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## Snapshot:

### NEWS

**ALL RISE:** The company which built NKU's newest dormitories, RPR and Associates of South Carolina is saying NKU owes over \$1 million. Both were in court last week to set a future trial date, possibly for December or January. NKU claims RPR owes the university money because the \$9.8 million agreed to in the contract was paid. NKU also claims RPR never met their end of the contract, not finishing sidewalks and landscaping projects.

**EMBRACING:** NKU's Embrace Opportunity Campaign reached its monetary goal this year. The campaign was originated to gather funds to support campus projects. **Page 2.**

## FEATURES

**MOONING** The Office of Student Activities conducted "Moon Day" on Wednesday, April 3, the day of the last lunar eclipse. Student Activities provided free moon pies, glow-in-the-dark moon balls and moon facts. **Page 6.**

**LIFE LESSONS:** The Credit Continuing Education and Distance Learning Center aides NKU's nontraditional students receive credit for lessons learned through their life experiences. **Page 6.**

## SPORTS

**700 CLUB:** NKU baseball coach Bill Aker won his 700th game March 30, 11-4, against Kentucky Wesleyan College. He became only the ninth Division II coach to win 700 games. **Page 7.**

**MOVING OUT:** Northern Kentucky University golf coach John Ries accepted an offer to become the men's golf coach at the University of Cincinnati next year. For this year Ries has lofty goals for NKU. **Page 7.**

## PULSE

**BE HAPPY NOW:** Not only can laughter brighten the day, it can improve health, grades and job performance. **Page 8.**

## Flashback

April 11, 1980



A Northern Kentucky University student was injured in an explosion in the science building. Wayne Smith was preparing a beaker of benzoyl peroxide when the mixture came into contact with a compound that triggered the explosion. Smith suffered cuts on his right hand and arm. For 52 NKU students could see a concert by Leon Redbone and John Prime in Regents Hall, April 19, 1980.

Female  
Students  
Outnumber  
Males at  
NKU



Undergraduates		
Men	4,135	42.7%
Women	5,541	57.3%

Source: NKU Institutional Research

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# Regents Choose 'Candidate X'

By Chris Mayhew  
Managing Editor

The Board of Regents met in a closed session for over three hours last Thursday, and did two things: "talked... at M&M's" Alice Sparks, chairman, said.

The board opened the meeting, voting unanimously to allow the executive committee of the board to negotiate personnel contracts.

Sparks said the executive committee plans to negotiate a contract with an unknown candidate. "Candidate X"

Sparks said she is not going to release the name of "candidate X," but said the board's executive committee will only be negotiating with one candidate.

Sparks said the board agreed on "candidate X" during discussions in the closed meeting, but that there was no vote.

The executive committee, consisting of Regents, Bob Zapp, Jim Poston and Chairwoman Alice Sparks will enter into negotiations with "candidate X," draw up a contract and bring a decision to the board April 18 at 9 a.m., Sparks said.

Sparks said she thinks "candidate X" is

interested.

"I think anyone who submitted a resume is interested," she said.

At press time, Sparks had not announced who the interim candidate is. She said she had not contacted "candidate X" yet because the details of the contract the executive committee is going to offer was not finished yet.

Sparks said she thinks the faculty and staff of NKU will be pleased with the decision of who will be the interim president.

"I feel like the board is unified, and I think the whole campus will be unified," Sparks said.

Chuck Pettit, staff congress president said there is not much the staff can do about the decision of who will be interim president.

The staff will have to work with whoever the president is anyway, he said.

"Eventually they have to tell us," he said. "I'm not particularly happy about it, but I guess that's what we have to live with," Pettit said.

Peter Hollister, vice president of university relations and development, said everybody wants to know who the next interim president

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## Art Exhibition Name Stays, With Subtitle

By Diana Schlake  
Business Manager

It started out as two words listed in the Fine Art's calendar: Immaculate Misconceptions.

It is now a controversy no one saw coming.

"We were flabbergasted," Barbara Houghton, the chairwoman of the art department, said. "We never even considered this... (we) had no idea this would be viewed as making fun of Catholicism."

The Art Department was asked to change the name of the upcoming art exhibit "Immaculate Misconceptions."

They were told some legislators felt it would be hard for them to find funding for Northern Kentucky University.

Peter Hollister, vice president of university relations and development, said the university received calls complaining about the name being irrelevant.

"There are people who hold the term 'Immaculate Conception' dear to their hearts," Hollister said. "These people took this as a disrespect for a belief they hold dear."

A letter from the state's legislative caucus put pressure on President Boothe to reconsider such an exhibit now and in the future.

The art department almost bent to the demands of university officials, state legislators and the surrounding community. They didn't want to change the name and some media reported that they did change the name.

But they didn't. "We are going to stand firm," David Knight, NKU's gallery director, said. "Immaculate Misconceptions [with a yet undecided subtitle] is the name of the art exhibit and it will remain the name."

Houghton said leaving the name was the right thing to do. "I think it got blown out of proportion. Emotion had taken over reason," she said.

Even though the art department did not give in to the pressure the university officials and legislators gave,

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## MANIACAL MURDERERS

### Control, Hedonism Some Reason For Mass Homicides

By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

Imagine being the mechanical workings of a clock. Suffering through unyielding abuse without reason. Being pushed beyond reasonable limits.

In the mind of a serial killer, there was a malfunction. A serial killer loses recognition of advancement and becomes like the mechanical workings of a clock. The individual's mind is so numbed by pain that it becomes ignorant of any laws.

There are four different types of serial killers.

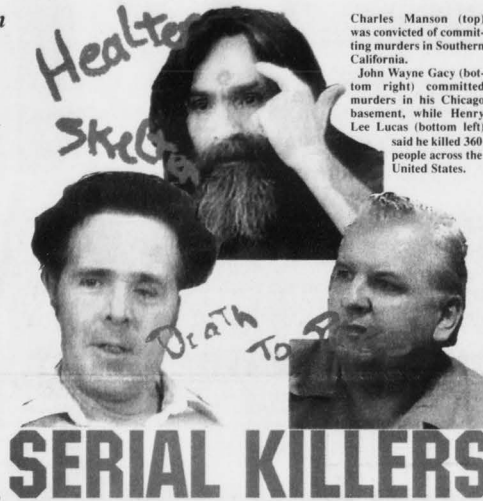
First, there are the visual killers. They believe God gives them a vision of different methods to do the killing.

Second, there are the mission killers. They have a goal to achieve. An example of a mission killer would be Adolf Hitler.

Third, there are the power-control killers. They have to assert control over someone.

Last, there are the hedonistic killers. They have no purpose, goal

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Charles Manson (top) was convicted of committing murders in Southern California.

John Wayne Gacy (bottom right) committed murders in his Chicago basement, while Henry Lee Lucas (bottom left) said he killed 360 people across the United States.

## SGA Elections To Give 'New Blood'

By Larry Wical  
Staff Writer

Students will be temporarily trading their student identification cards for election ballots at the polling booths April 17 and 18 to collectively decide which students will govern NKU's 1996-97 student body.

Student Government Association, NKU's elected, representative student assembly, is responsible for representing student viewpoints. Those students running for SGA offices will have an opportunity to present their platforms to voters during the election.

SGA's entire Executive Council (which includes the president), as well as 15 student senators and three judicial council justices seats

are all open. The students who will fill those positions will be elected to new terms for NKU's next academic year.

Current SGA President Jamie Ramsey, who will graduate after this semester with a degree in sociology, sees the upcoming election as an opportunity for "new blood" to flow into NKU's representative student body.

"Myself, (executive vice president) Jen Boyd and (vice president of external affairs) Brian Ellerman are all graduating after this semester," Ramsey said. "Julie Trauth, who is V.P. of Public Relations, will probably graduate in December, so she is not running for an office."

The race for the presidency currently consists of two candidates, Ramsey said. The two candidates so far are junior

### SGA's Presidential Candidates

•Kevin Woods  
A junior with three years of experience on student government. He is currently SGA's vice president of Official Records.

•Chris Saunders  
A senior with 2 1/2 years of experience on student government. He has served chairman of the Governmental Affairs committee.

Kevin Woods and senior Chris Saunders. Both Woods and Saunders are members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which has produced SGA's last four presidents.

Woods, an industrial/labor relations major

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## NKU Regents Get Visit From Ceramics Students

### Sore Spots: Lack Of Building, Condition Of Current Trailers

By Gina Holt  
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University ceramic students have waited almost three years for a new ceramic/sculpture building to be built and now they want action.

Ceramic classes are presently held in the three trailers located on parking lot G. The trailers are over 25-years-old and have been condemned for several years.

Six ceramic students came to the NKU Board of Regents meeting on Thursday. The students stood outside the door passing out fliers and holding a poster with pictures of the trailers as regents and other university officials walked in the conference room.

The students approached each person who attended the meeting and explained the problems to them. They pointed to the pictures showing the rotting floors, walls, doors and ceilings.

The fliers contained information about the architects, Bennett, Barnette and Bagley stating they were consistently behind schedule and constantly designing the building over the \$1.1 million construction budget.

Clark Barnette of Bennett, Barnette and Bagley said they have not designed the project over budget, but said they would not comment on anything else.

Technically, the architects have designed the building over budget. Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning said.

The original plans for the building included an unrealistic amount of square footage, she said. After the architects designed it, they realized the building could not be designed as large as they had planned and stay within the budget.

This caused over 35 changes in

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ABOVE: Students show pictures of the ceramics trailers to Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents and other officials.

RIGHT: The metal cylinders holding up a roof extension on one of the trailers are rusting and leaning.

Photos by Lisa Washnock and Jason Brown/The Northerner



## CANDIDATE X: Will Assume Duty's On July 1

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will be, but what is going on now is a normal process.

Hollister said the reason the board would not release the name of candidate "X," because to do so at this stage in the game would put that person and the board in jeopardy.

"I'm going to have to tell you, the university community, the faculty and staff know exactly what these people are going through and understand it," Hollister said. "But we understand how presidents are appointed and what they are going through right now."

Hollister said.

Sparks said July 1, the day President Leon Boothe will leave the office of the president, would be the starting day for the new interim president.

Sparks said there would probably be a time limit or an understanding with the new interim president, so when a permanent president would be chosen, the interim would be gracious enough to step aside.

Sparks said whoever the interim president would be, they would not apply for the job of being a permanent president for NKU.

"No, we excluded that," she said. "We never wavered from that, that the interim would not be a candidate."

Jack Moreland, superintendent of Dayton schools, is one of the possible six interim candidates who could be NKU's next interim president.

Moreland, who is a friend of chairwoman Sparks, has been considered the front-runner for the position.

"I think it would be a nice challenge," Moreland said.

About her possible support of Moreland, Sparks said "rumors abound."

## ART: Exhibit Name Safe From Change For Now

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Houghton said she doesn't think anything else will be said about the issue of changing the name.

"There is going to be no more controversy," Houghton said. "It is going to be fun from now on."

Neither Houghton nor Knight expect any future problems from either the university or the public.

"I'm sure something will be said

about its opening, but nothing compared to what we've been through," he said.

Part of the controversy stems from reactions a few legislators had when their constituents phoned them to complain about the name being offensive.

"There was some concern about what was going to be in it," said co-chairman of the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus, Royce Adams.

The Chair on the Northern

Kentucky Legislative Caucus, Richard "Dick" Roeding wrote a memo in February urging President Boothe not only to encourage changing the name of the exhibit he also wrote, "Any art exhibit that would ridicule or attack the beliefs of a religion are repugnant to most citizens in Northern Kentucky."

Hollister said there was no pressure on the department to change the name and this is not a case of censorship.

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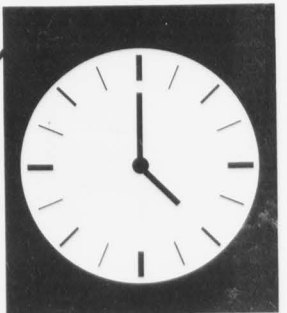
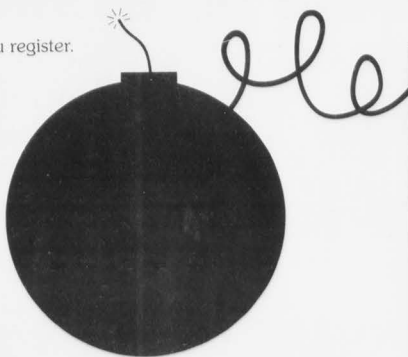
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## Regents' Withholding Of Name Unwarranted; Actions Unacceptable

Members of the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents have their interim president for the university in mind. They are the only ones. In a closed meeting held at NKU on Thursday, the regents came to a consensus on the interim president for the university. They would not announce the choice for the position.

The Northernner's Chris Mayhew and Gina Holt and the Kentucky Post's Debra Ann Vance attempted to ascertain why the regents were hushed.

Mayhew asked that Sparks cite the exemption in the law which allowed the regents to withhold their nominee for the interim presidency.

She would only say that it would not be fair to announce the name of the candidate at that time.

"It's not fair to name names," she said. "It's not fair to anyone."

Debra Vance immediately spoke out. "I think it would be fair to the university and all of the employees out here."

But she never got the opportunity to finish her comment, because this is when, Big Brother of the Board Regents, Peter Hollister, the university's vice president for university relations and development, loudly and rudely cut her off.

"By the same token, I'm going to tell you that the university community, the faculty and the staff know exactly what these people are going through and understand it," Hollister said. "Yes we want to know. Everyone wants to know."

Vance said since the person for the position was chosen, it should be announced.

"You all know who you want," she said. "Why don't you just say it."

At this time Gina Holt, news editor of The Northernner, agreed with Vance.

"You may not feel that is fair to the candidate, but it's not fair to the faculty and staff," Holt said. "I've had thousands of people ask me today, who's the interim president? Well I don't know yet, and I don't think any of us are going to know yet. It's really not fair to them to not know who their boss is."

As the group was about to break up, Chris Mayhew, The Northernner's managing editor, turned to Sparks and asked a question.

"I hate to do this but can you say for the exemption, what kind of exemption are you claiming?"

"I don't even know what you're talking about," Sparks said.

"For why would you not name the person, what kind of exemption do you claim?" Mayhew asked.

This is standard practice. When not releasing information to the public, administrators are required to cite the exemption in the open meetings law.

Again Big Brother Hollister felt the need to speak when not spoken to, this time setting off a frenzy of errors not seen since the days of Laurel and Hardy and the Keystone Cops.

"I don't think your question is in the right context," Hollister said.

Mayhew asked if it was a personnel matter — one of the possible exemptions. Sparks said no.

"They're not naming a person, because to do so would put that person and themselves in some jeopardy because that person needs to be contacted first," Hollister said.

That was the best form of a verbal exemption Sparks and Hollister could muster and one that, later members of The Northernner could not find in the commonwealth of Kentucky's statutes.

The regents have had plenty of time to notify the candidate, but at press time six days had passed and still no announcement.

On Thursday, to go through the proper process, Debra Vance spoke up again. This time to make her formal open records request to Alice Sparks and Peter Hollister. The formal request should be in writing. Vance began to read her request.

"I'm going to put mine in writing for a request," she said. Sparks said that was all right, but also seemed puzzled.

"What is the written request?"

"I want all that stuff that relates to the negotiating with..."

Like clock work Big Brother Hollister cut her off again.

"Put it in writing," he said.

She tried to give them the request.

Again Hollister said, "Put it in writing." This time as he looked at a piece of paper with her request on it.

"That's it," she said as she attempted to hand them her request.

"No, put it in writing," Hollister said. "Come on Debra, put it in writing and send it to Sheila Trice Bell (NKU's legal counsel)... and as a matter of fact, you know, at this stage of the game, if you're going to do an open meetings thing anyway, then let's get off of it, and let's get the request in and we'll deal with the request."

But Hollister and Sparks would not take Vance's request personally.

Let us review:

Sparks did not claim an exemption on Thursday, and she told The Northernner she could give an exemption.

Peter Hollister offered a 10-cent exemption of it's not fair. When Chris Mayhew asked Sparks to claim an exemption, Hollister mysteriously said, "I don't think your question is in the right context."

Hollister repeatedly cut Debra Vance off as she tried to speak with Alice Sparks.

Vance attempted to put a formal request in for the information on the interim president. As she attempted to give the university officials the request, one that Sparks had already said she would accept, Hollister told Vance to "put it in writing." It was in writing, but Sparks and Hollister would not accept it. Vance was told to forward it to the university's legal counsel.

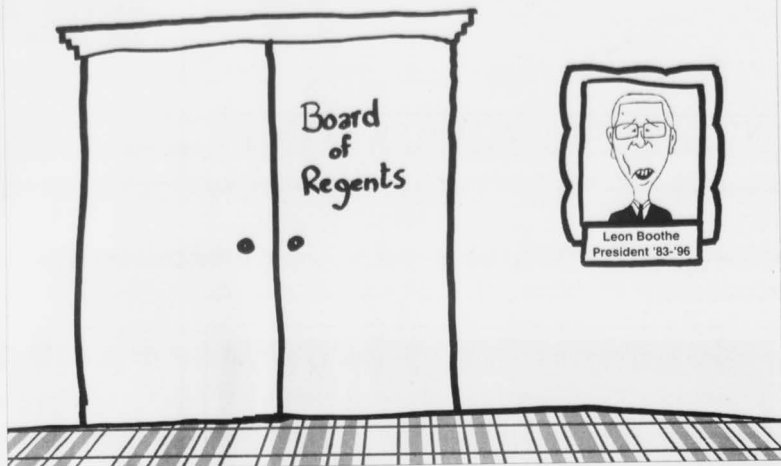
In summary, The Northernner filed a written complaint over the actions of Sparks and Hollister on Thursday as they pertain to the open records and meetings laws. For Sparks, more than anything else, it appears that NKU's chairwoman to the Board of Regents is bedeviled by the laws that govern her. This ignorance can no longer be tolerated.

NKU's students, faculty and staff should demand the choice for an interim president be made public. The university community has already spoken out against the possible selection of an outside candidate. Could the hush be because the regents fear further protests and petitions by students, staff and faculty?

The people of NKU should speak out regardless. Let the those in charge know how you feel. Tell Alice Sparks how you feel by calling the Office of Administrative Affairs at 572-5125.

As for Hollister, his behavior, although it is normal for Peter Hollister, is not the acceptable behavior for NKU's leader for university "relations," and it should not be tolerated again.

## No Secret Meetings Here



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## Junior College Means Segregation

By Amy Hagemeyer

I feel a Junior College located on the Covington campus would be segregation in its crudest form.

When I entered NKU five years ago, I was advised to take the remedial classes offered to me because my ACT scores (which I took once) were low in Math and English. As an obedient freshman, I did as I was told and took the remedial classes. I made it through them with ease, with A's and B's.

Having to take remedial courses may not seem like a problem to some, but to me it was devastating.

I spent one whole year speeding through remedial classes while the rest of my friends took general studies requirements and some even took courses towards their major. I was extremely jealous of my friends. All I could think of was how I was considered "remedial" because of a standardized test. This label caused my self-esteem to be low in my remedial courses and caused me to do not as well later in my other courses to follow. This is still very frustrating to me because I am still plugging along while the friends I entered college with are presently graduating and earning money.

I feel that if I would have been forced to attend a Junior College, separated from the main university, my self-esteem would have been lowered even more because of the stigma associated with being pushed off to another campus.

The hopes to improve under-prepared students' education cannot be fulfilled by pushing them off to another campus.

The complaint of wasting professors' time teaching the "under-prepared" students will not be decreased by pushing them off to another campus. We need to begin by treating the remedial students

like everyone else. Include remedial course grades in the GPA. Offer the ACT test in an essay form. Offer guidance and support.

The issue is this: how can we make the most of our money and accommodate all?

This is one place where we can put a stop to the segregation in our society. After all, I pay as much tuition as everyone else.

[Norsuasion essays are written by individual students in ENG 391 Persuasive Writing. The views expressed represent the views of the writer and not necessarily the views of any other persons.]

## Insensitivity Shown To Physically Challenged

Students, faculty and staff should be more aware of ongoing problem

Editor,

In the three years that I have attended this institution I have noticed an ongoing problem that exists within the student body and also within the staff and faculty here at NKU. That is the insensitivity towards the physically disabled on campus. Whether this insensitivity is intentional or not, this problem obviously needs to be addressed again.

There's the issue of perfectly capable people who constantly insist on pushing the handicap button to open doors. Both hands are free and they don't require any assistance to

open doors. But they keep on pushing and kicking these buttons, breaking them or shorting out the fuse.

You want to know why tuition keeps increasing? The university has to continuously repair the broken doors and handicap buttons. One day they are going to use up all the allocated funds for this recurring problem and the doors and buttons are going to remain defective and useless. Okay, so I'm going to the extreme. But think about it. Every time one of those breaks, it costs the University money that could be spent on something else.

Just recently it was brought to my attention again just how far out of

control this has gotten. Early and late morning classes seem to be the most popular, therefore, this means constant crowded elevators during those nearly 10 minutes in between classes.

Case scenario: Crowded elevator in Landrum, full of one floor riders, doors open up on third floor. Man in wheelchair needs in. To no one's surprise... there's no room. Elevator doors close, remaining riders continue their journey up or down. Man in wheelchair is still waiting on the third floor for a space on an elevator.

Can anyone tell me what's wrong with this picture? Why didn't any-

one offer to get off the elevator to let this man on? Are we really that insensitive and unsympathetic that we don't notice their needs? Or do we just not care?

I'm not saying we should single the disabled out, but their needs should be addressed in a more positive manner than they currently are.

So next time you see someone who is physically disabled needing to get on the elevator, get off and offer that person your space on that elevator. Take the stairs, it's only 24 steps, and most of us need that little extra exercise anyway.

Erica L. Lienhardt

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## Generation X

### Rest; Relaxation Are Not The Only Things On Student's Minds This Coming Summer

With summer just around the proverbial corner, it seems like rest and relaxation are just what the doctor prescribed. However, some busy betties and baldwins are planning on using the three months for more than just hanging out by the pool with the latest John Grisham or Anne Rice novel.

It is becoming increasingly popular for 18 to 20-somethings to come back to school with more than just a great tan, but also with some money in the bank, and a few more credits to their college record.

Freshman Mike Perazzo and Julie Bertalight said they were working this summer, because they had both just bought new cars. However, that is not the only reason students are heading into the job market as the temperature swells. Approximately 80 percent of the students at NKU are currently receiving some sort of financial assistance. Keeping ourselves out of a huge debt when we graduate requires working now...to pay later.

As I sat in my room, trying to write out this article, I thought of all the unfounded Generation X stereotypes.

The common belief is that us "Gen-Xers" lack drive, direction and determination.

To those comments, I respond: My generation only seems to lack motivation, because we are the first generation to have the luxury of deciding what we want to do

with the rest of our life (our parents had Vietnam, their parents had World War II, and our great-grandparents had World War I).

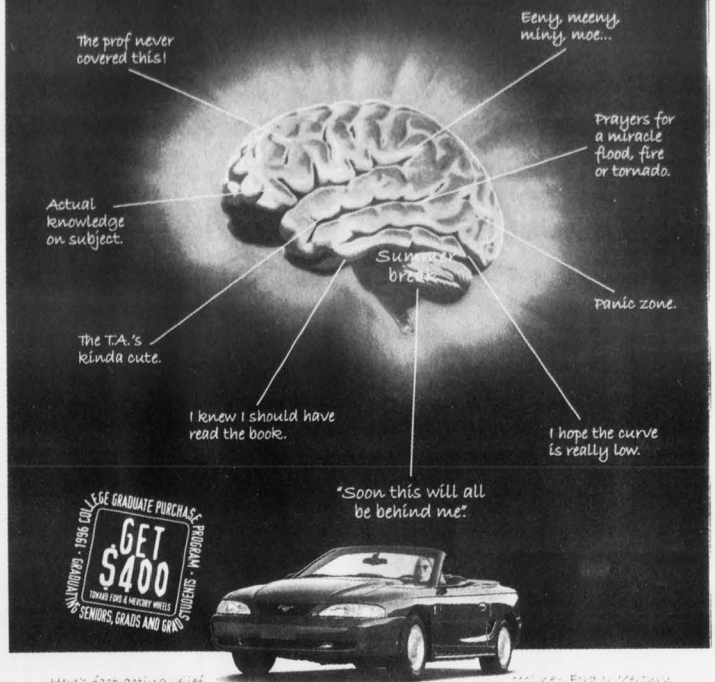
There is no major war drafting away all of today's youth. That gives us a pretty daunting task, forgive us if we tend to hesitate. We are dealing with a recovering economy, and an even shakier job market. We work two part-time jobs instead of one full-time because getting hired out of college and staying with that job for life is not a reality anymore.

If we seem whiny, it's simply because we were sold a lie. We were sold the "Dream" the concept that four years of higher education would bring us a job with pay which would allow us to buy a house, have 2.5 kids, and a dog in the backyard. As we look around now, we realize all too quickly that in this world of "corporate downsizing" and stiff competition, the American dream doesn't exist anymore.

"I think the stereotype about the 'lazy gen-Xer' is 180 degrees in the wrong direction, at least for the students at Northern... most of our students are the children of working class parents. Also, a lot of our students work full-time and go to school as well," said Kim Vance, an NKU alumni and director of the residence halls.

So, as we march off this summer to jobs and classes, have sympathy for us "lazy gen-Xers." I guess we're just not used to the work.

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## Students Show Curiosity In Moon Day

By Chris Bachman  
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Activities added to the craziness of a full moon and lunar eclipse on Wednesday, April 3, with its first moon day.

"We just wanted to do something weird and different," Mary Chesnut, coordinator of the Office of Student Activities, said.

Passing students in the lobby of the

University Center were attracted to the festivities by free moon pies, glow-in-the-dark moon balls and moon facts.

The moon balls, 60 in all, were gone in 15 minutes. Many students stopped by just to find out what Moon Day was, responding to the full moon fever.

Superstitions of full moons were passed along as well.

"If you pluck your eyebrows during a full moon, they will grow back faster," Freshman

Shauna Averdick, Undeclared said.

True or not, students who stopped by the moon table got caught up in the hype.

"Moon pies must be popular in the South," Sam Lapin said, who once won an entire case of moon pies in Memphis, Tenn., as part of a lunar eclipse celebration.

That might add to the myth of full moons bringing out the weirdness in people.

"We do other really cool things other than Full Moon Day," Chesnut said.

## Remaining Scheduled APB Events

•A drive-in movie, double-feature of: "Ace Ventura II: When Nature Calls" and "Copycat" will be showing on Tuesday, April 16 on the intramural fields near the dorms.

•On Thursday, April 18 a Coffee Hour Forum will be held for students to voice their college likes and dislikes. Food will be provided.

•Earth Day is April 22, which kicks off the Rites of Spring week. Rites of Spring includes: student booths sponsored by different student organizations, dunking booths,

airbrush booths and novelty events like human bowling and a bungee run will be offered to the students.

•Events relating to the Rites of Spring will be held throughout that week, ending with a street dance at Norse Commons on Friday, April 25 with an announcer from radio station WKRR.

For more information on all events sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, a calendar is posted outside of University Center Room 224.

Life Experience Equals College Credit  
Few Students Have Discovered NKU's 'Best Kept Secret'By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

Many valuable lessons are learned through life's experiences.

Northern Kentucky University offers an alternative to normal classes.

The Credit Continuing Education and Distance Learning Center aides the many nontraditional students at NKU in receiving credit for lessons learned through their life experiences.

"It's one of the university's best kept secret," Senior Alexandra Rekers, mental health and human services major said.

"I've been out of school for about 20 years now. I would recommend the program to people my age," said Penny Bezold, a freshman business major. It has helped me ease back into school."

Students are required to prepare a portfolio for credit. The students describe and document learning in their portfolios both on a theoretical and applicable

level.

Students can earn a maximum of 32 hours of credit toward a bachelor's degree or 16 hours toward an associate degree by completing portfolios.

One of the sections students must put in the portfolio requires the student to document proof that their experiences is worth college credit.

Students can do portfolios on a number of subjects.

There isn't a list of classes for which a student can submit a portfolio. The choice of classes is based on the decision of the professors.

The steps of this process are:

•First, the student contacts the center, identifying the class for which they wish to receive credit.

•The center's personnel will determine if the student's accumulated experience is sufficient enough to receive college credit.

•The student will then be told whether or not to do a portfolio.

•The student puts the portfolio together.

•The student is required to also take the Prior Learning class while doing the portfolio. The students receive two hours credit for successfully completing the course.

•The student is told exactly how to put together the portfolio in the Prior Learning class. They are showed the total step-by-step process.

•A student can work on other portfolios once they have received credit for PRL 101.

Most of the students taking the prior learning course are adults who have learned concepts of the class on the job.

Credit is only rewarded in areas where a thorough evaluation can be made.

Some courses don't lend themselves to portfolios because the subject is too broad to prove that class objectives have been learned, said Chris Comte, credit continuing education and distance learning director.

Portfolio credits often don't transfer to other universities, even

though other area schools offer a program similar to this one.

Portfolios aren't for everyone. Basic writing skills are required to be successful, Comte said.

Students are required to pay full tuition for the two-credit hour class. Students developing portfolios pay only 60% of the tuition cost per credit hour.

"It took me only 15 hours outside of class to complete my first portfolio," Rekers said. "I was enrolled in three other classes when I took PRL 101 and completed my first portfolio and wasn't stressed at all."

"I earned 14 hours for completing one portfolio and PRL 101 plus the hours from three other classes."

Information sessions fully describing the portfolio option are being held on April 23 and July 30 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in University Center 108.

"It's worth it for anyone to take two hours of their time to find out about it," Rekers said.

## KILLERS: Begin As Children

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or inspiration. They kill for fun.

Serial killers believe they can never stop killing.

Bundy wanted to stop killing when he moved out to Florida, Wells said. But he couldn't stop.

Northern Kentucky University students have been given the opportunity to study serial killers in a classroom setting. Superintendent of Juvenile Detention David Wells is the instructor.

There are two parts to the class. The first part is on the types of serial killers. The second part is on the victims and the makings of a serial killer.

Serial killers are sociopaths, Wells said.

They usually come from dysfunctional families or have overly strict fathers. Some have a history of bed-

wetting after the age of 12, setting fires and cruelty to animals.

Many serial killers fantasize about violent sex.

It is usually experiences early in their past that makes them serial killers. Jeffrey Dahmer thought about killing at age 13.

They have different personality traits. Some are loners. Some mix and mingle well, like Ted Bundy.

Serial killers usually choose weak victims. Dominant personalities or individuals usually makes them feel threatened. They choose victims that they can lead away to a secluded environment.

Prostitutes are likely victims for serial murders because they have usually terminated contact with their family. People are less likely to recognize they are missing.

Events For The Week  
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Thursday, April 11

\*Northern Expressions  
10 a.m.-3 p.m., UC Plaza

Saturday, April 13

\*Chartering Ceremony  
EXCEL (Omicron Delta Kappa)  
2 p.m., BEP 200

Tuesday, April 16

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## Death Brings Reality To Sports

By John Kirtley

The 56,000 fans who packed into Riverfront Stadium for the 116th opening day of the Cincinnati Reds were buried by a true load of perspective when home plate umpire John McSherry suddenly collapsed and died of a heart attack seven pitches into the game.

Watching someone collapse and die in the spectacle of professional sports could not straighten out priorities any quicker for a fan, and I was no exception.

In my family, Opening Day in Cincinnati ranks right up there with Christmas Day in terms of anticipation and April 1, 1996 was no different. My parents, two of my three brothers, one of my brother's girlfriends and one of my best friends from high school who drove down with his sister from Miami University were all packed together in the upper deck in right field for what is always a very special day in my family.

As Reds lefty Pete Schourek retired the first two batters of the 1996 season, everything seemed perfect. It was Major League Baseball's best show in Cincinnati and my family was enjoying it together for the ninth straight year.

As the next hour unfolded, our worst fears became reality: fears I thought I left at the ticket gate.

Two pitches into the third batter, McSherry threw up his right hand and signaled to his counterparts. He started to walk to the service gate behind home plate in an attempt to get off the field. McSherry knew he was in trouble. As he reached the warning track behind home plate, he collapsed face-first.

The near capacity crowd watched in horror as doctors from the Reds and Montreal Expos furiously worked to revive McSherry. From right field, all I could see was a man in a white hat bobbing up and down administering CPR to the fallen 51-year-old from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. McSherry never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead of a heart attack about an hour later.

For sports fans everywhere, and especially at Riverfront Stadium that day, the on-field death of National League umpire John McSherry is the reality check of a lifetime. I remember walking out of the stadium in stunned disbelief and horribly reminded that sports, in essence, has no real importance.

That night, God tossed me a curveball. The Kentucky Wildcats won their first national championship in 18 years and I then watched the City of Lexington in complete pandemonium.

I thought to myself, were the UK fans who were turning over cars and setting the campus on fire watching the Reds game on television today? Do they realize they're living a fantasy and their lives revolve around the talents of eight 20-year-olds? But on April 2, I was back to normal watching the Reds and Expos play their opening game of 1996 on television.

The lesson I received that day was not to take sports too seriously. I still watch sports; I'll still pay to watch sports and I'll still write about sports but sports are not life or death situations. Unfortunately for me, it took a life or death situation to figure that out.

A column written by freshman sports writer John Kirtley.

NKU freshman pitcher Brian Willis (35) of New Richmond, Ohio reaches for the ball after a wild pitch gets past the catcher. The Pumas of Saint Joseph's swept NKU in Saturday's doubleheader, 9-3 and 12-7.

## Golf Coach Eyes NCAA Championship

By John Kirtley  
Staff Writer

For Northern Kentucky University golf coach John Ries, the spring of 1996 could be one to remember.

Last week, Ries accepted an offer to become the next men's golf coach at the University of Cincinnati, but before his time at NKU is through, Ries and his team have their sights set on something even more special — a national championship.

"I firmly believe we can win the national championship," Ries said.

The Norse golf team does not play a Great Lakes Valley Conference schedule in its spring season.

"The spring is much more

important than the fall season because of the national tournament," Ries said. "We have been pointing to that tournament all year."

Ries' team remains intact from the fall squad that finished second in the GLVC championships, including senior co-captains Mark Welage and Tom Walters, who golf at the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, respectively, in NKU's line-up.

"They are two senior co-captains and the heart and soul of this team," Ries said. "The others look up to them and they inspire us to victory."

Ries counts on Walters and Welage to be the centerpiece of his championship run, with both holding lofty post-season resumes.

Welage qualified for the 1995

Public Links Golf Championships in Boston and runner-up trophy in the '95 Citinext Championships in Cincinnati.

Walters' post-season honors include a '94 visit to the Public Links Golf Championships, a semi-final appearance in the same Citinext Championships as Welage, and a U.S. Amateur Championships appearance last summer after winning the qualifying tournament in Cincinnati.

Juniors Brandon Ries and R.J. Foltz are slotted as the No. 3 and No. 4 golfers for the Norse, while juniors Matt Eilers and Adrian Cabrera and freshman Jason Weidner compete weekly for the fifth and final spot in Ries' line-up.

"Our top four are very solid and the five, six and seven guys are just

a half step behind the top four," Ries said. "We're pretty strong from top to bottom."

Ranked 13th in the nation, the Norse have gotten off to a good start in their spring schedule by winning the University of Missouri-St. Louis Invitational. NKU competed in the Morehead State University Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, representing the only Division II school at the tournament.

The district tournament begins April 22 and 23 in Fort Wayne, Ind., which will be NKU's first step in winning a national championship. If the Norse are invited to the regional tournament at Avalon Lakes golf course in Youngstown, Ohio on May 5, they must finish in the top five to qualify for the

national championship tournament in Oklahoma City on May 20.

"I feel very confident that if we play good golf and have good sports we'll be in Oklahoma City in May," Ries said.

Unfortunately for the NKU golf program, this will be Ries' last stand at NKU following his arrival to UC next fall. He leaves his program with no regrets.

"NKU gave me the job when my qualifications weren't that good," the director of the Greater Cincinnati Golf Association said. "Jane [Meier, NKU's athletic director] has been more than generous to me. We are, and always will be, a family."

For the Norse, Ries' finale may end with a bang by winning national championship.

"A number of wins hasn't been a top priority of mine." —NKU head coach Bill Aker



Jason Brown/The Northerner

## 700 And Still Counting...

By Brian Steffen  
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University baseball coach Bill Aker will retire before he turns 65. By then he should be approaching anywhere from 800 to 850 wins.

As of Friday, Aker's career coaching record is 703-466. On March 30, Aker won his 700th game, 11-4, against Kentucky Wesleyan College. He became only the ninth Division II coach to win 700 games.

After the game, the seniors snuck behind Aker and doused their coach with ice water.

"The freshmen were too scared," Aker said.

Also, the Norse all signed the game ball and gave it to their humble coach.

"A number of wins hasn't been a top priority of mine," he said.

During Aker's 25-year career at NKU, his team has reached the College World Series twice. The first time in 1979 while in the NCAA Division II and then in 1985 in the NAIA. Three years later NKU moved back into the NCAA.

Aker has coached 63 players who have played professionally. One of which, Chris Hook of Erlanger, currently plays for the San Francisco Giants. He is the only player Aker has coached that has played extensively in the major's.

For Aker, the game of baseball is nothing compared to the game of life. He said he tries to instill this in his players.

A clear example came in June after his daughter, Maria, had been in a car wreck and suffered brain damage. He said his players and former players have been at his side since the accident.

But there are some players who Aker has been there for in the bad times.

One of Aker's former players, Jeff Smith, died of cancer to lymph nodes in 1988. Smith's jersey, No. 27, was retired. Aker said it was a trying time for the Norse.

Also, former player Tim Grogan had his jersey, No. 11, retired after he had overcome cancer. To this day Aker and Grogan remain close.

"I see him all the time, he has three kids now and he's doing fine," Aker said.

When Aker, 56, and founder of NKU baseball, began coaching in the 1970-71 season, he hardly found any free time. He was a student studying business administration while working at *The Cincinnati Enquirer* as a pressman. Not to mention being married with three children.

"I wanted to get a degree in the business world," Aker said. "I never dreamed I'd be coaching someday."

With two years left until graduating from then Northern Kentucky State College, Aker was asked to coach the newly formed baseball team.

But Aker's career in baseball started when he was in high school.

Aker was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 1957 out of Covington Holmes High School. In 1958, Aker played his only year of professional baseball for the Fargo Reds of North

Dakota, a rookie league. He was forced to quit because of a hand injury he suffered while placing his boat inside his garage. Because of the wet floor he accidentally slipped and fell into the garage window.

The injury shattered a dream of Aker's to play in the big leagues.

"It's a dream of all kids of that age... I didn't play ball for three years," he said. "I played semi-pro ball around town, but I couldn't play the way I could before."

When his playing days were over, Aker ventured into coaching. He started with Knottville, then moved to the Buckeye League which is now the Cincinnati Recreational Commission.

That was the big thing to do on Sundays since there wasn't television Aker said.

"The family would go out to watch the game and go swimming," there was a chicken dinner afterwards," he said.

Many Sundays later, Aker decided he should go back to school. He graduated from NKU in 1972, then received his master's in education from Xavier University in 1975.

He started working at *The Cincinnati Enquirer* in 1955 as a wide-eyed 16-year-old. In 1978, Aker quit his job at the newspaper to focus more on his coaching.

"I enjoyed working at the *Enquirer*, those people were good to me."

Besides coaching, Aker has taught several courses through the years at NKU. He taught physical education, business and University 101, but the biggest lesson he has taught is the lesson of life.

### Norse Notes

## NKU Rugby Closest Thing To Football

By Wayne Yeager  
Staff Writer

It is considered the predecessor to American football and thought by most people to be a rough sport for those who play the game. But to the members of the Northern Kentucky University Rugby team, rugby is an intense contest.

"It's a great sport," said George Ward, a member of the rugby team. "I fell in love with it."

Ward first got involved with the rugby team when he saw a flyer advertising the rugby club.

"I wanted something to do other than school," Ward said. "I wanted to try something different."

Coach Paul Schleimer got involved in a similar way.

"I went to a meeting for those interested in a rugby club," Schleimer said. "I was one of only a few who actually knew how to play."

The rugby team is actually the rugby club.

To become a member and be on the team, students pay dues and show up at meetings.

"Anybody can play," Ward said. "It doesn't matter your size or athletic ability, and it doesn't take a long time to play."

Last year, the NKU rugby team won the Southern Region Championship, a division of the Ohio Union. They accomplished this by defeating Marshall University and earned a spot in the Ohio Conference Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

"The style we played last year was for every two good things we did, we would do one bad thing," Schleimer said. "But that day against Marshall, everything clicked and we cleaned them off the field."

Schleimer has been coaching the team since 1992. He is assisted by Tom Boering, an NKU alumni.

### Five One-run Losses Hurt Norse Softball

The Northern Kentucky University softball team dropped a doubleheader to the University of Indianapolis on Wednesday, 5-3 and 6-2.

The Norse have struggled to a 5-11 record (3-5 Great Lakes Valley Conference), losing close games this season. The largest loss was by six runs. The Norse have lost five games by one run.

NKU's offense has been anemic this season. As a team, they are batting .191 and average just 1.93 runs per game. Both are last in the conference.

A bright spot this season has been the play of freshman Andrea Thompson. She is batting .336 and has just two errors for a .979 fielding average.

—Pat McEntee

### Giuggio and Wagner, Dominating Doubles

The Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team is fighting for respectability as they approach the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament on May 20.

The Norse, 4-8 (2-3 GLVC), are led by junior Darren Giuggio, who has posted a 9-3 record in singles action this season.

Giuggio is dominating in doubles this season with Jon Wagner. They hold an 11-1 mark this season.

The Norse play four times between now and the tournament next weekend.

—Pat McEntee



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Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



# Not Contrary

# Be Merry,

Goof off and help your grades. A good laugh sharpens the senses

If it's been a while since you've had a good laugh, consider sharpening your sense of humor.

It could be more important than you think.

A recent survey for *Safety and Health Magazine* showed 96 percent of managers think employees with a sense of humor are better performers than their more serious counterparts.

That puts laughter right up there with a good grade point average.

A good guffaw, in fact, might even improve your GPA.

It has long been preached that laughter is the best medicine for stressed individuals. That it (laughter) eases tension in both personal and professional relationships.

The logic behind this is people take in more oxygen when they laugh because they breathe deeper. More oxygen in our bodies means better blood circulation. And better circulation means better chances for the body to cope with physical and physiological stress.

"You get this good overall bodily feeling," Daren Crigler, a senior art major, said. "When you laugh, your muscles contract. You feel good inside."

"I had a good laugh today. I start laughing all over again when I think about it," he said. "One of my buddies at work cracked a funny joke."

Crigler works at the Kinkos next to The Westin Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. People traffic is heavy, he said.

"Maybe it was kind of mean, but my buddy saw a man who was out of normal proportion through the window," Crigler said. "He looked kind of like Andre the Giant."

"My friend said something funny and we both started cracking up."

When something is contradictory and in some way ironic, it can be funny, Crigler said.

"Laughter is invigorating. It releases endorphins, I think."

The '90s world is dictated by deadlines, dead serious deadlines. If we don't meet them, we can be dead ducks.

Late with a term paper - drop one letter grade.

Late with the electric bill - get out the candles.

We have no time for nonsense. The last good giggle for the humor-impaired was in the third grade. That's for the girls. Jocularly-challenged boys stopped giggling in the first grade.

There exists a certain genre of people who consider humor to be uncool. To this deadpan group, any emotion is a sign of weakness. It means taking the risk of looking stupid.

It's no wonder TV sitcoms are as popular as they are. Watching them, we are allowed to be vicariously ridiculous.

We can show off our sophistication by poking fun at combat plots and wacky stars. As an added bonus, these shows aren't politically incorrect. They're acceptable.

"Most of the shows I like make fun of people," junior Chad Zeigler said. "They have a sarcastic humor."

"I watch 'In Living Color,'" Zeigler said. "If I'm in a bad mood, it puts me in a good mood."

Zeigler, who works in the W. Frank Steely Library, thinks humor in the workplace is very important.

"I like to work on certain days better than others just because of the people I work with," Zeigler said.

"If you go to work and the people around you are down in the dumps, it's no fun, and it definitely doesn't make for a good workplace," he said.

Crying may have its place, but on the job it's not appropriate.

It is said a good cry makes us feel better. Males are encouraged to cry these days, to get in touch with their emotions. It's a very '90s thing to do.

Sobbing on your bosses' sleeve, however, is not encouraged.

Laughter, on the other hand, is an energizer and a stress reliever... and it's contagious.

People who laugh together, bond together.

Conventional wisdom says that if you laugh at your worries, they will disappear.

Like getting out the Raid® and watching the bugs go down the drain.

Laughter makes smarter workers, according to a 1995 study for *Current Health*. It improves health by increasing circulation and

accelerating respiration. This in turn sharpens the function of your brain.

Forget the tutor. Play a prank on your neighbor and have a good howl. Then, with your newly-sharpened brain, start studying.

Laughter has truly been credited with super-human powers. In all seriousness, when we get into a rip-roaring belly-laugh we are out of control.

"The Guinness Book of World Records" probably has documentation of the world's longest laughter. Some poor soul might have died trying for the new record.

Some consider giggles to be a genuine act of God. The Vineyard Church in Toronto, reveres uncontrolled laughter as a religious experience.

Rolling on the floor is tantamount to divinity.

Whatever...

Humor, although uniformly beneficial, differs from culture to culture. What might seem hilarious to an Indonesian could be construed as sacrilegious to a Spaniard. A Baptist joke could easily offend a Presbyterian.

But comedy is helping us to cross cultural lines. We are learning how different segments of society live by the jokes they tell. We are beginning to "get it."

Those television sitcoms let us see what strikes our neighbor's funny-bones.

Humor is our ally. If we can laugh together, we can eventually become friends.

We can get good jobs together and get good grades together.

Sometimes it's smart to be stupid.



**NOTHING LIKE A GOOD HORSE LAUGH.** After a morning gallop, an exercise rider and thoroughbred race horse enjoy some down-time. Animals, like human beings, have facial expressions that convey emotions. This horse obviously thinks something is quite humorous, so humorous he had to let his rider in on the joke.

To be a successful athlete, a horse must not only be healthy and fit, he has to be happy. It's important for a rider to know his horse. But it's even more important for a horse to know his rider.

Animals can sense happiness. And when a person relaxes, the animal will let his guard down. Horses, like dogs and cats, love to play.

## In Their Opinion

## FAMOUS QUOTES

"A good laugh is a mighty good thing, and rather too scarce a good thing; the more's the pity."

-Herman Melville

"It has been wisely said that we cannot really love anybody at whom we never laugh."

-Agnes Repplier

"Not by wrath, but by laughter d we slay."

-Freidrich Nietzsche

"To become conscious of what is horrifying and to laugh at it is to become master of that which is horrifying. . . . Laughter alone does not respect any boos; the comic alone is capable of giving us the strength to bear the tragedy of existence."

-Eugene Ionesco

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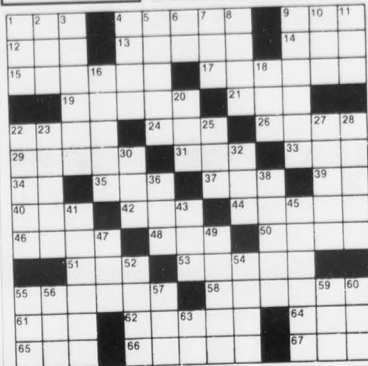
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- Number
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- High card
- Major currencies
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- Month (abbr.)
- Janet
- Dog
- Anger
- Light
- Crazy
- Cage
- Window glass
- Happening
- Door opener
- Easy
- Southern state (abbr.)
- A long time
- Uncle
- Six (Roman)
- Atlantic (abbr.)
- Now
- Motorist's hotel
- Jump
- High rock
- Valley
- Tub

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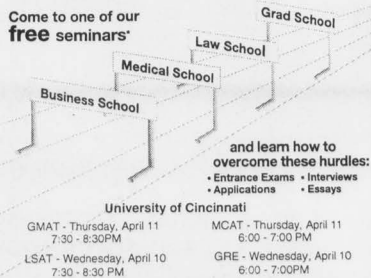
- Indian post
- Prepared
- Expand
- English (abbr.)
- New
- Allow
- Confederate general
- Station
- Age
- Summer browsing
- One of the Cabots
- Advertisement
- Volcanic ash
- Helps
- College degree (abbr.)
- And so forth (abbr.)
- Head
- Criminal (slang)
- Night before
- Opposite literal meaning
- Small bite
- Wapiti
- Within the law
- Egg-shaped
- Affirmative
- Umbilicus
- Enforced removal
- Game
- Sweet potato
- Butterfly catcher
- Shaw clothes
- Washing out the stomach
- Small child
- Mexican food
- Even
- Cowboy event
- Minister to the needs of
- To cause to slope
- Jelly
- Direction (abbr.)
- Female deer
- Indicates three (prefix)
- 7th Greek letter
- Vice-president (abbr.)

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## Child's Play



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On their first day, members of Japanese Language School's first grade class, a new addition to campus, romp in brisk spring air last Saturday by the Applied Science and Technology building.

## Conference To Explore African Directions

By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

On Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13, Northern Kentucky University will host the 13th Annual Pan-African Conference.

The conference will offer a view of past, present and future socio-economic, cultural and political directions used by African populations to ensure a better future.

The conference will also discuss the types of leadership strategies which can help individuals and communities to recover from slavery, colonialism and other ills facing African American problems.

National and international

experts and activists will present addresses, conduct workshops, and conduct panel discussions.

Students are also welcome to participate in the discussions.

The conference will begin on Thursday, at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn, located at the corner of Eighth & Linn Street.

The opening lecture will be presented by John Brackett, chairman of the African American Studies Department at the University of Cincinnati. His lecture is entitled "The Role of the Scholar/Teacher in Identifying and Providing Leadership in the African Diaspora." There will be a reception immediately following.

The conference will take place at NKU on Friday and Saturday. It will last from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on both days.

The first keynote speaker will be Ron Chisom, executive director for the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.

James Stewart, vice provost of Penn State University, will deliver the luncheon keynote on Saturday. His theme will be "Best of Times or Worst of Times? Alternative Visions of Africa in the 21st Century."

The conference will conclude on Saturday with a dinner and African Cultural Edutainment at the Arts Consortium on Linn Street in Downtown Cincinnati.

## Students Getting A Crack At 'Jimmy'

National Film Using NKU Interns This Summer To Produce Movie

## Northerner Staff Report

Northern Kentucky University's film program is getting a boost with the production of a movie to be filmed in Cincinnati, using students this summer.

"Jimmy Crack Corn (and I don't care)" will begin filming locally in June with NKU students intern as production assistants, producer David Hannah said.

The film is expected to play nationwide once finished.

Hannah said with the help of the Cincinnati Film Commission and university administrators, NKU beat out universities in five other states for the project.

"Everybody got behind this project and that's why it's happening," Director James Rosenow said.

The film presents advantages for both NKU students and the producers.

The students earn film school experience through their involvement with the film's production.

The film's producers get a production base near their filming sites and a low budget crew, he said.

"We had a need. They saw the opportunity and wanted to provide it to their students," Hannah said.

Another factor weighing in NKU's favor was its proximity to farmland and the abundance of Victorian homes in the Cincinnati area, Hannah said.

The movie's plot centers around the community values of a small rural town, he said.

Lori Holladay of the Cincinnati Film Commission said this project could help show the need for a film program in this area.

Holladay said the film industry is one of the top 10 growth markets in the world.

However, no school in the Cincinnati area has a film department, she said.

Hannah and Rosenow took applications for internship positions last week.

They will fill eight of those positions this week, while others will be filled by

"Everybody Got Behind this project and that's why it's happening."

-James Rosenow

early May, Hannah said.

RTV major Eric Nuelson said he signed up for editing, camera, and sound positions.

One thing the film will bring to NKU, Nuelson said, is Avid, a system for editing sound and video on computer.

It is top-of-the-line compared to what NKU has now, he said.

Hannah said that he hopes to open the independent film at the next Sundance film festival.

"If it goes to Sundance, maybe we can encourage other low budget projects and continue giving students this opportunity," he said.

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