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Presidential
Election

Ohio makes election tight

Bush, Kerry
rely on stateBy Steven Thomma
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WASHINGTON — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry grappled over Ohio early Nov. 3, neck-and-neck in a close contest that could decide the presidency.

Bush was declared the winner in Ohio by two television networks shortly after midnight, which appeared to put him in a strong position to win the election. But Kerry's campaign manager — mindful of how Al Gore fought to contest a result once he was declared the loser four years ago — urged the country to hold back from deciding too quickly.

"The vote count in Ohio has not been completed," said Kerry's campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill. "There are more than 250,000 remaining votes to be counted. We believe when they are, John Kerry will win Ohio."

Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards appeared before supporters in Boston hours later to tell them the election would not be decided soon.

"It's been a long night," Edwards said at 2:28 a.m. "We've waited four years for this victory. We can wait one more night." He also vowed to "fight for every vote."

It was unclear whether it would take one more night or more to count those Ohio votes. Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell said that if the victory margin came down to provisional ballots held aside because of challenges to suspect voters, state law requires that they not be counted for 11 days. Whether the count would be settled sooner was unclear, but it was evident that Ohio could determine the outcome.

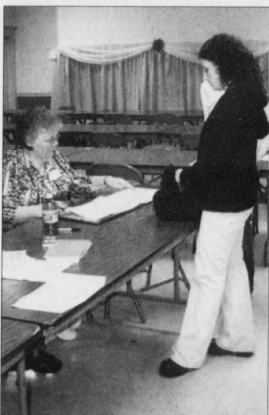
With only one exception, Bush was holding all of the states he won four years ago, including Florida. If he held the rest, including Ohio, he would have at least 274 electoral votes, four more than needed to claim a second term.

If he lost Ohio's 20 electoral votes, he would have to win away some combination of states that went Democratic last time. Several remained too close to call early Wednesday, including Iowa, New Mexico and Wisconsin.

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Students at University Suites follow election coverage on television Nov. 2, although the winner of the presidential election was not determined.

Nicole Jones / Assistant Photo Editor
Junior Katie Bramble checks in to vote with a Campbell County poll worker.Participation
high among
young votersBy STUART MACKENZIE
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Students from all around the Tri-State participated in the Democratic process for the first time Nov. 2 by voting in one of the closest presidential election in decades.

Some students from Northern Kentucky University, such as Sean Dunn, even worked the polls. "This is my first year voting so I was kind of excited (to work on Election Day), not to mention I could use the extra money."

As part of Dunn's training, he was required to show up early Monday evening. "I went to the polls, set up the ballot booths, signed my paycheck sheet and I left," Dunn said. He

also took part in some training to prepare him for Tuesday.

"You had to take a two hour training seminar in an area of your choosing, and then you are qualified," Dunn said.

He found out about the program from an e-mail sent to him through NKU. Dunn signed up to work in the Miami Whitewater station.

The night before working Dunn was unsure of what to expect at his first time voting and working as at the polls. "Really, I don't know what to expect 'cause they haven't told me, they just told me to bring a lunch and be there at 6 a.m., so I'm just going to go from there," he said.

Many NKU students who have taken active roles in the election process have enjoyed it thoroughly. "This was my first time voting and it

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GOP
sweeps
Kentucky
races

President



George W. Bush (R)

President George Bush won Kentucky's eight electoral votes with 60 percent of the popular vote, crushing Sen. John Kerry's 40 percent.

U.S. Senate



Jim Bunning (R)

Incumbent Jim Bunning defeated opponent Daniel Mongiardo in the state's closest race, receiving 51 percent of the popular vote over Mongiardo's 49 percent.

U.S. House,
4th District

Geoff Davis (R)

Following a negative campaign and a heated debate at NKU Oct. 27, Nick Clooney lost to Geoff Davis by 11 percent.

Author shows secrets

Controversial journalist takes inside look at sorority life

By JOSH BLAIR

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The secrets are out.

What occurs behind closed doors during sorority rushes, meetings and parties has been revealed in the book "Pledged," in which journalist Alexandra Robbins posed as a college student and befriended a group of sorority women.

Robbins spoke to more than 150 students, the majority of them members of Greek life, about her experiences in writing "Pledged" during at lecture at

Northern Kentucky University

Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Many NKU sorority members are enraged about Robbins' accounts of Greek life and say she reinforces negative stereotypes about sororities.

During the question and answer session after Robbins' speech, most of the attitudes toward her were negative. However, afterward Robbins signed books and spoke with people individually and received an overall different response.

"It was a particularly strong reaction in the crowd," she said. "Afterward when people came up to talk to me, it was over-

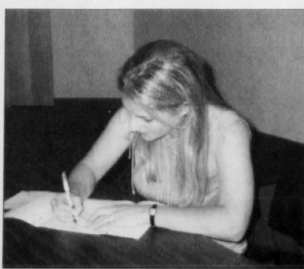
whelmingly positive."

Other sorority members from universities across the Tri-State, including the University of Dayton, Butler University in Indianapolis and Centre College, were in attendance as well.

Jen Seppelt, a senior Theta Phi Alpha member from the University of Dayton, said "Pledged" hinders sororities in improving their values.

"When you are giving an overall different response. ("Pledged") to high school seniors and freshmen in college this is what they think sororities are about," Seppelt said.

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Jeremy Mize / Photographer
Alexandra Robbins signs a copy of her book "Pledged" after her speech Oct. 27.

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NKU Theatre Department's presentation of "Bus Stop" throws four strangers in a room.

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Nov. 1 - 9:02 p.m.
Classification: THEFT - Theft/Larceny From Motor Vehicle-Under \$300
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These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS Web site at <http://access.knu.edu/dps>

campusbriebs

SGA to host Veterans Day celebration

The Student Government Association has allocated \$1,000 from its budget to host a Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11.

The Student Involvement Committee requested the funds to purchase 500 American flags and to pay for a reception that will follow the celebration.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will take place on the University Plaza. Rep. Ken Lucas will join in on the celebration as a special guest speaker.

Registration for spring semester under way

Super-priority registration for the spring 2005 semester begins Nov. 3 for students in the Honors Program.

Graduate and post-baccalaureate students are eligible to register on Nov. 4, while the priority registration schedule for undergraduate students starts on Nov. 5.

For a complete priority registration schedule, visit <http://www.nku.edu/~registrar/prioritysched>.

Lake construction may cause problems

NKU awarded a contract for the \$2.4 million lake renovation project Oct. 26.

Construction will begin immediately; the lake will be drained and the fish will be transported to a new home around Nov. 11.

Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management Larry Blake said in an e-mail to NKU students that the construction will result in some inconvenience.

This project will impact parking and traffic flow near the lake, as a portion of lot J

will be closed on Nov. 4.

Others coming from the bottom of the lake may also affect students. He said, however, that the cooler weather may help minimize the potential odor issues.

SGA offers book grants

The Student Government Association has created applications for book grants.

The applications are available in the SGA office and must be completed and returned by Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. to the Dean of Students Office.

nationalbriebs

Same-sex marriage banned in 11 states

In 11 states, voters decided to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman according to the Associated Press.

Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah and Oregon all amended their constitution to ban same-sex marriages.

Obama only current black U.S. Senator

Barack Obama, the Democratic state senator from Illinois, has won the race for U.S. Senate according to the New York Times.

He won a landslide victory against conservative talk show host Alan Keyes of Maryland. Obama is now the only black senator, and the fifth black senator in history. The last black senator was Democrat Canale Moseley Braun, also of Illinois.

Nader receives fewer votes this election

Ralph Nader, who some blame for Al Gore loss of the 2000 election, received fewer votes this election than he received four years ago according to the Associated Press.

In Kentucky, where Nader gained about 2 percent of the votes in 2000, he drew about 0.5 percent of the votes this year. Nader received about 0.5 percent of the votes in Florida, compared to 2 percent, about 97,000 votes last election. Gore lost Florida in the last election by 537 votes.

In pre-election polls, Nader, who had trouble getting his name on ballots in some states, received about 1 percent of the votes this year compared to 2.7 percent of the votes in 43 states in 2000.

SGA fall election postponed

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The Student Government Association fall election is going to take place a bit later than normal this year.

The voting of 15 senators and two justices, which was originally set for Nov. 10-11, has been pushed back to Dec. 1-2.

The SGA constitution calls for the fall election to take place on "the Wednesday and Thursday after the second Monday of November." The constitution also states that the "Election Packet Rules and Guidelines must be made available to the student body no less than 28 days in advance of the election."

However, the election packets were not made available to students until Oct. 29, just 12 days before the election date set forth in the constitution.

The student senate voted Nov. 1 in favor of postponing the election date to allow the

election packets to be available for the required amount of days.

"We felt that the 28 days was more important than the date," SGA President Andy Hixson said.

"To give students ample time... is much more important than making sure that it happens on the date that's in the constitution."

"This should have been done a long time ago," Sen. Mike Tobert said.

Hixson said that the delay in the availability of election packets was largely due to the fact that the Judicial Council did not have a chief justice at the beginning of the semester.

According to the constitution, the chief justice is responsible for recommending five members for the Election

Committee by the second full week of the semester. The recommended members must then be approved by a two-thirds vote of the student senate.

The committee is then responsible for making the election packets available 28 days in advance of the election.

Hixson said that this was overlooked because of the absence of a chief justice.

"Not having a chief justice threw everything off," Sen. James Pollitt said.

Hixson said that he was required to preside as chief justice because of the vacancy, and therefore, he was responsible for putting together an election committee earlier in the semester.

"I really wasn't aware of that. That's my fault. It's the president's role to make sure everything's working the way it should."

- SGA President Andy Hixson

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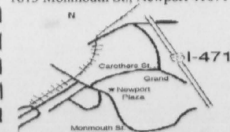


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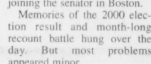
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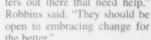
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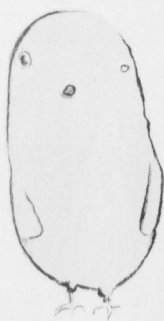
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Parking changes unreasonable

Preparations for lake renovation may benefit faculty, inconvenience students

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Starting Nov. 8, NKU is hosting a big old traffic party, and we're all invited.

Construction on Lake Inferior will begin that day, causing the staff/campus parking lot J next to the AST building to be closed.

So where will all of those people park? In lot I. You know, the one behind Landrum where all of us students park.

What do they give us in return? Lot E, the small parking lot next to the Baptist Student Union that was a student parking lot up until last year.

Facilities Management giveth, and they take away.

Now I'm all for the Lake Inferior renovation. I think it will finally add an attractive land piece to our campus. It will no longer completely look like a concrete, nuclear wasteland.

However, it would have been nice if they would have prepared a bit more for the parking situation.

The new parking garage should have been finished by now, which would have alleviated some of the congestion. Not only is it not finished, but they are eventually going to start charging for it.

An e-mail sent to students Nov. 1 by Larry Blake, the assistant vice president of

Facilities Management, said, "Lot I is adequately sized to accommodate all parking currently accommodated in lot E as well as that lost in lot J."

That's great. What about Lot E being able to accommodate all of the parking in lot I? Lot E is nowhere near the size of lot I.

Where is that overflow going to go? Maybe they'll go to the parking garage, where they'll soon have to pay \$1 to park once it's completed, whenever that will be.

Lot E is also less likely to accommodate lot I's parking, because now many students who live on campus will park there. That makes fewer parking spots available to students going to class.

It's also frustrating that faculty and staff are allowed to park in student parking lots. Even though lot E is being reverted back to a student parking lot, faculty and staff who have been parking there all year can still park there. It could end up being a shorter walk for them to continue to park there.

Hypothetically, a professor could take the last parking spot in the student lot because it is convenient. That then leaves the student driving all around campus trying to find a spot, making them late for class and then end up missing a quiz.

Also, the faculty and staff that park in lot E could technically continue to park there

without ramifications. What incentive do they have to park elsewhere?

If they are going to designate certain lots for certain people, then it should stay that way. There shouldn't be a parking hierarchy allowing some people to park wherever they desire.

Facilities Management should have done a better job at preparing for this situation. The plans to renovate Lake Inferior have been in effect for quite some time, yet students were informed of the parking ramifications just a week before they occur.

So you may want to leave for a school a little early starting Nov. 8. You never know which parking lot they'll take away from us next.

Election will be media milestone

Coverage focused on how candidates' actions would affect voter turnout, not the nation

By Edward Wasserman
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Both sides in the presidential contest are eager to declare this election the most momentous event since the discovery of fire, and we won't know how true that is until we see how badly we've been burned. But I think it's already apparent that the campaign will be considered a milestone in the history of the U.S. media.

Here's what has changed: The mainstream media no longer play a key role in setting the national news agenda. The established news media were nowhere on public-policy matters. Issues that should have been their meat and potatoes — such as the adequacy of homeland security or remedies to stanch job losses — were largely untouched. A recent BBC *Online* critique was titled, perceptively, "How the U.S. media lost the plot."

Instead, the agenda was set by partisans, via political advertising and committed free-lance efforts. Time and again, established media essentially reacted to issues rammed through by outside groups. It started with the Howard Dean primary campaign, in which a grass-roots protest against the war blossomed briefly into an electoral insurgency.

Fahrenheit 9/11 threw the fat in the fire, raising President Bush's character and competence as reelection issues. Also, that critique, like the swift boat group's anti-Kerry assaults, kept over the media firewalls and forged the campaign debate.

One lamentable conclusion: Baying your way onto the national agenda is easy; it just takes money.

The horse race defeated all comers. I can't exaggerate the degree to which mainstream news evaluated virtually all candidate actions, utterances, proposals and disclosures by how they might affect not the country, but the vote.

Learned commentators speculated endlessly on the impact of a Kerry health-care proposal on Ohio's turnout or Pennsylvania's undecideds, without ever looking at the proposal itself.

Political writer Matt Taibbi has skewered the almost derivate way in which journalists reacted to policy "details," which they never actually described (and probably couldn't). News media credibility was in freefall. Unrelenting attacks on so-called liberal bias were purely responsive.

But the huge irony is that for all the gnashing of teeth over the '60 Minutes' anti-Bush National Guard memes, the two most calamitous errors that the media have made in this young century were both immensely favorable to Bush: prematurely awarding him the 2000 election and shilling for his fallacious pre-war claims about Iraq's strategic arsenal.

When those various instances are set alongside the cases of reporter deceit and the still-unfolding newspaper circulation scandal, the media inspire anything but trust.

The Web stretched the universe of political news. The Internet has matured into a boisterous adolescence, with broad claims of diversity and empowerment. We've entered what pioneer Matt Drudge once described as "an era vibrating with the din of small voices." Bloggers are more adept at verification than original reporting, and on the Internet it's not easy to know who's pulling whose strings. But time and again the boundaries of coverage have expanded because of the persistence of Web-based reportage and commentary, which are now integral to any journalist's beat.

Partisanship is here to stay. Advocacy journalism may rankle, but its legitimacy within the national discourse seems to be more firmly established now than ever. Indeed, it's the claim to impartiality that the public seems unwilling now to accept.

The supremacy of fact is under siege. People should argue over which facts matter, not what the facts are. When a University of Maryland study found that 72 percent of Bush supporters believe that Iraq had or was actively developing weapons of mass destruction, and 75 percent believe that Iraq was substantially supporting al-Qaeda — claims that not even the administration makes — something is wrong with the country's political information system.

Hence, with the 2004 campaign, patterns of media influence — of who gets to speak and to be heard — fundamentally shifted, with once-authoritative voices discredited.

A robust new conversation conducted on the Internet, talk radio and cable TV has assumed historic prominence. Still, despite an unparalleled richness of information and multiplicity of perspectives, the discourse that characterized the recent campaign season was dopey, squalid and mendacious.

And vast numbers of people believe important things that aren't true.

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Letters to the editor

Defense of homosexuality is a stretch

Dear Editor,
After reading the column "Homosexuals cannot be denied rights" by Josh Blair, I couldn't explain how I felt when the writer took unbelievable measures to state his opinion.

I do not agree with the lifestyle that is chosen by homosexuals, but I am mature enough to accept them as human beings with human emotions, just as they should accept me with my opinions as well.

I would like to clear up the misunderstanding that was given of the Bible, or "trump card." The Bible is written as guidelines inspired by God for the people on Earth. The reason the Bible exists is not to condemn people when they sin, but it is a warning when people do sin. For example, the Bible says, "don't steal," is this because God wants everything to be fair and for people to own what they achieve? Maybe, but the real reason that the Bible warns us of that is to tell us that when this sin occurs, there will be consequences to deal with. The Bible is not written for God or Christianity, it is written for mankind as a formula card or "cheat sheet."

The Bible says "honor the Sabbath day" as "use article said, once again to make sure people get a day off in the week to rest. If God is all-powerful, he doesn't need that one specific day for people to worship him, he just wants people to take a day off and rest in him. So don't worry, you can take your leaves on Sunday.

I would also like to clear up the statement that said "Homosexuality is as much of a choice as race or gender." I believe that homosexuality is as much choice as religion, politics, or even when you are going to marry. You are not born a Christian or Republican. I make this choice later in life and you make it based on influences that your environment place on you.

Even though no one will admit it, your environment will make decisions for you. If you don't believe me, take a sociology class. How many people do you know are of the religion they are because of their parents? How many people are Democratic or Republican because of their parents? Have you ever seen a die-hard country music fan at a Sum 41 concert? My point is that people's environment influences people's beliefs. They are not born that way.

I respect the author's opinion and position in this controversial topic, but I do believe that I'm entitled to disagree with some comments that were made in this column. These concepts that I've stated are my beliefs and I wish that they would be respected as well from the author as they are the beliefs of many other people on campus.

Joel Allen
Sophomore, math

Claim of correlation between democracy and advertising 'absurd'

Dear Editor,

The defense of the Deja Vu advertisement by Brianna Bodine appearing on page 5 of the issue from Oct. 27, 2004 is unconvincing. Ultimately the issue is not legality, but whether or not accepting money from such an entity is appropriate. The Northerner is not the Enquirer. Its purpose is not to be a viable business.

The notion that it is permissible to run ads because other papers do is an appeal to playground logic. The content of lingerie and Haagen Dazs ads (no matter how manipulative) is not relevant to discussion of ads accepted by The Northerner. The Northerner has no discernible connection with the health of democracy. To state that the two are how related is completely absurd.

If accepting money for the placement of advertisement is not supporting the message of that advertisement, what is it doing? If strip clubs are places

where women are overtly objectified by a patriarchal power, how is it that The Northerner, by accepting the ad, is not also accepting a role in this objectification? Would Deja Vu still thrive without The Northerner? It's most certain. But, again, to use this argument is to appeal to yet another irrelevant issue. What does how well Deja Vu is doing have to do with The Northerner deciding to run an ad for it?

The author asks, "Do you really think the guys don't already know about the strip clubs?" To which I reply: How is that question or its answer relevant to the issue of accepting advertisement from that establishment? No one is saying such ads should be banned because of their revelatory effects, but there are quite a few people speaking to their inappropriateness.

The article also implies that truth is market driven. What a horrifying thought. Even language such as, "the marketplace of ideas" seems to miss the point altogether and take the reader on yet another detour that yields nothing of consequence. Refusing such ads is not unfounded bias, as the article suggested. It is very well founded, for the reasons and questions above. What is unfounded is nearly every observation in the article. Ads for pornography do not promote "open and robust public debate." The issue of pornography is what sparks discourse. Advertisement for it is just that, an attempt to sell it.

Daniel Moore
Senior, photography

Newspaper needs to maintain class

Dear Editor,

The intended purpose of an institute of higher education is not only to raise the intellectual awareness and overall level of knowledge of its pupils, but also to spur the students' ethical and moral growth. It is not able to be a student that when an individual graduated from col-

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The objection I have to the placement of this advertisement in the newspaper is not an attack on free speech; I firmly support the free expression of ideas. However, I also support the idea that the press has a certain inherent standard to maintain that ensures a sense of reliability and respectability in the medium. As a school newspaper, the main duty of the staff is to provide the readers with an informative and interesting publication. Along with this duty, however, comes the responsibility to carefully review and edit within the paper's pages and make sure that the material inside does not undermine the integrity of the educational institution it uti-

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And if the role women play in their own objectification affects the publishing of ads, then can we expect ads for prostitution? Sure, but only if they're doing it willingly.

Allen Boxer
Sophomore, Music

npr horse poll responses

Compiled by Nicole Jones
Are you excited now that elections are over?



Ashley Achoe
Freshman, nursing
"You're damn skippy."



Chris Gilmore
Freshman, aviation
"Yes, because all the hating will be over and back to normal life."



Brittney Dawson
Freshman, history
"Yes, because it is all annoying and confusing. I'm just glad it's all over. Yeah, Kerry!"



Lance Meaux
Freshman, video production
"Yes, so the commercials are over with."



Sarah Bradford
Freshman, psychology
"Yes, I'm tired about everyone talking about it."



Parker Laboiteaux
Freshman, undecided
"When they are actually over with I will be."

editorialnote

College Republicans sack tact

Student organization should be ashamed of rude, immature outbursts at debate

By JEREMY WORLEY
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I'm writing to express my deep anger and disappointment in the College Republicans.

Last year, during the gubernatorial debate of Chandler and Fletcher, the group "booed" and yelled things from the audience toward Democratic candidate Ben Chandler. I thought that a year's passing would have allowed them to mature.

I was wrong.
At last Wednesday's debate between Geoff Davis and Nick Clooney, the student organization again showed me that

they are highly immature and disrespectful.

The Republicans again began to "boo" Democratic candidate Nick Clooney during his closing announcements, then yelled, "get off our stage" along with other obscene comments.

As an NKU student, I take pride in my actions, and the actions of my fellow students.

However, no student should consider themselves proud of the actions that occurred last Wednesday.

A political debate is no doubt going to raise tempers and show partisanship, but at no time should a crowd become hos-

tile to a guest of the university.

To be fair, I have to mention that the entire group was not engaged in these jeers, only the majority of a group I was began to act that immature and disrespectful. I would expect the leader or leaders of the group to apologize or make an attempt to stop them. Instead, the rest of the group sat there, laughing and joining in with the children.

This is not the behavior I have come to expect from student organizations on campus, or from college-aged adults. If you feel the need to express your

self, write a letter to a newspaper, make a Web page declaring your opinions or do so at your event afterwards.

You could also shut up and listen to what the other candidate has to say. You never know, you might learn something about tact. If NKU expects candidates for political office to continue to debate at our fine institution, they should sanction the College Republicans and bar them from future events.

Until the group can control all members of its organization, learn that the speaker is a guest of the university and that everyone has the freedom to express how they feel on a political stage without interference from the crowd, the immature group should have to make such events from afar.

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Miss America just needs a makeover

Would the Miss America Pageant attract more viewers if it involved conflict and controversy?

By Lenore Shenay
New York Daily News
(KRT)

So, ABC is dropping the Miss America Pageant but signing on for another nine episodes of "Desperate Housewives"? Where is the logic in that?

A girl spends 10 years learning how to play the ukulele and ABC couldn't care less. But have her hair cut off her clothes, French-kiss a sweaty bartender and moan off camera and somehow that is supposed to be more interesting to American audiences?

Whatever happened to our longstanding love affair with the flaming bant? Does no one give a damn anymore about

roller ballet? Do ABC execs think it's easy to juggle fruit while singing Neil Sedaka tunes?

It is not!
Or at least, I always assumed it wasn't, and gave those girls extra points on my scorecard.

This was an annual rite in my home, of course, and in every one else's home, too, for many years. In 1961, for instance, 75 percent of all American TVs were tuned to the pageant. (And 76 percent of all young girls watching in sashes made of toilet paper.)

Last year, however, only 9.8 million people watched — one for every reference to the ever-so-serious scholarship aspect of the contest. (Bathing suit com-

petition? What bathing suit competition? Oh, that bathing suit competition.)

Still, it seems pretty clear that rather than dropping the show, ABC could have had a real hot hit on its hands with just a little tweaking. Why, oh why, didn't they try?

TRADING FACES: Pairs of contestants are given lipstick, rouge, eye shadow, glue, fake hair and Magic Markers. Time to trade makeovers!

REAR FACTOR:

Combining speed and surprise, contestants attempt to take a bit out of one another's fannies. Stand by from "The Swan" staff surgeons.

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THE BACHELORETTE'S DEGREE:

One handsome (and, unfortunately, married) professor presides over an honors seminar filled with female students from every state.

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WORLD PEACE:

Instead of just talking about world peace, these brave beauties go out and make it happen in their choice of exotic locales — Fallajah, the Gaza Strip, North Korea or the Bronx — dressed only in Red Sox T-shirts.



Sarah Bradford
Freshman, psychology
"Yes, I'm tired about everyone talking about it."

campuscalendar

wednesday

- Senior exhibitions begin in main and third floor galleries of Fine Arts building. An artist reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Chase College of Law information day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Women's Empowerment meeting in UC room 107 at 4 p.m.

thursday

- The men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against UK at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky.
- Graduate Programs information sessions from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in UC room 108.
- "Her Story" exhibit reception 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Corbett Theatre lobby.

friday

- Sergio Polunski will perform at 8 p.m. in Graves Concert Hall. Student admission is \$5.
- Challenge Testing will be in UC room 303 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

saturday

- Showtime at the Apollo in BEP 200 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Service on Saturday will meet in the UC lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

monday

- The men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against UC at the 5/3 Arena in Cincinnati, Ohio at 7 p.m.

tuesday

- William Schmidt, associate managing editor of the New York Times, will speak in BEP 200 at 7:30 p.m. The topic is "Without Fear or Favor: Reflections on Journalism, Integrity and the Public Trust."
- The men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio at 7 p.m.

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

Illustrations by Mike Maydak

Battle shows rappers' skills

STAFF REPORT
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Do you think you can bust a fresh rhyme? If so you can win \$100. Student Life and the Activities Programming Board will host a freestyle battle Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in the UC game room, which carries a \$100 prize for the winner.

Sheena Dunn, the director of music for APB, began organizing freestyle battles on campus last year. The upcoming battle will be the second of the semester. Dunn said she plans on having two more events this year.

Dunn said she wants the participants to be able to perform in front of a crowd and to possibly gain a following. "I came up with the idea to get students and the community involved," Dunn said. "There are a lot of talented people that freestyle."

Dunn said some people go into the freestyle battles not knowing what to expect and may get offended by some of the language, which Dunn said was a main concern of Student Life.

However, Dunn said it wouldn't be fair to censor the language because the participants wouldn't be able to perform the same way they would elsewhere.

Registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 3. Registration forms are located in the office of Student Life on the first floor of the UC. Forms need to be returned Monday, Nov. 8.

You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow. This opportunity comes once in a lifetime, yo.

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IE has the majority of users in the Internet browser war, and it's no surprise consider-

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strangers come of age

'Bus Stop' characters acquire new outlook on love, life

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"I understand everything I say and secretly despise the way I say it," said Dr. Lyman, played by Stephen Hunter, to other members of the cast in the latest performance by NKU's theatre department "Bus Stop."

Although he may despise it, the audience loved the way he, and the rest of the cast, said it opening night Oct. 28.

Hunter, along with seven other students, performed the William Inge original from 1955. The play is set in early March inside Grace's Diner, a street-corner restaurant in a small town west of Kansas City. Grace, played by Amy Schweggman, is the owner of this small diner. Schweggman, who is not afraid to show the sexual directness of the character, captures the cantankerous attitude of this middle-aged woman. Grace, along with her young niece Elma, played by freshman Ann Royce, runs the restaurant — which is only in business because of its location near the bus stop.

The entire play is viewed from inside the '50s-style diner. Working late one night, Grace and Elma are visited by local sheriff Will, played by Jeffrey Miller. The sheriff came to inform the women of a high-way closure caused by a blizzard. The volume that Miller possessed in this production was amazing. The authority of his voice made the small town sheriff character have the respect he deserved.

Without much warning, the two restaurant workers had to prepare for the long stay of four unexpected guests. While readying the tables, nightclub singer Cherie, played by Elizabeth Alexander, runs in screaming. She said a rowdy cowboy kidnapped her. Casting Alexander for this role was a smart choice. Her blonde hair, long legs and thin appearance make her perfect for the vixen role.

After the sheriff calms her,



Photo contributed by NKU Department of Theater

In "Bus Stop" four strangers are cooped up together in a diner and must learn to get along with one another.

her second passenger enters the restaurant. Dr. Lyman makes his entrance in a poetic fashion and is intrigued immediately by the young Elma.

Bus driver Carl, played by Derek Shipman, is the infatuation of Grace. Shipman plays the middle-aged awkward man with style. He seemed to transform this dull bus driver into having the attitude of a suave player. From the moment he walked into the diner, she attends to his every need. The chemistry between the two characters was very apparent.

It is at this point where the "rowdy cowboy" Bo, played by Greg Hillner, and his sidekick mentor Virgil, played by Christopher Wylie, are introduced.

The door flies open with a shouting young man. With a belt buckle as big as his waist, his temper exceeds his size. The moment the audience sees Bo

he is fighting with the sheriff, and the audience can see the adolescence in this character.

After things have cooled down with the cowboy, Grace, whose husband is long gone, decides to go "lay down upstairs" in her apartment to help a "headache."

Meanwhile, Carl decides he needs some fresh air and takes a "walk" in the blizzard.

With the diner left to young Elma, she is able to bond with many of the passengers. Cherie, who has decided to completely ignore her cowboy kidnapper, confides her life story in the young waitress.

As the hours pass by, Elma decides that a show by all of the people stranded would help the time pass quickly. The passengers played guitar, sang and acted.

Though an innocent idea by the young girl, the performances only anger Cherie from Bo's outbursts and send the

drunken Dr. Lyman into an emotional roller coaster before passing out on a bench.

The plot of the play revolved around the coming of age for the characters. From Bo finding that he can't force true love, to Dr. Lyman realizing his life needs direct to Elma realizing that everyone isn't as genuine as she is.

Each of the characters walked away from their hours together in the diner with a new perspective on life, love or both.

Nbrief

"Bus Stop"
Directed by
Sandra Forman
NKU Blackbox
Theatre
Oct. 28 to Nov. 7
Student tickets-\$6

Firefox Browser History

Alternate browser may reduce unwanted pests

By JOSH BLAIR
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If these sales pitches are all too common for you, chances are you're like most Internet surfers who are harassed with pop-ups when they surf the Web.

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IE has the majority of users in the Internet browser war, and it's no surprise consider-

ing it is packaged with Windows and literally impossible to completely remove from a computer using Windows.

Luckily, there are alternate browsers such as Opera, Safari and Konqueror, which also require a certain operating system.

Quite possibly the best

feature of alternate browsers, one which IE lacks, is tabbed browsing.

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Mike Brennan / Illustration

alternative browser, and the one that's gained the most popularity recently, is Mozilla's Firefox.

Firefox has many useful features, one of which is a built-in pop-up blocker.

No longer is the quest through the jungle of pop-up ads necessary once you download Firefox. There's also no need to download a separate pop-up blocker such as the Google Toolbar for IE.

But a pop-up blocker is just the start.

Another popular and useful

one site by opening up a link in a new tab.

The one thing that makes Firefox so useful is that it's open source, meaning that its computer coding is open to the public. It's like a car that anyone in the world can work on.

This allows programmers to develop all sorts of enhancements to Firefox, which are known as extensions.

One of the most popular extensions is AdBlock, which allows users to add Web advertisements to a black list that blocks them from every

appearing. This means people can now check their e-mail without having any advertisement on the screen.

There are a variety of extensions for Firefox including ones that enhance security, navigation, downloading and appearance. These extensions let users customize Firefox to fit their needs.

Firefox is also more secure than IE because it doesn't allow adware or spyware to automatically download when visiting a Web site.

Adware and spyware invade people's computers and cause many of the pop-up ads and also pose security risks to computers.

These programs, as well as pop-up ads, can also result in slower Internet connections.

Mozilla is releasing the much-anticipated Firefox version 1.0 Nov. 7. From donations by more than 10,000 supporters, Mozilla raised \$250,000 to take out a full-page ad in the New York Times announcing the release of version 1.0.

The previous release of version 1.0 had more than 7 million downloads in a month, version 0.9 had 6.5 million downloads in three months and version 0.8 had 3.3 million downloads in four months.

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Political punk rock legend collaborates with alternative rockers on new album

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Even the Melvins agree there's always room for Jello, and seeing as how it's election season, they couldn't have picked a better time.

The Melvins and Jello Biafra, former lead singer of punk legends the Dead Kennedys, have unleashed "Never Breathe What You Can't See," a good dose of what fans miss most about punk, in its eight songs of fury.

The collaboration of Biafra's ideas with the Melvins' musical integrity, both of which have spanned two decades, meld nicely to bring home an instant classic.

The album opens up with "Plithynograph," and drives through like a dump truck plating through a nitroglycerin plant. Flames of social discon-

tent flare out of the mouth of one of the past 20 years' most vocal men, and former candidate for mayor of San Francisco.

Biafra has stayed busy through the years with his Alternative Tentacles label, releasing a handful of spoken word releases. Always relentless, Biafra continues that tradition here.

Songs such as "The Lighter Side of Global Terrorism" let listeners know that Biafra isn't calmed with age.

He has taken center stage to say all the things we haven't been able to say in the past few years. And like with the Dead Kennedys, this one is sure to touch everyone. If you're offended, if you're challenged and if you're now aware, they have done the job they set out to do.

By reputation we know that when the Melvins are straightforward they are one of the

most talented groups of musicians, but as always they're ready to destroy what you thought about music.

Instead of losing talent over the years like most bands, the Melvins prove that time only makes them stronger.

This album is their second release of the year, bringing the total to 22 albums in 18 years.

"Enchanted Thoughtfirst" is one of the catchiest Melvins riffs in years. With the punk ideology of Biafra, the Melvins are back in tow with their beginnings as one of the strangest punk bands in Washington in the early 1980's.

"Islamic Bomb" is like the Dead Kennedys reunited. It was bound to happen, but it is one of the strongest songs on the album, running more than six minutes. Its length is equal to almost three Dead Kennedys songs. The time is well spent; the lyrics alone are almost a short story. The guitars are



Album artwork contributed by Alternative Tentacles Records

punchy like the Melvins signature sound but fuzzed out a bit more for that cracking at the seams, unbridled energy.

As always the complex rhythms of Dale Crover's drumming and Kevin Rutman's bass are nothing short of on the mark, accenting King Buzzo's sludge-ridden Gibson perfectly.

For that steady regiment of cynical humor, check out "Yuppie Cadillac," a song



Photo contributed by Alternative Tentacles Records

Jello Biafra and The Melvins' careers have spanned more than 20 years.

about life, liberty and the pursuit of the biggest SUV on your block. Tongue-in-cheek hasn't been this fun in a long time. "McGruff the Crime Dog" contains the lyrics you're most likely to remember after the first listen through. Biafra and the Melvins have offered their piece to the puzzle of pushing the envelope, but in familiar territory. It's amazing how it has been since the Dead Kennedys that anyone has said anything so dangerous, so poignant and so blatant it almost feels as if society not ready to hear this. But Biafra and the Melvins insist you do.

'Rebirth' pulls comic hero's fate out of limbo

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Ten long years have gone by since Hal Jordan was the universe's greatest Green Lantern. In those ten years Jordan has been a villain, saved the world and become the spirit of vengeance known as the Spectre.

Many consider Hal Jordan the one, true Green Lantern, and they are going to have a

hard time sleeping until the conclusion of the Green Lantern: Rebirth miniseries.

In issue one, current GL John Stewart and former GL Guy Gardner meet up with Jordan at a baseball game. When Jordan shows up, everyone in attendance, including Gardner, begin acting strange, confessing their sins to Jordan.

Later, as Gardner and Stewart are reminiscing about the good old days when Jordan was a GL, Gardner's

superpowers, which can turn his body into a living weapon, act up and cause an explosion, which nearly kills him.

Meanwhile, Jordan deals a vicious hand of vengeance on his former villain the Black Hand, who was caught breaking into Jordan's long-time pal Green Arrow's home. This leaves the Green Arrow worrying about his friend, and starting to believe that something is not right.

As the Justice League attempts to revitalize Gardner,

Stewart and Batman argue about whether Jordan's villainy is a result of tragedies he endured, or if it was always a part of whom he was.

While the Justice League argue about Jordan's mindset, the Flash and Aquaman find something puzzling. Coast City, Jordan's home city, which was destroyed causing him to become a villain), is being rebuilt.

What was once a crater is now a blueprint of roads, street signs, stoplights and one

building — Jordan's old apartment complex.

Rebirth promises to reveal the fate of Jordan as a Green Lantern and what will become of the now defunct Green Lantern Corps. It will also answer the questions of what will become of the Spectre and the current Green Lanterns, John Stewart and Kyle Rayner.

The future of one of comic's greatest heroes will unravel in this much-anticipated six issue miniseries.



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Sports Scene

— with Kyle Brown

Future stars emerge in NFL

So often when the word "trend" is brought up in sports people tend to associate it with something negative happening.

The NBA has a trend of drafting younger players; baseball's trend now is big hitting and not pitching; and the new trend in hockey is, well, no corners.

However, the trend catching on in the NFL is proving positive. With his winning-streak-snapping victory over the New England Patriots on Sunday, Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has become the latest small college star to emerge at quarterback in the league.

Coming from Miami University, Roethlisberger never got quite the hype some other big school quarterbacks may have received. The Mid-American Conference has some solid teams, but it's not the SEC, Big 12, ACC or other conferences with an automatic BCS bid.

Perhaps too much light was cast upon Philip Rivers and Eli Manning, the two quarterbacks from schools in bigger conferences and who were selected in front of Roethlisberger during the NFL Draft.

Rivers and Manning should, and probably will, succeed in the years to come. Roethlisberger's leadership of the Steelers, though, has set that pretty high for the rest of the quarterbacks in the Class of 2004, especially for those picked in front of him.

The small-time school versus big-time school argument should officially be declared a draw now. The players in the college conferences that get all the airtime are often outplayed by a small little known player from a small school.

Neville McNair got the train rolling, highlighting the recent trend of becoming a stud quarterback from a small college and making his mark in the NFL.

McNair went to Alcorn State. He ended up throwing for more than 16,000 yards, becoming a Heisman trophy finalist, and proving himself in the pros.

Some notable quarterbacks currently in the NFL from lesser-known schools include: Cleveland's Jeff Garcia, Jacksonville's Byron Leftwich, the New York Giants' Kurt Warner, the New York Jet Chad Pennington, Oakland's Rich Gannon, Houston's David Carr, Carolina's Jake Delhomme, Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper and maybe the best quarterback in the game today, Green Bay's Brett Favre.

That's quite an impressive list of players, which make up about one-third of the league's starting quarterbacks (Gannon may miss the rest of the season).

The unofficial motto of the NFL is that any team can be beat on any given Sunday. The parity the NFL has achieved is now being matched in college football. Don't judge the player by the amount of prestige his program has achieved. Somewhere on the college field, the next great unsung quarterback is playing and leading his team to victory.

So when you see that Conference USA game on ESPN on some weekday, don't simply blow it off; you may be missing a future star.

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Norse advance in tournament

Women's soccer team knocks opponent out of GLVC tournament in first round



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Jayme Light gains control of the ball and drives down the field.

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The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis 4-1 in the first round of the GLVC tournament on Halloween afternoon.

With the net, the third-seeded Norse improved to 14-3-1 and knocked UMSL out of the GLVC tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Norse wasted no time dominating the performance. It took NKU only six minutes to make things grim for the Riverwomen, as Amy Martini took a cross from Katie Hanck and put it past UMSL goalkeeper Danielle Troha.

"Scoring a goal that early really took the pressure off," said sophomore Shirley Ernst.

Seventeen minutes later, Hanck continued the scoring onslaught, as she took a cross from Kristin Votapek and put the ball in the back of the net.

At the 35 minute mark of the first half, Votapek made things easier for the Norse, scoring

again to make it 3-0 in favor of NKU.

At the halftime whistle, the Norse were out-shooting UMSL 11-5.

"We knew we could just go out there and have fun and play our game," said Krista Rogers.

Sonya Hauan gave UMSL hope, ruining the shutout when she scored just 20 minutes into the second half.

But less than a minute later Votapek struck again, scoring to give NKU a 3-1 lead and dashing the hopes of UMSL.

"We now have momentum going into the next game of the tournament," said senior Robyn Withers.

The Norse were only able to muster four shots in the second half. But the Norse tightened their defensive clamps as they shut down UMSL for the rest of the game, only allowing 10 shots the entire game. Lauren Piening continued to be the backbone of the Norse defense with five saves.

The Norse now travel to Wisconsin to take on second-seeded Southern Illinois University (13-5) in the second round of the GLVC tournament.

Seniors to play lead against UK

Upperclassmen expected to carry and unify new-look Norse to open basketball season

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After 195 days of waiting, Dave Bezold will begin his tenure as head coach of the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team on Nov. 3 against the University of Kentucky.

Bezold, hired on April 22, becomes the fourth coach in school history, replacing Ken Shields who ended his career with 360 wins.

Coach Bezold hopes to build on Coach Shields' legacy, calling on a host of senior leaders to help.

The Norse return one of the strongest backcourts in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Mike Kelsey, Jordan Stowers, Steve Purdon, and Sean Rowland — all seniors — return to lead the backcourt.

Sharp shooting Mike Kelsey returns as the leading scorer for the Norse from the 2003-2004 season, averaging 16.9 points per game.

"Mike is the best shooter in the conference, but also has the best work ethic," Bezold said. "We hope that rubs off on the rest of the team."

Steve Purdon, another senior from the outside, teamed with Kelsey to knock down 151 three-pointers last season. Purdon averaged 10.7 points per game while shooting 39 percent from free-throw line.

Sean Rowland and Jordan Stowers figure in as the ball-

handlers in this deep court. "Sean is a very experienced leader on floor," Bezold said. "And Jordan is probably the best pure point guard for us."

The Norse will also receive help from seniors at center with Pat Cary, Tory Reed, and Adrian Wilkinson. With the loss of graduated post-man and leading rebounder, Jesse Rupe, Pat Cary knows that he will have to step up his play to fill the void.

"With the shooters that we have, I really don't have to worry about scoring," Cary said. "I just need to work hard and battle on the inside."

Cary will get some help from former University of Kentucky football player Derek Smith. Smith, a forward, begins his first season with the Norse.

"Derek is a super athlete, but we're still trying to peel off the football layers," joked Coach Bezold.

Although there is depth in the senior class, Coach Bezold plans to play the entire roster for his up-tempo style of basketball.

"Everybody on the roster will contribute," said Bezold. "Anybody can step up on any night."

Among those players are University of Louisville transfer Bryant Northern, sophomore forward Kevin Reinhardt, sophomore guard Kevin Schappell and freshman forward Harrison Morton.

This Norse squad will be tested frequently and early, facing a tough schedule that

includes exhibition games against NCAA Division I opponents Kentucky, Cincinnati, and Ohio State. Northern will also play home-and-away games against Division II powerhouses such as Southern Indiana, Michigan Tech, and Kentucky Wesleyan in the regular season.

"In order to achieve our goals, we need to beat those types of teams," Kelsey said. "Our number one goal every year is to win the national championship."

Even with the great senior leadership the Norse have, there will be a period of adjustment.

"We need some time to blend, but guys like Kelsey, Rowland, Purdon, and Stowers will help us get to where we want to be," Bezold said.

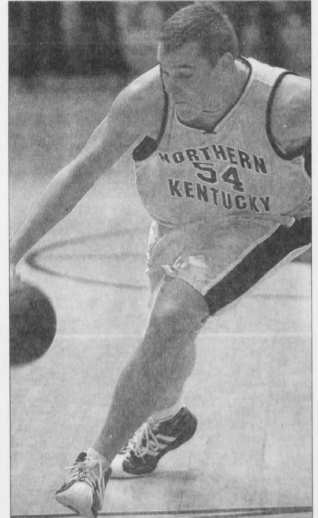
There is one common goal for this Norse squad — win the National Championship.

"Our number one goal every year is to win the national championship," Sean Rowland said.

"Anything less would be a disappointment."

Kelsey said, "We have high expectations for this season. We need to buy into the scheme that Coach has given us and come together as a team."

Coach Bezold shares the same sentiments as his team, and they begin their hunt for the national title versus the University of Kentucky at Rupp Arena in Lexington.



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Pat Cary is one of the seniors the Norse will look to for leadership.

Men's soccer ends season with 2-1 loss



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Freshman Tony Capurso surveys the field.

QUINCY, Ill. — Scott Smith scored two goals in the second half Sunday as Quincy University posted a 2-0 win over Northern Kentucky University in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Smith tallied his first goal at the 57:59 mark by tapping the ball into the right corner of the net. He sealed the win for Quincy at the 65:50 mark when his 10-yard shot found the back of the net in the lower corner.

Quincy (10-5-4) held a 7-3 edge in shots attempts, including a 4-1 advantage in the second half. The fourth-seeded Hawks also did not allow a shot on goal the entire match and defeated NKU for the second time this season.

It was the third loss in row following a span of seven games where the Norse went 6-1. The Norse lost earlier in the week to Indianapolis and Gannon.

Senior goalie Nate Madden recorded two saves for fifth-seeded NKU, which finished its season with a 12-6-2 record. The 12 victories were the

most for the NKU men's soccer program since 1996, when the Norse posted a 14-5-1 mark.

NKU increased its win total by eight this season under second-year head coach John Basalyga. A year ago, the Norse finished with a 4-9-3 record.

Madden is the only senior on the team, and he will be hard to replace.

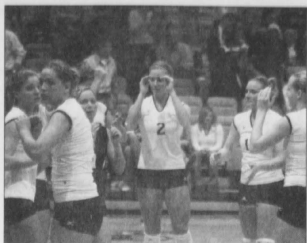
Goalie Madden had one of the best seasons in the net in the history of the NKU soccer program.

With only one players lost to graduation, the Norse will look for some of the younger players to step up next season.

Freshman Dan Impellizzeri, Kyle Roberts, Chris Thompson, Jason Larkin, and Andy Bacon are all making significant contributions.

Next season looks just as promising for the Norse.

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The volleyball team gathers together against St. Joseph's.

Volleyball team keeps streak alive with win

RENNSELAER, Ind. - The late-season run continued for Northern Kentucky University on Saturday, and the Norse are suddenly one of the hottest volleyball teams in the Great Lakes Region.

The Norse won their ninth straight match with a four-game victory over Saint Joseph's College, NKU won by scores of 30-23, 30-21, 27-30, 30-23.

Kristin Koralewski finished with 22 kills, 24 digs and a .392 hitting percentage for NKU, which improved to 19-3 overall, 12-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Lynne Fischesser added 11 kills and 17 digs as the Norse coasted to the important road victory.

Setter Andrea Lanham recorded 54 assists, five kills and eight digs for NKU. Liz Holmes added nine kills and 15

digs, while teammate Tristen Dye added 10 kills and 12 digs. Amber Timmons tallied 17 kills and also added two kills for NKU, which owns a 26-5 lead in the all-time series with Saint Joseph's.

Koralewski now has 499 kills this season and 1,425 during her career at NKU. The senior All-American ranks sixth in that category, and she needs 102 kills to break the Norse's single-season record of 600 set by Bethany Gastright in 2000.

NKU will play a road match at Bellarmine University at 7 p.m. next Friday, and close out the regular season at 2 p.m. Saturday with a non-conference home match against the University of Charleston.

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Politics invade sports

Even NFL locker rooms offer no sanctuary from politics

By David Aldridge
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(KRT)

Kevin Houser's epiphany came about a month ago, as he and his wife prepared to cast their Ohio absentee votes for president. He wondered to himself whether his teammates wouldn't vote because they found the process of applying for an absentee ballot intimidating.

So, Houser offered his assistance. "I said, 'Anybody who wants it, come talk to me,'" he said.

Houser, the New Orleans Saints' long snapper, wound up helping 18 of his teammates obtain absentee ballots from various states. In doing so, he helped bring the Saints into the political conversation that has roiled the nation.

With the presidential election Tuesday, the same issues that have cleaved the country into edgy blue and red have made their way into NFL locker rooms.

For the most part, players agree their preferences for President Bush or Sen. John Kerry good-naturedly. But not always.

"I get angry at times," says Cleveland Browns wide receiver Frisman Jackson, a Kerry supporter. "It's gotten heated some times, especially when somebody is really a diehard one way or the other."

While it's hard to gauge where the majority of current players come down on the left-right spectrum, the President and the Republicans seem to enjoy a clear advantage among retired NFL stars.

Hall of Fame quarterbacks John Elway and Bart Starr have introduced Bush at rallies. Hall of Fame wide receiver Lynn Swann spoke at the Republican National Convention, and the Illinois Republican Party briefly and very publicly counted former Bears head coach Mike Ditka to run for the U.S. Senate.

Kerry does have the public support of Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and Lions coach Steve Mariucci have appeared at Bush rallies. (A Lions spokesman says Mariucci "isn't publicly supporting any candidate" and appeared at the rally largely because it took place at his alma mater, Northern Michigan University.)

While the evidence is only anecdotal,

kickers and punters seem to support the President almost unanimously.

"You know us weird kickers," said Browns kicker Phil Dawson, a Bush supporter. "We're always on the side, doing our own thing."

Dawson has supported Bush since Bush was the governor of Texas and Dawson was "a little political science major" in Austin. Dawson's wife, Shannon, sang at Bush's gubernatorial inauguration.

"I think he's a man of his word," Dawson said. "Given the hand he's been dealt with I think he's done a tremendous job. Most of his issues, I just find myself in agreement with. I think our national defense, the fight on terrorism is our No. 1 priority."

Jackson says that most Cleveland players share Dawson's views. Negative ads and articles critical of Kerry have wound up in Jackson's locker.

"I'm one of the few (Democrats) in my locker room," he said. "I'm fighting a hard battle ... I debate with the two kickers (Dawson and punter Derrick Frost). I try to watch CNN and read the daily newspapers to try and convince people to come to my side, to the left."

Dawson laughed when told that Jackson suspected him and Frost of putting campaign paraphernalia in Jackson's locker.

"I have participated in some of that, there's no doubt," Dawson said. "But Frisman is a smart guy. If he's presented with the truth, he might change his mind. I had to sit through Fahrenheit 9/11 and all that stuff, so he can read a few articles."

Among the issues that have gotten players' attention is Kerry's plan to roll back Bush's tax cuts for people making more than \$200,000 a year. Many players are among those people.

"If I saw John Kerry on the street, I'd say, 'John, you do something about that, and we can talk about my vote,'" joked Redskins cornerback Shawn Springs, who is still undecided.

Saints star running back Deuce McAllister still plans to vote for Kerry despite some misgivings about the tax rollback.

"My idea of it is, if it helps, I can't be selfish," McAllister said. "If it helps more than myself, I'm obviously for it. ... I can be selfish and say 'Leave my money alone,' but looking out for the long term and looking out for everybody's sake, that's not real-

ly the mind-set you should have."

In Washington, the Redskins have more than a passing interest in the election's outcome. Since 1916, every time the Redskins have won their last home game before the presidential election, the incumbent team has won the election. Every time the Redskins have lost, the party out of power has won.

That means the Packers' 28-14 victory Sunday should bode well for Kerry.

Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot will vote for Kerry on Tuesday, and even held out tongue-in-cheek hopes that his native Mississippi - more crimson than Alabama's Tide on the electoral map - could somehow turn for the Massachusetts senator. But Smoot would be happier to convert a couple of his burgundy and gold teammates to his side.

The hardest nut to crack?

"Probably Brunell."

Across the hallway at Redskins Park last week, quarterback Mark Brunell was professing neutrality. But Brunell had let his presidential preference slip earlier in the week when someone told him that Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards had declared himself a Packers fan because of the presidential streak.

"Obviously, the Redskins are not John Edwards' favorite," Brunell replied. "And he's not my favorite, either."

Other players, such as Saints safety Steve Gleason, have paid close attention to the election and the issues, but have yet to make up their minds.

Gleason, a special teams ace with a Mopar, complains about topics from bio-diesel fuel to monetary reform, has observed both major candidates with increasing despair.

"Neither of them are really talking about things that I'm talking about," he says.

"Both of them seem to be in favor of corporations, big corporations. Both of them have been advocates of continuing the war, which are two things that I'm not in favor of."

NFL players who can vote in their team's hometowns really don't have an excuse for not voting. Tuesdays are almost universally off-days for players around the league, giving most plenty of time to exercise their franchise as well as their biceps and quads.

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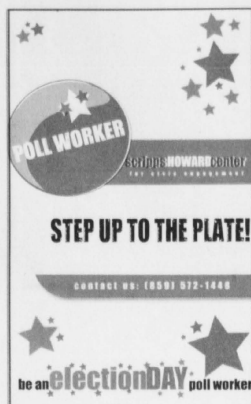
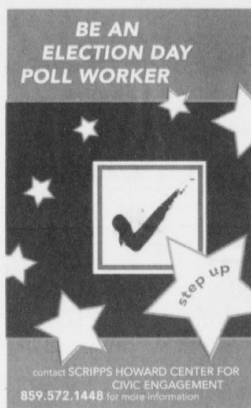
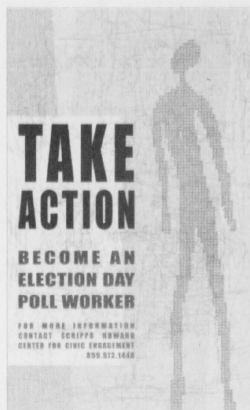
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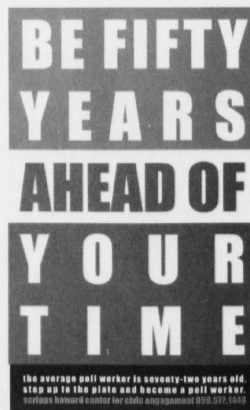
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