

Sexism, homophobia still alive

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Originally, Jenna Skogg said she was going to title her lecture on discrimination in the workplace, "Sexism and Homophobia Alive and Well in 2003. Especially in Cincinnati." Instead, she found a title ripe with symbolism, "When

the World Grew Still."

On April 8, Skogg stood proudly in front of a group of students as she talked about her struggle for justice. Women's Studies, Affirmative Action/Multi-cultural Affairs and the Feminists At Northern student club sponsored the event that was held in the Otto Budig Theatre. Skogg moved to the Cincinnati

area four years ago to be close to her ailing mother. Skogg said she was warned about Cincinnati and about how many people considered Issue 3, Article 12 of the city charter to be "the laughingstock of the nation." Issue 3, Article 12 states, "No special class status may be granted based upon sexual orientation, conduct or relationships."

Knowing this information, Skogg still came to Cincinnati where she found a job at the Taft National Historic Site in Mt. Auburn. She said she was excited about the job at first; that is until the harassment began.

Skogg said she was "chastised and ridiculed" about her appearance and sexual orientation. She said the

men she worked for were incompetent bullies. "These men reminded me of boys on the playground," Skogg said. "Pulling girls' hair and pushing them around."

Skogg said she would hear things like, "You don't present yourself well as a female, therefore you



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Jenna Skogg speaks at NKU.

Expo draws praise, flak

Students complain of few after-grad jobs

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Northern Kentucky University students poured into Regents Hall for the opportunity to sell themselves to representatives from 70 companies at the Job Expo 2003 on April 8.

Eager NKU students supplied resumes to featured employers such as Procter & Gamble, Pepsi Co., Fifth Third Bank, Citibank and New York Life.

Randy Ormes, a recruiter from Fidelity Investments, said the lead time companies were given for the expo was helpful. Ormes also said the Job Expo was organized well.

Heather Hoffman, a senior marketing student, agreed that the expo was helpful.

However, Hoffman added that overall, the Expo failed to meet her expectations overall.

"There was lots of summer work internships, and I was looking more for full-time and after-graduation jobs," Hoffman said.

Leah Saalfeld, a customer service representative recruiter for Fifth Third Bank, said she had a line the entire day of great candidates. She is happy with the students and their resumes.

"One thing I have had is students coming up to me and saying, 'I don't care. I want any job I can have right now,'" Saalfeld said.

Saalfeld said it is hard on a recruiter to have prospective employees who are so unsure.

However, Ormes did not have the same experience with uncertain students at NKU's Job Expo. "I have not had students tell me they don't care what kind of jobs are available," Ormes said.

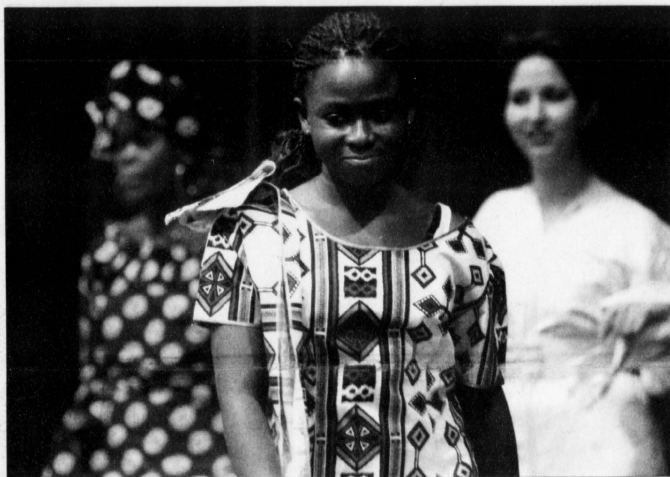
"Most of them know exactly what they are looking for. They come up to me and say, 'I am looking for a job in IT,'" Ormes said.

However, some students just want to know more about the company in general," Ormes said. Despite talk of a struggling job market, many employers were eager to meet some prospective employees and are letting students know the jobs are out there.

Job expos such as this one are intended to bring those employers and job seekers together.

"Job fairs are always a surprise," said Ormes. "The market is not that great, but there was still a great turnout from employers."

International fashions with flair



Selina Oladapo shows off African fashions at the International Student Union Potluck Dinner Saturday. Read more about the Potluck Dinner on page 2.

Tom Downie/Photo Editor

Gubernatorial candidates pledge support

Democratic, Republican candidates promise funding, Special Events Center

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Editor in Chief

Kentucky gubernatorial candidates promised at forums last week that they will help NKU get a fair share of state funding and will consider a Regional Special Events Center if they are elected in November.

The Democratic candidates met on Wednesday night in Regents Hall with the Republicans following on Thursday.

The forums were sponsored by Student Government, College Republicans, College Democrats, the Scripps Howard Center for

Civic Engagement and the Department of Political Science.

The candidates were given eight minutes to introduce themselves and talk about their campaigns.

They then answered questions from the crowd ranging from whether they approve land-based gambling to building a Regional Special Events Center on NKU's campus.

During his introduction, President James Votrubia poked fun at the size of Regents Hall. "I want to welcome you...to one of the finest middle school gymnasiums in the Commonwealth," he said.

Democratic candidate Jody

Richards, the current speaker of the House of Representatives, said he supports the Center.

"I have committed myself to the special events arena here," he said.

Republican State Representative Steve Nunn said the Center is "desperately" needed. Nunn's father, Louis B. Nunn, was the last Republican governor of Kentucky and helped establish NKU.

"As good as one Nunn was for Northern Kentucky University, the second Governor Nunn will provide that Special Events Center for you that you desperately need," he said. "When you get a Kentucky degree from Northern Kentucky University

you shouldn't have to go to Ohio to accept it. We'll make that a reality for you."

The graduation ceremony is currently held in Cincinnati because the University lacks a venue large enough to host commencement.

Republican Robbie Rudolph, who's running for Lt. Governor alongside gubernatorial candidate Rebecca Jackson, said he understands the importance of the Center and will consider the plan.

"For us to promise anything today, we can't do that," he said. Boone County judge-executive

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LSU honors students, faculty

Award serves as memorial to Tom Fontova

KATRINA LIGHTHOUSE
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On Thursday, April 17, the Latino Student Union will recognize Latino and non-Latino students, faculty, and staff for their achievements and accomplishments on campus at the Latino Student Union Awards Banquet.

According to Latino Student Affairs Coordinator Leo Calderon, the number of Latino students on campus has risen 87 percent since the fall of 2000.

The LSU has worked diligently to create a welcoming environment for the new Latino students, as well as non-Latino students who are interested in Latino culture. For example, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, LSU sponsored lectures, panel discussions, cultural activities, and a social event. Also, LSU members participate in community service through Latino community outreach programs such as Su Casa and Centro de Amistad.

At the banquet, the LSU will present six student awards, including one that holds a special place in the hearts of LSU members: the Tom Fontova Award.

An anonymous advocate of confronting injustice and studying the ideas of Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Malcolm X, and Mahatma Gandhi, said sophomore Brandon Hill.

Tom Fontova was an active member of LSU and the vice-president of STAR who committed suicide last semester.

Fontova's on-campus servitude donated monies to keep his memory alive.

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Campus creativity overflows

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News Editor

The Northern Kentucky University campus was teeming with artistic and intellectual expression this week as nearly 300 students showcased a wide array of artistic, oral, poster and interactive presentations during the Celebration of Student Research and Creativity.

At the opening ceremony Monday afternoon, NKU President James Votrubia said the event embodies NKU's goal to remain a learner-centered university by providing the opportunity for interaction

between faculty and students.

The Celebration shows that "faculty and students can get together and do magical things," Votrubia said.

Some of the magic included a photographic exhibit by Liz Wartman acknowledging the wisdom and independent personalities of the elderly.

Another presentation entitled "Fugitives Face Fear, Famine and Fate" by Emily Powers outlined the hardships of American slaves in the 1800's; and a poster presentation by senior Biology majors, Robin Barnes and Becky McClatchey summarized their efforts to study

and increase the diversity in a Belize marine reserve.

The Celebration is as much a learning experience for faculty who mentored the students as for the students themselves, said Rogers Redding, vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost.

He added that the event provides an opportunity for students to expand their horizons and gain in-depth knowledge that will help prepare them for the future.

Redding said the Celebration is "a signature of the NKU experience to involve students" and said the event is a "hallmark of the University."



Megan Osborn, a member of the Musical Theatre Tour Troupe, performs outside the University Center during the Celebration of Student Research and Creativity.

Tony Ridell/Photographer

DPS Reports

APR 13 2003-Sunday-10:43pm

Location: JOHNS HILL ROAD - WILDER CITY LIMITS - TRAFFIC- Vehicle Stop-Officer observed a vehicle being operated in a careless manner and stopped the vehicle at listed location. Upon investigation, it was found that the driver had an active Juvenile Pick-Up order through Campbell County. Driver was arrested and lodged in the Campbell County Juvenile Detention Center. The vehicle's passenger was clear and released at the scene. Case closed....

APR 12 2003-Saturday-08:21am

Location: BEP CIRCLE - PROPERTY-Found/Recovered Property- Male University employee came to DPS Office and turned in a Nokia Digital Cellular Telephone that was found at the listed location. The item was logged and secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room. Case closed....

APR 11 2003-Friday-02:15pm

Location: OFF CAMPUS - ALEXANDRIA, KENTUCKY - TRAFFIC- Vehicle Stop-DPS Officer observed a vehicle being operated in a careless manner. Vehicle was stopped on U.S. 27 at KY 536. A Campbell County Police Officer was also on the scene. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Careless Driving and No Proof of Insurance. Case closed....

APR 11 2003-Friday-09:36am

Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - SEVENTH FLOOR - PROPERTY-Missing Property-Female employee reported University Property, a Motorola Portable radio, is missing from the listed location. The property was discovered missing during departmental inventory. Subject stated that the item was last seen on 11/16/2002. Under investigation....

11 2003-Friday-09:03am

Location: PARKING LOT 1 - TOW-Tow Vehicle-A 1997 Honda 2-Door (Silver) was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

APR 10 2003-Thursday-04:22pm

Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - FIRST FLOOR - HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS-Male reported the receipt of harassing and threatening e-mails at his residence from an unknown subject. Under investigation....

APR 10 2003-Thursday-03:58pm

Location: DORMS/NORSE HALL - FIRST FLOOR - RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY-Under \$300 Residential Life personnel requested DPS Officers respond, to the listed location, reference the discovery of possible stolen property. Upon arrival, Residential Life personnel spoke with the resident who admitted that the property, which was in plain view, had been taken from Norse Commons. (See Report #030090, Dated 7/27/2003). Subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Receiving Stolen Property. Referred to Residential Life Office for possible further disciplinary action. Case closed....

ISU shares food, culture at event

D.J. CARTER
Systems Manager

'Dive into Diversity' was the theme of this year's International Student Union Potluck, held last Saturday evening in Regents Hall. More than 400 people attended the annual showcase of international cuisine and culture, with more than a third of the gymnasium showcasing food from around the world.

The after-dinner entertainment was appreciably diverse. Professional dancers from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio demonstrated dances from across Latin America on behalf of the Latino Student Union, and Shawna Clarke and Chevaun Brown performed a rousing Jamaican dance.

Dimitri Shelest played Chopin's "Prelude #24" on piano and accompanied Hsiao Kawamoto, who sang Schubert's "Ave Maria." Ebere Chukwunye and Frederick Essien got funky with an African Makossa dance.

Magdalena Markus, Maria Yanez, Kathy Espinosa and Anamika Soni floated gracefully through a Spanish dance.

Everyone in the hall joined arms for Annette Fournier's traditional Swiss drinking song, "Es Buereluehli," bending and bouncing and swaying to the ever-quickening pace.

The Association for African Charities performed a choreographed routine to African Gospel music, and "Mr. T," Emmanuel Ayantolu, sang and rapped a self-written piece while playing the keyboard.

The students presented a fashion show parade of clothing from Africa, Asia, Europe and Central and South America.

Dr. Thomas Rambo of the biology department, who spent his youth in India, was guest speaker.

He related the reservations and fear he had about coming to the U.S., and reflected on how violently the U.S. portrays itself in its "number one export," movies. Rambo spoke

of the isolation he experienced when he arrived in this country, but also of the hope and comfort groups of similar and international people have brought him.

"Look around you," Rambo said. "We have a family."

He told the audience to take heart in these troubled times, adding that those who transcend, and work across national and cultural boundaries, are "the peacemakers."

After the event, ISU spokesman Abdul Kazi echoed Rambo, speaking of group's dedication to multiculturalism and its opportunity of "spreading peace."

Kazi said he was very pleased with the event, and attributed the program's success to the efforts of seniors Anamika Soni and Burhan Mohammedali.

Sophomore Dan Robinette, the current U.S. representative in ISU, said the potluck was very good this year.

He urges more U.S. students to get involved with ISU if only for the



TIM DOWNER/Photo Editor

Kathy Espinosa shows off fashions from Central/South America.

Students argue Patriot Act in first mock trial

DJ CARTER
Systems Manager

The rights of a man labeled a "domestic terrorist" and the controversial Patriot Act went before the Supreme Court Friday.

At least that was the reality for Phi Alpha Delta members.

This special hearing in Chase Law School's Moot Court Room was courtesy of the newly formed Pre-Law Fraternity. It was NKU's first undergraduate moot trial.

Presiding over the hearing were justices Nancy Hancock, a Philosophy professor; Frank Edelen, Jr. of the Political Science Department, a practicing attorney; John Lucas of the History Department, Second Vice President for Union Central; and retiring

Political Science professor Dennis Sies, who is a Chase graduate.

Their arguments were the culmination of weeks of research, learning, and practice. The students first wrote two amicus curiae briefs in teams. Dr. Ramona Brackett, the group's adviser, provided them legal brief writing classes.

They presented Semi-final arguments on April 4. They then finalized their presentations for Friday's hearing.

Each of the students participated voluntarily. None of them received academic credit for their work.

Junior Laura Figgins highlighted the preparation that went into the appeal.

"We've missed work, met on Thursdays. We could not of prepared better for this," she said.

An aspiring lawyer, she said that the work was definitely well worth all the "real court experience."

The hearing consisted of two groups of four attorneys, with one student arguing twice. The appeals ranged from the act's violation of the first, sixth, and eighth amendments to historical precedents of similar war time laws being held unconstitutional.

The state's cases ranged from the legitimacy of the law's definitions and its necessity to the acts deemed criminal.

In appellate court form, the justices directed questions at the counselors and their arguments. The questions contained role-played barbs, clarification, and a great deal of teaching.

Senior Robert Clarke braved the

sting of the justices' queries.

When he alluded to Martin Luther King Jr. in his argument for the state, he met quickly fired questions, ranging from the allusion and its context to points of law.

After the hearing, he said he believed if the Patriot Act had existed earlier, King could and likely would have been charged as a domestic terrorist for his actions. He also said that it was difficult to argue a position with which he didn't entirely agree.

Senior Danny Howell said he learned much from the confrontations. He said the process taught him to "hold up and answer questions to stick to the issue and represent John Doe [Howell's client] and

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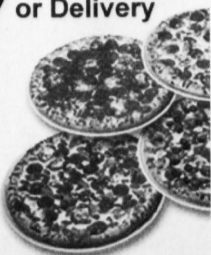
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Campus news briefs

ALS honors achievements of non-traditional students

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Assistant Director/Adult Learner Services

Last semester, NKU's Adult Learner Services office established a charter of the Pinnacle Honor Society to recognize adult students for their academic and co-curricular accomplishments.

On May 6 at 5:30 pm in the UC

Ballroom a recognition ceremony will be held to honor our NKU recipients.

Pinnacle, is a nationally recognized organization. Students invited to participate in the Society will have the following characteristics:

- Be a junior, senior, post baccalaureate, or graduate student
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0

for undergraduates or 3.4 for post baccalaureate or graduate students, or a non-traditional student (at least 25 years of age or married, parents, veterans, disabled or another situation that classifies the student as non-traditional).

Must have been involved in at least three (3) campus and/or community activities during NKU tenure.

Demonstrate leadership, persistence and future promise, and maintain the highest ethical standards.

All students, faculty, faculty and staff are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our non-traditional students.

To RSVP for the event or find out more about Pinnacle, please contact the Adult Learner Services office at (859) 572-6497.

Charles Whitehead receives Lincoln Award from University

STAFF REPORT

Northern Kentucky University will award Charles Whitehead, president of Ashland Inc. Foundation with the twelfth annual Lincoln Award April 22.

The award is given to individuals who have a tremendous and positive influence on their community and the people who live



Whitehead

ice in their profession, and contri-

butions to their community, according to a press release from the university.

Whitehead has held several offices with the NAACP including treasurer of the National NAACP Special Contributions Fund.

He has served on Kentucky's Council for Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Enterprise Zone Authority.

He also sits on the board of directors for United Way, Community Chest of the Greater Cincinnati area, and the National Underground Railroad Board of Trustees, among others.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and the awards ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets call (859) 572-5810.

Mentor program helps Girl Scouts

JESSICA DUMLEY
Staff writer

The Girl Scout Council of Licking Valley is looking for college students to volunteer their services to help inspire Girl Scout troops.

Girl Scouts are for girls ages five to 17. This reach-out program encourages those who do not have much parental support, said Laura Clarke, membership marketing/public relations manager.

"Some college volunteers are science majors. They help students learn about microscopes," said Clarke. "They also help to encourage troops to attend college upon graduation from high school."

According to the organizations website, Girl Scouting helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

Scout activities includes field trips, learning about different cul-

tures, engaging in community service activities, exploring leadership opportunities and attending workshops. Other services include selling Girl Scout cookies and Leaders' Older Girl Overnight (LOGO), which is for middle school to high school students.

"My goal is to help the troops grow in mind, body and spirit," said Clarke.

The Girl Scout Council is available throughout the Northern Kentucky area, including Grant and Gallatin counties.

Opportunities are available closer to college campuses.

No experience is necessary. Females and males may volunteer after a background check has been completed. The only requirement is that volunteers have an interest in helping to inspire girls.

Volunteers contact Laura at: (859) 342-6263 or laurac Clarke@fuse.net. For more information go to: www.lvsc.org.

Graphic arts group planning events, publication on campus

STAFF REPORT

The American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA), a new organization at NKU, is holding meetings on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building room 313.

As a group they have attended a lecture at the University of Cincinnati, where they met with designers who contributed to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Yesterday they held a recep-

tion in the Fine Arts Center, which brought AIGA members from around the tri-state to campus. Don Marsh, a local calligrapher, was scheduled to speak.

The group is currently building a website for their chapter. Over the summer they will start preparation and production on a graphic design publication on campus.

For more information about AIGA contact President Cassie Adams at aiga_nku@hotmail.com



AIGA members gather at a lecture at the University of Cincinnati.

Photo contributed

Awards: Include leadership and civic involvement

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ry alive through the award. The candidate for the award must demonstrate open-mindedness, generosity, and social action. "We want to continue the legacy of Tom Fontova," commented Leo Calderon.

Other student awards include: Academic Award, Leadership Award, Civic Involvement Award, Outstanding Latino Student Union Award, Outstanding Latino Student Union Community Work Award.

Candidates for the student awards must demonstrate an array of qualities such as good academic standing, involvement in the Latino community, leadership positions, and commitment to having a positive impact on the Latino community.

The LSU will also present an award to a faculty/staff member who specializes in being a role model for Latino students.

This event begins at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$10. It is an open community event. RSVP to Leo Calderon at (859) 572-5821.

Fri, April 25th tee off 2:00PM at A.J. Jolly

- Cost: \$14 Students
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\$19 Alumni/Others
- Price includes: greens fee and cart
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- Entry deadline April 21st
- For additional questions contact Dan Henry at 859/572-5197 or henry@nku.edu
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Entertainment

Sandler, Nicholson buddy up in 'Anger'

Parts of script hard to believe, though

AMIE YOGT
Reporter

Are you angry? Do you have a short temper? Do you lash out at innocent flight attendants, your waitress or even blind men?

Maybe you need some anger management therapy.

At least, that is what Adam Sandler's judge sentenced him to in his new movie "Anger Management."

Sandler is best known for his comic personality in movies such as "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore" and "Big Daddy," and as a former cast member on Saturday Night Live.

Sandler plays naive businessman David Buznik who has been bullied his whole life.

The movie begins with Buznik being embarrassed as a child by the big kid in his class, and then jumps to 25 years later with him again being bullied by his boss and others around him.

Buznik's life is about to change for good as he boards a plane to go on a business trip.

When his seat is taken and he is forced to sit by a scary, yet inviting Buddy Rydell (Jack Nicholson), the downward spiral begins.

When asking the flight attendant for headsets and getting unsatis-

factory service, Buznik "touches her arm" which lands him in court on grounds of abuse.

With the entire situation blown out of proportion, Buznik finds himself at an anger management session where Dr. Buddy Rydell is his leader.

After trying to convince everyone he's not crazy, Buznik ends up back in court with the same judge, after he found himself in the middle of a bar fight the two men.

With his criminal record slowly accumulating weight, Buznik's only way out of jail is to allow Dr. Rydell to live with him for 30 days.

As an "Adam Sandler comedy," this movie ranks right up there with all the rest.

Coupled with Nicholson's stern style, the humor and chemistry between the two actors complement each other perfectly.

Director Peter Segal did a great job in creating a love-hate relationship between the two men.

Although a lot of the script seemed a little unbelievable and unreal, in the end it all comes together regarding how such odd things could happen to one man.

The movie keeps you laughing the entire time and it can't be stressed enough how hilarious and fun Sandler is.



JACK NICHOLSON AND ADAM SANDLER star in Anger Management. Sandler plays a man who is forced to live with an anger management counselor (Nicholson) after a string of mishaps.

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Will Lisa Marie Presley become the next Elvis?

BREE DANIELLE
Columnist

Some people remember it as if it was yesterday: the day the "King" ungracefully fell from his throne and met his maker.

When Elvis Presley died in August of '77, he left behind a plethora of super model girlfriends, an angry ex-wife and a button-nosed, nine-year-old daughter named Lisa Marie.

Nearly living her entire life in the spotlight, Princess Presley was somehow able to remain fairly enigmatic.

She married a musician whom she quietly divorced after having two children.

She then suffered a brief moment of insanity when she married Michael Jackson for 20 months in the mid-90s. And yet an even briefer moment of insanity when she married and divorced actor Nicholas Cage, a self-proclaimed Elvis-freak, for four months last year.

The tabloids said she's a believer in Scientology (all the rage in Hollywood and on Fourth Street in

downtown Cincinnati), but that's about all we know.

Presley has shied away from tell-all autobiographies or partaking in interviews...until now.

At age 35 and with the release of her first album, "To Whom It May Concern," Presley is now the Princess of Press.

After the release of a country/blues-flavored single, "Lights Out," Presley graces the cover of Rolling Stone and has made an appearance on the Howard Stern Show, eager with album promotion and gossip on her private life.

Suddenly, Miss Private Presley has a lot to say. But Elvis fans, like myself, don't want the gossip.

I don't want to hear about her having sex with Michael Jackson—I want to hear her sing and see if genetics had anything to do with scoring a record deal or if it was entirely for publicity's sake.

After downloading the video for "Lights Out" on VH1.com, I realized Mrs. Presley has a long way to go.

Her voice reminds me of a weakened Winona Judd and her dance

moves remind me of patrons in a Karaoke bar—not fluid, not graceful, not anything special.

She's definitely not the parent scaring, hip-shaker her father was.

Her lyrics, although dark at times, are not as clumsy as her dance moves on her maiden voyage of singing entertainment.

Lisa Marie sticks to her no-holds-bar persona, but she lacks a certain something—her influential heritage.

No one would have batted an eye if it wasn't for the fact that her father had 114 charted singles and 31 top ten hits.

He was the quintessential sex idol, the God-fearing Army boy with a velvet voice and the owner of hips so unmanly that Ed Sullivan demanded they not be shown.

But Lisa Marie's vocals lack the quiver and her lip lacks the twitch. At 35, she is lucky to be able to enter an industry where youth and beauty exempt any sort of required talent.

She may be Lisa Marie Presley, vocalist extraordinaire, but for the rest of world, she will remain the daughter of a fallen King.



Lisa Marie through the years

DAVE PERMAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Feb. 1, 1968: Born to Elvis and Priscilla Presley, nine months after her parents are married.

Oct. 9, 1973: Elvis and Priscilla divorce; Lisa Marie goes to live with Mom in Los Angeles, but fre-

quently visits Dad.

August 1977: Elvis Presley dies in Memphis. Lisa Marie is in the house but is not allowed into the room where her father is being treated.

1981-1984: The wild years: The teen-age Presley experiments with drugs (she recently told Rolling Stone that she "did everything but mushrooms and heroin") and has a crush on Sid Vicious.

1988: Marries Danny Keough. The two will stay married until 1994 and have two children, Danielle Ray, 13, and Benjamin Storm, 10.

Feb. 1, 1993: Turns 25 and inherits her father's estate, estimated at \$100 million to \$150 million.

May 26, 1994: Marries Michael Jackson in a secret ceremony in the Dominican Republic. The two will divorce in January 1996.

August 1997: During a tribute concert marking the 20th anniversary of Elvis' death, she sings a duet with her father, "Don't Cry, Daddy," using the same technology that has allowed Hank Williams Jr. to duet with his dead father on "There's a Tear in My Beer."

Aug. 10, 2002: Presley and Nicolas Cage are married; on Nov.

25, he will file for divorce.

April 8, 2003: Presley's debut CD, "To Whom It May Concern," is released on Capitol Records.

INHERITANCE FROM ELVIS A PRETTY PENNY

Elvis Presley made good money, and he spent good money - so much that, by the time he died in 1977, he was worth about \$5 million, not very much at all, given 20 years of income that included millions of records sold, more than two dozen movies and lucrative concerts.

At 35, Lisa Marie Presley, his only daughter, has considerably more in the bank than of Dad did. In February 1993, she turned 25 and inherited her father's estate, which Newsday estimated was worth between \$100 million and \$150 million, thanks to the huge profits earned by opening Graceland to the public, as well as the King's continuing record sales.

Ten years later, Elvis is bigger than ever: Graceland remains the second most-visited private residence in the country, right after the White House. And the recent success of the best-of collection

"Elvis: 30 #1 Hits," which has sold more than 3 million copies, means that Lisa Marie doesn't have to worry about paying the bills if her own CD doesn't soar up the charts.

Campus Calendar

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23 Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunny Hop walk/run 12pm CRC Lobby • Student Organization Celebration 7-9pm The Syndicate Awards and recognition given to student organizations and leaders 	24 Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Three Girls, Four Seasons" 8-10pm Corbett Theatre 36 students \$9 faculty/staff \$10 general admission 	25 Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watermelon Bust 4pm Woodcrest Intramural Field • 2-Person Scramble Golf Outing 2pm AJ Jolly Park, 114 students \$19 faculty/alumni \$19 general 	26 Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Too Good To Say Goodbye" 8pm Corbett Theatre 36 students \$9 faculty/staff \$10 general admission • 13th Annual Walk for NKU Women's Athletics 9:30-10am Regents Hall 	27 Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Bandmaster" 4pm Black Box Theatre 36 students \$9 faculty/staff \$10 general admission 	28 Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Y.E.S. Festival of New Plays Show times TBA Runs April 24-May 4 Black Box and Corbett Theatres 	29 Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armet String Quartet 8-9:30pm Greaves Concert Hall

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Young Asian-Americans promote new movie

REBECCA LOHR
New York Daily News
(KRT)

NEW YORK - If the stars of "Better Luck Tomorrow" want to make their own good fortune, they need to do it now.

"I spent yesterday handing out postcards and buttons to people in Times Square, and I've slapped our movie posters all over the city," says Roger Fan, one of the stars of the film about all-American Asian teens-turned-gangsters.

After a pause, he adds: "You don't really see Keanu Reeves on the street handing out things for 'The Matrix,' do you?"

In a cinematic landscape where Asian stars are mostly martial arts imports who karate-chop their way through action films, a gritty drama

about Asian-American youths could be a tough sell to audiences unaccustomed to identifying with the community.

So the team behind "Better Luck Tomorrow" has been hitting the pavement in big cities and small film festivals.

"When you see Asian faces onscreen, it is always for an 'Asian' reason," says Fan, who joins a cast led by Perry Shen ("The New Guy") and includes John Cho (both "American Pie" films, "American Beauty"), Sung Kang ("Pearl Harbor"), Jason Tobin and Karin Anna Cheung.

"People don't think about the average Asian-American guy. Since they don't write stories about him, they don't legitimize his existence," he says.

"There is no support for Asian-

American men in a society that expects them to be the model minority," says NaRhee Ahn, program director at the Asian-American Arts Alliance.

"They get punished for that same stereotype; socially not adjusted, not sexy, the guy who can't get the girl."

"Better Luck Tomorrow" departs from the immigrant narrative of such movies as "The Joy Luck Club" (1993), putting its characters in the pressure-cooker of over-achieving students in a California high school.

"This isn't to belittle (movies that just explore Asian-American) identity," says Larry Jung, of the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment (CAPE). "But I want to see more range from Asian-Americans."

Asian-Americans make up 4.2 percent of the U.S. population, according to the 2000 census, but a Screen Actors Guild study from the same year shows that only 1.7 percent of all lead roles cast went to Asian/Pacific Islanders.

"The characters of 'Better Luck Tomorrow' are mindful of their heritage without being consumed by it," Jung says, "and, as a result, the film can explore other tensions more thought-provoking than race."

The four teenagers at the center of "Better Luck Tomorrow" are perfectionist scholars by day, increasingly violent pretty criminals by night.

They get hooked on bad behavior, selling drugs and carrying guns, gaining power and popularity while losing control of their lives.

However, potential investors for

the film thought the race of "Better Luck's" characters was not provocative enough to translate into box-office receipts.

"People really liked the script, but they were like, 'Oh, I know Macaulay Culkin, maybe we can do this with an all-white cast,'" remembers writer-director Justin Lin.

"I wanted it to have this perspective of Asian-Americans. Really quick I learned the only leverage I have as filmmaker is to say, 'No.'"

Instead, for his first solo feature effort, Lin took a classic indie route: He maxed out 10 credit cards, tapped friends and peers who would work for free and found support in such unlikely investors as entertainer MC Hammer (the pair met at a Las Vegas trade show).

At last year's Sundance Film

Festival MTV Films bought distribution rights for \$500,000.

Since then, an underground network of Asian-American organizations have gone to great lengths to make sure people know about the film.

"If there's one thing I've learned, it's that money drives the industry," says Lin.

"If you make a movie with a talking kangaroo that makes \$100 million, they're going to make more of them," he continues. (Actually, "Kangaroo Jack" has made almost \$66 million in the U.S.)

"If this film does well, they will greenlight other Asian-American films, and we will get to represent the multiple perspectives of our community."

"That's how we will build an Asian-American cinema."

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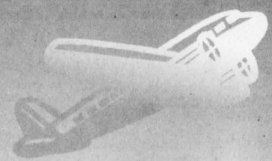
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Sports Beat

Men's tennis clinches GLVC's top seed

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Amine Benjelloun improved to 17-3 in No. 1 singles Saturday with a 6-4, 7-6 victory over Paulus Halim. The NKU men's tennis team wrapped up the No. 1 seed in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships with a 5-4 win over the University of Southern Indiana.

Benjelloun also upped his GLVC

mark at No. 1 singles to 7-1 with the victory as NKU (17-3 overall, 8-0 GLVC) clinched the GLVC regular-season championship. Billy Hopkins posted a 6-2, 6-3 win over Ryan Hughes at No. 4 singles to improve his record to 18-2 this season.

Benjelloun and Hopkins also teamed up at No. 1 doubles for an 8-

4 win over the duo of Paulus Halim and Daniel Halim. For the season, Benjelloun and Hopkins are 15-5 at No. 1 doubles competition.

NKU, which has won nine straight matches, will be the No. 1 seed at this week's GLVC Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. The Norse will be seeking their first GLVC Championships title since 1990.

Southern Indiana, now 8-8 overall and 6-2 in the GLVC, will enter that event as the four-time defending champion.

Article by Sports Information

Norse get swept by Rivermen

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - Jason Barron scored four times and drove in three runs against the Norse Sunday afternoon as the University of Missouri-St. Louis posted a 15-2 win over Northern Kentucky University.

Scott Sanders added three hits and four RBI as Missouri-St. Louis improved to 26-6 overall. The Rivermen lead the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 14-3 record and are ranked 11th nationally in the NCAA Division II poll.

Missouri-St. Louis scored four times in the first inning off NKU starter and pitcher, Chris Unkraut, as Barron and Sanders each collected two-run singles. The Rivermen added four more runs in the third inning to take an 8-0 lead and were never threatened as they completed a three-game series sweep of the Norse.

Second baseman Shaun Erie had two hits and an RBI for NKU, which dropped to 19-16 overall, 11-

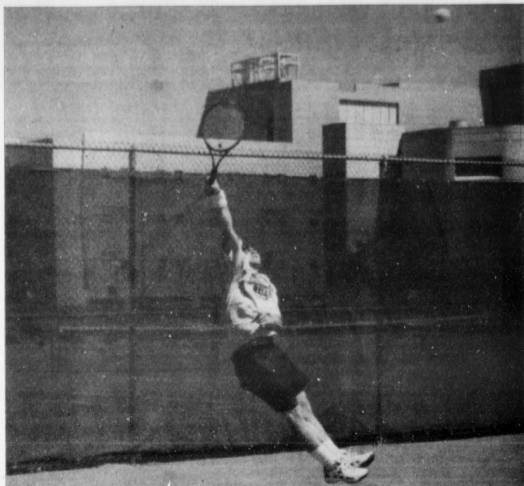
8 in the GLVC. Outfielders Keith Jackson and Lewis Jones also added two hits apiece for the Norse, who have lost four consecutive games.

NKU will travel to Oxford, Ohio, on Wednesday to meet Miami (Ohio) University at 3 p.m. The Norse will return to GLVC play next Friday with a doubleheader at noon against Kentucky Wesleyan College at the Bill Aker Baseball Complex at Friendship Field.

Article by Sports Information

Upcoming Sports Events

April 16	Baseball: at Miami (Ohio)	3:00 p.m.
April 16	Softball: at Georgetown College	3:30 p.m.
April 18	Baseball: Kentucky Wesleyan (DH)	Noon
April 18	Softball: Quincy University	3:00 p.m.
April 19	Baseball: Kentucky Wesleyan	Noon
April 19	Softball: Marian	Noon
April 18-19	Men's Tennis: GLVC Championships	TBA
April 21	Men's Tennis: Cedarville	3:30 p.m.



Amine Benjelloun hits a touch shot against Peter Kurhajas of Lincoln Memorial, Monday afternoon. Benjelloun lost in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Lincoln too much for Norse

KYLE BURCH
Reporter

NKU's men's tennis team has already established this season as one of the most successful in the history of the university.

The Norse, for the first time in school history, finished the regular season conference schedule undefeated and have the number one seed in next week's Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

The Norse have dedicated this historic season, to former teammate, Tom Fontova. Fontova passed away after committing suicide in October of last year.

"The dedication of this season for Tom, has been a big part in our success this year," said head coach Geoff Crawford. "We really feel that Tom is watching every match."

The success of this season has been a bit of a surprise to Crawford.

"We knew that we had the potential," said Crawford, "we have just been able to play well in the important matches and that has led to some success."

Last week the Norse knocked off three straight undefeated teams in conference play.

Those three wins along with the good out of conference record, have established the Norse as the team to beat in next week's GLVC conference tournament.

Monday, the Norse met up in a non-conference match with Lincoln Memorial University. Lincoln proved to be too much for the Norse, as they defeated NKU, 6-3.

In doubles, NKU dropped two of

their three matches, with the lone victory, coming from the pair of Nick Herzog and Ted Walkup as they won 9-7. However Walkup suffered an injury, forcing him to sit out his match in the singles round.

In singles NKU's top player, and last year's conference player of the year, Amine Benjelloun, played a tough three set match before falling to Lincoln's Peter Kurhajas, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

However, the Norse were able to get victories from Jon Peters, and Billy Hopkins.

Peters, the lone senior on this year's club, defeated Francois Nandu, 7-5, 2-6, 10-6. Hopkins, last year's conference freshman of the year, defeated Andy Berggren, 6-4, 6-3.

The Norse dropped their other three singles matches, and eventually fell to just their fourth defeat of the season.

"This was an unexpected outcome," said Crawford, "but they're a good team and this was a good warm-up for the conference tournament."

The Norse will travel to take on Morehead State University, on Tuesday, before starting the conference tournament, in Indianapolis this weekend.

With a good showing in Indianapolis this weekend, the Norse should go on to advance to the NCAA tournament for the second straight season.

"We just need to continue to work hard," said Crawford, "the matches this week should keep us sharp and hopefully we continue our success from there."

Individual match results

Doubles

Peter Kurhajas-Andy Berggren (Lincoln) d. Amine Benjelloun-Billy Hopkins (NKU) 8-6

Linus Johansson-Francois Nandu (Lincoln) d. Chris Robertson-Jon Peters (NKU) 8-2

Nick Herzog-Ted Walkup (NKU) d. Kris Olofson-Rich Parlar (Lincoln) 9-7

Singles

1. Peter Kurhajas (Lincoln) d. Amine Benjelloun (NKU) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3

2. Linus Johansson (Lincoln) d. Chris Robertson (NKU) 6-1, 6-1

3. Andy Berggren (Lincoln) d. Nick Herzog (NKU) 6-4, 6-3

4. Billy Hopkins (NKU) d. Kris Olofson (Lincoln) 6-4, 6-0

5. Jon Peters (NKU) d. Francois Nandu (Lincoln) 7-5, 2-6, 10-6

6. Rich Parlar (Lincoln) d. Adam Moler (NKU) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2

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Parking pass fine annoys student

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JOE GLASER

Senior/Journalism, Creative Writing

It was a beautiful day April 2. In light of the nice weather, I decided to drive to school with the top down on my blue, '98 Jeep Wrangler.

Before going into class, I properly displayed my parking pass on my rearview mirror and proceeded into geology in a pretty good mood.

However, much to my surprise, after class I came out with a friend of mine and found a parking citation on the windshield reading "no parking permit."

A quick glance revealed my pass sitting face up on the dashboard in clear sight. To my surprise, it had blown off the mirror.

"You've got to be kidding me," I thought. Something like this happened once last semester, after showing I had my pass with me that day, I received my "courtesy" void for the year.

This time I immediately went to the Department of Public Safety to show that I, indeed, had my parking pass with me that day.

The man told me there was nothing he could do about it because the tickets go directly into the system.

He handed me an appeals form and said I would have to try to resolve the problem through the Office of Bursar Operations.

I asked if he thought an appeal would work.

I tried to explain that I wanted someone to have it on record that I had my pass that day.

He could not accommodate my request.

So, I filed my appeal, and a couple of days later received a letter saying that "no parking permit" could not be appealed due to the "flexibility of the transferable permit."

This would be fine except for the fact that I had a parking permit.

Perhaps the transferable permit is a bit too flexible, seeing as it can easily be blown off by a stiff breeze.

Maybe, instead of wasting time trying to come up with new ways to write more tickets and hassle more students, someone could develop a more reliable parking pass.

This is actually the third problem I've had with parking here.

My time, which is limited and valuable to me has been wasted and I am rather fed up.

Trying to find a parking spot wastes enough time as it is.

I've paid for a parking pass each of the four years I've been here, and I'm beginning to ask myself why I even bothered.

I have friends who don't buy parking passes and have received fewer tickets than I have.

Overall, NKU's entire parking philosophy appeals me.

The form letter I received made references to my first ticket being "forgiveness" as a "courtesy" to me.

Well, that's for absolution, but I don't feel as if I've sinned, nor do I consider it a courtesy that anyone can remove a parking ticket from my record when I had a pass with me that day.

"I have friends who don't buy parking passes and have received fewer tickets than I have."

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Miller wants more SGA action

University funding also a major concern

THOMAS "SCOTT" MILLER

Junior/Finance

My name is Thomas "Scott" Miller. I am running in the Spring 2003 Student Government Association elections for the office of vice president of Academic and Student Affairs.

From the first moment I came to Northern Kentucky University I have been deeply involved with many organizations.

I am a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and hold office as social chair for that organization.

I am also vice president for the position of senator on SGA.

Upon entering that organization I served on the committee for Grievances and Affirmative

Action.

The responsibility of this committee is to hear problems voiced from the student body of this university.

Well, I have a grievance with Student Government. The fact is SGA is too lazy right now.

Not only did this committee not hear any grievances from the student body, we never had a single sit-down meeting as a group.

Until learning from another senator, I didn't even know what this committee did.

This laziness and inability to get things accomplished is going to stop after this election!

I have teamed up with Mr. Andy Hixson, a member and the vice president for the College

Republicans, past SGA senator and member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

With this team, and help from other current candidates in the upcoming election, I assure you, the students, that not only will we stop the laziness but we will work harder to get things accomplished for the students!

If elected, this team will work to make sure that there are no more 16 percent tuition increases, and make sure that we move up from last on the list for funding of the eight state universities.

Of all the state-funded schools in Kentucky not only are we last in money that we receive, but we are also underfunded by \$26 million according to the state Council for Post-Secondary Education.

There are two other things that are also of great importance to you,

the students.

This cabinet, if elected, will do everything in its power to get the ball rolling on Greek housing that will be funded by the Greek community.

The other problem that we face also has to do with funding.

The Northern Kentucky metropolitan area has no arena type venue large enough to house any type of event. Our graduation even has to be held in Cincinnati.

This topic was discussed this week at the gubernatorial candidates forum here on campus.

There were several remarks regarding this funding and most of them were quite positive.

I can assure you that we will do everything we can to stay on Frankfort's back to get an event center built within the next three to five years.

Fake degree sites should be stopped

HILAL NAKIBOGULU

Daily Post/Journalism (U. Pennsylvania)

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — Wish your transcript looked better? Want a college diploma already?

Would you like to have your very own Harvard Law degree before Memorial Day? Well, if you've got a few hundred dollars to burn, you could have it all.

Thanks to the rapid proliferation of entrepreneurial Web sites, phony document trafficking is reaching an eyebrow-raising high. Accordingly, the number of people trying to use falsified documents to secure jobs and entry into graduate school is up as well.

Research conducted by ScripSafe, a company that manufactures college transcript paper, estimates

that at least half a million people lie to their employers each year about having graduated from college.

Although forgery of academic documents in particular is by no means new, the Internet appears to have made the process faster and considerably easier as well.

Backalleypress.com, for instance, offers customers "1,000 replica novelty degrees, diplomas and transcripts from universities all around the world." With its main office located in China, the company allows you to pick your own GPA and fill in your desired major.

If you transfer \$630 to a bank account they've set up in Estonia, for instance, you can expect a doctoral degree complete with a "customized set of transcripts" in just 10 days.

Colleges are, understandably, up

in arms about this. Last August, several senior administrators at institutions across the nation sent e-mails to FakeDegrees.com requesting that company, according to a report in The Chronicle of Higher Education, "cease and desist" from using their institutions' "names and logos."

FakeDegrees.com has not removed references to these colleges from its Web site and continues to offer falsified diplomas and transcripts to the paying customer.

Although legislation in Illinois and North Dakota is being proposed that would make the use of such documents a misdemeanor punishable by law, other states have been slow to follow suit.

Lying to advance your career and "further" your education is, sadly, not limited to the under-30-and-doesn't-know-better crowd. The

president of Quincy University, for instance, resigned last October after certain "inaccuracies" were uncovered on his resume.

Why in this day of computerized registrar databases, accessing this sort of information should be easy. It is ridiculous for any hiring agent to not pick up the phone and call an institution to verify a degree.

It seems to me that simply sending e-mails to companies like FakeDegrees.com isn't the answer here.

Looking to curb document fraud, colleges would be well-advised to tighten up their internal procedures instead.

There can be no excuse for people like Krole and Troupe to exist and publicly thrive in the [higher education] system by relying on false documentation.

North Poll

Compiled by: DJ Carter and Jordan Kellogg

What is the most important student organization or service on campus?



JOE HORNBACK
Junior/History



NATHANIEL THOMAS
Freshman/Undeclared



QUANA ROGERS
Sophomore/Marketing

"Financial aid [is] the most important."
"Students get some help to get through college."

"The tutoring. It helps out guys like me that have problems."

"I would have to say Student Support Services and S.T.A.R. (Students Together Against Racism.)"



KARMA GASTRIGHT
Senior/Radiology



BELINDA TUTTLE
Senior/Art

"The health professional [Health Counseling and Testing Services.]"

"I'd have to say the library or the computer labs."

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Skogg: Plans to give other lectures in area

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won't be considered as a candidate for a job."

Comments like that forced Skogg to feel shameful, humiliated and vulnerable she said. In her second year, Skogg said she decided to file a complaint against her supervisor at the Taft because the "situation had escalated."

She said she faced even more hostility because she brought attention to a mismanaged site. "I was voicing concerns for my own well being," Skogg said. As she voiced her concerns, she said, the team looking into her complaints found other things that were wrong with the management.

"This was the first instant in her life where the 'world grew still,'" Skogg said. She was left out of meetings, events, and lunches. "The world grew narrow, small and dim," she said, "and it took everything I had to go to work."

Skogg said she stayed strong during the time the investigation went on by reading books about courage. She found stories by Nelson Mandela especially inspiring, and sustained herself by using her ability to reach out to others. She filled up her calendar with meetings dealing with leadership, and awareness.

"But the world grew still again," said Skogg, while in the fourth year of the Federal Government refusing to settle on her complaint.

It was then that Skogg decided to find an attorney. The two of them worked together until Skogg finally decided to reach a settlement that would allow her to live her life comfortably, she said. "They had to honor some things before I said goodbye," Skogg added.

"This intense part of my life drained me," said Skogg. "I watched myself grow older every day; new wrinkles appeared."

It was at this point in her life, however, that Skogg said she saw

her spiritual life grow.

"I don't think you can go through anything without coming to terms with who you are," said Skogg. "This was not an accident, it happened for a reason."

That reason, she said, was that she knew what she did would make a difference.

She also said her personality could help heal others who are being harassed for their sexual orientation.

The talk at NKU was a "kickoff" to other talks she plans on giving at additional universities including Miami and Xavier.

As of right now, Skogg said she turned in her badge to the Taft department about a month ago.

She spent the past days celebrating Nixon's History Month.

She has sent job applications out to places in Washington D.C., and she breathes.

Skogg said, "The world grows still, and I smile."

Candidates: NKU will be a partner in education

Continued from Front Page

Gary Moore, who represented Republican candidate, congressman Ernie Fletcher at the forum, said he believed Fletcher would address the issue, but that there were too many unknown factors to make a promise.

"I think any candidate would have a hard time standing here tonight saying 'it will be built' not knowing all of the unknowns that exist with our budget today," he said.

Democratic candidate Charlie Owen, who's running for Lt. Governor alongside Attorney General Ben Chandler, said he is dedicated to the project.

"We're absolutely committed to the improvement and the change in the facility here and the events cen-

ter will be included," he said.

They also discussed the lack of state funding for NKU.

"It's been since Governor Nunn that Northern Kentucky University got its share of the base funding," Nunn said.

"We will make the commitment to you that you will be an equal partner in the higher education system."

According to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, NKU is underfunded by \$26 million. The University recently raised tuition 16 percent for full-time undergraduates who live in state.

Democratic candidate Bruce Longford said Kentucky's balanced state budget on the backs of college students by forcing universities to raise their tuition.

Moore said Fletcher would

address higher education funding needs by cutting wasteful spending elsewhere.

Rudolph said inefficiencies in state government could be eliminated, which would open up more money for schools.

"Northern Kentucky University is going to be very important to our administration," he said.

Republican candidate Virgil Moore, state Senator, said when new jobs are created, the state will have more money to fund higher education.

"Twenty-six million is not a goal way out there when you're talking about creating 30,000 new jobs in 18 months in Kentucky," he said. "That's where we need to be and our goals need to be."

Owen said his administration would look at the state budget to find places where costs could be cut.

"You're going to receive the attention you deserve," he said.

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Trial: Could become 'curricular cornerstone'

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his rights."

In the end there was no ruling in the matter of the appeal, however, justices gave their take on the law and offered constructive criticism to the students.

Edelen, who served as a sort of chief justice or moderator, said the broadness and vagueness of the law is "sad."

He also addressed the specifics of case presented.

"If you can't challenge an act of Congress what good is it to live in the United States," he said.

Brockett and the justices gave

this advice to the students:

"Don't concede...ever."

Phi Alpha Delta president Raed Shalabi said the trial gave him an appreciation of the intent of the Patriot Act.

"There is clearly only one section that should be revisited," he said, so that it "unifies rather than divides".

Senior Nichole McClure was upset at the negligible turnout in the gallery. "Students made a choice and it was their loss," she said.

She said she fully believes in the defense she presented against the Patriot Act, that the act presents a danger, and that it should be recognized.

McClure was the only student to

present both the state's and the appellant's cases.

Brockett predicts that the mock trial will become the curricular cornerstone of the new Pre-Law minor.

She hopes that it will be preparation for future advocacy at the national level of mock trial competition, to put NKU on the national legal map.

The Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity is open to students of all majors interested in law.

It offers opportunities like the mock trial, Brockett's brief writing, workshop, and LSAT preparation.

Mock trial participants received awards April 15 at a departmental luncheon.

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