

## Projects to cut parking spaces

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Upcoming construction projects at Northern Kentucky University will cause two parking lots near the Albright Health Center to go offline later this semester, resulting in a loss of 562 of the 6,419 parking spaces on campus.

New tennis courts will occupy a portion of lot G, which will temporarily shut down in mid-September. The construction is estimated to take 60 days, and when the lot re-opens, 271 of its spaces will be lost.

Lot A, which hosts 291 spaces, is expected to permanently close in mid-November, when construction on a \$34 million student union will begin.

"There's still more than enough parking," Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management Larry Blake said.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Ken Ramey said the 682 spaces that are available in the Kenton Drive parking garage account for the 562 spaces that will be lost this semester.

"We built the garage in anticipation of lot A coming offline," Ramey said.

The garage, which originally opened in September 2004, was mostly empty last year, according to Blake.

"When we opened it up, we didn't need that many additional spaces," Blake said.

"So most people would park where they had been parking as long as that space was available."

Ramey said he thinks people will start using the garage much more this semester, especially after the closure of the 562 spaces.

While drivers must pay to use the University Drive parking garage, the Kenton Drive garage will continue to be free of charge.

"We realize that we're taking Lot A offline," Ramey said, "so we didn't feel it would warrant a double whammy to charge for the parking garage at the same time."

Ramey said he doesn't expect the garage to cost money until the student union is built. The student union is tentatively scheduled to be completed in fall 2007.

In addition to utilizing the garage, university officials plan to make up for the upcoming loss in parking spaces by adding 150 spaces to lot K, which currently hosts NKU's tennis courts. The courts will be demolished and replaced with the spaces after the new courts are built in lot G.

"You'll actually get better parking (in lot K) than you would have in lot G," Ramey said.

To make as much use of the parking lots as possible, lot N was re-striped during the summer for a net gain of 15 spaces.

Ramey said parking continues to be problematic for some students at the beginning of the semester because space turnover is lower now than it is the rest of the year. He said this is because students stay on campus longer early in the semester.

While parking can be chaotic at times, Ramey said that it is not because of a lack of parking spaces on campus. "There's ample space here," he said.

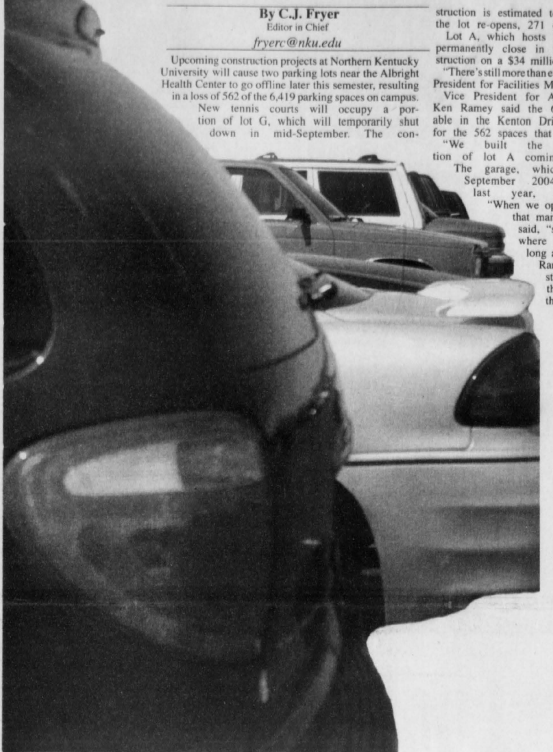


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Parking has been a concern among faculty, staff and students as a new school year begins. University officials say there is a sufficient amount of parking available on campus.

## Votruba outlines campus improvements

### \$100 million allocated for alterations

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Moving the university forward and the vast changes Northern Kentucky University is enduring was one of the many topics in President James Votruba's State of the University Address last Friday.

Votruba expressed how the early pioneers of this university stayed and created an academic foundation. For this reason, NKU has renamed the Old Science building Founders Hall in honor of those pioneers who founded NKU. It is because of

these academic foundations that NKU has 14,000 students enrolled for the fall semester and for the first time, implemented admission standards for incoming freshmen. According to Votruba, the average ACT score for freshmen rose from 21.7 to 22.8 due to the stricter standards.

Along with the stricter admission standards, enrollment is strong in many other areas as well. Enrollment has increased at the graduate level with the addition of two new masters' programs, organizational/industrial psychology and liberal studies. Online courses offered also have elevated enrollment from last year.

Restructuring programs was also necessary for continued academic success. The college of informatics was added to the existing disciplines. Along with this addition, the college of nursing became a separate department, exiting the college of professional studies. The department of social work and human services has joined with the education department to create the need to help child development both in school and out of school. Over the past year, many changes have happened to NKU, but one of the biggest changes is about to occur. Campus is about to receive a face lift of about \$100 million. One of the first

changes that have already begun is the lake development project that is near completion. "Lake Inferior will become superior in the coming months!" When completed, the lake project will include water falls, walkways, a bridge and amphitheater. The area will become the esthetic hub for the campus," said Votruba in his speech. NKU will break ground later in the year on a new student union. Also in the works is the Bank of Kentucky Center, an 8,000-10,000 seat complex capable of holding athletics as well as special events for the

surrounding community. "This new campus gathering spot will have a major impact on both student recruitment and retention!" Votruba said. At the end of the address, Votruba stressed the importance of continued student success. He said that progress has been made, but the university can do better. Along with continued academic success, NKU needs to address the needs that the Commonwealth of Kentucky wants met with its public universities. Votruba suggests that addressing these needs will strengthen public support for NKU. With enrollment on the rise,

Votruba realizes a need to expand to avoid overcrowding. To complete this effort, Votruba has asked for two new academic buildings. "Around the state I sometimes hear that our \$60 million dollar Bank of Kentucky Center, we've had our turn," Votruba said. "My response is that this is not about taking turns. It's about making investments that will leverage Kentucky's economic future." It's about return on investment. Measured by this standard, we can still claim a place at the head of the line," Votruba said. It is a period of transition from the pioneers of the past to the expansion of the future.



Votruba

## Inaugural summer academy prepares applicants

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College is a time of major growth and transition in the lives of many students, but what happens if the student is not ready to take the plunge into college life?

Northern Kentucky University has realized the need to provide help to these students and now they can better prepare themselves through the NKU Academy.

The NKU Academy is an undergraduate program designed to aid students who would not be admitted into the university

due to the new admittance standards. It is a five week program between July 5 and August 6 that meets for two classes from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Along with attending two classes a day, students are also required to attend academic assistance sessions and study halls.

Although the students are taking classes, these courses are remedial courses and do not count toward a degree at NKU. These students while in the program are considered non-degree seeking students, but once they are enrolled in the fall semester, they are considered degree seeking.

Completing the program successfully allows the students to attend NKU in the fall.

According to Vicki Sticha, director of first-year programs, 69 students were enrolled in the program and 68 completed. Of those 68 students, 67 are enrolled in the fall semester. Academic advisors were on hand to assist students with enrolling for the fall semester and helping them pick a major that the student is interested and would succeed.

"There is no question that the students learned a great deal, not only in the courses they were taking, but in the other

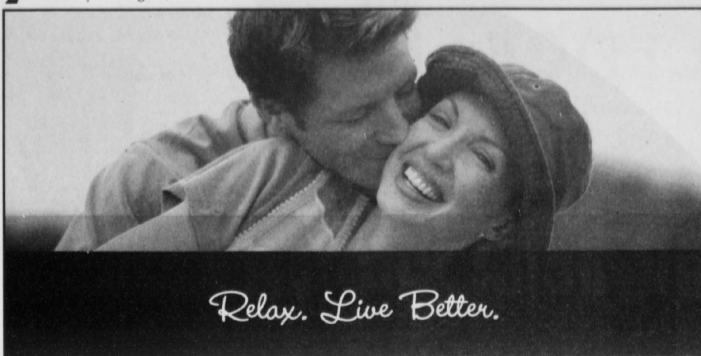
student development sessions they experienced," Sticha said.

Students have the choice of commuting to the program or living on campus in the University Suites. The computer option is set at \$637, which includes all the academic sessions and the classes. These rates are significantly reduced from the normal room and board cost because the university feels it is important to live on campus during the academy.

Living on campus allows students more time to get to know other people and make friends. Students are more likely to get involved in campus life and have a sense of what it is like living away from home. Textbooks are not included in either option. Students may choose between math, reading and English classes. Aside from these traditional subjects, students learn many other things. "The students learned about what it means to be a successful college student. They began making the critical connections to peers and to

resources that will help them succeed at NKU," Sticha said.

Succeeding academically is just one goal of the program. Students also make friends and contacts that will help them succeed in their future endeavors at NKU and beyond. NKU is among many colleges and universities that offer this remedial program to help those students who do not have the credentials to be accepted into the university. The success of the 67 students enrolled in the fall semester speaks volumes about the program in its first year.



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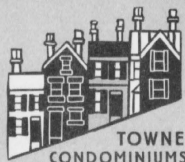
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## othernews

# Study finds book costs soaring

By Becky Bartindale  
Knight Rider Newspapers

A Government Accountability Office study of U.S. college textbook pricing confirms students' complaints: Prices have skyrocketed, driven by frequent new editions and extra materials such as workbooks and CD-ROMs, and the same textbooks often cost less overseas.

Since 1986, textbook costs have increased by 186 percent, at double the rate of inflation, the U.S. GAO concluded in a report released Tuesday. That rise, combined with the 240 percent increase in the average cost of tuition and fees in the same period, can create barriers to college, particularly for low-income students.

The report makes no recommendations, presenting just a factual explanation of escalating

prices and the cost differences between here and abroad.

But student advocates said Tuesday they hope having the GAO validate their claims will galvanize colleges to push for textbook practices that help students save money, such as asking publishers to sell books separately from other learning materials that often go unused.

"Our experience is the publishers do not respond to students," said Merriah Fairchild, a higher-education advocate with the California Student Public Interest Research Group, which has been studying textbook costs since 2003.

"Professors and college administrators are the ones publishers say they take their cues from," U.S. Rep. David Wu, a Democrat from Oregon, sought the GAO study after learning that

GAO studies were ordering U.S. textbooks from Amazon.com's United Kingdom Web site because they were much cheaper abroad.

The report concludes that price differences from country to country largely come down to local market conditions and what students in a particular market can and are willing to pay.

As students turn to the Internet, the report says, publishers have strengthened their agreements with foreign wholesalers and online retailers to limit large-scale importation of cheaper books to the United States. Wu plans to investigate the legality of such restraints, his spokeswoman said.

The Association of American Publishers took issue with the data used by the GAO, saying the figures don't reflect the true cost of books to students. Independent numbers produced by college bookstores and American publishers show

the average full-time student at a four-year university spends \$580 a year on textbooks, not the \$898 the report claims.

Publishers have taken steps in recent years to reduce costs, the group said, including issuing low-cost texts, electronic books, black-and-white editions and abbreviated editions.

In a statement, the publishers group defended bundling supplementary instructional aids with textbooks, saying they were developed at the request of professors and respond to students' academic needs. As more students attend college, they have a broad range of skill levels and learning styles that benefit from a range of materials, said the group's CEO, Patricia Schroeder.

This is the first time the GAO has looked at textbook prices. The government has no oversight of the publishing industry,

"but there is an overall public policy interest in the cost of college, particularly for lower income students and their families," said Cindy Fagnoni, who manages the section of the GAO that produced the report.

"Our work shows that textbooks make up a significant share of college costs, especially at the type of colleges low-income students attend."

The report found that textbooks account on average for only 8 percent of the cost of tuition and fees for full-time students at a private university full time, but it is a much larger share for students at public colleges and universities — 26 percent at four-year public schools and 72 percent at two-year schools.

Textbook costs have become a popular political issue, but legislation probably is not the answer, said Fairchild, from

the student research group that led the textbook charge.

Fairchild outlined three changes her group would like to see from publishers: Publishing new editions only when there is significant new content; Selling textbooks "a la carte," not bundled, so students can choose what they need; Charging U.S. students the same lower price other countries receive.

Faculty also can help, Fairchild said. She pointed to UCLA, where math professors negotiated a price cut with the publisher of a popular calculus book, and the physics department at the University of California-Santa Cruz, which negotiated for a reprint of an older but equally good physics book that was significantly less expensive.

# College spending not just on tuition

By Maria Halkias  
The Dallas Morning News

Tuition, room and board is only the beginning.

The cost of going off to college not only trumps annual K-12 expenditures by a long shot but will be up 33.8 percent from last year to an estimated \$34.4 billion, according to a consumer survey released Tuesday.

To outfit the average college freshman, parent and student will spend an average \$11,511.68, based on a survey

by BIGresearch for the National Retail Federation. About half of that (\$540.35) will be on consumer electronics.

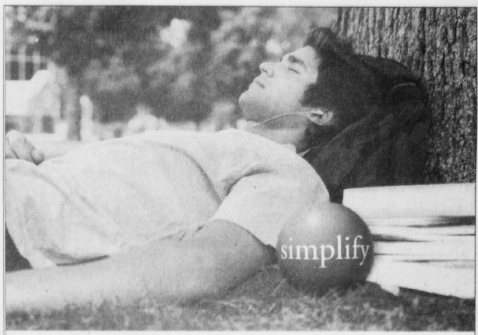
It doesn't get much better sophomore year. The average is \$1,028.57 as many students leave the dorm for a first apartment and shell out for bedding and bookshelves.

When the amount spent on college trappings is added to the \$13.4 billion spent on the younger student population, the combined \$47.8 billion makes back to school the second-largest shopping season behind the

Christmas holiday, NRF said.

"The spending power of college students is something that retailers are just beginning to grasp. And there is no sign that this market is slowing down," said NRF president and chief executive Tracy Mullin.

Many chains are turning their stores into back-to-college destinations. J.C. Penney Co., Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. prominently push campus solutions on their Web sites.



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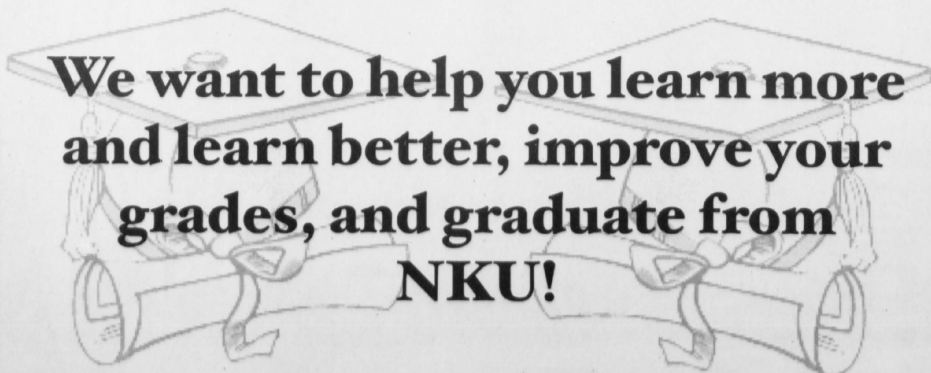
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## Future full of promise

### Votruba says enhancements will help university grow

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Dear NKU students:

Welcome to the beginning of the 2005-2006 academic year, and a special welcome to you new students. It is my hope that you will come to embrace Northern Kentucky University as part of your family, as many of us have — students, faculty and staff alike.

For the fourth consecutive year, more than 14,000 students are enrolled this fall. You have arrived at the most exciting time in NKU history. The university is in a grand transformation on a number of levels, including the areas of academic programs and campus enhancements.

Academically, we have preserved our small class sizes, added more full-time faculty, increased the number of undergraduate students involved in research and scholarly activities, and increased the number of undergraduate and graduate programs.

As for campus enhancements, NKU received approval for nearly \$100 million of construction in this last legislative session. Later this year, we expect to break ground for a spectacular new \$34 million student union. (As a side note for coffee lovers: The new student union will double the

number of Starbucks kiosks on campus — from one to two!)

Other enhancements include renovating Founders Hall (the Old Science building), and completing a Lake Vista project that will comprise a waterfall and a bridge with an adjacent amphitheatre. We will also begin construction on The Bank of Kentucky Center, a 9,000-seat regional events center scheduled to be completed in 2007.

Northern Kentucky University is a place where we can end in itself, but we can enable our students — and our faculty — to create your own future, not to simply enter a future that's been created for you.

While improving the educational experience for you is our mission, we also are committed to providing service to our community and region. You are, or will be, a big part of making that happen.

NKU faculty and staff know that you've come to NKU to

prepare for a career. Indeed, preparing for a career should be an important part of a university education.

However, preparing for a career is not enough. Based on NKU's mission, we believe our students need to:

- develop ways of understanding the complex world in which we live

- develop ways of making sense of the complex issues that our world confronts

- develop the capacity to think freely without the constraints of orthodoxy and ideology

- understand the importance of advancing the common good as well as your own individual good. In the words of author Douglas Smith, you must find the importance of "we" in the age of "me." Our survival as a nation and a planet depends upon it!

Likewise, it's our obligation to help our community deepen its understanding of the forces that are shaping

its future, the consequences of complex choices and the importance of civic participation as the foundation of a free society.

NKU is providing you with the opportunity to succeed. It is your challenge to embrace that opportunity. Many of you are the first class under NKU's new, tougher admission standards. You come better prepared academically than any previous class.

On that note, I would like to offer you some words of advice as they relate to your education and experiences while at NKU. First, seek help if you begin to feel overwhelmed. We have resources in place to assist you. Second, I encourage you to become involved in extracurricular activities. Studies suggest that those students who do so not only have a more satisfying college experience but perform better academically as well.

Third, never forget that this is your education, not someone else's. You must take "ownership" of your education, meaning that it is you — and only you — who can forge your future here and now. Finally, don't be afraid to dream big dreams. All great achievements begin with a dream!

Best wishes for a most productive and satisfying year.

# SGA identifies precession issues

## Housing shortages, communication, academics some top priorities

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To my fellow students:

Welcome to the 2005-2006 academic year. We all have an exciting year ahead of us, whether it is the beginning or the continuation of your collegiate career. I hope that each and every one of you the very best.

To those of you who are joining us for the first time, congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education. I assure you your welcome is warm and heartfelt. You are entering into a community of infinite possibilities.

My wish for you is that your experience here is memorable and fulfilling. I hope you enjoy Northern Kentucky University and that the friendships made here grow and deepen. I am indeed very grateful that you are here and want you to know I will do everything in my power to make your stay here a pleasant one.

Not to be overlooked are those of us returning. Welcome back! It will be great working through the year with your presence on campus.

Your knowledge and experience will prove to be of much assistance to many, so please, do not hold back.

As your Student Government Association President, allow me to pledge my best efforts in continuing the diligent work of this organization.

I will be faithful in the discharge of my duties and considerate of all. The work prior to the start of school, SGA held its annual Fall Senate Retreat.

From the retreat came a mission statement and a detailed list of goals the senate plans on achieving in an effort to improve the student experience here.

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Association of Northern Kentucky University of Fall 2005, we pledge to serve and represent the student body in a manner that is ethical and productive to the best of our ability.

Our goals this year focus on student issues such as housing shortages, university to student communication, academic programs and more.

We have a year full of positive changes ahead of us, which will make open lines of communication absolutely crucial. With our focus on insuring each student is informed of campus events, we guarantee this will be an enjoyable time for you.

I will conclude by simply saying you create your future now. Best wishes to all.

expressed their views in art and literature. On this campus, you can explore whatever you want to explore, learn whatever you want to learn, and reflect on whatever you want to reflect on. Few places in the world offer you this kind of opportunity.

You must plan for your future. Please do that, but don't miss out on the present, and don't ignore what is directly in front of you. Dive into school. Attend every class every day. Introduce yourself to your professors and go to your professors' offices when you have questions. Introduce yourself to your classmates so you will have someone to talk to about your course.

Don't just come to campus to go to class and then leave. Stay a while. Do some of your homework around the new lake area that is being built in the center of campus. Get involved.

The NKU campus is an active place with much to do beyond your courses. Join a campus club or student organization. Go to sports events or arts events. Attend a film or lecture or play or music performance on campus.

Plan for life beyond graduation but don't forget to enjoy living the life of a student. Have a great semester!

# Present is just as important as future

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Recently I participated on a panel of faculty who were asked to give students advice about how to succeed in college. As a professor of writing, I write and speak to many groups of students. I must admit, though, that this was one of the toughest assignments I have faced. What advice could I give students in five minutes or less?

My thoughts went back to one afternoon when I was conferencing with a student and asking how her semester was going and what her major was. She appeared to be bored, and finally she answered my questions about school by saying that she just wanted to "get out of school" and get into the real world of earning a living, buying a house and so forth. I recalled a similar conversation with another student as we were walking across campus after a class period. He seemed very motivated telling me about his career goals, but then he said that he wished he could just take courses in his major and not have to take required courses such as English, history, science and math.

Both of these students were

doing something useful that they were planning ahead and looking forward to the future. Yet they were also missing a lot. They were in school, but they were paying attention only to what they would do once they had left school.

This is a very typical thing we humans do. We are always looking to the next item on our cursedeck.

For example, right now, as you read this, your mind might wander. You might start thinking about going to lunch or doing an assignment that you must hand in later today. Often our bodies are in one place while our minds are somewhere else. We race through dinner because we have somewhere else to go; we race through a phone call because we have something else to do. In the same way, we go to school, but we only look ahead to what lies beyond school.

That is unfortunate because school has so much to offer and it seems wasteful not to take full advantage of it. As a student, you have your whole life to earn a living, pay a mortgage, raise a family and accomplish all the other important things you want to do for a fulfilled life. You may already be doing these things.

Whatever your situation, your four years in college may be one of the only times in your life when you can intensely devote yourself to your own development. Your college years are a special time for learning about yourself and the world.

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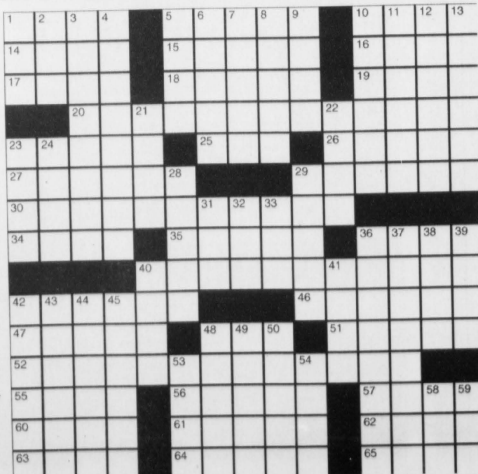


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## Crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

- Across
- 1 Somewhat, in music
- 5 Purse attachment
- 10 Gets some sun
- 14 Agricultural yield
- 15 Emulate Cicero
- 16 Celebes ox
- 17 Subdue
- 18 Choir member
- 19 Cleveland team, to fans
- 20 Cheater's weapon
- 23 Greek epic
- 25 Wind dir.
- 26 "Home..."
- 27 Tours neighbor
- 29 Greek ends
- 30 Gardeners' advantage
- 34 Contributes
- 35 WWII reporter
- 36 Pyle
- 36 Cheerio!
- 40 Anxiety give away
- 42 Chatters
- 46 Some paint brushes
- 47 Spooky
- 48 Invite
- 51 Dracula's title
- 52 Shoplifter's condition
- 55 Piece of work
- 56 Burt Lancaster movie, "Gantry"
- 57 Cork's country
- 60 Fencing tool
- 61 Indian drum
- 62 Track tipster
- 63 Musical notation
- 64 Florence's country
- 65 Macbeth's dagger
- Down
- 1 Fraction of 100
- 2 pro nobis
- 3 Put together
- 4 Performs surgery
- 5 Toppers
- 6 Ringlet of hair
- 7 Puts in order
- 8 Seek redemption
- 9 Where llamas roam
- 10 Take on or take down
- 11 Comparable thing
- 12 Nine-days' devotion
- 13 Mouths off
- 21 Largest city in Yemen
- 22 Rotating parts
- 23 Swenson of "Benson"
- 24 Hog fat
- 28 Goulash and ragout
- 29 Complies
- 31 Otto I's realm
- 32 Actress Merkel
- 33 Cambridge sch.
- 36 Low stools
- 37 Indirect reference
- 38 Certain feds
- 39 Aide to an exec.
- 40 Go on a quest
- 41 Tempo
- 42 Nag
- 43 Seal for reshaping
- 44 Gets up
- 45 Party's list of nominees
- 48 G-sharp
- 49 "The Lion King" hero
- 50 Toll of the bell
- 53 Elusive Himalayan
- 54 Confederate color
- 58 Regret bitterly
- 59 French season



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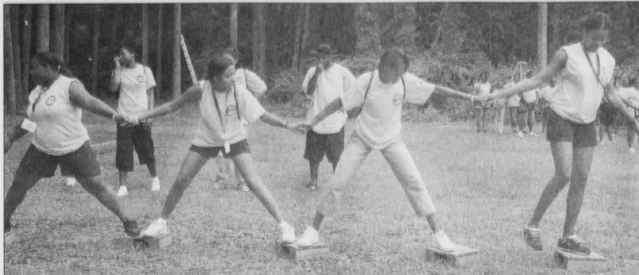
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## Program aids college transition

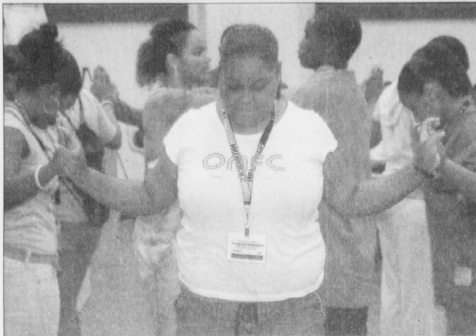


A group of 43 new NKU R.O.C.K.S. freshmen participated in this year's orientation, which lasted from Aug. 14 to 18.

The orientation began with the freshmen traveling to Camp Campbell Park in Hamilton, Ohio. At the camp, the group participated in team building activities. From left above, Krysten Black, Tiffany Taul and El-Lantae Byrd work together to complete a group task.

Left, the freshmen students create living sculptures to illustrate oppression during the session "Peppered Grits: black students negotiating race, place and personhood on a predominantly white campus."

Photos contributed by Cynthia Pinchback-Hynes



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After offering the Northern Kentucky University R.O.C.K.S. program to incoming freshman for seven years, the African American Student Affairs will now offer a R.O.C.K.S. II program to upperclassmen students.

Both programs' names are derived from the principle focuses of Responsibility, Opportunity, Community, Knowledge and Success.

The NKU R.O.C.K.S. freshman program serves to ease the transition from high school to college for first time freshmen students. The new program will offer upperclassmen information on how to transition from college to their career, according to Kenisha P. Walton, a coordinator for the African American Student Affairs.

"Part two picks up where part one ends," Walton said.

The new program, which begins Sept. 12, will offer students help with building their resumes, getting internships, learning interview skills as well as dressing for interviews and preparing them for life after college.

The idea for a secondary program came from many students who were no longer eligible for the freshman program still wanted to be involved. Most students who wanted to be involved volunteered to be mentors for incoming freshmen.

Brittanica Dudley, a sophomore nursing major, participated in the NKU R.O.C.K.S.

freshman program last year and is a mentor in the freshman program. She said, "African American students need to know that there are people around that want them to succeed, this is the program for that."

Sophomore political science major Kalyan Hill also came back to be a mentor for freshmen.

"I came back because I wanted to give back to a program that had a positive impact on me as a freshman, and I wanted incoming freshmen to experienced what I experienced," she said.

If a freshman in the program has a problem, needs help with homework or just needs someone to talk to, they may go to their mentor or a full-time staff member.

The R.O.C.K.S. II program works in a similar manner. If a student's GPA falls below 2.5, they are required to meet with a full-time staff member to create an individual development plan. The students are also encouraged to participate in "Professional Mondays." This will be two additional sessions that will focus on career as well as dressing for interviews and preparing them for life after college.

Hill, who will be participating in R.O.C.K.S. II, thinks the new program will be beneficial.

"It is enhancing the R.O.C.K.S. program even more," she said. "It's going to show students how to stay here."

Approximately 40 students are expected to participate in the R.O.C.K.S. II program.

## University hires new director for Suites

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The biggest mistake people make when they see Kelley Woods on campus is identifying her as a student. The youthful looking Woods is the new hall director for the University Suites at Northern Kentucky University.

"Intimidation will never be my skill," she said.

Woods, who is 25, admits that she looks young for her age and plans to use her appearance as a way to better connect with the residents of the building.

"I may not be a student, but I'm not far from it," she said.

Woods graduated from the University of Cincinnati earlier this year with a master's degree in the educational foundation program. She also earned a bachelor's degree in middle childhood education at the same university.

When Woods graduated, she planned on becoming a teacher.

"Right before graduation I had reservations about teaching," she said.

Woods said she broke down when she was six weeks before she was to graduate, after realizing she didn't want to teach. She thought about what she enjoyed doing: working with college students.

While an undergraduate, Woods worked as a Residential Assistant for three years on UC's campus.

"I loved every minute of it," she said.

It was through these experiences that she decided she would like to work with students.

While in graduate school, Woods also worked for two years as an assistant supervisor, otherwise known as a hall director at UC.

Once Woods graduated, she applied for a hall director position at NKU as well as several different schools, including some out of state.

The Cincinnati native said she really wanted to stay close to her home, friends and fam-

ily and was excited when she was hired at NKU.

"Honestly, NKU would have been the best deal, regardless of location," she said. "People here are positive and excited about what they do."

Housing Director, Matt Brown, said that Woods is a "great fit for the staff. She brings additional excitement and energy to the team. I think (she) has the energy level for the staff to reach full potential."

Brown said that the staff has bonded with her since she began as hall director and she has developed strong relationship with the RAs.

Woods said the RAs are her favorite part of her job. She plans to learn the system of the University Suites and become knowledgeable of the things that work or do not work for the residents of the building. She wants to then evaluate them and see if there is room for improvement.

"I want to make what is already great even better," Woods said.

As the first full week of all of the University Suites residents living in the dorm approaches, Woods said she isn't stressed.



Kelley Woods

With an all time high of 40 percent of first year freshman living on campus this year, according to Brown, Woods said people are going to test their boundaries.

"I'm not afraid of bad behavior. It's going to happen," she said.

For the first year freshman living in the University Suites, Woods wants them to keep an open mind as they begin college.

"People always have expectations, whether it is when they first meet their roommate or when they get their first bad grade. Just be open minded and it will help you to receive change better," she said.

Though many students will have to abide by new rules as they live away from home for the first time, Woods said she wants students to remember she follows the same rules.

It is just as hard for me to adhere to quiet hours as it is for (students)," she said.

"If you hear Dave Matthews Band late at night, it's probably me."

Welcome Week  
—schedule of events—

## Wednesday

- Fear Factor Fresh Fusion from 4 to 10 p.m. in Regents Hall and UC Plaza.

## Thursday

- Zeta Phi Beta Pool Party from 7 to 10 p.m. in Albright Health Center, Adams Hall
- non-perishable food item or money donation.

## Friday

- NPHC Welcome Back Dance from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- Cultural Latina Social from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the UC

## Saturday

- ISA International Taste of NKU from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pavilion.

## Sunday

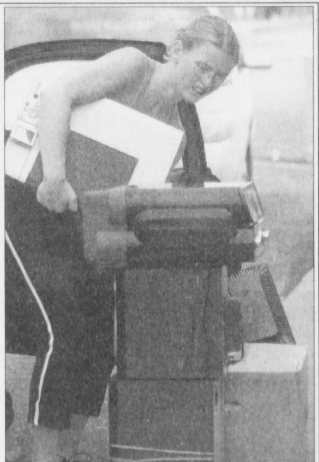
- Latino Student Affairs Northern Soccer Cup from 5 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center

## Monday

- No Welcome Week activities are scheduled for this day.

## Tuesday

- Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma "A Night of Royalty" at 8 p.m. in UC Ballroom.
- NPHC seminar at 5:30 p.m. in the UC Budig Theatre.



Amanda Davidson/Photographer

Freshman Susan Rayborn helps move dorm essentials into the University Suites on freshman move-in day.

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This year's Welcome Week kicked off Aug. 19 with a series of events named after relevant TV shows.

Freshmen move-in became WNTV Cries, freshman orientation was renamed the Real World and the late-night event at the Albright Health Center was dubbed The Contender.

The Northern Reality Welcome Week will continue through Aug. 28 with similarly named events.

"It is a great way to welcome new students get them involved early on in their transition to Northern Kentucky University, and have fun too," said Amy Arhino, assistant dean of students, student orientation and parent programs.

"(It) gets better and better with more depth and creativity," said Peg Adams, assistant director of First-Year Pro-

grams. All areas of campus worked together to plan the welcome activities during the first week of school.

"It has been fantastic working with departments all over campus to plan a fun-filled week to celebrate the start of classes," said Belle Zembrod, coordinator for the Honors Program.

Fresh Fusion will be Aug. 24 with the theme of Fear Factor. Freshman will participate in activities similar to the reality TV show.

This will be the first year that Fresh Fusion is an part of Welcome Week rather than a few weeks into the semester. NKU alumni and former contestant on Fear Factor, Elizabeth Costello will attend the event. Prizes will be given away during event.

"Fresh Fusion will be a special treat this year and I encourage everyone to come out and participate," Zembrod said.



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## Student hosts fourth punk music fest

By Rich Shivenner

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The Southgate House and Sudy Malone's are running into hot spots this weekend for local bands, thanks to the mind of Northern Kentucky University senior, Adam Rosing. Besides working hard all summer and maintaining his Web site, cincyfunk.org, Rosing, with a little help from some friends, will launch Cincyfunk Fest IV. When he sat down for a Q-and-A session last week, Rosing had plenty to say about this upcoming rock show.

Can you give us a little history on Cincyfunk Fest?

Well, we had our first one in April of 2003, second was in the August 2003, then we basically took a year off and we had our third one in January 2005. There's no really a set date—it's kind of whenever we feel like we have a few months to plan for it.

The last three festivals were each held in one night but you chose two days for this particular one. Why is that?

With the success of Cincyfunk III, we were just blown away. We were expecting 250 kids, maybe 300, but I think 750 or more showed up. We're not sure how many actually paid... a lot of people snuck in, but just

to see that many people taking in local music just kind of blew us away. And it was exciting because we thought two nights was definitely do-able.

How many band submissions did you get this time around?

I'd say probably around 60, which is been the most out of any of the (Cincyfunk) festivals. I think this definitely our biggest undertaking having two nights... I'm a little worried right now, but I think the diversity of the bands lends itself to all different types of people.

What the selection process like, trying to pick out the

bands and all?

I got bored in my classes around February, so everyday I'd go to class and I'd sketch out different band and different genres, which one would work and which ones wouldn't and I basically made a wish list of about 50 bands. I started contacting them and it basically just fell into place.

How many bands are playing?

There are 15 bands playing at Southgate House and 14 bands playing at Sudy Malone's. There are a lot of punk bands, a lot of rock 'n' roll bands and a few hard core bands.

Are there any bands that feature students from NKU?

Abigail, Krinj, Norust, Ben Thammann, Sweet Ray Laurel and Matt Stanton are playing at the Southgate House. Margin of Error, This City Is (formerly Atispyo), The Shakedown and Shotgun on Blonde are playing at Sudy Malone's.

Usually, the proceeds of Cincyfunk Fest go to some sort of charity. Will that happen this year?

Yes, this year (the proceeds) are going to the Mental Health Association of Northern Kentucky and the Mental Health Association of Hamilton. We tried to help both sides of the river.

Okay, Adam, if you've never been to a Cincyfunk Fest, what should you expect?

You should expect to be entertained the entire time. For both nights, there are multiple stages (and bands) going on at the same time, with different diverse bands. You can expect to see the most talented local bands playing. It's a good time. It's kind of like a big party for everyone involved.

Cincyfunk Fest IV will be August 26 and 27. The first night of performances are at the Southgate House and the second night at Sudy Malone's. For more information check out www.cincyfunk.org.

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Pierce Brosnan's services will no longer be required for future James Bond films, according to MSN.com. He recently received a phone call informing him of the fact, Brosnan said he is grateful for the Bond experience, though he added, "It never felt real to me." (But if he really believed he were Bond, I think he'd have some emotional issues.)

Rapper Eminem is at it again. This time he's ripping Mariah Carey on his new "Anger Management" tour, according to MSN.com. Eminem has been playing Carey's supposed phone messages from a few years ago when the pair may or may not have been dating. Carey's entourage claims the voice is an imposter, and a lawsuit could be next. The skit begins when the rapper's DJ plays "We Belong Together" and Mariah's supposed messages begin with "I heard you were back with your ex-wife. Why won't you call me?" and other similar messages. Eminem then pretends to get

sick onstage, which then leads into his song "Puke."

Ohio Governor Bob Taft has pleaded "no contest" to "self-purported mistakes"—namely violating an ethics law that requires free gifts of more than \$75 to be reported on taxes, something Taft failed to do for the years 2001 through 2004, according to a report in the Kentucky Post last week. Taft's free gifts, mostly made up of free golf outings, caused him to be the first Ohio governor charged with a crime. He was charged with four misdemeanors for which he was fined \$4000, the maximum fine for that offense.

Fickle Paris Hilton first dropped her best friend, Nicole Richie. Now she's dropped her formerly beloved teacup Chihuahua, Tinkerbell, according to MSN.com. The dog has been dropped in favor of her newer Chihuahua, Bambi. Tinkerbell has supposedly been packed off to Hilton's mom, Kathy, because Tinkerbell had gotten too big.



THE TOP FIVE  
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Rich Shivenner

1. It's a strange combination, but Aug. 28 at the base of Newport on the Levee, you'll find the Kentucky State Chili Cook-off and Car Show from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Admission is free.

2. Get your dance on at college night over at Jack Quinn's Irish Pub in Covington, this Friday Aug. 26. Admission is free from 10 to 11 p.m. and \$4 after that.

3. Local pop-rock band Ellison rocks The Mad Hatter in Covington, Aug. 27. The band features NKU student, Ian Bolender—show your support. Admission is \$5 if you're 21 and over and \$7 if you're not.

4. Movie star studs Heath Ledger and Matt Damon star in The Brothers Grimm, which debuts Friday in theaters. Tickets are \$6 for students at the AMC in Newport on the Levee.

5. You're about to finish your first week of school, so celebrate! Roadtrip it down to the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, it ends Sunday, Aug. 28. Visit www.kystatefair.org for details.

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# NFL receivers' behavior getting ridiculous

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The behavior of professional athletes these days is getting out of control, especially in the National Football League.

If players — such as Randy Moss and Terrell Owens — would just keep quiet and play the game like it's supposed to be played, the NFL would be in much better shape. Although, as we all know we

don't live in a perfect world.

Owens has had some great moments on the field. An example of this would be when he scored the game-winning touchdown against the Green Bay Packers in the 1998 playoffs as a San Francisco 49er. Owens' trash talking off the field has taken away from these accomplishments.

Everything seemed fine and dandy last week when he reported to Eagles training camp after his week-long leave from the team. It was reported that he

had a five-minute meeting with coach Andy Reid before he took the field on August 17, and they got everything squared away. It will be interesting to see what happens on the NFL opening weekend when Owens and the Eagles take on the Atlanta Falcons on Monday Night Football. The Monday Night Football personnel will sure have fun playing with this story line.

Moss couldn't be outdone with his name not in the news along with Owens. In his in-

terview with "Real Sports" on HBO, he admitted that he has smoked marijuana since entering the league but has never faced sanctions from the league's substance abuse policy.

One would think that after all the controversy Owens was facing that Moss — being the infamous trash talker he is — would just keep quiet and let his talking be done on the field.

Supporters of Moss are arguing that the HBO network set this interview up to damage

Moss' character more than it already was so they could improve on their sagging ratings. Moss' character was damaged heavily last season when he had his fake mooning of the Green Bay Packer fans when he was playing for the Vikings last year.

He has seemed to find his niche with the Oakland Raiders and their "Black Hole" fans. Moss had a rough road starting when he played college football. He started out set to play at Notre Dame but was released

after he got into some trouble at his high school. He was also released from Florida State for smoking marijuana. He finally settled on Marshall University, where he teamed up with current New York Jet Chad Pennington to set numerous personal and team records at that school.

The NFL is getting better at controlling the behavior of the athletes through the strict penalties they enforce, and hopefully they will continue to do so.

# Cincinnati's Huggins receives career ultimatum

By Skip Myslenski  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Bob Huggins led Cincinnati to 399 victories, more than any coach in its history. He took the Bearcats to the 1992 Final Four, guided them to 14 consecutive NCAA appearances and five times was named national coach of the year by at least one organization.

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Huggins reportedly was traveling Tuesday, and attempts to reach him at his home and office were unsuccessful. But in a letter to Richard Katz, his attorney, the university gave Huggins the choice of resigning by Wednesday with a compensation package worth \$3 million or of being fired with lesser compensation.

"It's time for the university to move on," said athletic director Bob Goin, who has long supported Huggins. "We've reached an impasse."

The Associated Press quoted Katz as saying: "We've been discussing with them for the last six or eight weeks an extension of (Huggins') contract. It appeared he wasn't going to be able to fulfill the remaining two years of the contract because he couldn't recruit; he was running into obstacles at the university. It would not have been appropriate for that to continue."

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Tuesday that associate head coach Andy Kennedy would be asked to replace Huggins on an interim basis and prepare the Bearcats for their first season in the Big East.

These stunning developments brought a sudden end to Huggins' stay at Cincinnati, which hired him from Akron in March 1989. Just three years later he had the Bearcats in the Final Four, where they lost in the semifinals to Michigan's Fab Five freshmen. Yet tumult regularly accompanied him even as he continued to roll up victories.

Huggins' often-bombastic court-side demeanor was questioned regularly, as was the low

graduation rate of his players. His recruiting methods, which often culled junior colleges, also was questioned, and in 1998 the school was given a two-year NCAA probation for lack of institutional control of his program.

Still, Huggins flourished, turning down offers to jump to the Miami Heat in 1995, the Los Angeles Clippers in 2000 and West Virginia in 2002. But then, in June 2004, he was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, and the unraveling of his career began.

He did not come close to being fired then. "It never entered my mind, quite frankly," Goin later said in an interview.

But Huggins was forced to serve a 76-day unpaid suspension, and when he returned, he no longer had the four-year rollover provision that had been in his contract.

"Character counts," Zimpher said Tuesday. "Our coaches must be exemplary role models on the court and off."

That left Huggins with three years on his contract. When last season ended, Zimpher in-

formed him his deal would not be extended, leaving him with two years. That would certainly hurt him with recruits, who would have no guarantee that he would remain their coach, yet Huggins accepted a buyout.

"I plan on fulfilling my contract," he said in May. "I love the players. I think I have an obligation to them, certainly to their families and the fans in the city of Cincinnati."

"People have been unbelievable. They've supported me, certainly, when I needed support. They've always been there. I believe in fulfilling my obligations, so I fully intend on doing that."

"I have full confidence in and belief in this university. I have every confidence that everything will work out fine."

But Tuesday, the university made it clear that this would not be the case, that Huggins faced the choice of resigning or being fired. That letter was signed by Zimpher, Goin and Monica Rinal, the school's legal counsel, and its meaning was clear.

"Recall ... that the university



University of Cincinnati's head basketball coach Bob Huggins faces the decision of resigning or being fired.

accepted, without argument, that Mr. Huggins was unwilling to continue coaching without a contract extension," the letter said. "Given the events of the past and plan for the future, the university also believes that continuing the contract would be inadvisable."

Huggins, the letter also said: "I think we would both agree that these negotiations have gone on far too long. Mr. Huggins has clearly expressed ... his desire to move in another direction. The university, too, wishes to move to the future in its men's basketball program."

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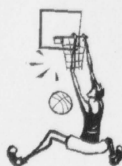
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  - **Ultimate Frisbee Tournament** - Entry Deadline: 9/1/05 at CRC. Tournament is Saturday, 9/3/05
  - **Flag Football League** - Entry Deadline: 9/2/05 at CRC. Games begin Saturday, 9/10/05. (All games will be at Town & Country Sports Complex, due to the Intramural Field renovation)
  - **4 on 4 Sand Volleyball League** - Entry Deadline: 9/2/05 at CRC. Games begin Tues., 9/6/05
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**Saturday, 9/24/05**

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**Kickboxing:**  
Monday - 6:00pm  
Thursday - 6:15pm  
Saturday - 10:30am

**Six Pack Abs:**  
Monday - 5:30pm  
Saturday - 10:00am

**Beginning Yoga:**  
Monday - 12:00pm  
Tuesday - 5:00pm

**Continuing Yoga:**  
Wednesday - 12:00pm

**Pilates:**  
Thursday - 7:30pm

**Cardio Blast:**  
Wednesday - 5:45pm

**Step Aerobics:**  
Tuesday - 6:15pm

**Aerobic Mix-Up:**  
Thursday - 5:00pm

**Deep Water Fitness**  
Tues. / Thurs - 5:30pm

**Shallow Water Fitness:**  
Mon. / Wed. - 5:30pm

**\* Yoga & Pilates: \$5 for Students for 13 weeks**

# Facility Hours

	<u>Building Hours</u>	<u>Pool Hours</u>
Sunday	12 - 6pm	12 - 4pm
Mon - Thurs	6:30am - 10pm	12 - 8pm*
Friday	6:30am - 8pm	12 - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm	12 - 3:45pm

\*Lap swim Tuesday's & Thursday's from  
6:30am - 8am

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## AUGUST

## TIME

## PLACE

8/24 FRESHFUSION

6-10 pm

UC Plaza

8/25 Sorority Recruitment begins

4:00 pm

Budig Theater

8/26 APB Free Food Friday

11:30 am-

UC Plaza

8/26 NPHC Dance

10:00 pm

Regents Hall

8/31 FSLC Grill Out

3:30 pm

Pavilion



## SEPTEMBER

## TIME

## PLACE

9/7 Student Organization Rally

10-2

UC Plaza

APB Wacky Wednesday Spray Can Art

10-2

UC Plaza

LEAD Class Begins

1:00 pm

UC 11

FSLC Informational Meeting

2:00 pm

UC 11

9/8 Comedian Tom Cotter <APB>

8:00 pm

UC Ballroom

9/11 Fraternity Recruitment begins

5:00 pm

Budig Theater

9/13 APB Freestyle Battle

8:00 pm

UC Gameroom

9/16 APB Free Food Friday / Up til Dawn Campaign

11:30 am-

UC Plaza

9/20 LTF Talk on Tuesday with Free Lunch

12:15 pm

UC 11

9/26 Alfred & Seymour Comedy Show <APB>

7:00 pm

Budig Theater

9/28 Tracy Knofla Leadership Workshop

6:00 pm

UC Ballroom



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