the other hand, if your adviser tells you "the instructor is fun," sign up quickly. That phrase means you'll get an A for showing up. That teacher would let you have a key party in class and not care.

Now that you have your classes picked out, you have to lay them out into a schedule. Knottall believes that a student should know their limits when it comes to scheduling. If you are not a morning person, don't have all of your classes start at 8 a.m. I know that if I had class that early, most of the time Public Safety could give me a

DUI. The early bird gets the worm, but if you are the kind of person who eats that worm out of the bottom of a tequila bottle, then maybe a later time is good for you.

Finally, don't be scared of your adviser meeting. They are great resources to help you graduate before 50 Cent wins a Nobel Prize. Miss Knottall's help, you will not be an adviser meeting victim. Learn Advik Norse, and study with caution.

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Misguided honor given to celebrities

BY JOHN FOLEY

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The last six weeks have seen excess brought to the forefront. The award shows honoring musicians and actresses and all the self-important people were almost daily. Baseball players testified before Congress on the state of the game and the current scandal. We held these people up for a brief time. How do they contribute to society?

Some of them make us laugh or divert our attention from other serious issues for a brief time. I give them credit for that, but is that the reason we give them the adulation. Even the best-selling album or the highest rated television

show or movie reaches a small percentage of the population.

I'm not saying that they do not deserve the money they're paid. Every person has the right to earn as much money as they can. However, do we need to honor them with award shows and icon status while they serve only a small percentage of the people?

After the Sept. 11 attacks, athletes, musicians and movie stars were relegated to less favorable status. There were more important things to consider in the world than people who make enormous amounts of money and have little in common with everyday people.

Being a great athlete, musician or actor makes a person a great person. The world paid tribute to the real heroes, but how quickly that

show or movie reaches a small percentage of the population. The heroes are the teachers, firemen, policemen and soldiers who protect us. Teachers give us the ability to learn our world and learn about other people and cultures. They give us the ability to make our own decisions and think. We think them with little if any respect and only enough money to manage a meager living. Those closest to children make the least money, while administrators, farthest from the children, make the most.

Kidnappers risk their lives to save us or our property. How do we honor their courage? Cincinnati recently closed schools to give the firefighters a day off. The firemen objected but nobody listened.

When was the last time you

thanked a policeman for his service or the brave men and women of our armed services fighting for freedom around the world? The police have to deal with the worst element in society on a daily basis. The people most of us try to avoid.

The soldiers put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so that we can live in peace. Yet we honor men and women who can sing, pretend or play games. Their self-importance is appalling. Our allegiance to them is disturbing.

Let's honor the volunteer coaches that teach our children values. They teach how to win and lose with dignity. They teach life lessons that are important, like teamwork, that give value to us as human beings. We honor this society by ignoring it or by burdening

them with trivial conversation on why our children should be the star or to keep a child with less talent from participation. The people who referee or umpire a game we honor with insults and on occasion, violence.

We honor the wrong people in society. The people who do the most good for the largest majority receive little to no respect.

Athletes, musicians and movie stars provide a valuable service. But in contrast to what others do it pales in comparison. If you want a hero to model your life after, find a teacher, fireman, policeman, doctor or nurse, a volunteer or a member of the armed services. Try to live up to their standards. Without them, what kind of world would this be?

letterscontinued

Editorial disays dominant ideology, myths

Dear Editor,

Steve Funaro's March 2 article in The Northerner is to be commended as a classic standard for U.S. dominant ideology supporting the class system and justifying inequality. Its ubiquitous myths and lack of facts demand debunking.

It's almost scary that the author is a senior and has learned nothing about reality; he's just a neocan megaphone. He can even pair up "Bush" and "preemptive" in a sentence, even though he's making some positive point. Yes, "American society has mutated into something FDR never intended it to be" or 60 years of policies from other presidents, either: unilateral military behavior, president in military garb, cowboy rhetoric - "bring it on."

"People" shows up 10 times in his article. So point-by-point, I'll get down to people, people, people. I've already mentioned preemptive Bush, the first "some people"

in this article. Next are those mysterious "Others" wanting social security and other entitlement programs to stay as they are. I can't imagine who they could be, as in comparison with other industrial societies, the U.S. spends proportionately less on social welfare programs, with all but a few modern societies providing family allowances, extended disability and unemployment payments, plus old age pensions as a right of citizenship unrelated to work history. The U.S. ranks a shameful 22nd in infant mortality rates; a 1988 study found that half a million Americans could be found in any given week living on the street or eating in soup kitchens; 30 million Americans are chronically malnourished.

Next, "extremely lazy people," by-products of the new deal he says. Which new deal? The 1980 one that reduced or eliminated most assistance programs, by the mid-'90s slash-

ing one-third state and federal funding primarily in the four social welfare programs affecting poor women and their children? Or the wealth-welfare one: \$5 billion a year food stamp program in the form of tax deductions for business related meals and entertainment; \$10 billion annually to wealthy landowners and corporations from the farm and forest land intended for family farms; Medicaid for the rich consists of \$47 billion of tax deductions for business management but not all other employees; the nation's largest military contractor, General Dynamics Corp. didn't pay federal income tax for 13 years in spite of \$2 billion in profits; 60 percent of U.S. companies pay no income tax at all, etc. Who's lazy?

The next "people" are wondering why they should save for retirement when there's social security, the gift of government free food and money

thick. Mr. Funaro must live in Disneyland, because no job, no social security, is based on earnings credits. This being the case, one had better get a couple of jobs because with wages not keeping pace with the cost of living, retirement on social security alone is a myth like all the points raised in this article.

Monthly payments will not cover the most minimal expenses and life savings won't cover medical expenses. Those all-pay-no-work healthy people? The number of poor adults working full time is twice as high as the number of nonworking adults receiving welfare. Next, oh no right, it isn't just Social Security, it's Medicare, too. Overhaul. In the 2000 proposed budget, almost \$55 billion will be spent on social issues, and we've almost reached that level. Over a billion a month is spent on the "war" but that's ok. Boy Scouts collecting for the poor are taking their donations to military, not because military families can't live on what the government is

paying them, although the U.S. spends more on its military than any country in the world and proportionately less on education and social services.

Last but not least, a textbook comment on Mr. Funaro's arrogant conclusion: "people can learn a better way to make a living - working for it." Clearly, poverty in America is not due to lack of commitment to the labor force but to a shortage of jobs with decent wages and family related benefits. To Mr. Funaro and "people can mind" "people" I say, make like a college student and do a little research, then draw conclusions from evidence, not what you're spoon-fed. Or, since it is hard to believe a senior in college can be so firmly entrenched in false consciousness, and he is a College Republican member, can this be a political stunt for Republicans?

Blaise Stevens-Hearing
Sociology Associate in criminal justice

campuscalendar

wednesday

• The Institute for Freedom Studies presents lecture by Frank O. Eguaraje, Ph.D., "African and African American Art and the Quest for Freedom" at 3:30 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

• Delta Zeta silent auction held in UC lobby from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

thursday

• BFSa lecture by NKU professor Tiffany Hinton, "Black Cultures, Black Literatures: The Makings of a Scholarly Agenda" at 12:30 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

• NKU Brass Choir performance at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.

• Ceramic Sculpture Building open house from 5 to 8 p.m.

friday

• NKU Guitar Ensemble performance at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.

saturday

• Inaugural World Music Concert Series presents Brave Old World, a group performing traditional Jewish music, at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall. General admission is \$15, and \$10 for students, faculty, staff and seniors.

• NKU baseball game versus St. Joseph's College at noon.

sunday

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monday

• Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. bake sale and bunny raffle in Old Science, Landrum and UC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will last until Friday.

tuesday

• NKU Choral Concert at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall. General admission is \$5, and \$3 for students, faculty, staff and seniors.

• NKU baseball game versus the University of Indianapolis at 1 p.m.

To place an event contact Regan Coomer at 859-572-5859



Amanda Davidson / Photographer

(above) "Portfolio" by Christopher Ritter and "The male hero painted (and yes I'm compensating for something)" by Benjamin Rogers (below) "Opportunity" by Alex Jarnon were featured in the Juried Student Exhibition and Scholarship Competition gallery. The gallery will be on display until April 1 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



northernlife

Seven bands to battle in third-annual event

\$500 grand prize at stake in APB's Battle of the Bands

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Seven bands were selected to perform at the Activities Programming Board's third-annual Battle of the Bands, to be held April 16.

One Breath Below, Kicks of Passion, Alispyo, Last in Line, In Rage, Second Time and The Frankel Project will compete in this year's event.

"We've put a lot of energy and money into it," said Sheena Dunn, director of music programming for APB. "We paid for sound and lighting and staging."

Norust, the winner of last year's competition, will open the event.

Because APB opened the auditions to bands outside of the university, not all of the band's members are from Northern Kentucky University. They will battle on two stages in Regents Hall, while one band is performing on one stage, another band will set up their equipment on the other.

At the end of the night, the audience will vote on their favorite band. The band with the most votes will win \$500.

Kicks of Passion will be performing for the first time at the battle. Matt Baker, the singer for the discoband band admitted, "It's going to be nerve wrecking since it's our first show, but it should be fun."

Kicks of Passion also features NKU students Tom Ryan and Nick Wagner who played in the band Abigail.

Two bands, One Breath Below, who placed third last year, and Alispyo, are competing in the battle again.

One Breath Below has performed in several local venues and is finishing a new album, according to their Web site.

Alispyo, a post-hardcore band that spread fliers throughout the campus for this year's battle. "I don't care if we win. I just want to play for a lot of people," said Alispyo bassist Lucas Cooper.

Alispyo drummer Andy Acheson and lead guitarist Ben Rogers are also NKU students.

Although this year's bands plan to promote the show throughout the area, Norust proved last year that with or without promotion, anyone could win.

"(Winning) was a bit of a surprise," said Travis Talbert, Norust's guitarist. "We only told two people and ended up winning."



Photo Contributed by Adam Rosing

A member of last year's winner, Norust, bassist Nick Vogelwohl, performs at Radiodown.

Talbert said competition between the bands for this year's event would be close. "No one has an overwhelming chance to blow (another band) out of the water," he said.

With the amount of promotion, Dunn, along with members of the bands, hope the turnout will be higher than last year's event.

"There's 15,000 people that go to school there. It should be easy to pull a thousand people to this show... if people actually try," Cooper said.

Battle of the bands will be in Regents Hall, Monday April 16 at 8:30 p.m.

Prior to the battle, tickets will be on sale for \$5 in the UC lobby during the day, and in Norse Commons from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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Music for some of the bands performing at the battle can be found online at the following sites:

- myspace.com/kicksoffpassion
- onebreathbelow.com
- alispyo.com
- norust.com

Band finds 'simpler way of life'

Moving East draws influence from Eastern culture, philosophy and religion

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As 2004 came to a close, four friends decided they wanted to start something new with three guitars, a mandolin and a banjo. They wanted to write songs about Buddhism and the meaning of life.

From just south of Florence, Ben Smith, Ian Bolender, Adam Brown and Mike Marquette create the music for Moving East.

The new band debuted their sound at Cincy Punk Fest III in January. They also took the opportunity to play one of the final shows at Radiodown, a rock 'n' roll bar in Covington. Now the band is preparing for an upcoming concert, April 6, at the Northside Tavern in Cincinnati.

"Some kid once told us we sound like the music from JC Penney," Smith said.

Although their music isn't heard at JC Penney, according to their Web site, their music is similar to "artists such as Glen Phillips, Nickel Creek and Nick Drake with vocal harmonies comparable to Guster."

The guys not only play together in the band but also spend a lot of time discussing philosophy, religion and other politics.

"That's how we came up with our name, because we believe that Eastern culture is a simpler way of life," said Bolender, Moving East's guitarist.

The study of Eastern philosophy also helps Smith create the band lyrics.

Of the four band members, three attend Northern Kentucky University. Bolender is a junior marketing major whereas Smith and Brown are both undeclared.

Aside from school and the band, Bolender teaches guitar lessons at Wert Music, a guitar school in Erlanger, while Smith and Brown teach the guitar to students at Epenebeck Elementary in Florence.



Photos contributed by Moving East

Moving East says learning skills from one another, which helps mold the band together.

The members of the band also continually study music theory and learn different skills from each other. Other than friendship, these studies are what link the acoustic quartet.

Although Moving East doesn't have a drummer they have expressed interest in finding one eventually. Until then, the beat will continue to be kept by a member slapping his hand against a guitar.

"It's a matter of finding someone who's good enough," Smith said. "Our main focus on a musician is the ego."

Moving East currently records in Smith's

home with Bolender producing the music.

They are recording songs with the intention of creating demos they can submit to festivals and showcases in the summer.

The band plans to perform at the Midpoint Music Festival, an annual event in Cincinnati, Ohio, in late September.

The band's primary goal is to win a Cincinnati Entertainment Award for new artist of the year.

For more information, music, pictures and journal updates on Moving East, visit www.movingeast.net or www.myspace.com/movingeast.

The Mars Volta puts out 'sexy' CD

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If art is the personal journal of the artist, then interpretation is where translation meets no boundaries. For The Mars Volta this translator is rock music. It is their vessel for which they transmute elements of jazz, salsa, classical and experimental.

Frances The Mute, the latest offering from Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, Cedric Bixler Zavala (the core of The Mars Volta) is every bit of amazing. It's one of those albums that comes along very rarely but has the power to last decades. From beginning to end, this epic 77-minute composition is as lively, erratic and soulful as Led Zeppelin, sexy and moving as Santana and precise and calculated as Yes.

All of this with the underlying chaos of a punk ethic makes Frances The Mute an amalgamate of circulating guitars and ghostly whistles. You just might dance a bit.

Cygnus... Vismund Cygnus, the beginning of this musical labyrinth, is coated with eccentric timings, punctuated by the tightest rhythm section in music today. Valleys and mountains of audio landscapes securing the listener's ear pulse through this journey of art. This is surrounded with the war cries of Cedric Bixler, gliding their way over the topography of the movements.

The sound of cars and ambient chatter introduce the grace of "The Widow." This track is the current single and only radio-appropriate piece of the puzzle. It contains elements scattered about this opus of an album, an important translator



Photo provided by Universal Music

The Mars Volta members Omar Rodriguez and Cedric Bixler.

to those unfamiliar with the brilliance of the entire Mars Volta collective.

The album's final sliver is a 32-minute work that spans seven tracks. "Cassandra Gemini," also containing sub-chapters, is a bit hard to bite into but fulfilling. It's hard to wrap your head around such a lengthy song, but before you know it, it is your favorite movement of this orchestral performance by some of independent rock's most important artists.

On this track, the direction of music is completely unheard of but completely palpable. With so many movements, it's hardly a chore to be attentive to the seductive wail of voice, guitar, keyboards, full orchestra and typically some of the most difficult rhythms pulled off seamlessly.

To finish this musical story

is the forthcoming single, "Frances The Mute." But unless you own a record player, it will be hard to hear the not-included title track to what I believe will be an important record for years to come and a gag for what music should be intense, calm, chaotic, talented. However you take it, it's yours to translate.

Frances The Mute takes on many forms, all real and breathing. The genius fusion of all that has been vital to the upper most influential of musicians is perfectly injected into the vein of the body that is the Mars Volta. A real black sheep in today's cookie-cutter band factories sponsored by the "big five" record companies.

All together Frances The Mute is a reminder of how music used to be and what music can be.

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Sports Scene

with Matt Steffen

March Madness generates interest

A rite of spring started last week with the opening of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. For the next two weeks all the talk around the water cooler will be about it. This is one of the best times of the year because it appeals to all people in the sports world. The diehard sports nut and even the casual fan are intrigued by it because of the game's unexpected outcomes.

The talk of the NCAA Tournament has fueled the prospective move of Northern Kentucky University athletic teams from Division II to Division I. This move was highlighted last week when Gov. Ernie Fletcher stopped by Regents Hall March 15 to celebrate the "victory" of finally securing funding to build the long-awaited special events center on campus. The excitement grew when two teams from conferences the Norse are looking to join—should they choose to make the jump to Division I—made some noise in the tournament. The Panthers from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, members of the Horizon League, will make their first Sweet 16 appearance in school history this week when they play the University of Illinois after defeating Alabama and Boston College in the first two rounds.

The other team is Oakland University Grizzlies, who are from the Mid-Continent Conference. The Grizzlies made the NCAA tournament by defeating Oral Roberts University in the Mid-Continent Conference championship game, even though they played in the second round. They defeated Alabama A&M in the play-in game at University of Dayton arena before they ran into a buzz saw against the North Carolina Tar Heels.

The exposure the teams get from the NCAA Tournament is amazing and invaluable. Think back to 1998 when Valparaiso University captured the nation's heart in the tournament. Bryce Drew definitely created exposure for himself after hitting the last second shot against University of Mississippi. He was the 16th overall pick in the 1998 NBA draft by the Houston Rockets. He was last playing in the NBA for the New Orleans Hornets.

If a player from NKU gets picked in the NBA draft it would create a lot of exposure for this school. It will be a welcome sight when the ESPN trucks pull into the Bank of Kentucky Center. When a team plays on national television it's a great thing because of the exposure.

A highlight of this past weekend's tournament action was the highly anticipated border war between the Kentucky Wildcats and Cincinnati Bearcats. This was a great game. Although the better team came out on top, if these two teams don't do battle for another 10 or 15 years, Bearcat fans will have that bad taste in their mouth for that long.

It will be an interesting next couple of weeks to see who can be the national champion.

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Sweep extends winning streak



Ricki Rothbauer scores a run in the Norse win over Bellarmine.

Norse look to improve school record

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Emily Breitholtz pitched a complete game two-hit shutout, and Rachel Vogelphi had a triple that drove in two runs in the second inning as the Norse completed the two-game sweep of Bellarmine at the Frank Ignatius Grein softball field March 21.

The wins extended Northern Kentucky University's winning streak to 24 games as the number one team in the country kept on rolling. NKU started early in this game scoring three runs in the second inning on a two-run triple by Vogelphi and an RBI single by Ricki Rothbauer. The Norse didn't look back from there.

NKU added an insurance run in the fifth inning when Angie Lindeman hit a one-out triple and Sarah King hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the final run for NKU, making the score 4-0. All four runs were given up by Bellarmine pitcher Ashley Eppich who falls to 1-6 this season. The game was never in question for NKU and played at a quick pace of an hour and a half.

Outstanding pitching has carried NKU throughout the season. Thus far, Breitholtz has struck giving up only two hits to Bellarmine. At one point in the game, Breitholtz retired 13 batters in a row, including striking out the side in the second inning. The win is Breitholtz's eighth of the season.

During the doubleheader, NKU pitching baffled Bellarmine batters, giving up just three hits. The tough pitching from the bats right out of the hands of

Bellarmine. The best opportunity Bellarmine had to score was in the sixth inning with a leadoff double, but NKU battled out of trouble and retired Bellarmine in order in the seventh inning securing the shut-out victory.

In game one of the doubleheader, NKU also won 4-0 with Krystal Lewallen pitching a one-hit shutout and striking out 17 Bellarmine batters. The win enabled Lewallen to move to 12-0 on the season. The loss went to Claire Horstman, dropping her to 7-6. Horstman gave up four runs on eight hits in a little over four innings of work. The losses drop Bellarmine to 9-13 overall, snapping their modest two-game winning streak.

NKU was proficient with their base runners collecting six hits and scoring four runs. The Norse left six runners on base, but most of those were with two outs and no one in scoring position. The combination of timely hitting and terrific pitching has been the recipe for NKU to beat, far, carrying them to the number one ranking in Division II.

The softball team is all business right now. The one thing on their minds is winning the next game. It shows on the field, where they have the perfect mix of winning games and having fun. NKU will put its school record 24 game winning streak on the line when they travel to Battle Creek, Mich., to participate in the GLVCGLIAC showdown against Ferris State. NKU defeated Ferris State earlier in the season in Orlando 2-1.

NKU returns home to play Indianapolis April 2 for a doubleheader with game two at noon and game three scheduled for 2 p.m.

Gordon has first win since surgery

Norse pitcher recovers from Tommy John surgery, notches victory on trip to West Coast

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It's been a long time coming, but it was worth the wait for one Northern Kentucky University pitcher.

While on the team's spring break trip to San Diego, Calif., fifth-year senior Shane Gordon picked up his first collegiate win March 9.

What made the victory even sweeter was that it was against one of the best offensive teams in the country in Cal-Poly at Pomona.

"It was one of the most rewarding wins of my career," said Gordon. "I've been through so much in the past few years, I really haven't had a lot of chances to get out on the mound and prove myself." Gordon has suffered through an injury-plagued career in his tenure at NKU. After coming to Highland Heights as a shortstop, Gordon was moved to the pitching staff his sophomore year.

He threw well for the team in his only start that season, striking out three batters in only two and two-thirds innings, but before he finished the third

inning he heard a loud "pop" in his right elbow. "I was really excited about making it into the starting rotation as a sophomore, and it was a huge letdown for me to get hurt in my first start of the year," said Gordon.

Gordon tore his ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow and needed Tommy John surgery to continue pitching.

"Tommy John is a surgical replacement of the torn ligament with a tendon from the wrist, knee or ankle," said Timothy Kremchek, Cincinnati Reds team physician. "The new tendon is then looped through the holes that are drilled into the bone."

"Pitching is very difficult with this injury," Kremchek added. "Your command will be off, your stuff is not as crisp and velocity is hard to maintain."

Reconstructive elbow surgery requires months of intensive and painful physical therapy.

"The first goal of physical therapy is to get a full range of motion back," said Lori Berick, an orthopedic physical therapist at Beacom Orthopedics. "After you can extend your arm it takes about four and a half

months of intense physical therapy, then 18 weeks of an interval throwing program."

"Usually a pitcher is back to original form about a year and a half, but it really depends on how the individual reacts to the strengthening program," Berick said.

After allowing the proper recovery time to heal, Gordon began to focus on his comeback. He was forced to take a medical red-shirt after he was injured in his sophomore season, which set him back both physically and mentally.

"It was really frustrating sitting out that year," he said. "We had a really good year that year, but our weakness was pitching. It's unfortunate because I think I could have really made an impact and helped out the team."

After sitting out for two full seasons, Gordon was once again prepared to contribute to the team's success in the 2004 season.

NKU had one of their best seasons in school history that year, but Gordon admittedly had little to do with the team's league championship and NCAA Regional berth.

Gordon's injury hampered his abilities throughout the sea-

son. Not being able to pitch at 100 percent, combined with what may have been the Norse's most talented pitching staffs ever, prevented Gordon from getting the playing time he needed to gain his arm strength back.

This season, NKU is predicted to defend their GLVC title with their strength being a lights-out pitching staff, and Gordon expects to be a major part of that.

"I think I can help the team the most coming out of the bullpen," Gordon said. "We have great starters this year, and they're going to fill my role which will most likely be in relief."

Gordon made good on his words in his first outing of the year. Head Coach Todd Axelson put Gordon into the game not knowing what to expect out of his veteran pitcher.

"We were just hoping for the best," Axelson said. "Shane was a pretty good pitcher before the operation. I just told him to throw strikes, have good command and do his best."

Gordon not only met, but exceeded his coach's requests by throwing three innings, giving up only one hit and no runs. The worst part of Gordon's

performance was the one walk he gave up, but he kept it from it with a strikeout in the sixth inning.

"He definitely earned himself another opportunity," Axelson said. "He threw all of his pitches for strikes and kept a real good team off balance."

Cal-Poly Pomona is an annual offensive juggernaut, a team associated with many schools on the West Coast. The Broncos are currently hitting a whopping .292 as a team. That's close to every third hitter getting a hit.

The Norse came back from an 8-3 deficit to win that game, with the help of a three-run home run by Jim Volpe in the ninth inning.

"That game was awesome," Gordon said. "It really felt great to be a part of that one."

Gordon has gained a lot of savvy and confidence over the years as a ballplayer, and is only hoping for bigger and better things for the team in the future.

"My family hasn't seen me pitch in almost three years," he said. "It would be a dream come true to get the chance to help the team win a post-season game in front of my parents."

Taekwondo Club qualifies for Nationals

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Students with an interest in martial arts looking for a fun and unique way to get in shape should check out the Taekwondo Club, Northern Kentucky University's newest club sport.

Founded in 1999 by Master Susie Jang, the Taekwondo Club was recently registered as a club sport through Campus Recreation and has been competing in many tournaments this year. In their short time of formation, the Taekwondo Club has racked up many awards and honors for their excellence in form and sparring.

On Feb. 26, the club competed in the Region 6 Championship at the University of Akron and had many members qualify for the National Competition. NKU student Dan Eisenman earned gold in forms and a bronze in sparring, while Alicia Barba also earned gold in forms and silver in sparring.

Chris Jang, a graduate student at NKU, is the head coach. "I am very excited that so many club members qualified for the national tournament," Jang said. "I am very pleased with their performances."

The qualifiers of the regional tournament will go on to compete in the Amateur Athletic Union's National Taekwondo Championship Tournament in Greensboro, N.C., from July 4 and 5.

Susie Jang, who co-owns and operates Jang's Taekwondo Academy with Chris, was also excited about the team's performance. "We did great," she said. "Everyone from NKU that went qualified for the U.S. National Championship."

The Taekwondo Club practices regularly in the gym and new Multi-Purpose Room in the Albright Health Center on Fridays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Students interested in becoming a member are encouraged to stop by during practice, or visit their Web site at studenthouse.nku.edu/taekwondo for more information.



Photograph contributed by the NKU Taekwondo Club

NKU students Farhad Abdikadirov (far left), Ron Cole (center) and Chris Jang (far right) with competitors, judges and spectators after their intermediate victories.

NCAA Tournament provides surprises

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The first four days of the 2005 NCAA Basketball Tournament provided many upsets, last-second shots and one monumental battle that had all tri-state fans tuned in.

This year's tournament has the makings of one of the greatest in history with many top seeds being eliminated, such as Connecticut, Kansas, Syracuse, Gonzaga and Wake Forest. In fact, Arizona is the only 3-seed to make it to the Sweet 16, and other than North Carolina, the other than number-one seeds have been tested in the first two rounds.

Perhaps the most memorable game of the first two rounds was

the March 19 double-overtime thriller between Wake Forest and Cinderella-story West Virginia. Many predicted Wake Forest to be in the Final Four, but that scenario was wiped out with clutch three-point shooting by West Virginia.

Other sleeper teams making it to the Sweet 16 are Wisconsin-Milwaukee, North Carolina State and Texas Tech, led by legendary coach Bob Knight. Knight makes his first trip back to the third round since 1994, when he coached the Indiana Hoosiers.

Also taking place March 19 was perhaps the most anticipated game in our area's history when the University of Kentucky took on the University of Cincinnati in Indianapolis. Bragging rights were definitely on the line in this game as the Wildcats jumped to an early

11-0 lead, only to see UC come back to take a two-point halftime lead.

The second half saw Kentucky regain their shooting touch, with timely shots from Patrick Sparks and Rajon Rondo. UK center Randolph Morris also played well as Kentucky went on to win 69-60 in a hard-fought game.

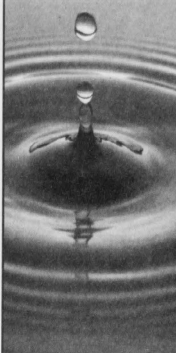
Kentucky will next play Utah, who defeated Oklahoma on March 19. The Utes feature player of the year candidate Andrew Bogut, who at 7 feet tall, not only poses as an inside threat, but also displays outstanding passing skills.

The Tournament will resume March 24 and will run through next weekend, where the Elite Eight teams will prevail to the next round.



Kentucky's Randolph Morris fouls Cincinnati's Armein Kirkland in the first half of their second round NCAA tournament game in Indianapolis, Ind., on March 19.

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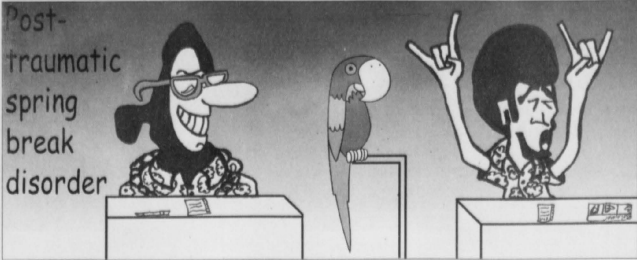
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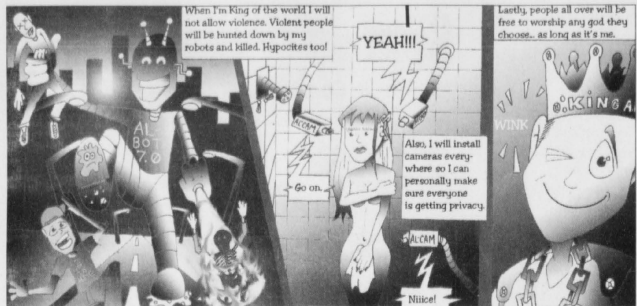
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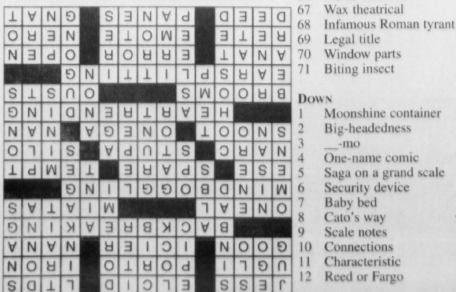
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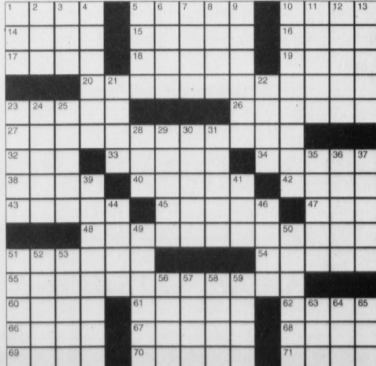
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