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## Diggin' ain't easy



Photograph contributed by David Kime

NKU students excavating a mix of Jurassic Dinosaur fossils. From left to right: Jeremy Moore, Rath Robinson, Joshua Cooper and Sarah Christen.

# Jurassic summer trip

## Students excavate dinosaur bones in Utah

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"If you had any interest in dinosaurs as a child you will love this experience," said Joshua Cooper, Northern Kentucky University graduate.

Cooper was describing the three weeks he spent in May excavating dinosaur bones in the mudstone of Utah. Cooper was one of four NKU students who traveled west to dig up 75 dinosaur bones from the Jurassic period. Accompanied by two professors, the team braved scorching heat during the day and severe windstorms at night while they dug in hard mudstone near Price,

Utah. The NKU sponsored trip was conducted in collaboration with the Cincinnati Museum Center's Museum of Natural Science. A group from Marietta College in Ohio also came out to the site. Geology professor Janet Bertog, leader of the Utah trip, said the museum particularly asked that the team look for micro fossils since little is known about the small animals that inhabited the earth during the Jurassic period. Bertog says some very rare micro fossils might have been uncovered but it's still not possible to tell at this point since cleaning the fossils takes such a long time. "We have just barely started looking at them," she said.

Now housed at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural Science, the fossils are being prepared for exhibit. According to professor David Kime of the Honors Program, and a member of the expedition, preparing these fossils means meticulously chiseling away one grain of mudstone at a time. "They are excavated with as much rock around them as possible in order to keep them protected," he said. Kime earned a degree in geology and has been involved with NKU's geology program longer than any other full-time faculty member on campus. "The fossils collected range in size from 3 feet long down to the size of a pin. It is so neat to think about how you

are the only person who has ever seen these bones coming out of the ground," said junior geology major Sarah Christen. "It almost makes you a part of the history." Christen and fellow students Cooper, Jeremy Moore and Rath Robinson earned three course credits through this independent study class. They felt that the experience was exciting and not just good on their resumes, but there were tough times. "It takes a special person that is dedicated to go on the trip," said Moore. "You are far away from home in an element that you have never encountered. You have no running water and no luxuries. It takes a lot of sacrifices to go."

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# Grading system overhaul

## Faculty Senate votes to implement plus-minus grading

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Northern Kentucky University's Faculty Senate voted 18-10 to adopt a plus-minus grading system at its meeting Sept. 19. Bill Oliver, Faculty Senate president, said it is not yet established when the system will go into effect.

The new grading system will be based on A, A minus, B plus, B minus, C plus, C minus, D plus, and D minus.

The plus or minus adds or subtracts, respectively, one-third of a quality point to a grade.

Before the vote, the senate voiced opinions and concerns of the departments on campus as well as individual problems with the plus-minus grading system.

Ed Brewer, vice-president of the Faculty Senate and a faculty member from Chase Law School, said the school has been using the system for almost eight years and finds it "to be wonderful."

While Brewer is in favor of the system, other professors

were not passionate about the change.

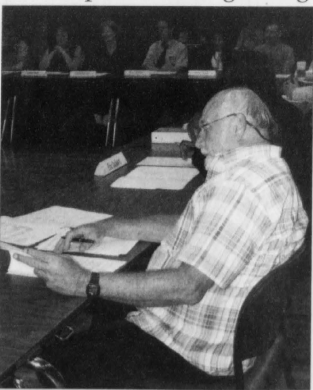
Communications faculty member Penny Summers said the communications department is divided. She said she doesn't "fully understand the reasoning" for changing the grading system.

Summers argued that with the new system, average would no longer be a C student. "A C" is supposed to be average, whether it's a C minus or C plus," she said. "With this scale, average is not good enough."

Certain departments on campus require students to maintain a 2.0 average in order to graduate. Summers was concerned for students who, under the new system, will receive a C minus and be awarded a 1.667 instead of a 2.0 for a C.

"The B students seem to benefit from this. The others seem to be harmed by it; that's problematic," Summers said.

While Summers voiced opinions against the grade change, other senate members voiced their want for the change.



Nicole Jones/Photo Editor

Faculty Senate voted on plus-minus grading on Sept. 19.

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# Greeks part of campus history

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Northern Kentucky University has played host to Greek life for many years. The university has 14 active Greek chapters comprised of roughly 550 students, with an additional 60-70 after Rush is over this year.

Those 14 chapters are divided into sub-groups which sit under councils.

Now, in terms of costs, the IFC and Pan-Hellenic groups will run between \$200-\$300 per semester. The NPHC groups usually cost less.

Most of the groups meet once a week for a general meeting. Other meetings

occur for officers and committees.

Greek organizations have been around since before our nation. They came about when colleges mainly admitted only men.

Groups of people would get together to question what they were being taught and how their governments were run.

They chose to use Greek letters to represent themselves because it was considered the language of the intelligent.

Membership in these groups could cost the stu-

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Photograph contributed by Kim Vance

# Frat to register new voters

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is sponsoring a Voter Registration Drive. It's been held to allow the citizens of the tri-state area to register to vote.

"Voting is power," said Jesiah Brock, the president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. "You can't complain about things if you don't do something about them."

Brock said that he has noticed many Northern Kentucky University students are not registered to vote because they don't know how. The upcoming drive will make it easier by allowing students to come to the University Center and fill out a voter registration card.

After the drive, Brock and the fraternity members will then turn the cards into Jerome Bowls, the President of the NAACP, who will in turn give them to the proper registration department. Information will be mailed to the residents about where voting polls will be in their areas.

In 2004, 47 percent of 18- to 24-year-old citizens voted, 66 percent of citizens 25 and older voted. Single

young people, particularly women, are more likely to vote than married young people. Single women age 18 to 24 led the way and increased by 12 percentage points since 2000. Young women voted at higher rates than young men in the

2004 election. Fifty percent of 18- to 24-year-old women and 44 percent of young men voted in 2004.

The drive was established in the 1930s by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Last year the fraternity helped more than 200 students register to vote. The fraternity's goal this year is to help register more than 500 students, according to Brock.

The drive will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22 in the University Center lobby. There will be food and music as well.

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# NKU receives donation from Florida millionaire

Supervisor of 1971 Nunn Drive construction project gives \$3 million in scholarships for engineering students

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93-year-old David Iler's recently pledged \$3 million in scholarships to Northern Kentucky University is one of the largest gifts ever received by the university.

Iler, a resident of Naples, Florida, never attended NKU. In fact, he has never lived in Kentucky for over three decades.

His only connection to

the school is the fact that he supervised the construction of the first road leading to NKU in 1971—the road that later came to be Nunn Drive.

Iler was born in 1912 in Carnton, a small town near the Campbell County border. His delivery was nearly botched by the doctor. Somehow managing to survive, Iler continued to struggle through his early years.

When he attended Moscow High School in Clermont County in Ohio he had to walk down the C&O railroad

tracks for a mile and half before getting on a boat to cross the Ohio River.

Iler then had to walk another three-fourths of a mile to reach the high school.

It was a struggle for Iler to get through school since he suffered from dyslexia. "You have dyslexia and everyone thinks you're dumb," Iler said.

He never received more than a high school diploma.

After graduation he attended the University of Kentucky for three weeks.

An excellent basketball player, Iler planned on joining their team.

But when he was in Lexington his mother called him every day, begging him to come home until he finally did.

It was years before Iler finally was able to overcome his dyslexia enough to be a proficient reader.

"That happened when Iler was in business. 'When I started bid on road jobs,' Iler said. 'That's when I had to get it

right."

Iler Construction Company began when Iler was 39, when he bought his first bulldozer.

Before then he had been involved in many other types of business including boiler making and dairy farming.

For a while he operated the Dot Food Store in Foster.

His construction company received many important jobs building roads across Northern Kentucky.

He supervised commissions from Grand Avenue in Newport to lengthy stretches

of state routes between 1997 and 1998.

Iler Construction Company's last important job was the building of future Nunn Drive when NKU was just beginning to rise from its foundation.

After that Iler sold the company for about \$1 million and retired in Naples, Florida with his wife Ruth. Iler traded stock, thereby building the rest of his fortune.

Iler's wife died in October.

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## New College of Informatics instated

NKU combines communication and technology to match needs of changing business world

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So what does Informatics mean? It depends who you ask.

"It signifies doing something new," said visiting assistant professor Dr. Gary Ozanich. "Part of what we're doing this year is defining that term." Interim Dean Dr. J. Patrick Moynahan said. Its definition may not be obvious, but Northern Kentucky University administrators hope the new college's impact will be.

NKU has founded the

College of Informatics. The college combines the Communication, Computer Science and Information Systems departments to parallel with the changing needs of the business world, said Moynahan.

"The disciplines we are pulling together here are intersecting in the business and industrial world. "Higher education has to adapt rapidly to fit a rapidly changing society without sacrificing the fundamentals of its disciplines," Moynahan said.

The three departments are currently reworking their curriculum, which may lead to

a shared set of core classes for the entire college, said Computer Science department chair Dr. Gary Newell.

"A student will learn to be a renaissance person by being exposed to more interdisciplinary topics," Newell said. "This can sound overwhelming to students who aren't planning to become renaissance people."

"Don't worry, we're not expecting speech majors to pound out 10,000 lines of Java code," Newell said.

New programs, such as health informatics, information security, hardware engineering, embedded systems and integrated media are in

the works, Moynahan said.

The new programs may require new faculty.

"We have begun assessment of our strengths and weaknesses and filling in gaps."

"We have some expertise in these fields, but we want to bring in primary experts tied to the new programs and areas of expertise where we're not fully staffed," Moynahan said.

Along with adding new faculty he has hope of another big addition that will help the new college establish itself as a technological resource for the area.

"There are plans for a new building in NKU's capital

plan. That all hinges on state approval," Moynahan said.

NKU is not the first university to offer a college of informatics. Similar programs were started at Indiana University and SUNY Buffalo.

Ozanich helped start the college at SUNY Buffalo and is now helping NKU in the beginning process.

"We asked what local businesses want from new employees, and that's what we are trying to fill."

"We have a pretty good idea of what the industry needs. Now we are building a curriculum that helps students get jobs," Ozanich said.

Ozanich is also, helping

to found the Institute for Information Innovation.

The institute will serve the community in two ways. It will provide access for public and private entities to the expertise and equipment the College of Informatics has to offer, and it will allow students and faculty to partner with the public and private sectors on problem solving projects that will engage the college in real world research, Moynahan said.

"We're hoping our relationships with organizations in the area will lead to more co-ops and better job placement for graduates," Ozanich said.

## Putting a new face on the dollar coin debate

By Andrew Becker  
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The granite wall of Mount Rushmore might be filled, but Americans could soon get a closer look at the foursome and 38 other presidential faces if the Senate supports a proposed dollar coin.

The program to reinvigorate the dollar coin would feature the faces of former presidents. Four coins would be minted each year, starting with George Washington in 2007. Sitting presidents would be excluded.

The measure could come before senators this fall. The House flipped over the coin program in April and approved it overwhelmingly.

The proposal is modeled on the popular 50 states quarters program, which the U.S. Mint rolled out with the Delaware coin in 1999. That program has generated more than \$4 billion in revenue, as 140 million Americans became coin collectors willing to pay above face value for packaged sets of quarters.

The U.S. Treasury could save as much as \$500 million a year on printing costs if the

public accepts the presidential coin, according to a 2002 report by the Government Accountability Office. That's because coins can last more than 30 years, compared with the 18 month life expectancy of paper dollars.

But not everyone supports the proposal. Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, who voted against the House bill, doesn't like the government forcing people to use coins they don't want.

"They have used taxpayer money to fund marketing for the latest dollar — \$62 million spent on promoting a coin Americans don't want to use,"

he said.

Larry Harmon, owner of texascoins.com and a coin collector since 1957, said the new dollar coin would be a flop, just like those before it.

His reasons for their failure: They're heavy (the Eisenhower dollar), ugly (the golden Sacagawea) or the wrong size (the Susan B. Anthony). People would rather fold than jingle, he says.

"As long as we have paper currency simultaneous to coinage, it will never work," said Harmon of San Antonio. He said the government would be wise to mint a \$5

coin instead so that Americans wouldn't be weighed down as much. Otherwise, the \$1 coin benefits only the U.S. Mint and collectors.

To date, the golden dollar coin, which features Sacagawea, the Shoshone interpreter who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition, has been shunned by collectors rather than cashed at the corner store.

The U.S. Mint expected more from the golden dollar when it introduced 1.6 billion Sacagawea coins in 2000. Last year, it minted 5.3 million of the coins, which went to col-

lectors.

The Mint's frustration with the public's response to the golden dollar is evident on its Web site: "It's money. So use it," the site exhorts.

Steve Ivy, chief executive and chairman of Dallas-based Heritage Galleries and Auctioneers, the world's largest coin and collectables auctioneer, said the presidential coin is a great idea.

"Everyone profits from it," he said. "The Mint makes money off it. It promotes history. It promotes coin collecting."

## Some students giving Princeton an 'F' for grading policy

By Geoff Mulvihill  
Knight Ridder

Princeton University bigwigs are lauding the fact that fewer of their students got "A's" last year. To them, the falling grades don't mean that the students are less capable

or lazier, but that a year-old policy designed to hold grade inflation in check is working.

In the 2003-04 school year, 46 percent of grades given to undergraduates were "A-plus," "A" or "A-minus." Princeton wants to bring that down to 35 percent. It got about

halfway there last year, when 41 percent of grades were in the "A" range. Princeton's efforts are among the most ambitious among elite schools trying to rein in the awarding of uniformly high grades, which some academics see as cheapening grade-point aver-

ages. Student leaders fought the policy, worrying that lower grades would keep them out of top graduate schools and that the policy would increase competition for the smaller number of top grades available. Nancy Malkiel, dean of Princeton College, said she

did not see any of those problems or any other side-effects with the new policy.

Malkiel said the culture of routinely giving high grades seems to be changing at the Ivy League university consistently ranked among the nation's best. There will be no

changes to the grading policy this year as each department continues to work to meet the quota.

"If each division achieves as much progress in the coming year as they did last year, we will have achieved our goal," Malkiel said yesterday.

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dents their right to education, so it was exclusive as to who could join.

In later years, following World War II, sororities came about as women began college, as did the African-American fraternities and sororities when young black men and women also began to attend college.

Kim Vance is advisor to the Greeks on NKU's campus. "I am a proud Greek advisor," Vance said. "The Greek community on this campus is comprised of good young people who see themselves as a true Greek community."

"There are some campuses in this country where you couldn't pay me enough to be advisor to their Greeks," Vance said. "So I am proud to be here."

Each fraternity or sorority on campus raises money for a philanthropy.

A philanthropy is a group or cause, usually charity-based, that each fraternity or

sorority supports. They do this in a variety of ways, from rockathons to letter-writing campaigns.

The money goes to local or national philanthropies that they support.

According to Vance, each Greek group is supportive of a different cause. For example, Phi Kappa Tau supports the Hole in the Wall Gang, a support group for children stricken by cancer, and Phi Kappa Tau Alum Paul Newman.

The Hole in the Wall Gang addresses the needs of children in various problems.

Each year, NKU's chapter contributes money to Newman's group to help assist those children, whether they are localized or across the country.

Other examples include Delta Gamma's support of the Cystic Fibrosis Association for the Blind or Pi Kappa Alpha working with Doug Peltrey's Kicks for Kids, a group that helps at-risk children (children with mental or physical

limitations or challenged by their environment).

The groups under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, are also involved with charities.

A Walk for Education is a walk-a-thon that raises money for Two Rivers Middle School in Covington.

The groups also have Voter Registration Drives each year to urge incoming freshmen to register to vote.

They also hold a fashion show to raise money to benefit sickle cell research. Vance had other thoughts to share about the Greek community and their efforts.

She said the university thinks of the fraternities and

sororities as an asset, and not a liability.

"They support each other and hold each other accountable," Vance said. "If they screw up, they're not afraid to come forward and admit it."

Other members of the Greek community also shared their thoughts on their fellow Greeks as well.

"The Greek community at NKU is relatively small, which makes for good social networking," said Adam Billiter, president of Pi Kappa

Alpha. "Everyone knows everyone and we all interact with each other in some way every day."

Delta Sigma Theta President Devan King agreed.

"I think under the NPHC name we have a great relationship, but to include the

IFC and NPC we get along great with each other, too."

"Being Greek is a huge responsibility and we have to work hard to put on programs and do collaborative efforts, at the same keeping up our grades and doing what we ultimately came here to do—graduate. But at the end of the day we can all sit down together and have laugh or two," King said.

An example of the Greeks' work is their efforts on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Together, the groups held an event on the campus plaza last week to raise money and collect goods for the victims.

"It is always great to see everyone come together in such a way that they did with Hurricane Katrina."

"We have had all groups and organizations working together as a community to help the victims," Billiter said.

When asked if she was satisfied with the relief efforts,

King said, "None of us can be satisfied with the results at the end of the day. People are still without homes and we as a nation are still being affected." King went on to say, "I am not going to down play the university's efforts because some universities did nothing," she said. "The actions that took place so far is our campus community stepping up to the plate saying 'I want to do something.'"

Student life works with several universities in the area.

Several faculty and staff members have adopted two families who have moved to this area.

Clothing drives and other events are under way to aid families.

Some people are looking into alternatives to fall and spring break to help out.

"No," King said, "I'm not satisfied, but I am happy we're making an effort to help the victims of Katrina."

## Dinosaur

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The Utah desert proved to be an unsympathetic environment. "I learned about the harshness of field work in an arid region, where water is scarce and the temperature feels like it's 100 degrees but with no humidity," said Cooper, "and because there

is no humidity you never feel yourself sweat so you have to sometimes force yourself to drink water to keep from becoming dehydrated."

At night, windstorms were sometimes so fierce that they blew at 80 mph.

"We experienced an incred-

ibly strong wind storm that actually broke some of the Marietta students' tents and kept us fearing that our tent was going to collapse in on us as we slept," Cooper said.

In the Utah desert it was back to basics—no email, no TV and no video games.

But according to the students who were part of the adventure, nothing compares to the thrill of finding an ancient Allosaurus tooth or fossilized fish scales.

Moore talked about what made personally unearthing the final resting place of a

dinosaur so special by saying, "You, as diggers, are the first people to touch (these animals) remains since they died out," he said.

Professor Janet Bertog said the university will continue to offer this independent study course.

Any students are welcome to sign up, and interested students should stop by and visit Bertog.

Next year, students in the course will be travel to work in the same excavation site in Utah.

## Donation

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and in January, Iler's accountant contacted NKU Director of Planned Giving Nancy Perry to first discuss a sizable gift. His \$3 million pledge will be realized upon his death and will pay dividends for decades. As scholarship money, preference will be given to engineering students from Bracken and Pendleton counties.

Iler never considered giving money to any other university. He had already given away much of his property—550 acres he owned in Kentucky, to two family friends.

Now approaching 94, Iler said he isn't traveling anymore. He keeps busy managing his stock portfolio that is worth \$4 million. "And I like to argue with the neighbor

ladies," Iler said with a laugh. They cut my grass and take care of the place. They keep me happy."

During his life Iler learned a set of lessons he formulated to make what he calls the Top 21 Rules. They're his philosophy of life. The first rule is learning everything has two sides. Another rule lists the tools of a successful person—

observe, remember, compare, decide and act.

Iler said any student who wants to know how to succeed in life should read his philosophy. "It's all there," he said. "Everything you need to know is in the Top 21 Rules."

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# Viewpoints

## Letters to the editor

### Green aid to enemies

As a military retiree, I read the opposing viewpoints concerning the Cindy Sheehan protest with much interest. But authors were very passionate in their support or opposition to what she is doing.

However, I think both authors missed the point. The real point is this—what Cindy Sheehan is doing is providing aid to the enemies of the United States.

Yes, Sheehan does have the right to voice her opinion. However, just because you have the right to do something doesn't always make it right. With rights come responsibility and consequences.

One of the consequences of her protest is that our troops are having to work and fight even harder than

before because our enemies get inspiration from the fact that some people are over here protesting. One of the responsibilities is that some of our troops will die because of the protests that are going on over here.

I still have many friends in the military who are serving in Iraq. They have done, and are still doing, a wonderful job trying to liberate that nation.

Several of my classmates here at NKU have been pulled from class for deployment to Iraq.

However, their jobs have been made tougher and their lives have been put in jeopardy because of the protests of Cindy Sheehan and others. How? Because Al Jazeera Television plays up these pro-

tests. They broadcast them across the region every day in an attempt to show an America that doesn't have the heart to finish what it started. Sheehan claims that she wants to talk to President Bush, but she has already done that. She talked to him last year after her son was killed. She claims she wants to prevent other deaths in Iraq.

In reality, her protests, and the protests of those who are supporting her, are going to cost more lives than they will save. Our enemies see these protests and try even harder in their fight against us.

Their hope is that we will give up and pull out. If we do that, then they win. Our troops, including Cindy Sheehan's son, will have died in vain. I don't think that anyone wants

that to be the end result.

Cindy Sheehan claims that her son's death was meaningless. If she and her supporters truly want to give that death some meaning, then they should end this protest and support the thousands of men and women who are still fighting in Iraq. Support our troops so that the Iraqi people can enjoy the freedoms that we have in this country.

Support our troops so they can do their job, win this war, and come home.

To do anything else is to betray those who are fighting.

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## norse poll responses

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How would you feel about the university switching to the plus-minus grading system?



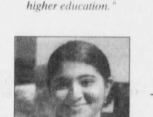
Brandon Scott  
Senior, English

"I don't agree with the plus-minus system because if you get an A, that's what it should be. The new system would just bring your average down."



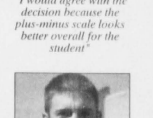
Stasia Dimery  
Junior, Education

"I don't like the plus-minus system because it seems too juvenile for higher education."



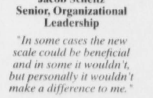
Priya Gird  
Junior, Chemistry

"I would agree with the decision because the plus-minus scale looks better overall for the student."



Jacob Scheitz  
Senior, Organizational Leadership

"In some cases the new scale would be beneficial and in some it wouldn't, but personally it wouldn't make a difference to me."



Shanita Strayhorn  
Freshman, Nursing

"I would like the new scale because it would give students a better choice of positive grades."



Anthony Bonomi  
Junior, Political Science

"I would disagree because I haven't heard anyone complaining about the 10 point scale here."

### Let demand decide pump price

According to the Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo's Web site, http://ag.ky.gov/news/2005rel/Price%20Gauging.htm, Stumbo announced he intends to investigate and prosecute those who are "profiteering" from Hurricane Katrina.

Before he begins wasting taxpayer money and harassing gas-station owners, he should let us what separates "profiteering" from profits.

He might suggest that profiteers make "excess" profits, exploiting natural disasters by gouging customers.

Stumbo, like many politicians, illustrates a lack of understanding about economics by attacking the business sector for raising prices and seeking more profits.

In a market economy, prices serve to instantly tell us what we must give up to get something else. Prices offer information—they're neither good nor bad—and are determined by supply and demand.

How we distribute the scarce resources of our planet,

including our precious time, is factored into the price of all goods and services.

No one forces us to buy gasoline at high prices. We can choose to walk, ride a bike, take the bus, or car-pool and so on.

Using less will reduce the demand for gasoline, and tends to lower prices.

Profits are the market's signals to help entrepreneurs decide where to invest their time and resources.

By seeking to maximize profits, businesses create more supply, which also tends to lower prices.

Over time, the price of gas stabilizes and may start to decline.

When prices and profits fall, will Stumbo decry the gas war and resulting bankruptcies?

The alternative—allowing the market to set prices—is having the government do it.

But such centralized command and control of the economy proved spectacularly unsuccessful in the Soviet Union and throughout his-

tory. Witness the violent stampede that took place in Richmond, Virginia when the diesel system sold valuable laptops for \$50 each.

Not only did taxpayers lose out, so did the unfortunate who were trampled.

The truth is that government officials like Stumbo can no more control the cost of gas than they can the fury of nature.

To be sure, the cost of gasoline doesn't go down when the government artificially lowers the price.

If the government sets a price below the total cost of supplying gasoline to customers, retailers will not replenish their supplies and will allow their tanks to run dry.

As a result, consumers will appreciate lower prices but will find there is no gasoline to buy.

Stumbo suffers the fatal conceit of believing that government knows better than the market what the price of gas should be and how much

profit gas stations should make.

Frankly, I don't know why he's so timid. Why doesn't he just mandate gas stations sell gasoline at \$1 per gallon?

Or better yet, since we live in a democracy, perhaps we should vote on how much profit gas stations should make.

The absurdity of these proposals reveals the truth: Government interference in the marketplace doesn't solve pricing problems; it causes them.

Hurricane Katrina is a tragedy that, given time, individuals and free markets will overcome. Short-term economic disruption and price hikes cannot be avoided. Let us not compound our problems by asking government to do something it has no right or power to do. Otherwise, nature's freak calamity will evolve into a permanent man-made catastrophe.

George Conrad Dick  
Bluegrass Institute

### God has no place in public domain

Whose God do we want to include in our schools, courts and government? And what of the Constitution's separation of church and state; are we to forget that?

Or shall we use the founding fathers' God—the thought that everyone had the ability and right to choose their own beliefs?

Because, like it or not, the founding fathers were not Christians. They were students of the age of reason. They believed in a person's abilities to live and prosper on their own without a god to guide them. The founding fathers didn't want anyone's god or

beliefs forced upon them. So why do we attempt to force Christianity on citizens while invoking the founding fathers?

If this question of including God in our schools is settled, think of this.

Instead of having Christian prayer we have Islam as the religion of our schools, would we allow that to happen? Why should anyone sit aside and allow God to be included while he is not needed?

This great country of ours was not created as a Christian nation but as a secular refuge for all creeds and religions.

Yet now we want to force

Christianity not only on those living in America, but also on the founding fathers of two centuries ago.

There are even those who want to forcefully convert Muslims living in other countries.

What gives us the right? Would we not fight for our lives, our freedoms, our religions if someone were to try to forcefully convert us to another way of life?

Would we not take up arms against another nation that invaded us?

Those people who would include God in our schools, courts, and governments are

in a vocal minority. It is time for the majority of America to stand up and speak out.

If we never speak we will soon be living in a Christian nation instead of the secular nation that our founding fathers intended. Do we fear to speak up against religion being instituted into the public domain?

Religion is something meant to be celebrated privately in homes and churches, not in our schools, courts and governments.

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Senior  
Chemistry major

### The issue: The aftermath of Katrina

#### Point: Action, not words needed in New Orleans



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According to the Washington Post, on Sept. 15 in New Orleans, President George W. Bush said, "When the federal government fails to meet such an obligation, I as president am responsible for the problem." It seems as if he is sincere in saying these words. Doesn't it comfort you, doesn't it reassure you, doesn't it confirm your beliefs that this president has the best interests of the nation at hand? It certainly does NOT for me.

I, like many millions of Americans, listened to 26 minutes of highly orchestrated and carefully scripted

words. President Bush delivered the speech in a brilliantly manufactured image. The St. Louis Cathedral lit up in a calming hue of blue; the statue of Andrew Jackson polished and gleamed; perfectly manicured palms and clean, green grass.

Why could you not see the danger that was strewn about with so many people? This president and his administration don't want you to. They want you to see complicity and order. This is where the president continues to fail us.

Several days, even weeks after the hurricane hit land the

president rides into town on a scheduled, heavily detailed, public speech. He gives a hefty speech full of religion and lacking in vital information.

Meanwhile hundreds of thousands of people are still homeless and without medication, lost in cities across the nation. His speech is so vague as to how they will be funded; much like the No Child Left Behind Act.

He offers lottery-style handouts of free federal land to people who have nothing. They of course must fund the building of their homes on their own—with what?

They have nothing: no job, no hometown, no guarantee of a bed every night. They are wearing clothes donated to them.

How are they going to secure a mortgage? And with so many people displaced, Habitat for Humanity can only build so many homes. It seems like someone else has been left behind by this president.

Taxes need to be raised to cover expenses of this tragedy.

The federal budget is already over-burdened by the other crisis that the White House has created: the war in Iraq.

Why should the wealthy continue to receive tax cuts as poverty rises and an entire region is in ruins? Where will all this money come from?

The president did not release any figures on total number of dollars because he does not know them. That is the problem with this plan; no one knows what is really going on or how to implement it.

The only checks and balances this president is concerned of are the checks issued to Halliburton to rebuild the gulf and the balances of the wealthiest checkbooks.

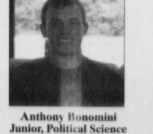
When will this administration learn that creating elaborate and carefully phrased events is not acting? Taking action is doing something about the problem, not giving a speech at night, on the grass, with a church and a statue.

This administration is used to that though, no one can act when you have dead presidents and religion behind you.



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## College Football Rivalries commence

In college football, a lot of the rivalry games are played early in the season. This was displayed this past weekend when the Kentucky Wildcats took on the Indiana Hoosiers and Notre Dame took on their bitter rivals the Spartans of Michigan State.

This game showed that even though the Fighting Irish started their season 2-0 with wins over Pittsburgh and Michigan, this team still has a lot of work to do if they want to compete for in the Rose Bowl for the national title in January.

The win against Pittsburgh was big for the Notre Dame program because it was a road win but Dave Wannstedt and the Pittsburgh Panthers don't look like a team that started out in the season ranked in the top 25 poll.

After losing to Notre Dame, they have since lost to Ohio University and Nebraska to start this season 0-3. These days, bad luck seems to follow Wannstedt around no matter where he coaches. Although he experienced success early in his career with coaching the past couple of years have been unkind to Wannstedt. He ran into the buzz saw in Miami last year when Ricky Williams kept the team for the year and the Dolphins went on to finish the season with a 4-12 record.

Schedule this year, possibly the toughest schedule in the nation. After traveling this weekend to Seattle to pay a visit to old coach Tyrone Willingham and the Washington Huskies, they face the Purdue Boilermakers and number one team in the nation, the Trojans of Southern California.

This game against USC will be a measure of where the Fighting Irish stand in Charlie Weis' first year as head coach of Notre Dame. One of the Notre Dame is for certain.

Michigan State has the Fighting Irish's number one team play them in South Bend. The Spartans win on Saturday was their fifth straight at Notre Dame Stadium. It will be interesting to see how this rivalry continues in the future.

The Kentucky and Indiana football game might have been a game done in Rich Brooks as head coach of UK football. Even though the team is still experiencing the effects of the NCAA sanctions that were placed on them, they still have yet to show a little bit of life and effort to try and overcome this. I don't know how the Wildcats can only manage nine first downs in a game and expect to win.

The Wildcats better be prepared for the big game coming up on Saturday against the fifth-ranked team in the country, the Florida Gators. The Gators looked impressive this past week when they defeated Tennessee 16-7 in the Swamp.

College football fans will have to see what the rest of this season has in store and see what the rest of this season has in store. The way it is looking in the beginning part of the season, it should provide these fans with a lot of great game.

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# Volleyball sweeps series

## Defeat Indianapolis, Saint Joseph's; record stands at 13-2

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Kristina Eisenmenger recorded a career-high 27 kills Friday night as the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated Indianapolis, 30-24, 30-28, 29-31, 29-31, 15-13, in Regents Hall.

Eisenmenger, a freshman and a graduate of Notre Dame Academy, making her home debut for the Norse, also hit 442 as NKU opened Great Lakes Valley Conference play with a victory. The Norse improved to 12-2 overall and extended their winning streak to six.

Liz Holmes added 22 kills, 17 digs and a .526 hitting percentage as NKU held on for the win. Tristen Dye finished with 18 kills, while Andrea Lanham recorded 74 assists and 16 digs.

Eisenmenger slammed down eight kills and added at 727 clip in the opening game as NKU coasted to a 30-24 win. She added another seven kills in the second game as the Norse took a 2-0 lead.

Indianapolis (6-7 overall, 0-1 GLVC) rallied, however, and won the next two games. With the fifth game at 12-12, Holmes hammered down an attack to give NKU a 13-12 advantage.

Brittany Dixon served an ace - a ball that grazed the top of the net, crawled over and hit the floor before the Indianapolis defense could react to make it 14-12, but Whitney Boling converted an attack to cut the Norse lead to 14-13. NKU won the match on the next play when Boling's serve attempt sailed out of bounds.

Bethany Dulle led Indianapolis with 15 kills, and Lynne Ross added 15 kills. Boling had 13 kills for the Greyhounds, who held a 25-12 edge in blocks. NKU, though, finished with a 96-51 advantage in digs.

Lynne Fischesser added 21 digs for NKU, which hit .219 for the match. Dixon finished with 14 digs and three service aces for the Norse, while Maria Tienan served up three aces.

NKU topped its lead in the all-time

series with Indianapolis to 34-3 and has won four of the past five matches with the Greyhounds. A year ago, the Norse defeated Indianapolis twice.

On Saturday, Liz Holmes hammered down 10 kills and finished with a .526 hitting percentage Saturday as the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated Saint Joseph's, 30-12, 30-24, 30-17, in Regents Hall.

Holmes, a sophomore and a graduate of Mercy High School in Cincinnati, recorded the 10 kills in 19 attempts with no errors as NKU rolled to its seventh consecutive victory. The Norse attacked at a .372 clip for the match and improved to 13-2 overall, 2-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Jennifer Wirtz and Kristina Eisenmenger each added 11 kills for NKU. Wirtz, a junior outside hitter, attacked at a .474 clip for the match.

Andrea Lanham directed the offense for the Norse and finished with 20 assists. The junior setter also added five kills, a .714 hitting percentage, eight digs and two service aces.

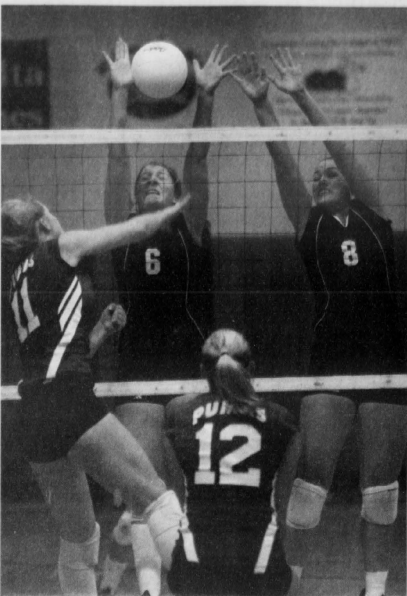
NKU took the opening game by attacking at a .500 clip and cruised to the victory. Saint Joseph's (3-10 overall, 0-2 GLVC) was held to a .050 hitting percentage for the match.

Julie Lewis added seven kills and a .375 hitting percentage for NKU, which upped its lead in the all-time series with Saint Joseph's to 28-5. Lynne Fischesser collected 10 digs as the Norse finished with a 43-35 advantage in that category. Natalie Forbes and Maria Tienan each served up three aces for the Norse.

Holmes hit the road to meet Rockhurst (Mo.) at 8 p.m. Friday. Rockhurst, in its first season in the GLVC, is currently ranked 21st nationally in the NCAA Division II poll.

The Norse will conclude the road trip next Saturday with a match at Druy.

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Andrea Lanham (6) and Liz Holmes (8) helped lead the Norse Volleyball team to two straight wins on September 16th and 17th.

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## Astros secure 11-2 victory over Marlins

### Roger Clemens becoming front runner to win NL CY Young

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In baseball, there are days when you can forget about scandals and steroids. Last Wednesday was one of those days. The day started in a typical fashion in Major League Baseball until Roger Clemens took the mound for the Houston Astros.

Bess Clemens Roger's mother, died the morning of Roger's big start against the Florida Marlins. The future Hall of Famer made the scheduled start in impressive fashion, allowing only one hit in 7 1/3 innings of work. Chad Qualls, Dan Wheeler, and Mike Bourn finished the rest of the game in relief of Clemens

for the 10-2 Astros victory.

The victory kept the Astros in tight competition with the Marlins in the NL wildcard race. For Clemens, it was win number twelve. With this remarkable performance, Clemens lowered his Major League Baseball's best earned run average to 1.77.

After the game, Clemens spoke about his mother, stating that she was 75-years-old and died of complications from cancer. According to Clemens from CBS Sportsline, "I feel very blessed that she's at peace now. The last 10 years were hard on her. The last 2-3 days were grueling."

Clemens continues to give voters of the NL CY Young a tough decision. How do you keep an ERA of 1.77 away from the CY Young? The reason

is St. Louis Cardinal Chris Carpenter and Florida Marlins Dontrelle Willis.

Carpenter enters the week with a record of 21-4 with a 2.31 ERA. He has not lost since the All-Star break and has helped the Cardinals clinch the playoffs. Carpenter is pitching well at the right time, winning the NL pitcher of the week award. During that time, he was 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA.

In a battle of possible CY Young pitchers, Carpenter out duelled Clemens, pitching a complete game, allowing two runs, and striking out eight Astros.

Many people feel that it is a race between Clemens and Carpenter, but Dontrelle Willis has thrown his hat into the ring. Although Willis may be a stretch to win the prestigious award,

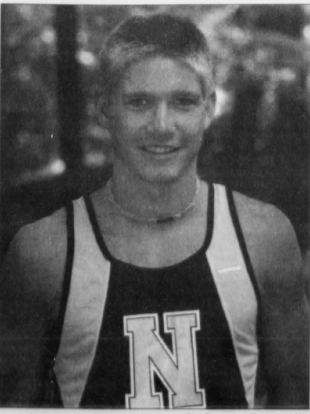
his statistics warrant discussion.

Willis is 21-8 with a 2.49 ERA. Willis is in his 3rd season pitching for the Marlins and was the 2003 NL Rookie of the Year. In his last six games, Willis has gone 6-0 in 44.2/3 innings. He has allowed seven runs and struck out 22 batters.

Pitchers with an outside shot at the NL CY Young include Clemens' teammates Andy Pettitte and Roy Oswalt, and Washington National John Patterson.

Each of these pitchers has their teams in contention and all have similar statistics. It will be a long-toss decision that no one wants to make. Who will win this year's NL CY Young? We will know in a few short weeks.

### inthehotseat



Tim Downer / Photographer

Allen Pettigrew looks to be one of the top runners for the Norse Cross Country team this fall.

In this week's Hot Seat, Tim Downer interviews Allen Pettigrew. Allen is a junior in this year's men's cross country team.

Tim: How good was your senior year at Clermont-Northcreek?

Allen: It was OK. In the league meet I finished in sixth place. I was first team all-conference and the day before the district meet I came down with an illness, which ended my season.

Tim: Why did you choose NKU?

Allen: I received an academic scholarship to NKU and also at Xavier and UC-Clermont.

Tim: Why didn't you go to Xavier?

Allen: I thought I would do better with a Division II school like NKU. I wanted to play sports somewhere. My times were not that fast for a Division I school, and they recruit a lot of all-state runners and I wasn't one of them.

Tim: What other sports did you play?

Allen: Hockey and wrestling.

Tim: Well, I'm sure you would be one of the first to sign up if we kept a hockey team.

Allen: [Chuckle]

Tim: What is a typical off season like for you?

Allen: I run six days a week, 6-10 miles a day. I try to run one time a month, and in my spare time I like to swim and ride the bicycle. Of course, it helps when you are working as a lifeguard during the summer.

Tim: What race at NKU stands out in your mind the most?

Allen: Last year at the Lake Front Invitational in Chicago, IL. Everyone was bunched together at the start and runners had to run in the sand. Some time is spent dodging the metal camper grids in the middle of the course. Once during the spirit of the competition, some guy cut me off so I tripped him.

Tim: What's your fastest time in the 8K (5m)?

Allen: 28:20

Tim: What kind of training facility would best serve the Cross Country teams needs

here at NKU?

Allen: We could use a 440 track for our speed workouts and for our distance training it would be nice to have an A.J. Park next to us.

Tim: Is there ever anytime one of your races would be cancelled or delayed?

Allen: Only during a lightning storm.

Tim: What's a typical practice like?

Allen: We stretch for 15 minutes, and then we warm up by running a couple of miles. Then we run a couple more miles around the campus loop or A.J. Park, and then we top it off with a three quarter speed tempo run for a few more miles. We cool down with a one-mile run and then stretch, which totals 8 to 10 miles every practice.

Tim: What is this season going to be like?

Allen: We will be good because we got a decent bunch of incoming freshman and they will add to the mix. Since I have been here, our newcomers have been better and better each year. These things take time.

# Gas: Ways to save at the pump

The Northerner staff has searched the tri-state for the cheapest gas prices, trends from the past months and ways for students to preserve gas during their commute

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Gas prices soaring above the three-dollar mark in the last month begs the question, "How can college students, especially commuters, afford to drive?"

One way students can get where they need to go and still keep their wallets intact is to follow the guidelines below. These gas-preserving tips courtesy of msn.com and Consumer Reports can help you get more miles to the gallon and use less gas.

## Proper Maintenance is Essential

Keeping your vehicle in as best shape as possible allows it to operate at its best. Small things like fouled spark plugs or oxygen sensors, dirty air and fuel filters and incorrect tire pressure can hinder your vehicle's performance. According to AutoZone, a new oxygen sensor can actually improve gas mileage by 15 percent!

Also, tires that are inflated to the correct pressure recommended by the manufacturer can help fuel economy by 6 percent according to the U.S. Environmental Agency. The recommended pressures usually can be found on a sticker inside one of the door frames of the vehicle.

## Lighten Your Load

Remember that purchase you forgot to return, those shoes that go with everything, that athletic equipment and everything and anything else you've been carting around with you in your car? Well, get rid of it because extra weight decreases gas mileage. Every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight takes one mile per gallon off your fuel mileage according to AutoZone.com.

Don't Be a Speed Demon  
Incorporating better driving skills like accelerating gradually and anticipating stops can result in a 20 percent gain in fuel economy, the EPA says. All those aggressive driving do nothing but suck gas and inflict wear and tear on your vehicle.

Changing your speed frequently wastes fuel. The most fuel-efficient speeds are between 25 and 60 mph. Also, vehicles going 55 mph get 15 percent better fuel economy than vehicles moving just 10 miles faster.

## Idle No More

Another way to save fuel is to avoid idling too long. Sitting in drive-thru lanes is an unnecessary waste of gas; basically, your car's getting zero miles to the gallon when it's stationary and still running. Park and go inside to order.

Drivers can also save fuel by avoiding the urban myth of allowing cars to "warm up" on cold mornings. Engines actually warm up faster while driving.

## Be Organized

When you leave the house or the dorm, be aware of all errands that need to be done, and

plan accordingly. Try to get everything done in one trip, and avoid retracing your path. While shopping, park in a central location like a shopping center and walk to your destinations.

Try to complete errands during less congested times of the day. Rather than driving during morning and evening rush hours, try late morning or late evening. Driving to Florence or Cincinnati during rush hour can only result in unnecessary idling and rough driving that wastes fuel.

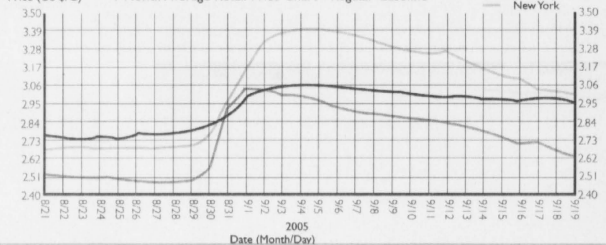
## Expensive Isn't Always Better

Some drivers have the mistaken belief that buying premium gas in lieu of regular will help their vehicles run more effectively. On the contrary, most cars are designed to run excellently on regular gasoline. Also, some more expensive vehicles that recommend premium gas run just as well on regular gas. Contact your dealership to find out if your engine can use either grade. If you try regular and can't tell any difference, keep using it to save that much more on gas.

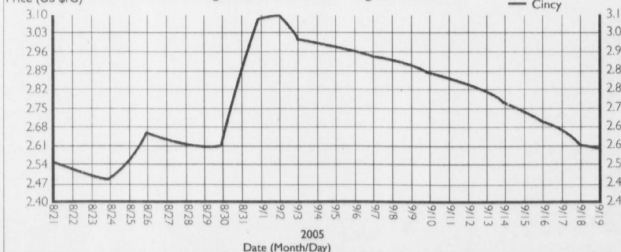
## Seek Other Transportation Options

Another way to save on gas and keep your vehicle in good condition is to seek different transportation options like taking public transportation, riding a bike or carpooling with friends or colleagues. For instance, if one of your classmates lives near you, then carpool. If you can find a group of your friends with similar schedules, then ride to school together, rotating drivers. These could cut the cost of driving to school by more than half of what you had been paying.

Price (US \$/G) 1 Month Average Retail Price Chart - Regular Gasoline



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Illustrations by Josh Jacob

## Lowest Regular Gas Prices as of 9/20

Price	Station	Area
\$2.41	Dairy Mart RT 28 & Buckwheat	Milford
\$2.43	UDF RT 131 & Wolfpen	Milford
\$2.45	Speedway 127 and symmes	Hamilton
\$2.46	BP Cincinnati Mill Mall area	Forest Park
\$2.46	UDF RT 32 and main.	Newtown

## Highest Regular Gas Prices as of 9/20

Price	Station	Area
\$2.89	BP 4th and Philadelphia	Covington
\$2.79	Shell Fourth St.	Covington
\$2.75	Burlington Pike	Florence
\$2.75	Duke 1-75 and 122	Middletown
\$2.73	UDF Mt. Zion and US 25	Florence

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Gas prices at the BP located near campus have neared \$3 for weeks.

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with Shriver**5.** Please, take a roadtrip down to London, KY this weekend. There, you'll find the World Chicken Festival. Curious? Visit [www.chicken-festival.com](http://www.chicken-festival.com)**4.** Local bands have put together a benefit concert at Peacock in Erlanger. The proceeds will go to Susan Curran, a cancer victim. Check out [www.cincinnatihowshows.com](http://www.cincinnatihowshows.com) for details.**3.** If you enjoy Tim Burton, his new movie "Corpse Bride" comes to theaters this Friday. Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter voice the two main characters.**2.** It's five minutes from campus. The Cincinnati Celtic World Festival takes place this weekend at Coney Island. According to [www.coneyislandpark.com](http://www.coneyislandpark.com) there will be Celtic music, art, dance, theater, and cuisine.**1.** Thursday through Sunday, local and regional bands will flourish in downtown Cincinnati for the Midpoint Music Festival. Some local bands include: Fizzgig, Buckra, the Virgins, the Ralph Jones Band, Mosh, and Junior Revolution.

The Redwalls

Photo courtesy of Capitol Records

## Redwalls rock retro

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They've got the mop-tops, they've got the stylish attire and they've got the boyish charm—but they aren't the Beatles. Far from British, the Chicago rock 'n' roll quartet the Redwalls clearly emulates bands from the 60s and 70s, particularly the Fab Four.

Earlier this summer they released "De Nova" on Capitol Records, the band's major label debut. While the album has catchy hooks, precise harmonies and for the most part, stays in the vein of good old rock 'n' roll, it's merely a reinvention of "Revolver" and "Let it Be." (Note: The Beatles mainstay was Capitol.)

De Nova opens with the soulful, horn-heavy tune titled "Robinson Crusoe," which introduces lead singer/guitarist Logan Baren's screechy, melodic vocals, much like John

Lennon or George Harrison. But the band is deceiving.

Track two "Falling down" has more of a modern influence. It's reminiscent of early Oasis, another band who worships The Beatles, and follows the mundane 4/4-pop structure. The same can be said for tracks four "Love Her," six "Hung Up On The Way I'm Feeling" and seven "On My Way."

Track three "Thank You," however, has the potential to be a single (they performed it on Late Night with Conan O'Brien). Although it attempts to conjure up Lennon once again, the song has a contagious, offbeat Americana structure and lyrics.

Track nine "Front Page" is another tune that could be one of the band's best works. The song opens with a layered 30-second sample of a sweeping helicopter, a broadcast report and a fire truck; it ends abruptly, introducing

only Baren's distorted vocals and an ambient electric piano. As the song progresses, there is a sense that the band has finally figured out how to fuse retro and modern rock 'n' roll. The next two tracks "How The Story Goes" and "Back Together" don't stand up to "Front Page" whatsoever. Both songs sound like Beatles "filler" songs.

On the contrary, "Glory of War" is so simplistic, yet the lyrics carry the song. An acoustic anthem, Baren's vocals describe the position men were in during the Civil War. The band steps further back in time by hinting to 19th century composition.

Finally, the CD closes with "Rock &amp; Roll." Conventional and only two minutes in length the song is better off as a hidden track.

Chiefly, "De Nova" is worthy of being on a major record label, however, flipping on any of the Fab Four's albums is just as good.

## The FIX

Regan Coomer Satisfying  
Your Celebrity-Gossip Craving  
One Paragraph at a Time.

Attention "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fans: Creator Joss Whedon dropped some hints lately about a possible made-for-TV movie featuring one of Buffy's favorite bloodsuckers, Spike, otherwise known as "William the Bloody." In his interview with Australia's "Moviehole" Web site, Whedon stated that "... (we) can only teasingly hint unfortunately until it's got backing, and we've got a schedule and a contract." But are viewers ready for another foray into the dark side with a Billy Idol look alike? Probably. Let the bloodbath begin.

her lover's ex to mind her own business! Fellow actress Jennifer Aniston spent the weekend of Sept. 10 as a guest at talk show queen Oprah Winfrey's estate—where Jolie fears Aniston may have spoken candidly about ex-husband Brad Pitt's new love. Jolie believes that Aniston will make her look like a home-wrecker, even though a Jolie source told "Star" that "... Brad told her [Jolie] his marriage was over long before she came into the picture." Well, if it looks like a duck, and acts like a duck, it must be a duck, right? Or a home-wrecker.

So much for love at first sight. Actress Renee Zellweger and country star Kenny Chesney have called it quits, annulling their marriage after just four months. "People Magazine" reports that Zellweger filed court papers Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court, giving "fraud" as the explanation for the not-so-expected decision. And, as reported by "The London Mirror," Zellweger came to the realization that she "... hardly knew her husband. And the beginning of what should be a great adventure appears to be turning into a nightmare."

The saga continues. "Star" magazine reports that Actress Angelina Jolie wants

Supermodel Tyra Banks laid a rumor to rest recently on her aptly named talk show, "Tyra" when she removed her bra from under her shirt and had a plastic surgeon confirm that she does not have implants. Of course, the doc may have been paid to say that—or threatened with physical abuse, if the rumors about Banks are true.

## Quote of the week:

"I'm 21 years old. I run to multi-million dollar companies. I work my ass off. Like, what were you doing that was so f-ing important at that age?"

-Nikki Hilton's response to the 'haters,' as told to "Vanity Fair."

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## Wednesday

- Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- APB Wacky Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UC lobby. Activities include Lester the Balloon Guy and Body Art by Susan.
- Biology Seminar Series: "The Ocean Legacy Multi-Media Presentation" by Ivy Newman, representative of Conserve Our Ocean Legacy (COOL) at 4 p.m. in NS 207.

## Thursday

- Special Collections and Archives display, "Shantiboot Days n Ways" is open M-F from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gowney Cabin behind the Information Booth.
- Voter Registration Drive, "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" at noon in the UC Registration is free.
- Honors House Fall Film Festival - dress as your favorite movie character, best costumes win a prize! Event begins at 7 p.m. at the Honors House. Admission is free, but donations to the Hurricane Katrina relief are welcome.
- "Re-visions" Art Exhibition Closing Reception from 5 to 8 p.m. in the FA Main Gallery.
- Brass Choir Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. General admission \$5, students, faculty and seniors: \$2.

To include the event you're planning in the calendar, contact Regan Coomer at coomer@nku.edu, or call The Northerner at 572-5859.

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## The Fellas

by Alex Campbell

## Friday

- Women's soccer game vs. Lewis at 5 p.m., Men's soccer game vs. Lewis at 7:30 p.m., at the Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

## Saturday

- Azmari Quartet concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. General admission: \$10, students, faculty and seniors: \$7.

## Sunday

- Women's soccer game vs. Wisconsin-Parkside at noon, Men's soccer game vs. Wisconsin-Parkside at 2:30 p.m. at the Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

## Monday

- Hip-hop comedians Alfred and Seymour perform at 7 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

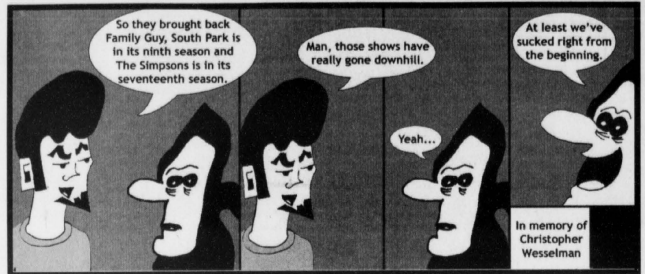
## Tuesday

- Second annual Meet PRSSA, The Public Relations Student Society of America, at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Free pizza will be provided, and students can meet PRSSA members. For more info, visit the PRSSA Web site at [www.nkuprssa.org](http://www.nkuprssa.org).



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by Ricky Glore and Josh Blair



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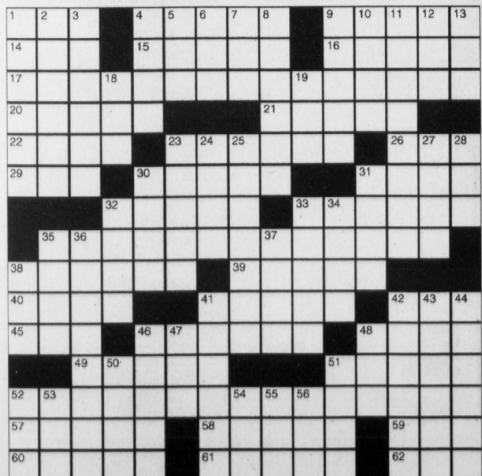
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# Crossword

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- Indy circuit
  - Barack of Illinois
  - Airhead
  - Simpson's judge
  - Ardent in the extreme
  - Separated
  - Manicurist's art?
  - \_\_\_ looking at you, kid
  - Presses
  - Humdinger
  - Sappho's birthplace
  - Short snooze
  - Melancholy
  - Cheerful songs
  - Collection biz
  - Sentence break
  - Mistreated
  - Egoists' art?
  - Stupefies with drink
  - Connect
  - Right on maps
  - Kidney-related
  - 987-65-4321
  - group
  - Metric square measure
  - "...no place like home"
  - Young or spin follower
- Down**
- Ink prints, briefly
  - Parthenon
  - Decanted
  - Poetic peepers
  - Interdiction
  - Attys' org.
  - DI times II
  - Off-the-cuff comments
  - Warm-water sharks
  - Exposed
  - Place of great disorder
  - Tolkien baddie
  - Final degree
  - Sea of France
  - Packed-house letters
  - Favors one leg
  - Polster Roper

- Race official with a gun
- Copies
- Pea package?
- Storage place
- Spoil
- Coagulate
- Vicinities
- Bondsman's payment
- Brown quickly
- Concentrated substances
- Fork point
- Actress Arthur
- Changes, as a timer
- Wading birds
- Lookout
- Dudley Moore film
- Support piece
- That girl
- Salton, e.g.
- Perched on
- Greek cheese
- MIA verified
- Nest-egg letters
- pro nobis
- Amusing activity
- 33rd president



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