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## Solution to Shot Shortage

## Vaccine offered in time of need

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In an effort to combat the flu shot shortage, Northern Kentucky University distributed FluMist, an intranasal flu vaccine, to students who were not in the high-risk category for a flu shot.

Students wanting to receive the vaccine were asked to bring their NKU All Card and \$20 to the University Center Oct. 21, 22, 25 or 26.

The flu shot shortage that has plagued the United States is caused by half of the flu shot supply being contaminated.

The United States receives 50 percent of its flu vaccine from a company overseas and that vaccine was contaminated. We do not have that vaccine available," said Dr. Joann Kennedy Randolph, assistant professor of nursing at NKU. "There is no way to remake the vaccine; it is made months in advance. Thank goodness they test it ahead of time."

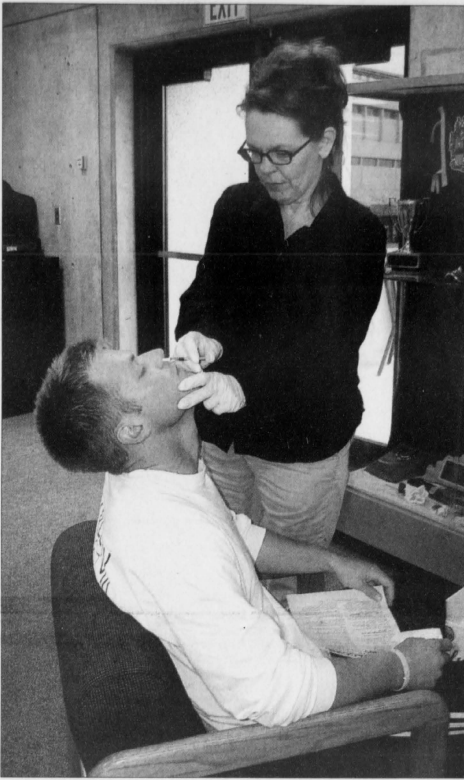
According to the FluMist Web site, FluMist is given in the nose and is designed to reproduce effective immunity elsewhere in the body, including the lungs. It is the first flu vaccine in the United States given as a nasal mist instead of a shot.

FluMist does not protect 100 percent of individuals vaccinated. In fact, some people are advised not to receive the FluMist vaccine, including "adults 50 years or older and children younger than 5 years of age."

people who have long-term health problems with heart, kidney, asthma, lung, anemia or other blood disorders and diabetes, children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment, pregnant women and anyone with a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome," according to the Health, Counseling and Prevention Services.

The best time to receive the vaccine is early fall, before the flu season begins. For example, if the vaccine is given in October, it will last the entire flu season. "For the viruses in the year, you have immunity and you might get the virus, but usually you get less of a case," Randolph said. "You can get FluMist into November, but the flu season begins in November so you don't want to contaminate yourself and wait until you have the flu."

There are plenty of ways to safeguard oneself during the flu season, Randolph said. "Most exposures are from desks or



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Nurse Amber Matraccia administers an intranasal flu vaccine to sophomore David Shearer.

countertops or things like that. If someone who has the virus puts their hands on a countertop and then you put your hands on the countertop, you may get the virus."

Randolph also stresses not sharing drinks with anyone during the flu season, avoiding touching the face and then touching other surfaces, and going to the restroom several times a day and washing your hands with a lot of lather to kill germs and bacteria. "Obviously, if someone is coughing on you, you are exposed and you may get sick, but using these simple steps will avoid exposure to illness," Randolph said.

For students with a tight budget, there are ways to protect oneself without spending money on FluMist. Randolph suggests using Purrell because it is tested for antibacterial capa-

bilities. "I don't know about the Kruger brand or the Walgreens brand, but I know about the Purrell brand. It is a small bottle that is able to be put in a purse or a pocket to carry around for convenience," Randolph said. It is not a substitute for hand washing, but it will keep your hands free of bacteria in between washing.

"This is an important time to learn. You should be learning certainly your history and English, but you need to also learn prudent practices for your health," Randolph said. "You need to learn about yourself and your health history."

For more information, student contact the Health, Counseling and Prevention Services by calling (859) 572-5650 or stopping by the University Center room 300. Those still seeking the flu vaccine can make a

reservation at the Northern Kentucky Health Department. Residents are asked to call the health center in their county. No walk-ins will be taken. Health centers in the Northern Kentucky area can be contacted at the following numbers:

Boone County Health Center (859) 363-2066  
Campbell County Health Center (859) 431-1704  
Grant County Health Center (859) 824-5074  
Kenton County Health Center (859) 431-3345  
Approximately 800 flu shots will be given, 200 per health group. The Health Department doesn't anticipate receiving any more flu vaccine for the flu season. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or check. Medicare and Medicaid are also accepted.

## Donation to center interrupted

## Shanley: Public funds can't be given to chairity

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Northern Kentucky University administrators told the Student Government Association Oct. 25 that they had overruled the senate's decision to donate \$1,000 of university money to a center that offers free services to pregnant women.

At its Oct. 11 meeting, the student senate voted 18-1 in favor of buying baby supplies for the New Hope Center, an interdenominational faith-based agency that has three Northern Kentucky locations. The center would have given these donated items to pregnant women who chose parenthood over abortion.

"My impression is that the student government acted with what I would call their heart in the right place," but may not have spent enough time thinking about the conse-

quences of a donation of that sort in terms of it being a precedent for other contributions," NKU President James Votruba said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Shanley informed SGA President Andy Hixon that this was an inappropriate use of university money a few days after the senate's decision. He said that his veto had nothing to do with the New Hope Center's position on abortion.

"I was disappointed, but it's understandable," Sherry Friedmann, executive director of the New Hope Center, said.

Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Sara Sidebottom agreed with Shanley's decision to deny SGA's donation.

"It is an inappropriate expenditure of public funds when a student organization uses money budgeted for their own support to support an outside charitable entity, no

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## Candidate not invited

## Slider excluded from debate between Clooney and Davis

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The debate between Nick Clooney and Geoff Davis will give voters a chance to hear the views of two candidates for Kentucky's 4th District Congressional seat.

However, not everyone's work will be heard. Michael Slider, the Independent candidate, will not be participating in the debate Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Regent's Hall.

The host of the debate, Northern Kentucky's Legacy Press, decided to exclude Slider from the debate.

Wade Williams, Legacy's Congressional Debate Subcommittee Co-chair, said Legacy set a standard that only the two leading candidates in a political race will be

invited to the debates.

Williams said Legacy Press asked the Commission on Presidential Debate's criterion for a debate that says a candidate must have at least a 15 percent support rating in the polls. He said Slider has not shown electoral success in any polls and was therefore excluded.

"The problem with that," Slider said, "is the reason the [Commission] created that standard in the first place was to purposely keep [Ralph] Nader out of the debates. It was a very undemocratic standard to begin with."

Slider said the other problem with the standard is that

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Banners designed by five graphic arts students are displayed outside of University Center.

## Poll workers needed

Program recruits younger employees for Election Day

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Students wanting to be more involved in the upcoming election have the option of becoming a poll worker.

The Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement aids students in signing up as a poll worker in their county.

Interim director of the Scripps Center, Jean Ferrante, said she is overwhelmed by the student response at Northern Kentucky University. "We were hoping for 150, and we have 199 names ready now, with more coming in," she said.

Students interested in becoming a poll worker may have to work long hours, possibly from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students

will have to go through a training session before working, and pay is \$67 to \$140, depending on the county. "We're still waiting to see how many students the precincts are going to take," Ferrante said.

There are several requirements for students to be a poll worker, including attending a training session, being a registered voter, being a poll worker in the county that you are registered in and being available to work during the hours the polls are open.

Students in the poll worker program also a chance to win cash prizes for essays, artwork, or photographs submitted that "capture your experience as a poll worker." Students may not work on

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NKU students show their "freaky" side at Shadowbox Cabaret.

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## dpsreports

**Oct. 26 - 11:34 a.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop  
Location: KENTON DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

**Oct. 26 - 8:53 a.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop  
Location: KENTON DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired temporary registration. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and No Insurance.

**Oct. 26 - 2:17 a.m.**  
Classification: MEDICAL RESPONSE - Squad  
Location: WOODCREST APARTMENTS - Willow  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the listed location. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. Subject refused to be transported for further evaluation and treatment.

**Oct. 25 - 10:52 p.m.**  
Classification: ASSAULT - 4th Degree  
Location: WOODCREST APARTMENTS  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Several subjects were involved in a fight at the listed location. Medical assistance was not requested by any of the subjects and no charges have been filed at this time.

*These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS Web site at <http://access.nku.edu/dps>*

## campusbriefs

### Congressional debate to be held at Regents Hall

The 2004 4th District Congressional debate between Democrat Nick Clooney and Republican Geoff Davis will take place Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in Regents Hall. It was cancelled Oct. 13 because of the sudden death of Clooney's son-in-law.

The debate, organized by Northern Kentucky's Legacy Group and Citi Group will be free and open to the public.

### Service allows students to 'chat' with librarians

The library is offering a service for students that allows them to instant message a librarian for help on research papers of class projects. The "chat reference service" is located at the Stealy Library Web site under the heading

"Ask a Librarian" or <http://library.nku.edu/ask/>. The librarian on duty will answer basic questions regarding referencing and Web site navigation. For more in depth help, however, students should go to the Information Desk or schedule a consultation.

### Midterm grades available for freshmen

Freshman students who have less than 30 credit hours are now able to check their midterm grades on Norse Express. The grades will be posted until Oct. 30. Before dropping any classes freshmen are encouraged to contact their academic advisors who can be found at First Year Programs Advising Web Link at [www.nku.edu/first-year](http://www.nku.edu/first-year). The last day to drop a class with a W is Oct. 31.

### University Housing will run Halloween festivities

The Department of University Housing will be conducting a haunted house, crafts and games for local children Oct. 28.

The Halloween program will also include actual trick-or-treating in the university halls.

The Department of University Housing is asking all student organizations to donate items including: candy, craft materials, game materials and Halloween decorations.

The Department would specifically prefer face paints, Halloween coloring books and crayons. For any more information regarding the program or volunteering contact Kelly Rainey at (859) 448-8047.

Online at <http://access.nku.edu/housing>.

### STAR will host race dialogue

STAR hosts Race Dialogue Students Together Against Racism will be presenting its 8th annual Dialogue on Racism from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, in the University Center Otto Budig Theater.

Anyone is invited to attend.

### Applications available online for RA positions

The Department of University Housing is looking for Resident Assistants for the spring semester 2005.

Students who are interested in the position are invited to attend the "Meet the RA Candidates Night" and to complete an online application.

RA applications are available online at <http://access.nku.edu/housing>.

## nationalbriefs

### Sniper sentenced to life in prison

Lee Boyd Malvo, the infamous 17-year-old partner of John Allen Muhammad in the 2002 sniper spree, was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday, CNN reported.

Malvo was convicted for murder and attempted murder after two people were shot in Virginia during the sniper attacks near the Washington D.C. area.

Malvo was charged with the killing of Kenneth Bridges, a 53-year-old man who was filling his car with gas when he was shot in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

He was also charged attempting another murder in Fredericksburg after shooting Caroline Seawell, 43, outside a Michaels Arts & Crafts Store. Her wounds were not fatal.

Malvo was also convicted on two firearms charges corresponding with the shootings.

### Campaign efforts increase during final week before election

President Bush was campaigning heavily in swing state Wisconsin this Tuesday, CNN reported. Though the state, which holds 10 electoral votes, narrowly went to Al Gore last election, Bush urged voters to give them his support.

Bush spoke to a crowd about Wisconsin's farming interests, specifically promising to help find alternative markets for agricultural products and help family farmers. He also spoke about rising medical liability insurance rates and subsidizing dairy farmers.

# Sports complex in future plans

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A new outdoor sports complex is being planned in the 100 acres Northern Kentucky University has purchased on Johns Hill Road.

"We have several acres across the highway . . . it's actually outdoor sports facilities," Vice President for Facilities Management Larry Blake said. "There may be a building or two involved we are looking at planning right now, not building."

Much is being planned for the land including new baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts and stands, tracks and other possible structures.

However, because the park-

ing garage is being built Blake said, "We've put more emphasis on getting the soccer field done."

The land on Johns Hill Road is not new to NKU, but because of the new buildings being constructed on it, more projects have been planned on it, including new intramural fields. "We have been building up the land for years, some of it we just bought, but some of it we've had for years," Blake said.

During the initial \$35,000 survey, plans will be made about the necessary roads and buildings, and how much money these structures will cost. After the survey, which will be completed in the next few years, the actual design of the complex and the building of the structures will take



Photo contributed by Larry Blake

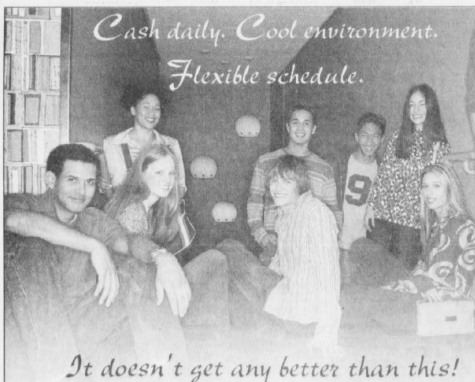
Land owned by NKU is being set aside for a new sports complex.

place, if the necessary funds are in place.

Blake said these planned structures, when built, will cost a good deal of money. "But

again we need some private money to do that, so we're hoping for donations," he said.

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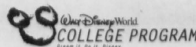
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# Dining negotiations the hard way

## Sodexho looks to renew contract with university, other companies may submit proposals

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Northern Kentucky University is currently looking into several different options for future dining providers.

NKU's contract with Sodexho, the current dining provider, will expire June 30, 2005. Sodexho has been associated with NKU since July 1995 and would like to continue providing service to the university.

"At this point, I don't know what is going to happen," said Matt Brown, director of housing at NKU. "Negotiations are underway and the university is looking at several options."

Currently, NKU has provided a list of needs that must be met by whatever company NKU decides to sign with. The uni-

versity puts out a proposal that can be looked at on the school Web site. Companies then look at these demands and decide if it's feasible to meet NKU's requests.

A conference was held over the summer for companies offering proposals to NKU. This conference was designed for companies to obtain more clarity of the requests NKU wants met and also to tour the dining facilities on campus. Attendance at the conference was mandatory for consideration.

According to the request for proposal document, companies had until Sept. 1 to send a proposal to NKU. The contract length desired is for ten years beginning Dec. 20, 2004 and lasting until June 20, 2015.

According to the proposal document, the following are

some of the needs NKU requires from a dining provider: "a) an experienced professional management staff, b) the offering of quality nutritious foods attractively and courteously served in a clean and sanitary environment, c) satisfying portions at reasonable prices, d) a well-trained food service force, e) convenient service schedules, f) a client first service attitude, g) economically sound operation practices."

With plans for a new Student Union facility that will cost approximately \$34 million, NKU is interested in partnering with the future dining provider and contractors to design the facility.

The company must also present the names of three com-

panies across the nation in which they offer services that are similar to those they plan to offer NKU.

"We will have representatives travel across the country to do site visits in which the food will be sampled, as well as the service evaluated, to see if it is the right decision for NKU," Brown said.

These site visits are at the discretion of NKU during the negotiation process. Aside from the site visits, NKU also requires an oral presentation given by the food company as an information gathering session.

A committee of students and other university members has been formed to discuss what is needed with a new company or Sodexho in the coming years.

The committee also conducts the site visits to sample the service of other universities. The negotiations will affect students and faculty because the meal plans will likely change in the coming years.

"One of the things we have talked about is that students need more flexibility in meal plans so we are trying to arrange it," Brown said.

According to the proposal document, in order to provide a smooth transition between companies if there would be a change, the new company must work cooperatively with Sodexho. This collaboration is to safeguard a disruption of service if a change occurs.

If a new company takes over, it must interview all current employees, and it itself decides to keep them, they must be given equal or higher wage than

what they were already receiving.

In order for NKU to make an informed decision based on university needs, each company must submit a proposal stating things such as qualifications, references, budget, program plan, methodology, financial information and investment opportunities.

After thoroughly reading these proposals, NKU will grade them on a point scale in order to ensure fairness to all companies submitting a proposal. NKU will then narrow the proposals down to two and pick one after hearing more oral presentations and negotiating prices and determining which company will best fit the plans NKU has for the future in dining on campus.

# Student paper contest with head of records

## Kentucky attorney general's office charges University of Kentucky with violation of Open Records Law

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The University of Kentucky Police Department broke the state's Open Records Law by refusing to release victims' names on crime reports, the Kentucky attorney general's office said Monday.

A strongly worded opinion written by Amye L. Bensenhaber found that UK state's Open Records Law, by refusing to release victims' names on crime reports, is in violation of the state's Open Records Law.

Contrary to the views expressed by UKPD, the not getting incident reports are mat-

ters of public interest and are public records," the opinion said. The information on crime reports represents a "significant public interest that has been, and will continue to be, treated as superior" to privacy interests.

"We were expecting it to come out in our favor because it was a public record," said Emily Hagedorn, editor of the Kentucky Kernel, the campus newspaper that challenged UK's decision.

Last month, UK lead counsel Barbara Jones decided to implement a new rule for crime reports, which allowed victims

to withhold their names. She said it stemmed from the fact that a public employee who'd asked police not to put his name in the report.

The Kernel then sent an open-records request asking for several complete police reports. When it was turned down, the Kernel appealed to the attorney general's office.

The opinion relied on several

past opinions, including one that found police departments had the right to redact the names of sexual assault victims, but had to report all other names. But the ruling consistently said that the Kernel had to put the burden of proof on the Kernel, when in law it rests on the public.

Emily Hagedorn, Editor of the Kentucky Kernel, said the opinion accepted the Kernel's argument

that complete police reports helped monitor crime on campus, and monitor the police department's performance.

Through a spokeswoman, Jones said she was away from the office and had not yet read the opinion.

Louisville attorney Jon Fleischaker, a free-speech expert who represented the Kernel, said the opinion was a very good opinion, very strong, a reaffirmation that all this stuff is public.

But Jones' open-records whangling may not be over yet.

According to a Kernel editorial published yesterday, Jones recently turned down a request from a student govern-

ment leader asking for all documents held by UK officials regarding a controversial student election.

She said personal notes and e-mails would not have to be released, a position that Bensenhaber has already opposed.

Those records would have to contain personal information like meeting notes to be withheld, he said.

Hagedorn said the issue had provided good article and column fodder for the Kernel, and informed students about the state's Open Records laws.

The one good thing about this was it opens a dialogue about open records," she said.

# Donation

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matter what that entity is," Sidebottom said.

Some SGA senators don't see it that way.

"I thought that the decision of the students' vote was sliding," Sen. Heather Gilmore said. "I think it's sad that we can't give to an organization that has helped us so much."

Gilmore, who lead the initiative to get SGA to donate to the New Hope Center, said the vote was simply about giving back to the community and was not about political gain.

"NKU prides itself on giving back to the community, and then we go to give back to the community and it's being shunned upon and we can't do it now," Gilmore said.

"Not that this claim is a difficult argument to sustain if it's scaled up."

"Ninety percent of our students come from this region and I would expect that almost every agency in the region in some way or another impacts our students," Votruba said. "If you extend that argument, you could say, 'well, they could give state-supported money to any other organization.' That doesn't make sense to me."

Shanley said that SGA's decision did not follow proper procedure and appeared to be "spontaneous." He said the motion should have been written out and introduced at a meeting to the senate with a first reading.

It would have then had a second reading and at the following meeting where it would have been voted on.

"It allows a week to clarify the intent and to dot the i's and cross the t's," Shanley said. "They didn't have that opportunity."

Shanley said that he wasn't aware the SGA would be giving money from its \$50,000 budget to the New Hope Center until after the senate had voted on it. Otherwise, he said, it would have been said to express his concerns before they approved the donation.

"The bottom line is if they had followed the procedure then they would have had an opportunity in a low-key way to clarify what they were an appropriate expenditure or not," he said.

Gilmore said that she never knew she needed to put the motion into writing. However, she said the senate had known

about the project for a month and that it was voted on, which would have allowed plenty of time to clarify it.

"I think that when you talk about something for four weeks, and (the administrators) overturn your decision at the end of it, that's their spontaneous decision," he said.

Sen. Mike Tobrega said he is upset that the administration overturned the decision after the fact to tell them the donation was inappropriate.

"It just looks like once again that the administration is stepping on the students' toes, and that student government is not being advised by the administration, but simply governed," Tobrega said.

He said that Associate to the Dean Steve Meier, one of SGA's advisers, gave the senate the impression that their donation would be OK.

Meier initially told some senators that they would be able to donate supplies to the New Hope Center, as long as they weren't directly giving the center money.

"I may have contributed to this getting out of hand because of my initial comments a couple of weeks ago," he said.

"I wasn't aware of policy or anything because I had never been exposed to something like this."

"I didn't try to mislead anybody, I just didn't know."

Many senators were unaware of the administration's decision until they heard it directly from Shanley at their Oct. 25 meeting.

Nobody from Andy Hixson's administration contacted us and let us know," said Sen. Benjamin Harrison. "It seems like they would have a moral obligation to let us know our vote was struck down."

"I don't have a problem that our vote was struck down. I just have a problem that no one told us."

"That's my responsibility," Hixson said. "I should have made more of an effort to contact them and explain to them what was going on."

Hixson said the biggest problem with this situation was a lack of communication between SGA and the administration. He said that the senate knew about the implications of the donation before hand, the 18-1 vote probably would have been different.

SGA had already launched a campus-wide fundraiser and will still be donating all the money collected from the project to the New Hope Center.

"There's a difference between doing a project where you raise money for a charity, which is very, very common, and actually taking money budgeted for the support of the agency and transferring it to an outside entity," Sidebottom said. "That's not appropriate; that's not legal."

"We strongly encourage individual students and student government to raise funds to solicit charitable donations

and that's totally appropriate," Shanley said. "Whether it's controversial or not, that's their purview. But that was the case here."

Gilmore said he understands the administration's reasoning for overruling SGA's donation and is positive it had nothing to do with the controversy that arose because of the senate approved the donation.

"I just don't want people getting the idea that the reason this happened was because of the pro-life, pro-choice stuff," Hixson said.

Gilmore, however, said that the controversial attention that decision received might have played a role in the administration's veto.

"I think if it didn't have any negativity, I think that they would have just let it go," Gilmore said.

Gilmore said that if SGA had selected a more neutral organization it would have slid through without an administrative veto.

Shanley said that's not the case: the same decision would have been made if SGA was donating money to the Girl Scouts or the United States of America.

# Slider

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the polls only include Clooney and Davis' names.

"I guarantee that although I might not be showing 15 percent, I would be showing up on the radar if they included my name in the polls," Slider said.

"We're doing the right thing for the voters," Williams said. "They're going to hear the real issue."

Slider said voters won't hear the whole story. "They only get to hear the two major parties which are both controlled by money and they're not getting the other perspective on things. They're missing a whole perspective by not getting to hear what I have to say."

Slider said both of his oppo-

nents would accept him in the debate and have been publicly welcomed Slider to the debate at a recent forum in Covington.

Davis spokesman Justin Brasell said, "Mr. Davis feels that all the candidates should be participating."

The Clooney campaign "would certainly welcome Mr. Slider," according to Clooney spokesman B.J. Neidhardt.

Slider has participated in four debates, two with both candidates and two with Davis. The most recent debate with Clooney and Davis was broadcast in all 24 counties of the 4th District Monday, Oct. 18.

"I've more than held my own," Slider said. "I really wish

that I had a chance to express my views at Northern Kentucky University where a lot of young people would get to see me and say 'here's a guy who means what he says and speaks the truth.'"

Slider said it is unfortunate that so few young voters voted in the last election. "It's not because all young people are lazy," he said. "It is because they are uninspired; they don't see a reason to go to the polls."

"Young people tend to see through things a little bit better. They're not so set in their ways, they're not so loyal to a party, and they're not going to show up unless there's somebody who really inspires them."

# Poll

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submissions while working at the polls, however. Work must be submitted by Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m. to the Old Science building, room 536. First prize is \$500, second \$200 and third \$100. Prizes will be given for the top three essays and the top three pieces of artwork.

NKU is only one of 15 colleges nationwide that received a federal grant to encourage students to take a more active part in the Election Day process.

According to the Scripps Howard Web site, the average age of a poll worker is 72. The organization believes that it is time for students to "step up to the plate," and show that they are interested in American pol-

itics and democracy.

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) awarded the grant, which was created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). According to the PR Newswire, the colleges that were awarded the grant were chosen "based on their innovative approaches to engaging college students and their ability to ensure that these students would work as poll workers on Election Day."

There was a shortage of poll workers in the 2000 election, and it is estimated that the nation needs as many as 2 million more workers to fill the gap this year.

Kentucky counties that will

be involved in the Help America Vote College Poll Worker Program include Boone, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant and Kenton. Ohio counties include Clermont and Hamilton.

Other institutions chosen to participate include: California State University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Maryland, University of North Texas, University of Baltimore, Illinois Central College and Wiley College.

If interested in becoming a poll worker, call the Scripps Center at 859-572-1448, and for more information visit <http://civicsengagement.nku.edu>.

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# Davis qualified for Congress

## Clooney uses Hollywood as campaign tactic; Davis focuses on the issues

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With an open seat in the House of Representatives, Nov. 2 is an important day this year for Kentuckians residing in the 4th District. There are two distinct candidates vying for the spot, but one candidate doesn't want you to think so.

On one hand, there's fiscal conservative Geoff Davis, who attended West Point after making ends meet during high school by working as a janitor. He served as an Army Ranger

and went to the Middle East after being selected to run the U.S. Army Flight Operations for a peace enforcement mission between Israel and Egypt.

Davis has started his own company and has been a successful manager of his own money. Anti-abortion, he also supports tax deductions for those paying for their own health care and wants to keep recent tax cuts in place. Moreover, Davis will support our troops in combat.

He has campaigned on these issues and his position is clear. On the other hand, you have Nick Clooney, an out-of-touch

liberal broadcaster who hasn't had to work very hard for a living. Though a veteran, not much information can be found out about his army service.

Although Clooney grew up in Kentucky, his attitude seems more "Hollywood" than Kentucky son. Actors are known to drop into Clooney's fund-raising events and donate money, and Clooney himself keeps his name in the papers by writing articles for the free press. He would like you to think he is more or less the same as Davis, and if you saw the ads for Clooney you might agree — it could seem like we

have two Republicans running for office.

The truth, though, is that Clooney is as liberal as the Hollywood actors who donate to his campaign.

While Ken Lucas, a Democrat, might have won this district, he was far more moderate than Clooney, and he had spent considerable time as a Judge Executive — that is a qualification. Mr. Clooney, not working for a television station.

Clooney says he does not support raising taxes, but he was quoted multiple times saying that he has a revolutionary idea to save Social Security.

How will he do that? By proposing the largest tax increase in history.

Do I sound bitter? If I do, it's because I am. The 4th District has a large conservative base and Clooney is attempting to play to those voters, because he knows their votes are vital ones.

Yet this is coming from the man who has proposed the single largest tax increase in history, a man who doesn't share much in common with the conservative voters he targets.

Clooney shares our "values" all right, but he only sees us as dollar signs.

# Cast vote to protect gay marriage

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This year, we have the opportunity to actually make a difference in people's lives.

The House of Representatives and the Senate both voted down an amendment to the Constitution forbidding homosexuals to marry. The federal government has now handed responsibility to the states, and the states have taken the responsibility to us, the voters.

On Nov. 2, Ohio and Kentucky, as well as other states nationwide, will vote on defining marriage. Issue on Kentucky and Ohio ballots, if passed, will undo what they

rights of citizens of the United States.

Homosexuals will no longer be able to marry or be a part of civil unions, and present civil unions will be void. This means that homosexual couples that have been living together for years, now raising children, will have their living income stretched further.

A problem included with the amendment is that marriage provides federal and state run benefits to couples. By banning homosexuals from these benefits, we are oppressing their rights to live as freely as any other American.

By voting no on Issue 1, we make the nation a better place to live for everyone. By not banning civil unions, we prevent a segregated and divided

future.

Voting no on Issue 1 will not take the rights away from heterosexual couples, but it will extend the rights of some to the rest of the citizens of the United States of America. After all, homosexuals hold jobs, go to school, pay taxes, raise families and are a part of this country.

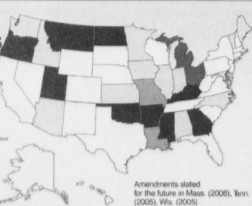
Vote no on Issue 1 because homosexuals and heterosexuals alike stand together as a part of this country. Together we will

## Marriage amendments on ballot

States that have traditional marriage amendments banning same-sex marriage on the ballot in November

- On ballot
- Could be on ballot
- Not on ballot
- Laws already approved
- Defeated in legislature
- No action taken

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This year when you go to the polls, vote for humanity, vote for family, vote no on Issue 1.

# Homosexuals cannot be denied rights

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People say that Americans are more polarized this election year than any before. The democrats are moving further to the left, and the republicans are moving further to the right.

Two other groups are becoming more polarized as well, the bigots and the non-bigots. This polarization emerges from the decisions to be made about gay marriage rights.

In Kentucky, Amendment 1 only recognizes a union between one man and one

woman. In Ohio, it's known as Issue 1. But the worst one of all is Article XII in Cincinnati.

Article XII legally allows discrimination of homosexuals. This means a homosexual can go to a restaurant and not be served. They can be shown only unfavorable neighborhoods by realtors. They can be denied service anywhere, anytime, by anyone.

I don't live in Cincinnati, and because of things like Article XII I'm sure glad I don't. Many argue that the Bible says marriage is between a man and a woman. The Bible is always the trump card. No matter what people are arguing

about, someone always brings up the Bible.

The Bible is a book open for interpretation. How many people follow the Bible to its strictest laws? How many people never use the Lord's name in vain and keep holy the Sabbath day? The fourth commandment says no one shall work on Sundays. Thinking about "raking leaves" this Sunday? Not if you don't want to go to hell.

Those opposed to gay marriage say they work toward equal rights, not special rights. How is it a special right to marry someone of the same sex?

As recent as 2000, people of different races were not allowed to marry in Alabama.

Women fought for their rights in the early 20th century, blacks fought for theirs in the middle of the 20th century and now homosexuals need to fight for theirs in this beginning of the 21st century.

Many argue that homosexuality is a choice, but being homosexual is as much of a choice as race or gender.

Others worry that the children of homosexuals will grow up to be homosexual. I'm not straight because my parents are straight, and I'm not male because my father is male, I

was born this way.

Hopefully, polls showing large support for gay marriage bans have biased samples of ignorant, uninformed, close-minded individuals. It's up to younger, intelligent and open-minded people such as college students to set a standard for the up-and-coming generations.

Although it seems likely that both Amendment 1 and Issue 1 will pass, Article XII needs to be repealed by voting yes on Issue 3.

Cincinnati, do the right thing.

If we allow this hate to pass, what type of hate will we allow in the future?



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# Letters to the editor

## Advertisements reflect poorly on university

Dear Editor,

Has the *Northerner* fallen into such hard times that it now has to accept advertisements that herald the arrival of the "Pole Princess"? I was appalled to see the printing of *Deja Vu* strip club ads in more than one issue of our school's newspaper.

What does this say about *Northern Kentucky University* and its students? That we support the world of pseudo prostitution that equates women to objects? Surely our newspaper could have found a better advertiser to fill the *Deja Vu* spot.

Our university prides itself on progressiveness, so why are we broadcasting the degradation of women?

I believe in our free speech amendment, but I must question the ethical judgment of our newspaper when it chooses to print these advertisements. How can the university support events like the upcoming "Take Back the Night," and promote a strip club at the same time? For me, that is a conflict of interest.

I hope our newspaper will select advertisements that promote a more professional image in the future.

Recky Anderson  
Senior, International Studies

## SGA senator made correct vote for students

Dear Editor,

As an NKU senior I wholeheartedly agree with SGA Senator Jesse McDaniel's voting against the contributions made by SGA to the new *Hope Center* using fees charged to every student. If SGA wishes to support this organization with money received on a charitable basis, that would be OK with me. I am, however, pro-choice and do not wish to support such an organization.

I commend Sen. McDonald for saving the nerve to go against something so "soft and fuzzy" because he felt it to be the right thing to do.

Tonya Skelton

## University does not benefit from Pay for Print

Dear Editor,

This letter concerns the article "Printing charges to be implemented" by Sarah Lomsten. In this article it is stated that the Pay for Prints program will cost students \$160,000 and prints will cost eight cents per copy. Also, it states that full time students will receive 100 free copies and part-time students will receive 50 free copies.

Tonya Skelton

Currently I am a full time student and I pay ten cents per print and have never received a free copy.

My question is this: How does the university benefit from this program if the students pay less per print and receive free prints?

A.J. Young

## Unfair charges for in-class assignments

Dear Editor,

I do not understand why we should pay for in-class assignments. For example, my BUS 340 class is in a smart room, and we are required to do class work that is to be turned in before class is over. We, as a class, each had printed close to 10 pages or there about, and this is a daily thing. I paid for the class and the book, now I have to pay to do in-class assignments? I understand that students get 100 free copies, but why should I use my free printing privileges for an in-class assignment? Was that not included in the class cost? This is not in any way shape or form a comment against my instructor, but a slam against the establishment.

Kristen Franks  
Sophomore

## How to write The Northerner

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- Letters must be 400 words or less.
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Compiled by Nicole Jones

Are you concerned about the flu vaccine shortage?



Bryant Northern  
Senior, communications

"I was supposed to get one but now I'm not able to get one because of the shortage. I'm a little upset because I don't want to get sick during basketball season."



Krystal Jones-Smalley  
Freshman, English

"No, I haven't heard much about it."



Peter Bates  
Senior, applied cultural studies

"No because I think it's hard for people. I think vaccines like that don't even work."



Devan Senior, criminal justice

"Somewhat. I'm concerned, but the flu isn't a big issue to me."



Robert Lakeberg  
Sophomore, math

"Not really. I've heard of people dying after getting it so I'm not worried."



Holly Caudill  
Senior, speech communications

"No, I never have had a flu shot before so I haven't really even thought about it."

## editorialnote

# Deja Vu is not equal to support

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The *Northerner* recently received complaints about the paper's publication of advertisements for the strip club *Deja Vu*.

Let's get one thing straight. The *Northerner* does not support the objectivity of women.

The staff makes editorial decisions on whether to run an ad, based on whether the ad is obscene, false advertising, libelous, a threat to national

security or likely to cause immediate incitement to violence or anarchy. These are guidelines set forth by the Supreme Court and have been reinforced over the years to become common law.

News outlets should not discriminate based on content unless the content meets one of these five guidelines.

The *Deja Vu* ads are hardly obscene. Ads for lingerie in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* show even more nudity.

Haagen Daus' ads, wherein a nude model holds a pint of ice

cream, are by far more abhorrent. Sex objects to ads women as sex objects to promote products that have nothing to do with sexuality.

But a strip club features women who are willing to take their clothes off for money! It's not making sense to promote a sexual commodity by using a sexual theme? Therefore, it is not libelous or false advertising.

One can hardly say the ad threatens national security or promotes anarchy.

So the ads meet none of the

criteria for refusing publication.

While I cannot say I support a stripper's choices, I will not denigrate the advertiser equal placement in the paper. The content is truthful and applicable to a male college audience. Do you really think the guys don't already know about the strip clubs?

There are some men who really do prefer not to go to strip bars because they find them offensive and ridiculous. I have to say I agree. But in the marketplace of ideas, the truth shall triumph when the people are allowed to choose from the

information presented to them. By not publishing the *Deja Vu* ads, we would restrict ideas, therefore, we would restrict truth. Besides, censoring *Deja Vu* based on its ad content is unfounded bias.

To promote an open and robust public debate, and to preserve the right to free commercial speech, the public must be allowed to choose what they wish to believe, disprove and disavow.

You have the right to know what is out there. That is democracy.

# Media coverage influenced by a

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Corruption. It's a dirty word, to be sure. Even in this day and age, almost everywhere we look, corruption exists in some form or fashion. It's in politics, with how independent outside influences decide elections. It's in law enforcement with corrupt police and city officials. It's also in our media, and I know all about these two last personally.

Three years ago, I began my academic career here at NKU. By the end of the first week, I was awakened very quickly to the harsh realities of life. On Aug. 31, 2001, my sister was assaulted at her apartment complex during the war on terrorism, the ally behind her building. What followed was six months of the worst time in my, and my fami-

ly's, life. My sister was put into a hospital for 5 weeks in a severe coma. She almost died three times. She contracted both a staph infection and meningitis. But at the end of it all, the story was never told, and the perpetrator still walks free to this day.

Now, automatically you would assume that there is something seriously wrong with this picture. So the media educate you on what happened after the assault. Post-assault, my family began to pursue actions against the people that we believed executed this. Very quickly, I learned how corrupt and controlled not only the local police department was, but also our local media.

When we began to pursue action, the police were the first to block us. Everywhere we turned, we were talked to. The police had been there before us and, through whatever methods, had managed to effectively

block anyone that could help us. Eventually, the department ruled my sister's assault an attempted suicide. With that, they shut us down cold. Now, she had a past dealing with this department, which out of respect for her privacy, I will not go into. But it appeared very quickly to me that someone, somewhere inside the police department, didn't care about what happened to my sister. Every person who came forward to offer evidence or another viewpoint was turned away for various reasons.

If this wasn't bad enough, I quickly saw how corrupt and manipulated our media was. After the department's ruling, my dad and I went on a letter-writing campaign, attempting to get anyone to carry or examine the story. Every newspaper or magazine we talked to agreed, provided the police would agree. Obviously they didn't, hence stopping the story

from being carried to the public. That is, until now.

This is just my opinion on the matter, but here's the way I see it. The department messed up. They knew that the investigation was compromised and if they came to any other conclusion than my sister trying to kill herself, they'd be burned for it. So what they did was shut us down — they buried us. Every news writer would be intrigued by the story, and after calling the department, would invariably come back and say that there was nothing there.

It became obvious quickly that the police were leaning on the newspapers. My question is this: Aren't the newspapers supposed to report the news as it occurred, not as they are told to report it? What these actions showed me was that the papers were completely unwilling to stand up and do the right thing. Instead, they chose to remain behind the scenes and be told

that they could not run the story for lack of future cooperation from the department. Now, is that really what happened? Who knows. I'm merely projecting on that belief, but it makes much more sense than being gung-ho about writing a story and then backing off after talking to the department in question.

The sad part is, no one cared. No one ever tried to make up for it. It is this kind of behavior we live in, where people who shouldn't even have control of the news can dictate what is or isn't written? Where the law can decide what is important enough to be in the news, and be permitted to cover their mistakes at the expense of my sister's life? The point is this: It exists, it's there, and it will probably never change. It's the law that protects us, and the media who inform us. Wow, and people think pro wrestling is fake.

# War an issue of concern for women, too

By Carl P. Leubsdorf  
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(KRT)

BROOKFIELD, Wis. — Every day, newspapers and networks speak out new polls, prompting politicians, pundits and junkies to revise or extend their assessments of this tight presidential race.

But on a chilly night in this Milwaukee suburb, a group of women voters from 24 to 46 showed that, behind the volatility in news surveys, this remains a highly polarized election, one that depends on which side does better at turnout.

Though most of the women said they were not firm partisans, and four are switching sides from 2000, none was truly undecided.

Their comments also indicat-

ed the degree to which national security issues, specifically Iraq and the war on terrorism, have supplanted such traditional concerns as education, health care and the economy in this crucial voting group.

The session sponsored by the Annenberg Public Policy Center also showed that backers of both candidates have some lingering doubts, many reflecting divisions over President Bush's decision to attack Iraq and his campaign's rejection of a media assault against John Kerry.

"It goes back to the war," said Nancy Leher, 46, who says she is normally a Republican. "I just don't know that we should have gotten in there like we did. ... I'd like to know in my heart it wasn't about us."

But she leans to Bush because

of even graver doubts about Kerry. "Where is the money coming from to do all these things we do to?" she asked.

Carrie Effinger, 34, is a 2000 Bush voter who leans to Kerry because "I'm tired of the tax cuts for the wealthy." But she expressed concerns that echoed the Bush media campaign.

"The thing that worries me about Bush is he hasn't been truthful," she said. "It's too late for Bush to regain the trust."

Though women have traditionally voted more on domestic matters than national security, half of them listed foreign policy issues as their top concern. Unsurprisingly, most were Bush voters.

"If we don't have safety within

our community, with our loved ones, there's no need to worry about (issues like) health care," said Jackie Marx, a 32-year-old nurse. Heather Broomson, 31, is an accounts receivable specialist and the group's only 2000 Gore voter who is now backing Bush.

"He's the man who does what he says he's going to do," she said. "I don't think it's a good idea to switch gears in the middle of the war."

But Maria Solis, 38, an industrial coordinator who voted for voter who is now backing Bush. Bush's decision to attack Iraq deflected attention from the nation's mass overseas challenge.

"We had a problem," she said. "But it wasn't Iraq. It was Afghanistan."

Like some other Kerry voters, she said he is more honest about

the nation's problems than Bush. "He looks honest," agreed Tricia Hilduth, 34, a stay-at-home mother and part-time college student. "I think that Bush has lied to me time and time again."

Only two, both Kerry voters, cited economic issues.

"I like that he wants to do more for the working class than the rich," said Monica Rogers, 24, a nursing student who voted for Bush in 2000 and backs Kerry this time. However, she was worried that Kerry might raise taxes, and she backs Kerry because of social issues, such as gay marriage and abortion, stressed by the Bush campaign. None said they were crucial in determining their votes, though at least two agreed with fellow Bush voter Marx that "his values are more in line with mine."

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## horoscopes

For the week of Oct. 25-31

## ARIES

(March 21-April 20)

Health issues affecting the head, jaw and throat may lead to a last-minute invitation. Some serious or long-term consequences are likely, so do not to worry. Do, however, get added rest. Before next week's vitality may be low. After Wednesday, last-minute social cancellations demand diplomacy. Thoroughly check dates, times or locations. Late Sunday revised financial plans or postponed work assignments are also avoidable. Stay alert. Loved ones expect concrete promises.

## TAURUS

(April 21-May 20)

Over the next six days, love relationships and social priorities may be confusing. This week romantic partners are more serious about short-term promises than anticipated. After Tuesday passions will be high. Wait for an atmosphere of acceptance before challenging expectations. Thursday through Saturday, authority figures may provide misinformation, poor advice or faulty instructions. Remain diplomatic: Workplace power struggles will soon prove politically important.

## GEMINI

(May 21-June 21)

Early this week, unexpected social messages may lead to a last-minute invitation. Some Gemini, especially those born between May 29 and June 10, will also encounter a passionate romantic proposal. Unusual attractions and sudden love affairs are accentuated. Respond honestly to all probing questions. Thursday through Saturday, an older colleague or friend may announce a rare family improvement: relocation, marital status and job expansion are highlighted.

## CANCER

(June 22-July 22)

Before mid-week, past romantic commitments or lingering social tensions may cause unusual delays. Over the next few days, group activities and planned events, although worthwhile, may prove difficult to initiate. Take your time. At present, the emotional needs of loved ones will require extra diplomacy. Thursday through Saturday, business routines may be disrupted by cancelled assignments or moody power struggles. Don't confront. Progress will be limited.

## LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Potential lovers with this week's stress affect through private disapproval, odd comments or unexpected mood swings. Ironically, all emotional outbursts should be taken as a sign of loyalty and respect. Remain patient: Before mid-November, social and romantic passions will be deeply felt and unpredictable. Later this week a workplace triangle may be rarely resolved. Competing values, personality differences and low self-esteem will soon be revealed. Stay balanced.

## VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Older relatives with this week ask for more attention than is necessary. Monday through Thursday, restlessness and a new appreciation of group events may be an ongoing theme. Allow others extra time to resolve conflicted schedules. Friday members may now wish to re-evaluate their social priorities. After mid-week, last-minute property contracts are best avoided. Remain cautious and thoroughly examine all legal or financial paperwork. Revised calculations are needed.

## LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Messages from past lovers with this week provide distraction. Over the next six days, gossip, complex romantic triangles, and rare social events may reveal unusual private promises between friends. After Thursday expect added news concerning old alliances or repeated behaviors to help resolve lingering doubts. Remain open. Before mid-November your reaction to controversy will be closely studied. Late Saturday vitality may be low: Avoid physical or emotional strain.

## SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

New assignments or revised duties may arrive without warning over the next six days. Group officials will now ask for extra time and dedication. Avoid isolation and accept all last-minute schedule changes. This is an excellent time to begin proving your skills. Thursday through Saturday, someone close may demand a detailed explanation of your priorities or long-term goals. Be consistent: Romantic ideals, family planning and yesterday's promises are vital to success.

## SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Late Tuesday expect loved ones to challenge your ideas and probe for concrete answers. Passionate encounters will now be intense and extremely meaningful. Some Sagittarians will find this week again about eight months of social adjustments and romantic decisions: Stay strong and refuse to delay serious decisions. Wednesday through Saturday, workplace and financial partnerships may need to be re-negotiated. Public mistakes will prove costly: Remain cautious.

## CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Wisdom, social advice and unexpected requests for guidance are accentuated before mid-week. A long-term friend or colleague may now reveal a complicated romantic or family triangle. Key issues are past loyalties, social ethics and competing emotional values. Gather accurate information. Late Friday an unusual invitation may challenge established relationships. Brief love affairs and disrupted social schedules are highlighted: Carefully consider all consequences.

## AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Sensuality, physical vitality and renewed emotional health are now an ongoing theme. Loved ones will soon comment on your optimism and returning confidence. Use this time to plan enjoyable home events or create new trust between relatives and romantic partners. After Wednesday a business official may assign new duties or encourage career expansion. Don't delay: At present, minor opportunities will quickly lead to revised roles and lasting success.

## PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20)

Long-term friends or relatives may this week openly discuss delicate social decisions. Romantic promises, deepening commitments or revised priorities may be key. Find positive ways to speak your mind: Over the next six days loved ones will benefit from your past experience. Thursday through Sunday, workplace advancements or new job contracts may be postponed. Remain optimistic: In the coming weeks improved procedures and revised policies will take top priority.

## classifieds

**The Funny Bone Comedy Club** at Newport on the Levee is looking for experienced servers and Thourdens. Apply in person Thursday 2-4.

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## crossword

## ACROSS

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- Go-between
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Answers to this week's crossword will be published in next week's issue.



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Vu Nguyen, Lexington Ky., carves a pumpkin to celebrate Halloween, but his pumpkin isn't the typical display that is seen on porches throughout the season. His is an actual portrait of his sister, Trang Nguyen.

# Pumpkins carved in a new light

By chiseling people's portraits into this Halloween symbol, Vu Nguyen of Lexington takes the jack-o'-lantern tradition to a new level

BY BEVERLY FORTUNE  
Reporter  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** — Pumpkins for pies. Pumpkins for plain old jack-o'-lanterns. We're all familiar with those. But Dr. Vu Nguyen takes one of those big orange orbs dotting the fields and turns it into an art form.

He carves portraits out of his pumpkins. "Origami is my first love. I do more origami than anything else, but this is fun," said Nguyen, 39, a psychiatrist.

Nguyen (pronounced Win), a native of Vietnam whose family came to Louisville, Ky., in 1975, said he never carved pumpkins as a child. It was not part of Vietnamese culture. In Kentucky, he said, "maybe once my dad carved a pumpkin for us, with triangles for the eyes and nose."

Five years ago, Nguyen became interested in carving "just for the heck of it," he said. "I used a knife — it didn't work very well — to carve different faces like a cat's face and lots of designs."

His carvings became more elaborate, and Nguyen searched the Internet for new ideas; he

found directions for doing photographic portraits. Each pumpkin portrait takes about three hours from start to finish.

"Like with anything, the more you do it, the faster you get, and you begin to develop your techniques," he said.

The keys to success are choosing a large pumpkin and sturdy tools. Nguyen doesn't use pumpkin carving kits because the tools aren't big enough, strong enough or sharp enough. He buys tools designed for wood carving and making pottery. Instead of using a knife, he bought a scroll-saw blade from the hardware store and a small handle for it.

"Once you start cutting away the mid-tones, achieving different shades of gray, is when I have to use a lot of artistry," he said.

The Michelangelo of the pumpkin patch will start the week before Halloween, carving one or two every night, he said. Some will be portraits, and others will be what Nguyen calls extreme pumpkins: boldly carved, with a pyrotechnic aspect as flames shoot out the top.

All will be used as decorations for the Halloween party he and his sister, Trang, are giving Halloween weekend.

## STEP-BY-STEP

To demonstrate how to do a pumpkin portrait, Vu Nguyen carved a likeness of his sister, Trang, a graphic designer in the Lexington Herald-Leader advertising creative services department.

We've also included tips from a Web site, [www.geekculture.com/joyoftech/joystuff/macolantershowto.html](http://www.geekculture.com/joyoftech/joystuff/macolantershowto.html).

- **The tools:** You'll need a scroll-saw blade and handle, small paring knife, scoop, wood carving tools, face-paint crayon and projector.

- **The pumpkin:** Start with a large pumpkin. If the pumpkin is too small, you'll go crazy trying to carve the intricate details.

- **The guts:** Cut a generous-size lid that extends part-way down the back of the pumpkin. Remove seeds and insides. Wash the pumpkin inside and out with dishwasher soap and water. Dry. Using a scraper, scrape away part of the inside to thin out the rind so light will shine through.

- **The photo:** Select a photograph with a clean background and sharp black-and-white contrasts.

- **If you don't have a good picture to start with,** your pumpkin won't turn out good," Nguyen said.

- **He used Photoshop software to remove the**

color from the picture and to boost the contrast between black and white tones. Leave gray tones because that is what will distinguish the portrait from the usual jack-o'-lantern carvings.

- **The transfer:** With a small tracer projector bought at a crafts store, Nguyen projected the photo onto the side of the pumpkin. He then traced the features, including the nose and mouth, with face-paint crayon. He also outlined areas on the nose, cheeks and forehead that were white tones.

- **The cuts:** With an X-acto knife, cut around the crayon tracings. Next, cut out the white highlights on the nose, cheeks and forehead.

- **Keep the photograph close by to refer to.**

- **The shave:** Before shaving away rind from the gray areas to create different tones, Nguyen put a white Christmas light inside the pumpkin to shine through the rind. The light helps when you shave away layers of pumpkin pulp, creating a three-dimensional affect.

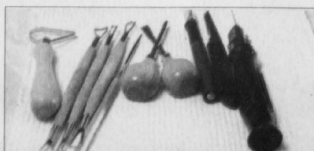
- **Wash and rinse:** When finished, put the pumpkin in the sink, and wash away the remaining crayon lines with soap and a sponge.

- **The secret to aging:** Rub Vaseline to seal the surface and hold in moisture. WD-40 also works.

## Step one: Get the tools

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KRT Campus

From left to right: Vu Nguyen uses specific tools to create these intricate pieces of Halloween art.



It's also important to find the right size pumpkin. Using one too small will only cause headaches.

Vu Nguyen took a picture of his sister Trang to demonstrate what can be done.

(Far right) The finished product of Vu Nguyen's work.

## Step two: Pick a pumpkin



## Step three: Find a subject



# campuscalendar

## wednesday

- The 4th District Congressional Debate between Nick Clooney and Geoff Davis will be in Regents Hall at 7 p.m.
- Journalist Alexandra Robbins will be giving a lecture on her book, "Pledged," which gives an inside look of sororities. The lecture will be held in BEP Room 200 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

## thursday

- The play "Bus Stop" will open at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$6 for students.
- The NKU Northern Choral is in concert at Greaves Concert Hall from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

## friday

- APB will be hosting the 3rd annual Pumpkin Bust. It will take place on the intermural fields from 3 to 9 p.m.
- LAN party in UC Room 8 and the Burger King lunchroom from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.
- Keyboard Kaleidoscope at 7 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Student tickets are \$2.

To place an event contact Sarah Santos at 859-572-5859

## saturday

- The Tri-State Adoption Fair and Conference will take place in the University Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

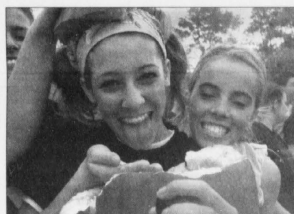
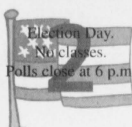
## sunday



## monday

- Student financial assistance priority deadline for 2005.
- Percussion ensemble at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Student tickets are \$2.

## tuesday



Breanna Gaddie / Photographer

Marlena Judson (left) and Danielle Ladenburger enjoyed last year's pumpkin bust.

# Messy event busts squash

By AMY EHRNREITER  
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Northern Kentucky University's third annual Pumpkin Bust will feature several fun and wacky activities to get students in the fall spirit. The Pumpkin Bust, organized by the Activities Programming Board, will be held Friday, Oct. 29 at the Woodcrest intramural fields, and will feature competitions such as pumpkin carving, seed spitting and pumpkin pie eating contests. Individuals will accumulate points for themselves as well as their team from each event. The male with the most points will be crowned king and the female with the most points will be crowned queen. Trophies will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This year's competitions include:

**Pumpkin carving contest**  
Each team's pumpkin will be judged on creativity and quality of artwork. Teams participating in the pumpkin carving contest must send two delegates at 3:00 p.m. to pick up their pumpkins.

**Pumpkin pie-eating contest**  
The contestants must keep their hands behind their backs, and whoever eats the most pumpkin pie in two min-

utes wins.

**Seed spitting contest**  
Each contestant has one minute to spit as many pumpkin seeds onto a piece of paper as possible. Points will be given for distance. The contestant with the most points wins.

**Tug-o-war**  
The team that pulls their opponents into the pool of pumpkin guts wins.

**Pumpkin relay**  
The relay will use four team members who will slide down a Slip-and-Slide, run through an obstacle course while carrying pumpkins between their knees, and search for a small pumpkin in a pool of pumpkin guts.

Last year's Pumpkin Bust attracted more than 300 people and 25 participating teams.

APB members hope that this year will be even more fun than last year. Stephanie McGoldrick, the program coordinator for student life, said, "The Pumpkin Bust is an excuse for students to be kids again. Who can't have fun with some pumpkin guts and field games?"

Teams of four to eight can register the day of the event at 3:30 p.m.

Registration is \$15 and includes a free Pumpkin Bust t-shirt. The competitions will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m.

# northernlife

## Students find a labor of love at Shadowbox

### Work, school demanding but valuable

By AMY EHRNREITER  
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Most people would lose their job if they screamed, cussed and acted crazy at their workplace.

That is unless you work at Shadowbox Cabaret.

Aleta Shaffner, Keith Gibson and Rich Shiverer are three students who enjoy the freedom of working at such an effervescent workplace.

The performances at Shadowbox Cabaret include sketch comedy, dancing, musical performances and monologues. The humor ranges from silly and cute to risqué and raunchy.

Five months ago Shaffner, a radio/television major, traded in her job as assistant store manager of Claire's, to be a jack-of-all-trade at the Shadowbox.

"I began as a fill-in for a girl who stopped doing the shows," Shaffner said. "It was 15 minutes before the doors opened and I had to learn all of her stuff, as well as fit into her mini-skirt."

"I went out there and went with it, it was such a rush."

To the audience, Shaffner is a waitress, dancer, actress and singer. What they don't see are the things she does behind the scenes.

Shaffner is responsible for corporate marketing, sales, advertising, promotions and make-up for the Shadowbox television show.

Sometimes she even has to clean the bathrooms. This is her least favorite part of the job, considering she's recently cleaned three piles of vomit.

With all of these responsibilities, Shaffner spends about 80 hours a week working, in addition to a full course load at school. She said some of her classes at NKU, including dance and broadcast, help her perform.

Even though working at the Shadowbox isn't a typical college job with the usual hours and staff not being able to

call in, Shaffner says her family and friends support her.

"My mom loves coming up from Louisville to see the shows," Shaffner said. "My sister is always telling me to go to Saturday Night Live."

Although she is always performing in one way or another, Shaffner said she always gets excited to go on the stage. Typically she is in four to five performances per show, unlike Shiverer and Gibson, who are on the stage with the band between each sketch comedy, playing their guitars.

In the most recent performance, "Freak Show," the band performs both original music and cover songs including hits

by Jimi Hendrix, Billy Idol, Prince, Pink Floyd, Stevie Nicks, Aerosmith and Styx.

In one performance, the band dresses up in '80s hair metal garb including huge wigs, bandanas and spandex pants.

Shiverer, a junior English major, is the band's guitarist. Always wanting to be a part of the show, he heard from a fraternity brother of a guitar player opening. He auditioned and now plays full time for Shadowbox.

"It is stressful to put so much time into the job, but it pays off when the people yelling and screaming at the opening of a new show," Shiverer said.

"Everyone is so friendly. It keeps you sane."

Along with playing the gui-



Photo contributed by Shadowbox Cabaret

Aleta Shaffner (at top) poses with her fellow Shadowbox dancers in "Freak Show."



Amy Ehrnreiter / Photographer

The Shadowbox Cabaret house band rocks the house with their '80s hair metal tribute song.

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Shadowbox Cabaret "Freak Show" runs Wednesday through Saturday from Oct. 1 to Nov. 29. Student tickets: \$10  
www.shadowboxcabaret.com

how awesome it is."

There is a family atmosphere at Shadowbox, and everyone helps each other Gibson said.

The experience of working at Shadowbox is something the three performers will utilize for the rest of their lives.

"I've learned a lot," Shaffner said. "Not just with non-profit works and sales, but a lot about myself and what I am capable of doing."

# Fixing cars can cost less

## Discount car part options can save consumers time and money



by Josh Blair

No matter how much someone spends on a car, something on it will eventually break.

We live in an imperfect world and drive imperfect cars. This is an unfortunate and painful truth.

Most people rely heavily on their cars whether it's for school, work or pleasure. Without their car how can they go anywhere?

Anyone who has had to take the bus or burn rides when their car is in the shop can attest to the discomfort a disabled car causes.

This, in turn, causes them to be in a rush to repair their car. Because of the immediacy of the repair people take their car to the first place that will service it. With precious time at stake, people seldom shop

around and find the best price. That can account for costly repairs that otherwise could have been reduced.

There are, however, ways to improve these adverse situations.

Alternatives to the run-of-the-mill automotive shops exist, and most of them will save car owners money.

Junkyards can be a good source for parts, but must be approached with caution. Pull-and-save junkyards such as Bessler's are nice because they save money removing the parts yourself. Other junkyards remove parts for you and add on a charge for this. Even if the part isn't in a desirable condition, you might still have to pay a fee.

One disadvantage to a pull-and-save junkyard is having to get the parts yourself. If you're not familiar with how to work on cars, then this isn't a likely option.

The Internet can be a great resource for parts. There are

many automotive message boards in which people are selling parts and eBay has a large amount of listings for car parts. Be cautious when ordering parts from the Internet because most people don't offer a warranty and sell the item as is. Make sure you talk to the seller first to find out if the part is in good working condition.

Auto part stores such as Pep Boys, Autozone and KOI Auto Parts can also have good deals on parts.

These stores offer remanufactured parts, which are used parts that have been remanufactured with all the vital pieces professionally restored or replaced.

Remanufactured parts are a workable alternative to new parts. They are essentially new, and can be purchased for much less. Autozone's Web site has a listing of every part they have available for each model of car. Before purchasing the part from one store, call some of the

others for a price match. Sometimes the store across the street will have a better deal. The next time your car breaks down, have patience. Look around and find a better deal on a replacement part. It could end up saving you a lot of money.

E-mail questions to Josh at blairjo@nku.edu

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Online resources:

- Baymotors.com
- Uptulandsave.com
- Autozone.com
- Pepboys.com
- Koiauto.com
- Foreignautosvalve.com
- Car-part.com
- Thepartstrader.com





Breanna Gaddie / Photographer

Alex Jarman's painting "Pat" was studied at the NGA's art critique.

## Art critique offers insight

Group's first event gives art students constructive criticism from peers

By JAMIE McIVER  
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Art students recently had an opportunity to see how their contemporaries viewed their work.

The Next Generation of Artists hosted an art critique Oct. 21 on the Fine Arts building's fourth floor lobby.

NGA is a new organization to NKU's campus. Aside from the group's introductory meeting Oct. 12, the critique was the first real social gathering of members.

"This isn't about comfort. It's about art," Alex Jarman, NGA president said as he summed up the purpose of the new organization. "One of the focuses of this group is to get our artwork out."

Kevin Muenste, sponsor of NGA and an art professor,

attended the critique and felt impressed by the group's independence. "I think there was decent discussing. Alex kept it up on his own," Muenste said.

"I think for this critique,

we had an awesome turn out," Leah

Goshorn, vice president of NGA and art major, said.

The group of about 23 students critiqued almost 20 pieces of artwork,

which included a variety of photographs, self-portraits, paintings and drawings.

"It's been long overdue," Jarman said. "Something like this has needed to happen, and that explains the turn out."

"I was actually pretty surprised by the turn out because

when you're in an art class, a critique is equal to taking a test," Jarman continued. "You find out what you did wrong. For people to come to this, it's different."

"I think it

went good,"

Muenste said. "It was more exciting than critiques we do in class."

"They got professional advice from three different professors."

The other two professors who attended other than Muenste were art professors Laura Hollis and Matthew Albritton.

"The faculty showed up this time and made the critique valid. It shows that they think it's important," Jarman said.

"Usually, we won't be inviting

the faculty because it sets a different mood."

He said they attended this time because of the approaching junior review.

Jarman, Goshorn and treasurer Brian York, the three NGA officers who attended, brought in pieces of art to be critiqued by the group.

"For showing pieces that are not finished, it's interesting to see how people are experiencing it so far," Goshorn said.

"When I'm doing my artwork, it just my point of view," Jarman said. "You can be kind of blind to the way it's working. This helped me realize what I can be and what I can become. People can say, 'Hey this is good. It's going somewhere.' Sometimes it just takes that fresh set of eyes."

"The thing that gets in the way is your ego," Jarman said. "A critique is a good thing that keeps you grounded."

*"The thing that gets in the way is our ego. A critique... keeps you grounded."*

Alex Jarman, NGA president

## Metal band plays the blues

By JOSH BLAIR  
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Combine heavy metal, blues, 70s rock 'n' roll and cement mix in a blender, turn on high and out would flow Red Giant.

Their third album, Devil Child Blues, emits 11 stoner rock jams that easily consume the listener's mind. It combusts into a torrent of distorted guitars, coarse vocals and forceful drum beats with an enduring hard rock composition.

The title track's slow groove melts down into a spacey guitar solo that picks up into a droned

out blues rock riff.

Red Giant upheaves the pace with the song "Hoping for the Golden BB" which has an almost punk rock tempo alongside a heavy rock beat.

The album is finished off with the addition of a saxophone for a cover of The Stooges' "Funhouse."

Synthesizing fuzzed out, resonant rock 'n' roll guitar riffs and bluesy consonance, Red Giant proves they're in a league with stoner rock contemporaries such as Alabama Thunderpussy, Fu Manchu, Nebula and Clutch.

Devil Child Blues, released by Small Stone Records,



Album artwork courtesy of Small Stone Records.

arrives in stores Nov. 16. Red Giant will play a free show at The Comet in Cincinnati Friday, Nov. 5. www.smallstone.com

## Author examines sororities

By JOSH BLAIR  
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Have you ever wanted to know the deep, dark secrets of sorority life? Did you ever wonder what goes on during those meetings?

Alexandra Robbins did, and she went undercover to find out.

Robbins posed as an undergraduate college student for a year and befriended a sorority.

Robbins, a Yale graduate, wrote the controversial book "Pledged" which documents her behind-the-scenes, inves-

tigative look at sorority life.

Robbins will speak about "Pledged" Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eva G Ferris Auditorium, BEP 200.

Robbins is a journalist who was a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine and has contributed to publications such as USA Today, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune and Cosmopolitan.

She is also a NY Times best-seller with "Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenges of Life in your Twenties," which she co-authored.

The event is hosted by the Department of Communication, Activities



Robbins

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Sports  
Scene

—with Kyle Brown

# End of the BoSox curse?

Slowly but surely the Boston Red Sox are getting closer to ending the Curse of the Bambino.

The one streak I never dreamt, nor hoped, would be broken would be the streak of futility the Red Sox have shown.

For those unfamiliar with the daunting curse of the Bambino, it all began in 1918 after the Red Sox won their fifth World Series. Prior to the 1920 baseball season, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees. Since then, the Red Sox have not won a World Series.

If you look at the players the Sox have put together since 1919, like Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice and today's stars like Pedro Martinez, Curt Schilling and Manny Ramirez, you can't help but wonder why they never at least gone to the World Series more often.

The Red Sox seem to be a little bit different this season. Instead of rolling over and letting the Yankees win the American League pennant, the Sox grinded their teeth and dug their heels in to do the unthinkable — they came back from three games down, and several extra innings to win the pennant.

These Red Sox are a pretty interesting group to watch, not just for the signature wild haircuts it seems every member of the team has.

It seems as though for the past 85 years, everything that could have gone wrong for the Red Sox did.

This time, instead of a game six or seven at Yankee Stadium where Boston would unceremoniously lose off an unexpected home run, the Red Sox pitchers shut the door on the Yankees.

Pedro Martinez may not have been overpowering in the past, but for once the Red Sox didn't have to rely on his arm to get them through the series.

Instead, Curt Schilling mustered up the strength to show why he is the best big-game pitcher in baseball, and Derek Lowe did his job in game seven perfectly.

Heading into Tuesday's game, the Sox own a 2-0 lead over the St. Louis Cardinals.

In a column previewing the postseason, the Cardinals had a "Murderer's Row-esque" lineup, which may be true. Larry Walker, Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen, Jim Edmonds and company are a heck of a lineup. All of those hitters are talented and can crush the ball with one swing of the bat.

But the most feared hitter in all of baseball plays for the Red Sox. David Ortiz. Ortiz has been spectacular during the playoffs.

Right now, the Sox are in good contention, but a lot of things can happen between a game three and a game seven (look at what happened in the Yankees series).

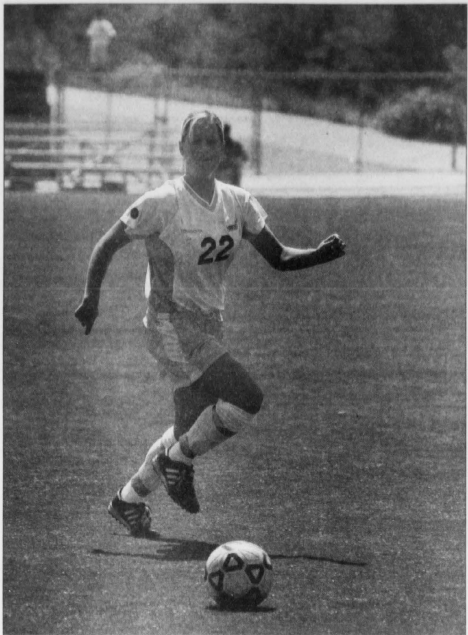
This year it seems as though the Red Sox deserve it, though, as a Yankees fan, it pains me to say that.

I just hope the Boston fans remember to enjoy it, because if George Steinbrenner really opens up his wallet in the off-season, it could be another 85 years until they get back.

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# Women triumph over Lewis

## Senior players contribute to last regular-season home game with 5-0 win



Blue / Photographer

Senior Robyn Withers participated in her last regular-season home game and recorded a shot on goal.

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The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team dismantled Lewis University 5-0 on a cold, wet Saturday afternoon at the Town and Country Sports Complex.

The Norse improved to 12-3 overall and 9-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

NKU dominated the game, out-shooting Lewis by an astounding 15-0 margin.

The Norse continued to show why they are still one of the top teams in the conference by shutting down the Lewis attack.

At 16:49 of the first half, Jeanna Goettelman started the scoring assault for the Norse.

A corner kick by Amy Martini allowed Goettelman to put the ball past Lewis goalkeeper Courtney Hutt.

Goettelman also added an assist.

The Norse had a 14-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Hutt was beaten again at the 32-minute mark as Michelle Kelly scored off a rebound.

Six minutes later, Kelly struck again as she scored off another rebound shot. Kristen Votapek was credited with the assist.

The Norse went into halftime with a 3-0 lead.

"When we went into halftime with the lead, we knew that the game was ours," said freshman Jayme Light.

The Norse kept up the domination as they continued to pressure Lewis.

"Coach was really pleased

with the way we were playing," said Rogers.

Five minutes into the second half, Light took a cross from Katie Hanck and shot the ball past Hutt to advance the game to 4-0.

At the 59-minute mark, Kristen Votapek made it 5-0 as she followed up a ball that was fumbled by Hutt and shot past the Lewis keeper.

Seniors Robyn Withers and Lauren Piening played their last regular-season home games for the Norse. Both seniors went out in style as Piening recorded her ninth shutout of the season.

Meanwhile Withers recorded a shot on goal and an assist on the goal by Votapek.

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Jayne Light week, NKU was able to hold off

Bellevue University, winning 1-0 on a score by Amy Light.

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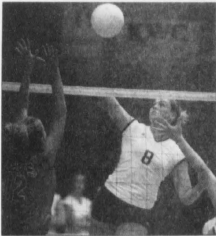
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# Volleyball adds to winning streak

## Team overcomes deficit with offensive timing to defeat University of Wisconsin-Parkside



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Liz Holmes goes up for a spike against Lewis.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - The 1-2 offensive punch of Kristin Koralewski and Liz Holmes helped the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team rally for a four-game victory over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday.

But good defense and timely serving also contributed to the come-from-behind win for the Norse, who dropped a 30-26 decision in the first game Saturday before taking the next three straight by scores of 30-18, 30-20 and 30-26.

Koralewski finished with 18 kills, three service aces and 10 digs for NKU, which added 16 kills and a 323 hitting percentage as the Norse improved to 17-8 overall, 10-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Andrea Lanham recorded 48 assists and served up four aces to secure the

NKU win. Maggie Pugh added 10 kills, three blocks and a 318 hitting percentage as the Norse avenged an earlier defeat to the Rangers (9-16 overall, 4-9 GLVC).

NKU served up 12 aces and limited the taller Rangers to a .129 hitting percentage. Amber Timmons notched 17 digs to lead the defense, while Lynee Fischesser collected 11 assists.

In three wins this week, Timmons collected 50 digs (5.0 digs). The senior's defense also helped NKU limit the opposition to a .123 hitting percentage in those matches.

Fischesser and Tristen Dye each finished with two service aces for NKU. The Norse hit .168 as a team and lost the blocking battle by a 21-6 margin, but Wisconsin-Parkside struggled against the Norse serving game and up-tempo pace.

The win ended the season series

between the two teams, after NKU lost 3-0 at Parkside earlier in the month.

The team defeated Lewis University Friday behind strong offensive performances: Koralewski had 19 kills, Holmes had 16, and Dye added 10 kills and two aces.

The win on Friday finalized a season sweep of Lewis by the Norse.

NKU will face the University of Indianapolis at 7 p.m. Friday in a key GLVC match. The Greyhounds lost at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Saturday and are tied with NKU for third place in the GLVC standings.

NKU will also visit Rensselaer, Ind., next Saturday for a 2 p.m. match against Saint Joseph's College.

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# Cross Country hosts GLVC

## Carskadon sets a new NKU record at conference championship

ALEXANDRIA, Ky. - Tracy Carskadon set a Northern Kentucky University record in the six-kilometer run with a time of 22:45 and led the Norse women's cross country team to a fifth-place finish at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships at A.J. Jolly Park on Saturday.

Carskadon placed fifth individually to earn All-GLVC honors for the second straight year, and she broke the NKU record in the six-kilometer run (held by Anna Moore) by 26 seconds. Rachel Stoehr posted a 16th-place finish with a time of 23:47 as the Norse took fifth place in the team standings for the second consecutive season.

"Tracy ran very well, and this was an extremely competitive race," NKU head coach Steve Kruse said. "There were some outstanding teams, and we competed very well in this race."

NKU's Julianne Hockezema

placed 24th with a time of 24:19, while Sarah Eggleston was 37th at 28:14.

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside captured the team title with 47 points. The University of Southern Indiana was second with 60 points, followed by Belknap University (65 points), the University of Indianapolis (96 points) and NKU (125).

"Wisconsin-Parkside ran a great race, and it was actually an upset that Southern Indiana didn't win, because going in I thought they were the team to beat," Kruse said.

In the men's eight-kilometer race, NKU's Keith Knapp earned GLVC Freshman of the Year honors after posting an 11th-place finish with a time of 26:38. Knapp, a graduate of Lloyd High School, was the highest-placing freshman in the GLVC event and missed All-GLVC honors by just eight seconds.

Graham Niemer took 18th place with a time of 26:51 for NKU, which placed fifth in the team standings. The fifth-place finish was NKU's best since the 2000 season.

"I was pleased with how the guys competed, and it was a lot better than the past three years when we finished eighth each time," Kruse said. "We're getting better each race, and it was nice to see the kids working hard and being very competitive in this event."

Lewis won the men's team title with a score of 55, followed by runner-up Southern Indiana with 57. Wisconsin-Parkside (76), SIUE (98) and NKU (124) rounded out the top five.

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## hotseat



with John Raspi

In this week's hot seat, John interviews Women's Basketball Head Coach Nancy Winstel. This is the 27th year Winstel has been involved with the NKU women's program.

**John Raspi:** What would you say is the maddest you've been either during a game or at practice?

**Nancy Winstel:** The Saturday before we went to play in the Elite Eight the year we won the National Championship was probably the maddest I've been. I threw the team out of practice. I told them to get out of the gym because they were wasting electricity and that they didn't deserve to be in there. Afterward I felt bad, but in hindsight, we had a really good practice after that. Last year, I was mad all of the time because I had eight new players.

**JR:** What is your response to men's head coach Dave Bezold saying that you would get seven more technical fouls than him

this season in last weeks hot seat?

**NW:** Now that he is the head coach, I feel that we will see a personality change from him. I guarantee that he will have more technical fouls than me. I am always under control in my 20 plus years as coach. We'll see how he acts now that he's in the head coaching hot seat. He also has Listerman over there, and he'll probably have more than anybody.

**JR:** How many players can you out shoot from the free throw line?

**NW:** None. Actually, maybe Connie.

**JR:** After the game when you shake the other coaches hand, has there ever been a moment

where you didn't really want to shake the other coaches hand?

**NW:** One year when we were down in Florida, I thought their fans were a little too abusive to our kids.

After the game, it was a little tough to shake the hand of the coach even though we beat them.

**JR:** Since you are playing the National Championship team from 2000 on November 13th in an exhibition, do you have any expectations for that game?

**NW:** We want to beat them. I jokingly said that I would be coaching the team that is winning at the end.

We are definitely going to try to run because our conditioning should be much better than theirs. Also, my assistant coach

Michelle Cottrell may have specific duties on our bench during that game.

**JR:** Have you ever been tossed from a game?

**NW:** I've never been tossed. Where did these seven technical fouls that Dave Bezold say I would get come from? I have the utmost respect for the referees, and I'm in total control on the bench.

**JR:** How does being on ESPN two times in the last five years help recruiting?

**NW:** Tremendously. If you can tell your recruits you've been on live ESPN in a National Championship game it's pretty special. There is a lot of Division I players that never get to play on ESPN. Right now,



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Women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel is in her 22nd season.

the kids we are recruiting are the ones getting Division I offers. That's the carrot you try to throw out there to convince the player to go Division II.

# Men's soccer team defeats Lewis 2-0

Goalie Nate Madden recognized on senior day, finished strong in last home game of regular season

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As the Northern Kentucky University men's soccer family said goodbye to goalie Nate Madden on senior day, they said hello to a possible future Norse star in freshman midfielder Kyle Roberts.

Roberts scored both goals in the team's 2-0 win over Lewis University Oct. 23 at Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

"This was a huge win for us in terms of regional implications," Head Coach John Basalyga said. "We beat a team

that was nationally ranked, and that only helps us with a good seed in the tournament."

Lewis was ranked ninth nationally in the latest NCAA Division II poll and has been ranked as high as second in the Great Lakes Region.

Defense was key once again for the Norse. They held the Flyers to just four shots for the entire contest. Lewis did not attempt a shot in the first half as NKU controlled the tempo.

This was NKU's 11th shutout of the season and tenth at home.

"We played awesome defense today to win," Madden said. "We just have to keep working hard and stay focused

down the stretch."

Roberts gave NKU the lead 1-0, with his second goal of the season, at the 27 minute mark of the first half when he finished off a cross from fellow freshman Dan Impellizzeri.

"I just picked it off and saw I had a lot of space in the middle to drive," said Roberts.

The second goal by Roberts sealed the game for the Norse. The shot came in the second half with an assist by freshman Tony Capurro.

"I was lucky to get that goal," Roberts said. "I was in the right place at the right time, the ball just seemed to bounce to me for a shot."

The Norse improved to 12-3-

2 overall and 6-2-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, while Lewis fell to 13-2-2 overall and 6-2-2 in the conference.

It is the second consecutive win for NKU after losing 2-0 to Truman State Oct. 17.

Earlier this week, the Norse defeated Oakland City 4-0 with two goals from Thompson and one each from Matt Flick and David Lias.

Madden, the lone senior for the Norse, picked up his 11th shutout of the year. His goals-against average stands a 0.32 for the season.

Playing his final regular season game at home was an unforgettable experience for the player who has been start-

ing at goalie almost exclusively since his first season.

"It's awesome to win any game - especially senior day," Madden said. "We really came ready to play in all areas (of the game) today," Madden said.

Basalyga said, "I am happy for Nate. Being the only senior from his class to make it this far shows a lot about who he is as a person."

"He is one of the top goalkeepers in the country, and I am real happy he was able to finish his career on a high note."

NKU can wrap up a first round home game in the GLVC Tournament with a victory at the University of Indianapolis on Oct. 27. The Norse are cur-

rently in third place in the league standings.

"We have to finish strong the last two games of the season and give us an opportunity for the possible seed in the tournament," said Basalyga.

The three and four seeds will host first round games, while one and two seeds will have first round byes.

The win on Saturday puts NKU percentage points ahead of Lewis in the conference standings.

NKU will conclude the regular season with road games at Indianapolis and a non-conference game with Gannon University Oct. 29.

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