

# Plans Underway for Student Union

**KYLE BURCH**  
Reporter

Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents approved a new Student Union building on NKU's campus March 19.

The student union, which will cost approximately \$31 million when finished, is part of the University's strategic planning process, which includes the construction of the new student housing on campus.

The plan, set forth by the University, is to build the Student Union where parking lot A now sits. In a proposal given to the Board

of Regents by Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Mark Shanley, the Student Union will total 140,000 square feet (compared to the 102,720 square feet in the University Center), and will be "a more defined activities and service center for the campus community."

The proposal outlined some of the central features of the Student Union, include: all offices for student organizations, expanded food court and dining areas, and a multi-purpose entertainment area.

"This should energize the campus environment with its central location," said Shanley. "It will be a great place for students to hang out."

Some of the services now located in the University Center will move to the new building, but rather than replace the University Center, Shanley expects the two buildings to complement each other.

"The plan is to place all student services in the current university center," Shanley said. "This includes: Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar, Admissions, Advising and other student services in order to allow students to find all of their needs in one spot."

The University Center was designed and built to fit the needs of 5,000 students. NKU's student body currently stands almost three

times that number, around 14,000.

The Student Union has been a top student priority since 1992 when the Student Government Association and the Board of Regents passed a resolution, which takes \$20 out of every student's semester tuition in order to fund the construction of the building.

This reserve fund has accumulated to it's current total of \$3 million, which the University will use as a sort of down payment on the Student Union.

The other \$28 million will come from the raise in tuition.

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- PROPOSED CENTRAL FEATURES OF THE NEW STUDENT UNION.**
- Grand Ballroom with partitions (900 plus capacity)
  - Meeting Rooms (9 rooms, with smart technology)
  - Lounge/Gathering Spaces
  - Student Involvement Center (Student Government, organizations, APB, Greek councils, leadership programs)
  - Multipurpose Entertainment Area (night club/coffee house)
  - Game Room (Dave & Buster's Type)
  - Food Court and Dining Areas
  - Café/Coffee shop (extended hours)
  - Bookstore (expanded, accessible retail area)
  - Offices (Student Union, Student Life, Dean of Students)

## BMO shows gratitude to women

**KATRINA LIGHTBOURNE**  
Staff Writer

March is nationally recognized as Women's History Month. Throughout the country, influential women are recognized for their extraordinary talents and contributions to society. Locally, the Black Men's Organization observed the week of March 17th as Women's Appreciation Week. They exhibited their gratitude to the women of Northern Kentucky University by holding special events each night pertaining towards the needs of women.

"The Black Men's Organization wanted to show our appreciation for the women of NKU by providing highly educational, encouraging, and motivational programs for women on campus and in the community," said Jemar Mack, president of the BMO.

The opening event for Appreciation Week was the Health and Wellness Workshop. Michelle Kay, a representative from the Health Center, spoke about the importance of maintaining a healthy

life balance.

Her key topics included how to practice safe sexual habits, eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep and stress management.

"I thought the workshop went well," Kay said. "The group was small and very comfortable asking questions."

Mary Walker, a freshman on campus, said, "The speaker was engaging. She interacted with our group so that the workshop was more of a discussion rather than a lecture."

On day two of Women's Appreciation Week, three professional massage therapists worked their magic.

Massage therapist Beth Coshorn explained that a therapeutic massage could drastically change how a woman completes her daily chores.

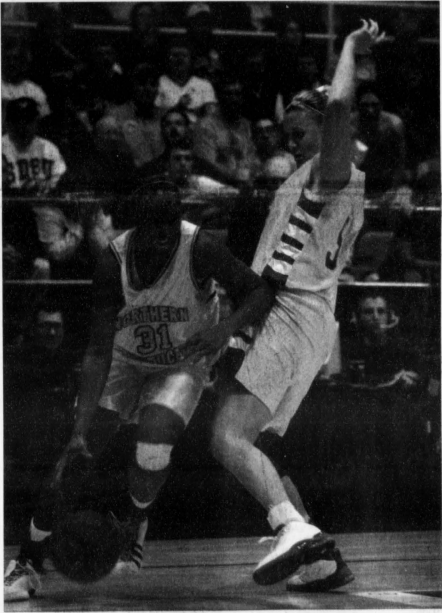
Freshman Devin Streeter appeared to be on cloud nine after her massage.

"I thought the massage was extravagant," she said.

Along with the massages, BMO provided pizza and drinks and

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### Fighting 'till the end



Tim Downer/Photo editor

Forward Sharell Shandon makes a move around the tough South Dakota State University defense in the hard-fought battle for the NCAA Women's Division II Championship Saturday evening. A pre-season favorite, the Jackrabbits defeated the Lady Norse 65-50.

## Students want free news

**CARY HUBBARD**  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is considering bringing a program to campus that provides free newspapers to students.

Between Oct. 21 and Nov. 22 of last year, USA Today's Newspaper Readership Program brought USA Today and the Cincinnati Enquirer to students free of charge as a way to boost readership and help students keep up with current events.

Ratona Hart, a representative from USA Today, met with the SGA last Monday to discuss the program's effects at NKU.

She presented the results of a survey that was given to students on the final day of the program.

"The results (of the survey) showed that 85 percent of students would read on a regular basis if newspapers were available," said Hart.

The survey also showed that 76 percent of students believed that reading the newspaper was important to their education.

Jessy Wenstrup, a transfer student from Bowling Green, said she would read the newspaper more frequently if it were provided at school.

"At Bowling Green, we got USA Today in our dorms and classes for free and it was cool because we could just pick it up and read," she said.

When the program was first introduced to the SGA last fall, Katie Herschede, president of SGA, said she hoped it would get students more involved in current events.

SGA will now decide if USA Today will continue to supply newspapers to students through next year.

The program offers a wide range of papers including the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The program would cost the University \$15,000 a year.

"USA Today is concerned that college students don't know what's going on in the world," said Hart.

Wenstrup agreed saying, "Now with the war going on, I would read USA Today more frequently. Having it provided at school would save the time and money."

Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Xavier University all participate in USA Today's Newspaper Readership Program as well as over 160 other colleges.

## Folic Acid ensures healthy babies

**KRISTIN LEIMAN**  
Reporter

The student health services at NKU and eight other public universities in Kentucky are offering one-year supplies of folic acid vitamins for free to any student.

It is important for all women of child bearing age, even those not planning to become pregnant, to consume the recommended daily amount of folic acid, which is 400 micrograms.

Folic acid is a B vitamin that fights birth defects such as spina bifida and anencephaly.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spina bifida affects the spine and could cause paralysis. Anencephaly affects the brain and results in death for the baby.

"The number of neural tube defects may be reduced by as much as 70 percent with the daily consumption (of folic acid)," said Gil Lawson of the Cabinet for Health Services.

A pregnant woman needs to take

the vitamin in order to help support the growth of the placenta.

According to the Council for Responsible Nutrition, studies have also linked folic acid deficiencies in pregnant women to low birth weight.

"Our preliminary reports indicate we're seeing fewer birth defects," said Dr. Steve Davis, director of the Division of Adult and Child Health in the Cabinet for Health Services. "Folic acid is working."

The university health services are joining together to reduce the number of birth defects by informing college students of child bearing age the importance of folic acid.

Folic acid is found naturally in orange juice, green, leafy vegetables and beans. In synthetic form, it is more easily absorbed by your body. Folic acid is found in fortified breakfast cereals, grain products, enriched breads and vitamins.

Half of all pregnancies are unplanned, said Shirley Fledderjoh, Campus Health nurse.

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## Group goes hungry for African relief

**JORDAN KELLOGG**  
Editor in Chief

The Association of African Charities is raising awareness of hunger in Africa as well as money to help combat starvation with a 30 Hour Hunger Campaign.

On April 4 and 5 the AAC hopes to gather over seventy people in the University Center to fast, listen to speakers and participate in activities. They will raise money through sponsors who pledge either a specific dollar amount or give money based on how long a person fasts.

In Africa, "a hungry man is a dying man," said Lovington Mtongwiza, president of the AAC.

He said other problems Africa faces, such as the spread of AIDS, are complicated by the fact that millions are threatened by starvation.

According to the United Nations World Food Programme, 38 million Africans are at risk of starvation.

"If the problem of hunger can be taken care of, all of those problems will go away," said Mtongwiza.

The money they raise will go to several groups including orphanages, schools in Zambia, Malawi, and

Kenya, as well as Ungana - Friends of AMREF, an organization that provides medical supplies and food to children who live on the street.

Money will also benefit residents of rural areas in Zimbabwe, where some people must walk 15 miles to get to the nearest well for water.

The money raised by the AAC will go towards digging a new well.

"People have to survive," said Chanda Kadota, the AAC's vice president for Finance, who is from Zambia. "You can't go on like this."

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## DPS Reports

**MAR 27 2003-Thursday-08:23pm Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR - DRUGS** Drug Related Incident Residential Life reported that they found several items of drug contraband while doing a room inspection, at the listed location. No charges were filed at this time. The items were logged and secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room. Incident remains open and under investigation...

**MAR 27 2003-Thursday-03:32pm Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR - WELFARE CHECK - Residential Life** Employee requested an Officer meet them, at the listed location, in reference to a welfare check. Additional information is unavailable, at this time. Incident remains open at this time...

**MAR 27 2003-Thursday-03:28pm Location: UNKNOWN - DECAL-Mos/Stolen Decal - Female** subject reported that her 2002-2003 N.K.U. Parking Permit was missing from her vehicle. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement. Case closed...

**MAR 27 2003-Thursday-04:07pm Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW APARTMENTS - FIRE ALARM - NO FIRE** A Fire Alarm was received via Computer from the listed location. The Central Campbell County Fire Department along with N.K.U. Police and Physical Plant personnel responded and checked the area finding no evidence of smoke or fire. The alarm was caused by subject(s) unknown activating a pull station in the area. Under investigation...

**MAR 24 2003-Monday-09:26am Location: PARKING LOT F - TOW-Tow Vehicle - A 2000 Saturn 4-Door (Gold)** was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed...

**MAR 24 2003-Monday-09:14am Location: PARKING LOT F - TOW-Tow Vehicle - A 1998 Pontiac 2-Door (Red)** was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed...

**MAR 24 2003-Monday-09:10am Location: PARKING LOT F - TOW-Tow Vehicle - A (Blue) 1998 Chevrolet Blazer** was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed...

**MAR 24 2003-Monday-09:01am Location: PARKING LOT K - TOW-Tow Vehicle - A (Green) 1992 Buick 4-Door** was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed...

**MAR 22 2003-Saturday-03:42pm Location: PARKING LOT P - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - 3RD DEGREE - Female** reported that subject(s) unknown scratched the paint on her vehicle at the listed location. Under investigation...

**MAR 21 2003-Friday-04:00pm Location: PARKING LOT Q - PROPERT-ty-Lost or Stolen Property - Male** reported a missing cellular telephone. Subject stated that the item was last seen on 3/18/2003 at the listed location. Under investigation...

## Competitors now comrades

AMANDA VANBESSENOTEN  
Campus Calendar Editor

Eight bands competed for top honors at Northern Kentucky University's first annual Battle of the Bands event on March 20.

Although the band, Payola, walked away the winner of the battle, everyone benefited from the event.

"It was awesome," said Lucky 13 guitarist Robbie Gayhart. "Every band that has played here is of high caliber."

There was a spirit of camaraderie between the bands despite the competition.

The consensus among the bands seemed to be that the event was a landmark for promoting local music.

Payola front man, Randy Steffen, said he hopes that the event will improve original music in Northern Kentucky. Doug Smith from Brother

Baker said the event was great because it "spotlights local talent and lets bands get heard who normally wouldn't."

The battle also gave fans an opportunity to hear their favorite bands.

"It's great to have events on campus

because that's where our target fan base is," said Fizzig bassist Dan Schwartz. "They're the people we love to play for and it's always our favorite crowd."

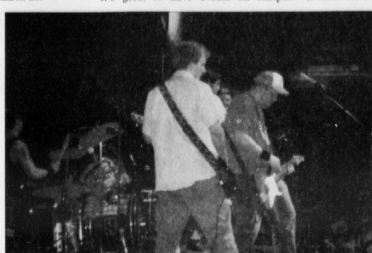
The Activities Programming Board hopes to make the event a yearly tradition at NKU.

Event coordinator and APB member Dustin Lewis was surprised at the size and diversity of the crowd.

"We've had a lot of high school students, which is good exposure," he said. "Tonight would have been an excellent recruiting tool."

The crowd topped out at 400 people, including band members. The APB was pleased with the turnout and expects an even larger crowd for April's Nappy Roots concert where Payola will serve as opening act.

"We feel pretty confident that Nappy Roots will be a big turnout," Lewis said.



Tony Redelli/Photographer  
Deceiving Ralph entertain the crowd during the Battle of the Bands competition.

## Service firms cleaning up at colleges

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Chicago Tribune  
(APR)

CHICAGO-Alejandro Guzman's laundry service woke him on a recent Wednesday just before 10 a.m.

Groggy, unshaven and wearing shorts and plastic sandals with socks, the Northwestern University freshman made his way down from his third-floor room to open the dormitory's front door. There Guzman was handed a neatly pressed button-down shirt from Banana Republic and other clean clothing, all of

which had been folded, wrapped in a large plastic bubble and placed in a bright purple bag.

The service, Guzman said, relieved one of his biggest concerns about going to college.

"I've never done laundry in my life," noted Guzman, a native of El Salvador.

Similar laundry services have popped up in many colleges, serving students with excess cash who don't want to battle for time on their dorms' coin-operated laundry machines. The services cater to children of upper class, often East Coast families who are willing to pay \$15

to \$20 a week to have somebody pick up and deliver their laundry and dry cleaning.

The service at Northwestern, called CollegeButler, was started in September and now boasts about 100 customers. Founder Mindy Budgor said she is planning to branch out with a cleaning service to tidy up messy dorm rooms and a textbook delivery service so students don't have to stand in long lines at the campus bookstore.

Budgor said her company will do "anything to create time in college students' lives."

Apparently, many parents feel

their children need more free time.

"My mom is really happy about it," said Alexandra Sinderbrand, a Northwestern freshman from New Jersey, who signed up for a 20-pound laundry plan, which is equivalent to two large loads weekly.

Budgor recruited customers by setting up a table at the Hilton Garden Inn Evanston during Northwestern's parents weekend in November.

"Kids don't really want to pay for anything," Budgor said. "The parents are the ones that get the credit

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## INROADS paves pathway to success

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Talented minority students at NKU have the opportunity to interact and network with companies through a program called INROADS, an international non-profit organization that secures professional internships for college students.

The organization has affiliations in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and throughout the United States.

In 2001, INROADS developed a partnership with NKU through the College of Business.

The organization consists of approximately 7,000 high school and college students, and has a partnership with over 900 corporate clients. Some of the corporations include: Scripps Howard, Procter & Gamble, Fifth Third, Convergys, Cincinnati Bell, U.S. Bank, Nabors, GE Capital, Ethicon Endo-Surgery and Delphi Interior & Lighting.

INROADS helps interns develop

corporate leadership skills and find jobs in their fields immediately upon graduation.

Ayanna R. Terry, admissions counselor for Multicultural Recruitment, interned as a sales manager with Lazarus from 1992 to 1995 in the men's and juniors' department.

"[Without INROADS] I don't think I would have received the development that I needed in corporate America," Terry said. "I would not have developed a relationship with my corporate sponsor that enabled me to get my first job."

Terry said that while she was an intern, her goal was to "achieve academically, network with and learn from...corporate figures."

LDI provides workshops that help students become comfortable with public speaking, interviewing and communicating.

Tommye Lewis Jr., professional development specialist of INROADS and alumnus, said, "INROADS provided personal advisement and a network to establish a career of my choice. I am confident that NKU will provide the same for other minorities at NKU and other campuses."

Terry advises anyone interested in the organization to research the INROADS program, excel academically and to be focused on career aspirations.

Over the past five years, nearly 90 percent of graduating INROADS interns have accepted offers for full-time employment from their sponsoring companies.

Currently, four INROADS interns attend NKU.

Internships are available for students in many majors. Participants must meet and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8.

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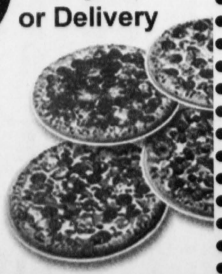
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# Glitches riddle database that tracks foreign students

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(RTT)

CHICAGO—The computer system intended to track international students as part of the nation's stepped-up security routinely loses sensitive information about foreign students and faculty, according to university officials throughout the country.

Gaffes in the \$36 million Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS, have also left schools unable to print documents that international students and visiting scholars need to obtain visas, delaying their entry into the country.

Remarkably, universities trying to print documents for their visiting scholars through the SEVIS program operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have had those papers appear on printers at other campuses thousands of miles away.

And in an incident creating concern in academic circles around the country, a student from Thailand attending Southeastern University in Washington was arrested March 12 by federal agents after the SEVIS database incorrectly listed her as having dropped out, university officials said.

"We are very concerned about this kind of precipitous action, especially during the time that the database is getting the kinks out of it," said Charlene Drew Jarvis, Southeastern president.

Federal officials could not be reached for comment about the incident.

Flaws in the federal government's ability to track the approximately 500,000 foreign students who come to the United States each year to attend school surfaced after two terrorists involved in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks received approval for student visas six months later.

As part of a congressionally mandated system to track international students, SEVIS was rolled out in January, with schools required to use the system exclusively by Feb. 15.

SEVIS, developed for the government by Electronic Data Systems Corp., for the first time will link schools that admit foreign students with federal agencies. It will provide an instantaneous exchange of information.

SEVIS is designed to replace a tracking system riddled with errors and fraud. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had conceded that it had all but stopped

monitoring more than 70,000 schools and institutions empowered to admit foreign students.

Chris Bentley, a spokesman for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which replaced INS and oversees SEVIS, acknowledged that the computer network "is not a perfect system."

Bentley said the agency decided to roll out SEVIS during the relatively quiet spring semester so glitches could be identified. He said officials remained "fully confident" SEVIS would be ready for fall semester, when the bulk of new international students need records processed.

University officials say that in the month since it has been compulsory to use SEVIS to track international students, staff members have spent untold hours trying to resolve data-entry problems.

"I think the system is just overwhelmed," said Ravi Shankar, director of the international office at Northwestern University. "We just hope they do something about it."

The officials also fear it's only going to get worse in coming months, when hundreds of thousands of students seek entry to study in the United States and a similar number of graduates seek to stay for post-

graduate studies or training.

University officials say much of their frustration stems from the lack of flexibility in the SEVIS system.

In the case of the Southeastern University student, university officials say the matter could have been avoided if SEVIS had allowed the university to fix the student's record.

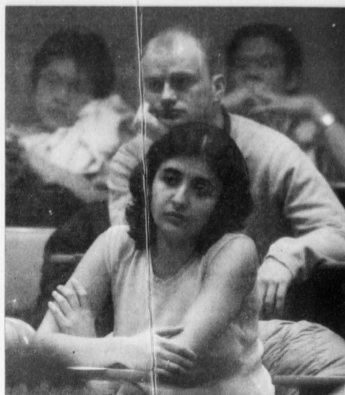
Southeastern's Jarvis said the school noticed in December that the student's record erroneously showed she had dropped out. But Jarvis, who declined to identify the student, said the school's attempts to correct that record were blocked.

Jarvis said at 8 a.m. March 12, federal agents appeared at the young woman's house and during their interview learned that she was working part time at a restaurant.

Although education officials say that employment outside a university without permission is a potential violation of a student's visa, they say it's unlikely it would lead to an arrest.

Jarvis said the student was led away in handcuffs. She has since been released.

"You can't fight terrorism by terrorizing the students," Jarvis said.



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Northeastern University students Vridhi Chhabra of India and Cahal McVeigh from Ireland listen at a meeting related to SEVIS.

## Student spends Spring Break discovering the rewards of community service

ROBERTA CARTER  
Reporter

Spring is in the air - birds are chirping and blossoms are blooming, so the typical college thing to do is head down to Daytona Beach, spend a week in an alcoholic haze and then wake up next to some guy telling you stories about his escape from the local jail.

SpringBreak, actually, can be a little more culturally rewarding than that. Let me tell you about an alternative to such mainstream mayhem: how about shakin' your groove thing to some salsa sounds instead of basking it on the beach?

For the past five years, the Office

of International Programs, in conjunction with the Mexico City branch of the YMCA, has offered a unique service opportunity that few NKU students consider when planning their precious week. Fifteen adventures from NKU, including twelve students, two faculty and one staff member, participated in the Alternative Spring Break Program in Mexico City this year to do community service work and boldly dive into Mexican culture. I found out about the program through a friend of mine who was thoughtful enough to recruit me. Despite the fact that I didn't know any Spanish, I accepted this invitation, to discover a world previously unimagin-

able. Our week-long jaunt in Mexico City was both social and work-oriented, but I found it difficult to distinguish between these two sides of the trip, since all of the activities were so enjoyable. Imagine the deep satisfaction of climbing a mountain, and then taking a photograph of a volcano with smoke sleepily billowing from its top. How about helping to teach young people and adults English while gaining a greater grasp of the Spanish language for yourself? A common reaction to this sort of program is: "Why would I want to work over my spring break? I'll take all the time I can get just to relax and party." In

response to this, I can honestly say that despite a little bit of effort that the trip required of us, it was mostly just incredibly relaxing, satisfying and an inspiring journey. One that was both extremely fun and rewarding.

A typical day in Mexico City started out at the home of my host family, where Claudia, a YMCA University college student, and her mother and I would have a quick breakfast after sleeping in too late. We would then fight traffic to get to the YMCA, where I would get cleaned up and then meet with our group from NKU. I was stationed at the Nacacapan Community

Development Center, a branch of the YMCA, where my group was responsible for working on service projects while interacting with local faculty and students. The evenings were generally free, perfect for venturing out with new friends to learn Latin dancing. We even had time to visit a tourist site known as Xochimilco, where the group took a relaxing boat tour of the floating Aztec gardens while enjoying the festive music of the mariachi band.

I was shocked when I found out how poor the neighborhood where my group was stationed really was. The YMCA, intending to make a positive impact on the neighborhood through its educational, recreational and health-related services,

sprang up as a result of this. One insight that I gained from my experience in Mexico is that when a group such as ours goes into a community to do service, it's important that we show respect toward the local people. As folks from the U.S., we sometimes have an ethnocentric way of viewing the world, especially regarding developing nations. So, it was great that our new friends told us what they needed help with as opposed to the reverse situation occurring. This fact added a cool dynamic to the trip, as "go with the flow" became the motto for the week.

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# Recruiting Journalists

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# Fill up your resume with practical experience

## Payola wins NKU's Battle of the Bands

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN  
Campus Calendar Editor

Local band Payola hit it big at Northern Kentucky University's first annual Battle of the Bands on Thursday. The alternative rock band was voted into first place with 74 of 300 votes after their crowd-rousing performance. Payola walked away with \$500 and an invitation to open for Nappy Roots at Regents Hall on April 15, which the band accepted.

"When we auditioned, I didn't even think we'd make it," said guitarist Alex Tarvin, "but then we ended up winning!"

The band thanked their family and fans for their continued support. They also thanked the seven other bands in the competition and all of the voters. They sent a special thank-you to local Band Backroads, who they called "our inspiration."

Tarvin added, "This is the first time we ever played something like this. It was a great opportunity."

Bassist Joe Seiter added, "We had so much anticipation all day, then we had all that energy built up [when we finally played]."



Tony Redell/Photographer

From left to right: Alex Tarvin, Adam Record, Joe Seiter, and Randy Steffen of Payola.

Drummer Adam Record said the prize money will go into an existing band fund to "eventually upgrade our equipment."

Payola is composed of guitarist and lead singer Randy Steffen, 20; drummer Adam Record, 21; bassist Joe Seiter, 20; and guitarist Alex Tarvin, 19. All four band members are current students at NKU.

The Alexandria, Kentucky natives have been playing together for three years. They are alumni of Bishop Brossart and Campbell County High Schools in Alexandria. They frequently play venues around their hometown.

Payola has built a solid fan base of friends, family, current students and alumni of their former high schools, and new fans picked up along the way. They had the largest and most enthusiastic fan base at the Battle of the Bands.

Fans Jordan Schultz and Bryan Futscher were at the Battle to cheer their favorite band on.

Schultz said he likes Payola because "their sound is original and their songs stick in your head all day."

Futscher added, "They're all-around good musicians."

In order to be part of the competition, Payola and the seven other competing bands were required to play their own songs. Payola played five original songs, all written and produced collectively by the band.

Steffen said, "We started off writing songs." He added that he writes the guitar riff and then matches the lyrics to it.

All of their band members produce the songs together, according to Tarvin. "We all come up with certain things and change it until we're happy with it," he said.

Payola has recorded a demo of their song "Lines" and plans to record an album "within the next year," according to Steffen. Until then, he said the band plans to "keep playing out and writing better songs."

You can check Payola out online at [www.geocities.com/payolainline/](http://www.geocities.com/payolainline/), where you can e-mail the band and listen to their music. You can also see Payola at Regents Hall on April 15 at the Nappy Roots concert.

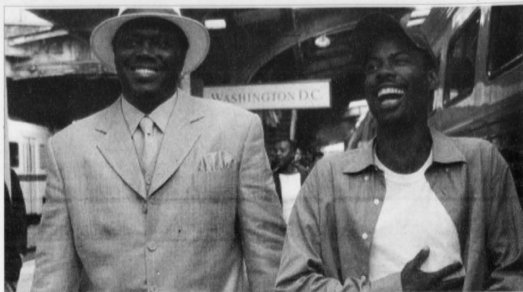


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Bernie Mac and Chris Rock star in the hilarious comedy 'Head of State.' In the movie Rock is running for President of the United States.

## 'State' rocks the theatre

AMIE VOIGT  
Reporter

Have you ever wanted to make a difference or have your voice heard? Or let the American people know how you think and what your solution is for violence, crime and taxes? Run for President, that's the extreme Chris Rock went to in his new movie "Head of State."

Mays Gilliam (Rock) is an Alderman for his small neighborhood in Washington, D.C. He is the "problem" man. The man everyone goes to when something is wrong in the community. He is an honest and courageous person. He is just as the man the United States government is looking for.

After a fatal plane crash involving the candidates for President and Vice President for 2004, the election campaign is looking for a gullible substitute to run against the opposition. With every intent of the opponent Brian Lewis winning, the campaign team picks Gilliam as their

man after he is recognized for saving an old woman and her cat.

After Gilliam's girlfriend leaves him, his car is repossessed and he loses his job, opportunity comes knocking. Gilliam agrees to the offer, however, he is under the control of the campaign team until his big brother Mitch (Bernie Mac) gives him a reality check.

With his true character shining through, Gilliam turns his campaign around. With a few ups and downs and bumps along the way Gilliam has one week left until elections, and has to face one more obstacle: the presidential debate. With Mac as his running man and a newfound confidence, Gilliam's debate is one the people will remember, but will he get enough votes? You'll have to watch and see.

Rock and Mac create a hilarious team of "professional" speeches and attitudes. These two really complement each other and with their intelligent and clever humor you'll be wanting more long after you leave

the theater.

Rock has always been a well-known comedian along with Mac. They both do stand-up comedy and star in comic movies like Rock in "Beverly Hills Cop II" and "Bad Company." Mac took a more serious role in "Ocean's Eleven," but came back to his old self in "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." Both men are known for their television shows as well, "The Chris Rock Show" and "The Bernie Mac Show."

The movie is a little far-fetched and confusing at times, but it is good to see if you're just looking for a fun plot with some easy humor. The directing, done by Rock, is easy to follow and easy to enjoy.

Overall, this movie is a good date movie, friend movie or even parent movie.

It will make you laugh, it will make you think, it may even make you want to make a difference in your community, or country.

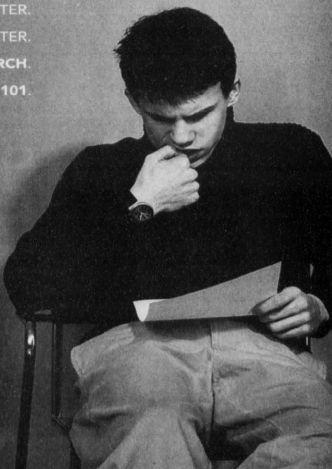
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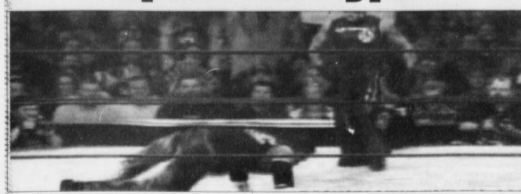
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## Wrestlemania XIX lives up to the hype



Rey Mysterio takes on Cruiserweight champion Matt Hardy in the opening contest of Wrestlemania XIX.

JASON ELLIS  
Entertainment Editor

The biggest day of the year for wrestling fans has come and gone. It has, as always, left memories in the mind of the viewer. Whether it is that one special match, or the spectacular move that you may never see again. Wrestlemania is truly what it states, it is the showcase of the immortals. It only comes once a year and it is always worth the wait.

Wrestlemania 19 on March 30, 2003 at Safeco Field in Seattle is no exception. From top to bottom this is one of the greatest shows I have ever had the pleasure of watching. The event also set an attendance record at Safeco with 54,097 fans in attendance.

Every "Mania" is kicked off with the singing of America the Beautiful. Such stars as Little Richard, Willie Nelson, Aretha Franklin and so many more have kicked off the show. This year the honor was given to Asian, and she didn't disappoint. Her beautiful voice along with such a powerful and heartfelt song is enough to bring a tear to the toughest person's eye.

The show was a rocket hooter right out of the gate with Rey Mysterio challenging Matt Hardy for the Cruiserweight championship. This match had all the high-flying action that is expected out of this division. Both guys hit their hard moves, but in the end it was Hardy that came out on top, with a little help from the ropes. This match was the perfect way to start the action.

Following this match Limp Bizkit performed their song "Rollin". This song, coincidentally, is the old entrance music for the Undertaker. Half way through the song "Taker came rolling out onto the ramp on his motor cycle flying the American flag on the back, in support of his brother who is fighting over in Iraq. This leads us into the second match of the evening. "Taker taking on the Big Show and A-Train in a handicap match. Nathan Jones was supposed to be "Takers partner, but in classic wrestling style, was jumped in the back before the show. This match is exactly what you would expect with three super heavyweights, slow and plodding.

But overall, this match wasn't too bad. It ended with "Taker breaking out the old school tombstone pile driver for the win.

The next contest was a triangle match for the Women's Championship and featured Trish Stratus, Jazz, and defending champion Victoria. This was one of the better women's matches I have seen. These three ladies have certainly improved the quality of women's wrestling in the U.S. This match concluded when Stratus pinned Victoria for the title following a sweet looking kick.

The next match also was a triangle match for the Smackdown tag team titles featuring Chavo and Eddie Guerrero, Chris Benoit and Rhyno taking on the champions Team Angle, Charlie Haas and Shelton Benjamin. This match was too awesome. All three teams hit their high spots, and treated the audience to some excellent wrestling. The match concluded when Rhyno hit Chavo with his gore and was pulled out of the ring and Benjamin snuck in for the pin.

This match next contest pitted Shawn Michaels against Chris Jericho. This match was the "Mania" return for Michaels who had appeared at the show in 1998, and had back surgery afterwards. This match was a war from bell to bell. It began with technical wrestling, and then broke out into a fight. Both wrestlers hit their finishers, but it was a simple roll up that got the duke for HBK.

This match was followed up by their Limp Bizkit performance. They did a song from their upcoming album. The song was titled Crack Addict, and it was off the ball. Looks to me like LB is almost back to form. I'm looking forward to when their album drops in the summer.

This was followed up by a little 1 and a action, featuring the Miller Car Fight Girls, Trisha Ballinger and Kitana Baker. The WWE, of course, had to throw in a few of their own divas, Stacy Kiebler and Tori Wilson, the cover girl for new issue of Playboy magazine. (Might have to check that one out, he he) This was your basic catfight, stripping down to bras and rolling around a bit.

The next match was the Raw championship and featured Booker T taking on the champion Triple H.

T taking on the champion Triple H. This was an awesome match, and some great wrestling, including the old school Indian death lock. The match ended when HBK hit his pet finisher, the pedigree, for the win.

The next contest was 20 years in the making, featuring Vince McMahon taking on Hulk Hogan in a street fight. You know, there is something to this Hulkamania thing. No matter how old he gets people still cheer Hogan. This was your basic Hogan match, except for a little more blood, and Vince jumping off a ladder and diving Hogan through a table. This match also had a surprise appearance by Rowdy Roddy Piper, now that's getting old school.

The next contest featured the two biggest stars in wrestling over the last ten years. The Rock against Stone Cold Steve Austin. This match was another classic between these two stars. The match was back and forth, with the Rock coming out on top after hitting three Rock Bottoms.

The next contest was the main event of the show, and it was for the Smackdown championship. The match featured two of the most decorated athletes in the WWE, two time national wrestling champion Brock Lesnar challenging six time national wrestling champion and Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle.

This contest was a mat classic, just as I thought it would be. It had tons of carnage wrestling, a little fighting and all out intensity. The high spot of the match was when Lesnar did the shooting star press, which is forcing facing back flip splash. It is amazing because Lesnar is 280 pounds. Although he landed on his head, he was okay and finished the match. He vanquished Angle with the F5 and became the Smackdown champion.

As I said before, Wrestlemania was awesome from top to bottom. Too bad it only comes once a year. I can't wait for next year's "Mania, 362 days to go. Oh, and before I forget, as the show was going off there was a promo for next month's pay per view event, Backlash. What makes this so special is that "Da Man" is back, Goldberg has officially signed with the WWE, and I can't wait to see what impact this will have.



Crispin Glover gives an excellent performance in the new thriller 'Willard.'

## Willard, excellent modern horror

RYAN WILHAM  
Reporter

Scared of rats? Crispin Glover isn't. At least this is the impression he gives in his new movie 'Willard'. Glover, best known for his role as George McFly in Back to the Future, Glover plays Willard Siles, plays the lead role in Willard, a remake of the 1971 horror flick by the same name.

Willard opened March 14 to a meager \$4 million (approx.) opening weekend (www.imdb.com). However, this can be partially attributed to its somewhat limited release. Willard opened on 1,761 screens, compared to the 2001 screens that showed Bringing Down the House during its \$31 million (approx.) March 7 opening weekend (www.imdb.com).

The movie begins with Willard living with his decrepit, overbearing mother (Jackie Burroughs), whom he cares for. Willard has never had any friends and has no one other than his mother. He works very un happily, at the manufacturing company that his father started with a man named Frank Martin, lovingly played by R. Lee Ermy. After Willard's father's death Martin took over the company, but had to promise that Willard would always have a job at the company, as long as Willard's mother was still alive.

Willard is assigned by his mother to exterminate the rats in the basement of their house. However, after he finally catches one on glue-paper, he can't bring himself to finish the job. Willard soon finds that he has an innate ability to command the rats that live in his basement and whatever he wishes, from eating into his mother.

The movie takes an expected plot twist after Willard's mother dies, and Willard vows revenge on Mr. Martin, and I'll leave it at that. You'll have to see it.

As a horror movie alone, Willard, a highly stylized take on the genre, does a great job. The rats, though not as shocking as a girl crawling out of a TV screen, are inherently scary, especially in their massive numbers seen in Willard. Imagine your kitchen. Now, imagine every inch of floor, table, counter and cabinet space crawling with brown rats gnawing at anything they can get their little (sometimes not-so-little) paws on.

hands on. Willard's scare-methods are a throw-back to the older days of film-making when the mere thought of a rat would be enough to scare the pants off anyone. Director Glen Morgan uses sheer disgust and good old-fashioned suspense to create Willard's thrills.

Willard does have some shortcomings in the scares department. Though the rats are scary, especially the cat-sized Ben, they don't quite live up to the scares of recent horror movies. However, this isn't just a horror film by any means. It is also a story of Willard and his relationship with the rats.

The acting is the strongest point of Willard, especially that of Crispin Glover, who seems to be the perfect man for this role. Glover brings his inherent eeriness to the equally eerie Willard. Glover's performance as the naive Willard, constantly tormented by his boss at times draws tears.

He also portrays his friendship with Socrates beautifully. At times, one forgets that Socrates, who is just as innocent and naive as Willard, is just a rat, and begins seeing him as a character.

R. Lee Ermy's portrayal of Willard's boss Frank Martin is also extremely good. His incessant yelling and cursing makes Willard's journey to his breaking-point all the more believable.

Also of note is Cathryn played Laura Elena Harring. Cathryn, Willard's replacement apparent at the time is the only person who seems to care about Willard, but can't seem to get to him as he's obsessed with his rats and his revenge on Mr. Martin. Harring beautifully portrays Cathryn's concern for Willard and her tremendous fear when she finds out what really goes on inside his house.

Other than great acting, an absolutely perfect dark mood and atmosphere adds to the film's character. Morgan seems to have channeled Tim Burton's gothic sense of style, from the opening credits to his creation of Willard's ominous house.

Finally, the special-effects give Willard its sense of realism. Some of the rats. The real are blended with the special effects beautifully to create an army of rats that could take on the Spartans.

So what are you still reading for? Go see it!

## WNTV Movie Listings Channel 15

Wednesday April 2	
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	WNTV News
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	The Will O'Wisp
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Zoo Network
4:00 a.m.-5:55 p.m.	The Breakfast Club
5:55 p.m.-7:21 p.m.	Ready to Rumble
7:21 p.m.-8:50 p.m.	Goosebumps
9:00 p.m.-10:55 p.m.	The Ring
11:00 p.m.-12:35 a.m.	The Breakfast Club
Thursday April 3	
12:35 a.m.-2:21 a.m.	Ready to Rumble
2:30 a.m.-4:00 a.m.	Gossip
4:00 a.m.-5:55 a.m.	The Ring
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9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Goosebumps
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	WNTV News
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Ground Zero
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	National Lampoon
4:00 a.m.-5:50 p.m.	The Little Shop of Horrors
5:30 p.m.-7:16 p.m.	Earth Girls are Easy
7:30 p.m.-9:14 p.m.	The Truth About Charlie
9:30 p.m.-10:56 p.m.	The Little Shop of Horrors
11:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	The Little Shop of Horrors
Friday April 4	
12:30 a.m.-2:16 a.m.	Earth Girls are Easy
2:30 a.m.-4:16 a.m.	Charlie
4:00 a.m.-5:54 a.m.	Black Sheep
6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.	The Little Shop of Horrors
7:30 a.m.-9:14 p.m.	Earth Girls are Easy
9:30 p.m.-11:45 p.m.	The Truth About Charlie
Saturday April 5	
12:00 a.m.-1:50 a.m.	8 Mile
2:00 a.m.-3:35 a.m.	Half Past Dead
3:35 a.m.-5:40 a.m.	Red Dragon
5:40 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Maid in Manhattan
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# The man behind the mask

AMIE YOGT  
Reporter

There's a man on first with a big lead. Do you call a fastball and try to stop the runner from stealing second, or do you call another pitch and hope the batter hits into a double play? We may not know what to do in this situation, but NKU's catcher has to make these split decisions all the time and in a matter of seconds.

Chris Meyer, a junior in Sports Business and a 3rd year sophomore catcher for NKU's baseball team, loves those types of opportunities and feels right at home behind the plate. Although he shares the catching duties with another player, Meyer has earned his share of playing time.

Meyer's freshman year he sat out as a medical redshirt, but with four years of eligibility left, he returned strong.

"I had shoulder surgery freshman year," said Meyer, "but I've never had any knee problems or any other major injuries—knock on wood."

Meyer is really excited about this year and expects a lot more playing time than last season.

"Last year I sat behind the All-American pitcher, Jacob Martin. He was also the all time hit leader in Northern Kentucky," said Meyer.

After Martin graduated, his career position became available. Meyer was ready to step up because he came to NKU with a history of baseball experience under his belt.

"I started playing T-Ball when I was 4-years-old and never have been playing catcher since I was 7."

After T-Ball, Meyer went on to play grade school ball for St. Michael School along with nine members of Knottville ball for Lee's Famous Pipe.

He continued his career at Newport Catholic High School where he was named the Cincinnati Enquirer's Player of the Year his senior year. Towards the end of high school, he played for the Bluegrass Chiefs, a summer traveling baseball team.

Throughout his 14 years of baseball, Meyer has always liked his catching position.

"I like that I get to touch the ball every game. Sometimes you could play right field and never get to."

The opportunity to play college ball came when NKU offered him a scholarship, which he gratefully accepted. Now, with Meyer's chance to gain a permanent position, he has really focused on his performance.

"Right now, I'm hitting around .300, but it changes all the time. Hopefully, it will go up."

With the dedication to baseball and the hope of winning games, the team practices as much as possible to be ready by the end of February. The team starts practicing and conditioning on the first day of school in August and continues until October. They then break and start back up in January after the Christmas break. Meyer said that they lift, hit and throw year round to stay in shape for the upcoming season.

In the spring, "we practice five to six days a week until the first game," said Meyer.

Once the regular season starts, the team can have up to six games a week.

"We do light work on the off days," said Meyer. Their overall goal is to get to the Regional Tournament, and win. First they want to win the Conference, which means they would have a good chance to go to the Regional.

Karly Smith, an Elementary Education major at NKU and Meyer's girlfriend of three years, loves her boyfriend's achievements, but has to put up with his time-consuming passion.

"It gets a little irritating when everything is about baseball, but I'm proud of how hard he works," said Smith. "I know it's what he wants to do and he's good at it."

Smith is one of Meyer's biggest fans and goes to every game that she can.

One of Meyer's good friends and co-worker, Brett Stevie, sees Meyer as a great asset at NKU's team.

"I watched him more in high school than now, but he was always good. I'm glad he continued playing," said Stevie. "When Chris isn't playing baseball, we work together for the Cincinnati State Hands union."

Along with practicing and improving himself, Meyer admits to portraying a baseball stereotype.

"Every baseball player has some kind of superstition. [I] have too many for you to write down."

Meyer routinely does everything the same for each game: from the time he goes into the locker room until the end of the game.

"When I'm getting ready, when I go to bat, everything. If I don't I'm not comfortable."

Some players won't change their socks, wash their uniform or change what they ate if they're on a winning streak. This holds true in any level of play: high school, college, minors or majors.

Although a lot of their time revolves around baseball, Meyer and the rest of the team have to keep their grades up.



Tim Downer/Photo Editor  
NKU catcher Chris Meyer

"Most teachers are pretty cool about you being an athlete, especially during the season," said Meyer, "but you always have some that can be more tough."

To prevent as much conflict as possible, the players, along with other athletes, get scheduling privileges like priority registration. They also meet with an athletic advisor, along with their major advisor to avoid as many clashes between practice, games and classes as possible.

Most of his time is spent with his teammates, and Meyer has made a lot of friends.

"We all get along and hang out off the field too. We go out and drink sodas," said Meyer, with a smile.

Meyer is happy with where he is and is proud of all the work he's done to get there. He would love to continue his baseball career after college, if possible.

"It's all about luck and being in the right place at the right time," said Meyer about a chance of a draft pick.

The scouts mostly come and watch the pitchers, but if he has a good day they might keep him in mind. If Meyer isn't able to continue playing baseball, he would like to remain in the sports field.

"Working for a sports team, maybe doing marketing for them," he said. "Any sport really, at any level."

# Norse fail to St. Joseph's in extra innings

KYLE BURCH  
Reporter

The NKU baseball team played nine solid innings against conference rival St. Joseph's on Sunday, but were unable to come up with enough offense, as they lost 5-1 in ten innings to the Pumas.

The loss capped off a three-game weekend series against St. Joseph's. The Norse lost two of the three games. NKU once again got solid pitching, however the offense, which got eight hits in the game, was unable to string enough hits together to add to the scoring column.

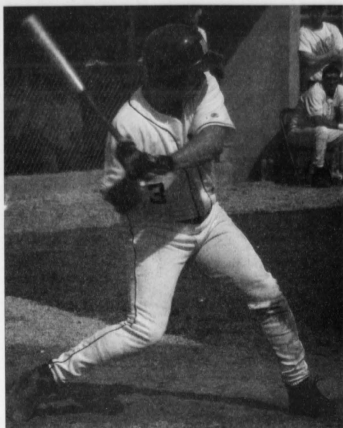
"This should've been our game," said Head Coach Todd Asalon.

"The bottom line is that we just aren't getting timely hitting, and without that we haven't been able to drive in many runs."

The Norse's lone run came in the bottom of the 1st inning, when junior second basemen, Shaun Eric singled to left field scoring Matt Dolan. The offense couldn't get started after that for the Norse, as they collected just five hits, and failed to score in the final nine innings of the game.

The pitching kept NKU in the game as junior Chris Unkrut pitched six strong innings, giving up three hits and allowing one unearned run. After junior Brad Baker replaced Unkrut in the seventh inning, Baker also pitched well, giving up two hits and not allowing a run in two innings.

The St. Joseph's offense sparked in the top of the tenth inning. Right fielder Scott Mortes led off the inning with a single up the middle



Tim Downer/Photo Editor  
Josh Perkins had three hits for the Norse in a losing effort against St. Joseph's Sunday afternoon.

off of pitcher Chad Anderson. After a strikeout and another single, pinch-hitter Mike Eagen hit into a fielder's choice, scoring the go-ahead run and putting the Pumas up for good. St. Joseph's would score three more times in the inning, sealing the victory and raising their record to 13-12 on the season.

"With a team ERA of under 3.00, our pitching has been great," said Asalon, "we just aren't catching many breaks."

The loss lowers NKU's record to 13-10 on the season, and 7-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse still find themselves in second place in the conference, tied with Indianapolis, and a half game behind University of Missouri-St. Louis. St. Joseph's is in seventh place, with a 5-5 record in the conference.

NKU continues its season as they

Box Score	
	R H E
St. Joseph's	5 12 0
NKU	1 8 1

Win - Bosserdet (St. Joseph's)1-0.

Loss - C. Anderson (NKU) 1-2.

Save - None



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# From the Elite Eight to the final game

Tim Downer  
Photo Editor

## NCAA Tournament Elite Eight: Wednesday March 26 St. Joseph, Missouri

They had the fans (a few busloads). They had the homecourt advantage. (Topeka, Kansas is only an hour away). They brought the band and the cheerleaders.

They were the Lady Blues of Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

On NKU's side, forward Sharell Sardon was back from an injury.

"I was kind of nervous coming in. I didn't know how I was going to do today," said Sardon, at a post-game news conference.

Sardon ended up scoring 13 points.

Three seniors- forward Amy Mobley, guard Bridget Flanagan and forward Kristin Polosky- brought tournament savvy and experience.

They were led by Nancy Winstel the Lady Norse's head coach of 20 years who summed up the last couple of weeks as, "...a little nerve wracking but ... this team is so much fun to be around. It's a riot. I'm living a dream. A lot of people crossed us off a long time ago and it's amazing for us to be here, to be in this situation to win a game is, wow, great."

The Norse opened the game with a layup by Polosky.

The Norse held no bigger than a four point lead for the next six minutes.

Midway through the first half the Lady Blues hit a shot that gave them their only lead of the game at 18-17. Then, Mobley hit a three point shot four feet behind the arc.

"I don't know what I was thinking," said Mobley after the game. "I don't know where I was on the floor. I missed one right before that, but it was either an air ball or it went in and we went back up by two."

The Lady Blues kept the deficit at eight points through the shooting of reserve guard Kristy Chapman who

hit three long range three pointers when she got a step up on the defense for an open shot.

The Norse went on to play a more aggressive match-up zone during the second half.

Flanagan stepped up and connected on a couple of threes and seven conventional baskets.

The Lady Blues were held scoreless for more than nine minutes during a stretch, which allowed the Norse to extend their lead to 50-35 with 9:49 left.

The match-up zone defense ended up serving the team well.

Washburn coach Ron McHenry said of the Norse, "The big difference was their match-up zone. We never could get accustomed to it. We tried to work a couple of different offenses against it, and we never could get a rhythm against it."

The Norse held Washburn to 30% shooting in the second half while they shot shot 52 percent.

The Norse won the game 65-53.

Mobley's long range shots were also an important factor, prompting Nancy Winstel to say at the post game news conference, "We do some really crazy stuff at times. The one thing we do when that happens is that we don't panic. I'm over there screaming, ranting and raving and yelling, and they just look at me like, 'you know, it's all right, here we go! That's just the way we play.'"

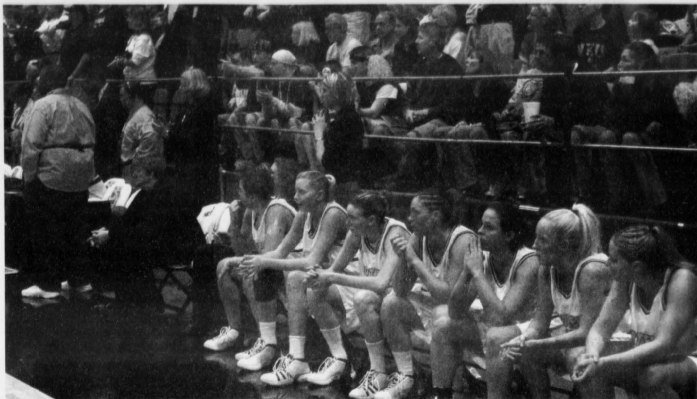
Sardon scored 13 of her 16 points in the first half.

## NCAA Tournament Final Four Semifinals: Thursday March 27 St. Joseph, Missouri

Call it winning ugly. Or call it David vs. Goliath.

If NKU was David, then the Vulcan's of California University of Pennsylvania were Goliath with six-foot-nine-inch Suzie Gyarras, a native of Hungary, standing like a forbidding statue in the middle of the lane guarding the basket.

The Vulcans were the No. 1 ranked team in Division II women's



Tim Downer/ Photo Editor

The Lady Norse watch as the clock runs out in the game against South Dakota State ending its championship hopes.

From left to right: Amy Mobley, Kristin Polosky, Bridget Flanagan, Connie Myers, Elizabeth Burrows, Jessica Brock and Emily Phillips

basketball. They came into the game with an overall record of 33-1.

In order to win the Norse needed to hit their outside shots or find a way to score in the paint, but they were held to 27 percent shooting for the game and only 18 percent shooting from three-point range.

Instead, they were forced to win the game with team defense.

The Norse forced 21 turnovers, 12 coming in the second half. NKU stole the ball 11 times, while the Vulcan's mustered just one steal.

NKU also blocked four Vulcan shots and held the Division II Player of the Year, Becky Siembak, to just 14 points, four in the second half.

The biggest lead held by Cal. was five points, while the Norse were up by as much as eight early in the first

half. The score was tied six times throughout the game.

However, NKU didn't let the Vulcans score during the last 2:11 of the game.

The most critical portion of the game came when NKU's Kristin Polosky missed the first of a one-on-one opportunity, with just 12 seconds remaining. Cal. got the rebound and called timeout with nine seconds remaining.

A smart coaching move by Nancy Winstel had Elizabeth Burrows fouling a Vulcan with 7.6 seconds left.

The Vulcans were not yet in the bonus and that stoppage of play certainly affected their rhythm.

After another timeout by Cal. the ball was thrown in via a lob pass and was deflected out-of-bounds by the

Norse. Only 1.1 seconds remained on the clock. Cal. threw the ball in to an open Samera Philyah, but Sardon knocked the ball away as time expired. David had beaten Goliath.

Sardon commented on her defensive play at the end of the game during a press conference.

"I wasn't anticipating anything. Basically I was just looking around," she said. "I didn't know what to do. I was so nervous, because one second is a lot of time to do a lot of things. I was like 'please! let me do something to help us out' but I wasn't anticipated anything."

The Norse march on to the championship game against the Jack Rabbits of South Dakota State

University. The same team that knocked out the Norse during the Elite Eight game last season 64-63.

## Championship Game NCAA Tournament: Saturday March 29 St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Jackrabbits of South Dakota State University hopped to a quick six point lead in the first two minutes of the NCAA Women's Division II game against the Norse.

The Norse got to within two points of the Jackrabbits at the 17:06 mark of the first half.

They would get no closer the rest of the way.

The strategy of the South Dakota

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## Senators should stay

JORDAN KELLING  
Editor in Chief

who sits on the Board as the only student, said she would vote in the Regents' meeting however SGA voted.

She was left without a clear direction on how to vote, though, which is a shame.

Even though the students who left may have had other obligations like classes and jobs, that doesn't relieve them of their duties as elected officials.

They should have made it a point to follow the budget proceedings in the news and have at least a rough idea of when they would be expected to make a decision.

The SGA members who left failed in their duties at the meeting March 17 by leaving before voting.

As the Spring elections near, everyone considering running for an SGA position should think the obligation they're able to make.

They should be able to stay for each and every meeting, especially when it comes to an issue as important to most students as tuition.

SGA President Katie Herschede,

It could have been one of the most important votes the Student Government Association made all semester, but it didn't even make it past preliminary discussion.

On March 17, the Monday after the General Assembly passed a long awaited operating budget, SGA met for a regular meeting to decide whether or not to support a tuition increase proposed by University Administrators.

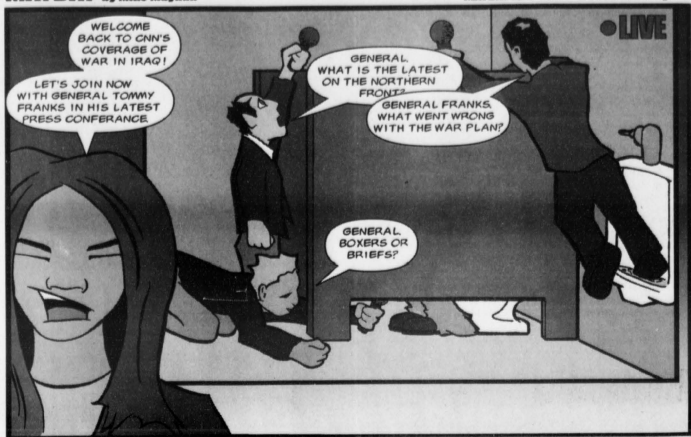
A quorum to conduct business was lost, though, as Senators left the meeting early during preliminary discussion and budget presentations from President James Votruba and Gerald Hunter, Vice President for Administration and Finance.

The Senate's vote would have had some direct influence at the Board of Regents meeting, where a tuition increase was approved March 19.

SGA President Katie Herschede,

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THE MEDIA WAR-COVERAGE CONTINUES STRONG.

## Baseball links generations

The new Reds' stadium conjures up memories of Grandfather

BREE DANIELLE  
Columnist

I love baseball. As a native New Yorker, I was saturated with the Yankees thanks to my maternal grandparents.

My summers as a small child

would grind to a halt so I could watch the Yankees fight the "bad guys" on the TV.

I would sit with my Grampa in his bachelors, glued to the blue and white stripes racing across the screen.

I never understood what was

going on, but I knew things weren't good when Grampa stopped speaking in English and began cussing in French.

When he died in '89, I continued to watch America's favorite pastime with my Gramma, but more or less forgot the game and my beloved Yankees as I grew older.

Until last summer.

I had just moved to the Greater Cincinnati-area and desperately wanted to attend my first real baseball game.

It only took my boyfriend one game to get me hooked.

By the end of the season, I had baked in the sun for bubble head give-a-ways, sat in the rain during many a lost inning, loaded myself with pounds of nachos and chose Sean Casey as my favorite player.

I even spent my 21st birthday sober and surrounded by a sea of red and white.

Cheney Field had become my new home.

I watched television the morning the stadium imploded, and drove by it the following night to sneak a glimpse of what once was.

With my sadness arose anticipation for the Great American Ballpark and all of the new memories I would create in this area that I have come to love so dearly.

On the 23rd, I convinced my boyfriend, a life-long Reds fan, that we had to get into the Open House and check everything out before the season started. It smelled fresh of new paint and plastic.

We examined all of our seats for the six games we have tickets for and toured throughout the

lower regions of the stadium to inspect the Red's Club House and exercise rooms.

Like a kid in a candy store, I was in awe and rapture of my surroundings.

Win or lose, I'm eager for the new season and the new stadium.

The most exciting part of all is the tickets I have secured for an early June day when the Reds will take on the Yankees.

I may not cuss in French, but I'll cheer them on just for my Grampa, as a way of saying "thank you" for introducing me to the sport I love.

## Alcohol a problem on college campuses

National Alcohol Screen Day offers educational information and advice

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assault or date rape.

400,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 had unprotected sex and more than 100,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 report having been too intoxicated to know if they consented to having sex.

Alcohol is a significant problem on college campuses and it is important for students to know about the upcoming National Alcohol Screen Day.

As part of the program, students can complete a brief, written screening test, receive educational information and talk one-on-one with a mental health professional - for FREE.

Readers can attend this free screening on April 10th in the UC lobby from 9:00 until 4:00. Information about alcohol prevention can be found at NKU's Health, Counseling and Prevention website, [www.nku.edu/~hcup/](http://www.nku.edu/~hcup/).

Come join us in promoting healthy choices at NKU.

Northern Kentucky University students can learn important information on how alcohol can affect their lives on April 10, 2003, National Alcohol Screening Day. Did you know . . .

1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

500,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.

More than 600,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

More than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual



Bree Danielle/Columnist

## North Poll

Compiled by: Tony Redell

What issues do you wish the SGA candidates to address?



DENISE AYE

Senior/Applied Photography

"I would like them to address the issue of more student work being displayed throughout various locations on campus, not just the Fine Arts building."



CHRIS MILLER

Freshman/Undeclared

"I would like them to address issues that will enrich campus life such as an improved health facility and a more expanded summer schedule."



LORI HACKER

Senior/English

"I would like them to address the issue of parking to ease the transit of students to their classes."



MELISSA BRUNS

Freshman/Undeclared

"I would like them to address the issues of parking, more classes being offered during the summer, and any issues, which increase the fullness and enjoyment of the college experience."



TIFFANY OSBORNE

Freshman/Undeclared

"I would like them to address the issues of segregation. I feel the campus should integrate more diverse activities to reduce segregation among the students. We need to come together."



NATALIE LASSANDRO

Junior/Radio & Television

"I would like them to address the issues of parking and tuition. There is not enough parking for students and tuition should not be increased."

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# Student, soldier writes from base in Kuwait

SPC. KEVIN JOHNSON JR.  
47th Engineer Battalion  
(A call to the Registrar did not yield major  
year in school for Johnson)

March 14

My name is Specialist Kevin Johnson and I am with the 47th Engineer Battalion with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force attached to Central Command. About one month ago I was sitting [in] class everyday at NKU, just like most of you. Then my reserve unit was called up. What we specialize in is infantry tasks mixed with high explosives and land mines (hell yeah!!). Well, just a little background for you.

My whole purpose in writing this letter is so that everyone can understand this war better by knowing

firsthand experience and the things you don't hear about on the news.

My first experience when getting off the plane was just the shock of being in Kuwait. I was helped by the fact that there was military everywhere and all the fighting positions. The next thing that I thought was weird was the fact that when we traveled to my camp (Camp Fox, ~20 miles from Iraq), we did it on civilian buses and they had the curtains in the windows because they didn't want other Kuwaitis to know who they had on the bus.

When I got to camp I was surprised that the Kuwaiti workers do most of the work. They put up the tents, cook food, clean bathrooms, etc. I thought this was odd so I asked and it was explained to me that since we saved their ass in '91

that their king said that each soldier would be paid \$1 million for coming to Kuwait, but Bush I said we couldn't do that because we would be mercenaries. Instead, now the Kuwaiti king says he will take care of us when we are in his country, hence the reason they do everything.

As far as things that have gone on here—I got here five days ago and we have had a Scud missile warning, and several unexploded ordinance have been sited, some by patrols I have been in; mostly 22 mm shells, cluster bombs and one grenade.

All of these are left over from the first Gulf War. Also, on my second day there some Marines that just [started] out with us Army guys on guard duty took sniper fire from across the AO (area of operations).

Politically, now, let me tell you something. Is anyone tried that

Bush keeps extending and extending?

Well let me tell you the real reason is that everything is not in order like we would like it and everyone is not here yet. For example, Camp Fox is two weeks old and it has grown immensely (I won't talk numbers) and more are coming. Also we just found out our mission the other day.

On a lighter side, you guys are missing out on the awesome, celestial show out here.

I think I counted 20 shooting stars last night.

I have also seen 15-some camels a day; but it's old man.

Well, I think that's all for now. You probably won't get these until three weeks after I write them. But hey, I am trying to give you guys an understanding.



Staff Sgt. David Donovan/U.S. Air Force  
Airmen from the 379th Expeditionary Security Force, patrol the top of wing headquarters on March 26 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Medicaid bigger issue than war

Bush needs to pay more attention to what's going on at home

MICHAEL FESSMAN  
Reporter

A USA Today article states that, "More than 1 million low-income Americans have lost or might lose government-subsidized health care as states try to contain rapidly escalating costs."

The article also states that, "The cuts and potential reductions represent about 2% of the 47 million Americans who receive Medicaid, the federal-state health care program for the poor and disabled."

This is wrong: As a Medicaid recipient, I think these cuts are unfair.

The cuts are representative of the Bush Administration's determination to bankrupt the American economy.

This kind of thinking has dealt an already ailing economy a further blow.

Instead of trying to fix the economy, Bush is starting a war with Iraq.

I'm not saying the U.S. shouldn't out a murderous dictator.

However, instead of dealing with the economy Bush is choosing to pump billions into a war with Iraq. I'm not a pacifist, but I think that Bush is making the wrong decision.

Bush is willing to give Turkey 24 billion in cash and loans instead of using it for Medicaid and other programs to help the poor.

That is really upsetting. The USA Today article also states that enrollment in Medicaid will grow 7.7 % this year.

Means comes at a time when states do not have enough money to pay for Medicaid and a recession is making it hard for Americans to pay their medical bills.

Some states are using their tobacco settlements to keep themselves afloat.

I do admit however, that a war on terrorism needs to be waged, but Bush is forgetting about the American people and the American economy.

Bush is just using the war on terrorism to get re-elected. Meanwhile, education and Medicaid programs are being cut as states lay-off more and workers.

It is my opinion that Bush has his priorities mixed up. Where will Americans that are dropped by Medicaid programs turn?

They have no money to buy health insurance. How will they pay for their medical expenses?

## Talking about war



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## Students from Kuwait to NKU talk about the war in Iraq Saddam is evil, but Iraqi people must create change

ABDULAZIZ ALAKHEIDI  
Tulsa Daily (U-WIRE)

MEDFORD, Mass. — If you walk in Al-Jazayir Street in Basra, across Shatt Al-Arab, the river that joins the Tigris and Euphrates, you will see endless statues of the great leaders: soldiers. All are pointing to the other side, to Iran, as if to blame it for the eight years of the Iraq-Iran war. More that one million people were killed as a result of an aimless war.

On the next street, you can see a wall that was decorated by bullet holes. Thousands of big and small holes dig the very fabric of pretty Basra.

Close by, you cannot miss the

palm tree trunks, the naked trunks that stand there stripped out of their leaves.

All Iraq palm trees were executed and their heads rolled down and washed away in Saddam's river.

As for the Tigris and Euphrates, they were poisoned along with the children of Iraq.

In 1990, as I was walking one afternoon, I saw a body hanging from a streetlight.

The body was of an Iraqi soldier in his early 20s. His hands and face were cold, and his eyes were closed. I wish he were asleep!

They hanged him because he disobeyed orders. His body was left to disintegrate in order to make an example of his case.

This is the way of enforcing the law of Saddam.

The other Iraqi soldier that I saw had a half skull. I also saw one of my classmates from elementary school shot in the head by one of Saddam's soldiers. He was executed, lying on his side as if frozen in time.

The anti-war movement is a positive; and a positive beginning of awareness that the world is experiencing.

It is a great awakening that should have happened years ago. People all over the world are saying no to war, no to madness, and no to continued armed terrorism.

We have to understand that we have to eliminate the Saddam from

within in order to destroy the cancer.

To leave Saddam in power and allow him to kill more Iraqis is not a morally correct position. But only the Iraqi people can eliminate this Saddam.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld wants to be the sergeant and take care of Saddam Hussein. Yet in the 1980s he shook his hand and helped to arm him with weapons of mass destruction.

Back home everyone knows that Saddam Hussein and his Ba'ith party came via an American train.

We are far away from the pain and suffering of the people of Iraq. I know and believe that in the end Iraq will survive, and its people will grow palm trees with love.

Some of them wish for their safe return.

I wish that some of you that are against the war could put yourself in the soldier's shoes who are away from their families and friends. Just remember how they will feel when they see your protest. When we are at war, our country needs to be united.

It frightens me that America has fallen so far apart since September 11, 2001, when we were attacked as a country.

Everyone felt the same way because America was attacked.

Just think about this—if our country just let Saddam go on his merry way murdering his own people and relatives and waiting for him to sell or give his weapons to terrorists to attack us on our ground, what will you say then?

How would you feel if terrorists set off chemical weapons in America? How would you feel if more innocent Americans were killed again on our own soil?

If you were not affected by 9/11, you should reconsider what you think being an American means.

## Americans have an obligation to support soldiers at war

DAVID STEWART  
Oklahoma Daily (U-WIRE)

NORMAN, Okla. — Everyone who regularly reads my columns realizes that I think that this conflict is justified. I'm just going to talk about some things I've seen and heard since the conflict began that I think are worthy of comment.

First off, I'd like to mention that I think our troops are acting honorably and properly, at least from every report that I've seen. This is especially important after seeing the Iraqis violate the Geneva Convention by parading captured coalition troops around in front of cameras for propaganda purposes, and even (if appropriated) shooting them out of hand. Just further confirmation that the coalition of the

"This conflict is completely on Saddam's hands. He had 12 years to comply with the U.N."

willing holds the moral high ground.

I saw on the news that a Navy Corpsman was maimed in a mine-field. He ended up losing his right hand and his left leg. Immediately afterward, the channel cut to the protesters in New York. I think, and to someone holding up a sign stating that our troops deserve whatever they get.

I don't care whether you support this conflict or not, but you owe the men and women in uniform your respect and gratitude.

These protesters want to talk about freedom of speech and free-

dom of opinion. The very people these protesters hate and denigrate guard these freedoms every day. A friend told me about a World War II veteran speaking at a rally some where. These protesters shouted him down.

Afterward, the veteran, with a tear in his eye, turned to someone else and said that the protesters were not worth the sacrifice his friends and family had paid.

My heart rose at hearing that, but I really cannot disagree. These soldiers live in horrible conditions.

Now, they're being told by the

very people whose freedom they protect that they deserve any injuries they get. I find this absolutely sickening.

This conflict is completely on Saddam's hands. He had 12 years to comply with the U.N. He had 48 hours to leave.

He chose to believe that the coalition would not fight. He called what he perceived to be a bluff. He was wrong, but he is not the one who suffers most from his miscalculation. The Iraqi people get to suffer most.

To close, I support our troops. I support our troops because I could not look in the mirror otherwise.

Remember that these brave men and women are fighting for your freedoms without caring about your politics.

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## BMO: Workshop explains breast cancer risk

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showed the newly released movie *Brown Sugar*, starring Sanaa Lathan and Taye Diggs.

"The night was a wonderful way to relax. It is really nice of the Black Men's Organization to do this for us," said freshman Ashley Sims.

The third event was a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop. Jodi Isenmann, the director of Breast and Cervical Health Network of YWCA, presented a small group of women with statistics on breast cancer.

At the age of 20, there is a 1-in-25,000 chance that a woman can get breast cancer; however, by the time a woman reaches the age of 40, there is a 1-in-217 chance.

Also, every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and every thirteen minutes a woman dies from breast cancer.

Isenmann explained that it is imperative that women do self-breast examinations once a month and schedule regular mammograms.

"80 percent of cancerous lumps are found by women that perform monthly self breast exams," Isenmann said.

She brought artificial breast mod-

els that contained lumps to show the group how to successfully perform the exams.

The final contribution that BMO had for Women's History Month was the recognition of three influential women on campus. Diana Ford, Rensha Reeder, and Jerhmel Holt were rewarded the distinguished title of Woman of the Year.

Diana Ford serves as the media coordinator for the Media Productions and Distributions division of Information Technology. She started as a student employee in 1996 but by 2000 she was officially the media coordinator. In her nomination, she was described as "the most technically savvy female on NKU's campus."

"It is an incredible honor to be the recipient of this award," Ford said. "It is great that women are being appreciated for something."

Ford is also recognized for her involvement with Northern Cable Television. She also works with students who want to become involved in the media communications.

Rensha Reeder is a sophomore Business Marketing Management major at Northern. She is involved in several on campus activities including serving as the President of

Black United Students, a mentor for NKU Rocks, Student Alumni Association, African American Recruit Team, and Black Women's Organization.

"This award is truly a privilege," said Reeder. "I am [flattered] that Black men's organization chose me for this award. It's great to be recognized for all the hard work that I do."

Jerhmel Holt is a sophomore Mental Health and Human Services major. She has also received the Dr. Rose Morgan Scholarship, the Most Dedicated Service Award from the Black Women's Organization.

Holt serves as a Student Government Senator, a Norse Leadership Society member, a Psychology Club member, the Social and Public Relations Chair for the Anointed Gospel Choir, and a mentor for the NKU Rocks program.

She works as a Resident Assistant for the Woodcrest Apartment and part time in the psychology department. Additionally, she volunteers her time for Big Brother/Big Sister, Redwood Rehabilitation Center, Ronald McDonald House, and Habitat for Humanity.

vided with full confidentiality.

Fledderjohn said that NKU will be compensated for each supply of folic acid they give out to students. They plan to use the money to enhance medical services they can offer to students.

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## Union: Important investment for NKU future

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While the completion of the building is estimated for 2006-2007, there are many stages the process must go through before construction even begins.

Shanley said the university hopes to select an architect in the summer of 2003, seek state bond authorization in the 2004 legislative session, and finally bid and award a construction contract in 2004-2005.

Construction of the building should take approximately two years, Shanley said.

In her speech at the Regent's meeting March 19, SGA President, Katie Herschede, said, "For over a

decade, the top priority in student government has been to secure a new Student Union. It will be a place where traditional students, non-traditional students, adult students and prospective students will be able to gather and congregate. To students this is the most important project that we support and fund."

Shanley said that the Student Union will serve as a sort of "family room" to the entire campus community, meaning the building will be the center of campus life.

It will also give students an opportunity to host larger events in a proposed grand ballroom which will have a capacity of over 900 people.

"When finished, the Student

Union should be central to positioning NKU as an institution of first choice among the region's best students," said Shanley. "Hopefully this will get prospective students to look towards NKU as an even better place for the overall college experience."

Shanley said that the construction of the Student Union will greatly benefit the future growth of the university as a whole, and will enhance the quality of student life on campus.

"This is one of a number of investments the university has made towards improving the student life around campus," said Shanley. "This is key to bringing NKU to a top-flight quality in supporting our students and their college experience."

## Services: Small price for some

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card out."

After Vickie Kane's son bleached a pair of jeans and ducked her questions about how often he washes his sheets, she told him to find a laundry service in Evanston.

"It's more for my comfort zone than his," said Kane, who lives in Miami. "With what we're paying for tuition, this extra money isn't going to break us."

Owners of these businesses said the service works best on campuses that attract students from wealthy families and are outside of cities, where Laundromats aren't as common.

The students complain that their dorms don't have enough washing machines, particularly during busy stretches.

"On Sunday afternoon, you can't get in to use it," said Will Schwarz, a freshman from New York City.

The students, many of whom are laundry novices, also fret about damaging their expensive threads.

Freshman Jim Goldberg, wearing a Gucci knit cap, said he uses the service to wash his fashionably faded, \$80 Mavi jeans and other clothing.

Dana Foley, a freshman from

Tampa, uses CollegeButler to wash her \$80 sweaters and \$200 Laundry by Shelli Segal dress she wears to formal parties.

"You just don't want to throw it in a washing machine and ruin it," she said.

The laundry services offer plans for 10 pounds, 15 pounds and 20 pounds weekly, which are comparable to two small, medium or large loads. CollegeButler, for example, charges \$205 to get its 15-pound plan for an 11-week term at Northwestern.

Kazanjan, who also operates a storage business for students, said parents now call him to help with other tasks. His company will take down lofts, sometimes "while two healthy 19-year-old guys are watching," he noted.

Some parents call Kazanjan to help move their daughters from one room in a sorority house to another room in the same building. Kazanjan tells them he can send over a couple of guys, but it will cost \$75 an hour for a minimum of two hours.

"They just give you their credit card number and say take whatever you think is fair," Kazanjan said. "Those are good people to do business with."

## Hunger: Night

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"We're trying to make sure these people are taken care of," said Mtongwiza.

The campaign begins Friday night at 6 p.m. in Otto Budig Theater in the University Center with a lecture by Vincent T. Costello Jr., director of International Services at the Cincinnati Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The campaign will progress through the night with movies, games, and a dance from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. And, on Saturday, KISS 107 FM radio station will broadcast live from the Hunger Campaign.

Mtongwiza said if people can't stay for the entire 30 hours, they could still help either by donating money or participating for a smaller portion of the time.

The Hunger Campaign is one of several activities the AAC has sponsored this semester. Last Friday they held "Africa With Change" in front of the UC building. They collected change and put the coins along a chalk outline of Africa drawn on the ground.

The AAC also held a clothes drive earlier this semester.

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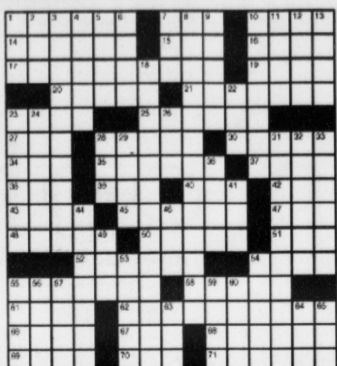
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16 Tiresome one  
17 Time to eat  
19 Gobi's continent  
20 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"  
21 Dazed states  
23 Hollywood figure  
25 Under control  
27 Org. of Flyers and Jets  
28 Fragrant bloom  
30 Bear and Beria  
34 100 square meters  
35 "Respect" singer Franklin  
37 Astronaut's grp.  
38 N.T. book  
39 Once existed  
40 Tax letters  
42 Guiltlike dupe  
43 Den  
45 Handled  
47 Inside info  
48 Cicero, e.g.  
50 Smallest possible  
51 Cheering word  
52 Singing parts  
54 London district  
55 Feed receptacles  
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68 Hawaiian dress  
69 Resting spot  
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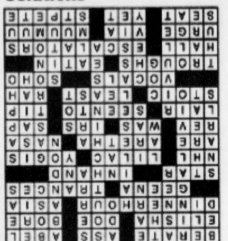


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## Rewards Travellers form bonds

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Most of our service work at the YMCA was in preparation for the Kermesse, an annual outdoor fundraising festival, that the YMCA holds for the local community.

While I enjoyed participating in the activities of this trip, the Mexican culture itself was the most valuable facet of the experience. When our group first set foot into this community, we were considered members of a family right away. Being a more collective society than our own, the Mexican culture considers the family bond to be especially sacred. It's not surprising that Claudia, my host sister, invited me to come back to Mexico this summer, and the accepted my own invitation to experience the culture in the United States.

Everyone from our host families, to our friends at the YMCA, to everyday folks that we met, were abundantly warm and welcoming. In Mexico, Mi casa es su casa is a common phrase meaning, "Our house is your house."

Beyond providing an overall enriching experience, the Alternative Spring Program in Mexico City is an ideal opportunity to help students develop and clarify their academic and career goals. Before the trip, I knew that teaching was something that I really enjoyed.

However, as a result of working with the wonderful faculty and students at the Naucaplan CDC, I now see this activity for what it truly is in my life: a passion. Furthermore, I am now determined to learn Spanish, as I have witnessed firsthand its importance both in terms of cultural exchange and social justice.

If you'd like to go on this unique travel opportunity, except that your financial limitations could prevent this idea from taking off. The Office of International Programs has scholarship funds that cover most of the cost of the trip.

The program also receives additional funding from various sources on campus, as well as from the YMCA International Committee.

## Horoscopes by: Victoria Baumgarten

**Aries**—You are a witty warrior. Surprise and impress others with your born leadership skills.

**Taurus**—Putting the right pieces of the puzzle in the right places, in front of the right audience is an equation you know. Use it and enjoy the results.

**Gemini**—Stay true to your ideas. When socializing you may touch more people than you expected and gain from someone with more authority.

**Cancer**—Don't sell yourself short. If you know what you want, write down a plan. You are entitled, like everyone else, to achieve your dreams.

**Leo**—Let it out if you're able to fuel the fire on any debate. Be careful to not step on anyone's toes but do express yourself.

**Virgo**—New philosophies may intrigue you. Continue doing what you are interested in. It will be easier to take on further responsibilities.

**Libra**—Make your ideas known. Now is a good time to

take the lead. Being invisible will get you nowhere. After the dust is clear step back and recuperate.

**Scorpio**—You are changing. Although your desires are the same, the journey to them is different than you predicted. Keep your humor and enjoy your rebirth.

**Sagittarius**—Asking for something is usually the easiest way to get it. Use the opportunity to make a good impression on new people. For this, you, this is easy.

**Capricorn**—Practicality keeps you from bouncing off the walls. People's ideas may sound strange to you. Listen objectively and then make your own opinions.

**Aquarius**—Your positive attitude may attract followers. Figure out where you are leading before taking charge. You carry a blaze of difference.

**Pisces**—Think instead of dream. It doesn't matter who has the idea. The important role lies within the execution. Go and make your plans happen.

## Final Four: Lead too large

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State University coach Aaron Johnston was to force NKU out further from the basket after they crossed the halfcourt line.

This plan forced Bridget Flanagan and Amy Mobley out beyond their three point range and would cut off the short dump pass into the low post for Polosky, forward Connie Myers and Shardon.

It worked to perfection the whole game. The Norse could never get into any sort of rhythm and had to resort to throwing some risky passes to their teammates. SDSU got wise to this and cut off these passing lanes, which resulted in 16 turnovers in the first half alone.

By the time intermission came around the Norse found themselves

behind by a score of 32-17.

In the second half though they held their own by chipping away until the deficit was nine points with 12:37 to go.

The Norse were able to match the Jackrabbits point in the last 20 minutes but the lead after the first half proved too large to overcome. The Norse lost 65-50.

In the final analysis, it was turnovers and 48 percent shooting from the charity stripe that did the Norse in.

In the post game news conference, Nancy Wintzell said she was very proud of her team especially during the tournament games when the Norse won five and lost one.

"We'll be back here again, real soon," said Sharel Shardon who was also selected as all tournament freshman.

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# Job Expo 2003

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## Expo offers variety of career paths

KYLE BURCH  
Reporter

The annual NKU Job Expo makes its way back to Regents Hall, Tuesday, April 8 from 2p.m.-5p.m. Job Expo 2003 will give students an opportunity to explore anything from part-time to full-time job opportunities.

The expo, which is sponsored by the Career Development Center(CDC), brings many different businesses from around the Tri-state onto NKU's campus, in order to give students an exclusive opportunity to set up interviews and familiarize themselves with local corporations.

Kelly Harper, the CDC's cooperative education coordinator advises students and alumni who attend the job expo to dress professionally and have resumes on hand to give to interested employers. "Those who attend should also expect to answer a few basic questions from potential employers," Harper said.

The event is expected to host over 100 companies and organizations interested in finding employees. Among these companies are: Proctor and Gamble, Builders 1st Source, Convergys, and various police agencies from the area.

The broad variety of companies gives students from all different fields of study a chance to find something that suits their degree. "It's really anything and everything job fair for students," explained Bill Lamb, employee relations' coordinator at the CDC.

School system representatives will not be attending, due to a separate job fair in March that is for students in NKU's educational programs.

Lamb says that 800-1,000 students are expected to attend and they should plan on spending 45 minutes to an hour in order to see all the job expo has to offer.

If you are shying away because of the crowds, you shouldn't worry. The CDC makes it easy to find your way around the expo by giving out guides at the door, which tell where companies are located. The CDC will also provide refreshments.

However students shouldn't attend the Expo looking

for a particular job. Lamb says students may be able to find something interesting that they didn't even know existed. He also encourages all students to be open to every represented field.

Harper explains that the expo is good for juniors and seniors to attend because it offers opportunities for co-op programs and internships.

"It gives students who aren't sure what they're interested in, to see some of the different jobs that are out there," said Harper. "It is one of the best ways a student can see what is out in the real world."

With the economy struggling, one may think interest from companies wouldn't be so high, but Harper explains that isn't the case. "If anything the response has been better this year than the past two years," she said.

"Obviously we know the Expo is successful because of the turnout of both students and corporations." The CDC sent out 1,100 invitations to companies to take part in the Job Expo, and they receive so much interest, that many companies that are interested have to be put on a waiting list.

"I think the interest of the event keeps growing," explained Lamb, "in part because the reputation of the university keeps growing."

The CDC website encourages students who attend to approach each representative, and introduce yourself. This can be one of the best ways to network in order to meet people who can help you in your future career.

The website also encourages students to get as many business cards as possible. This way when you go to follow-up on the contact, you have the correct name, spelling and job title.

If students are seeking assistance on building their resumes, the CDC offers free assistance Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in UC 230. This assistance is offered year-round, and no appointment is needed. The CDC also offers information regarding the job expo at (859) 572-5680 or by visiting their website at <http://access.nku.edu/cdc/> or e-mail them at [cdc@nku.edu](mailto:cdc@nku.edu).

## CDC helps build resumes

BEVAN ASSOCIAT  
Reporter

You've finally done it (or are about to anyway), you've sweated and toiled for years and are finally about to earn that hard-won degree. It's all downhill from here, right? Wrong.

It's not over yet. In fact, now you may face an even harder challenge. Getting the job you want. Or at least, getting the job that will eventually get you the job you want, the one you've struggled so hard for.

The first step in obtaining the job of your dreams is often overlooked and undervalued. The resume, your academic and professional life summed up in one page and 50 lines or less. A good one will get you in the door.

Employers use resumes in two different ways; to help them decide who they want to interview, and who they don't.

According to Karen Chinnetti, marketing and technology coordinator in the NKU Career Development Center, a good resume should first and foremost be flawless.

"Don't have any mistakes; grammatical, typographical or even smudged," said Chinnetti. "In this market you don't want to give them any ammo to weed you out."

Help in writing a good resume can be found in several places. If you prefer to do it yourself, computer software such as Resumes Quick and Easy (\$19.99 at Staples) or Winway Resume Deluxe (\$39.97 at Staples) is available.

These programs come with a variety of templates for resumes and cover letters as well as help with Internet job searching and salary ranges.

Personalized help can be found with local resume companies, job placement agencies, and headhunters and on the Internet. The prices for these services vary depending on how much assistance you want after the resume is completed. Help with the editing only of a completed resume starts at about \$100.

Be advised though, many of these companies require a signed contract and the cost can run over \$1000. Some

companies even require a percentage of your first year's salary.

This kind of help is available is available free to students and alumni at the CDC in the University Center on campus. "We've had several students come in and say I've just spent \$350, or whatever, and they (the resume service) told me the same thing you did," Chinnetti says.

At this point, your resume should include your job history, education (including relevant classes), organizations you belong to, and any positions of leadership.

"It doesn't really matter what it was, that leadership component is big," said Chinnetti. "A lot of Fortune 500 companies want to see some kind of leadership."

Leadership of any kind, according to Chinnetti, whether related to your field or not, is important because it shows ability in conflict management and teamwork.

You can also include your GPA, if it's good. "If it's at least 3.0 we want to see it, if not then we don't," Chinnetti said.

Items you should not list include salary requirements and references. Those can be discussed at the interview.

Also, when preparing your resume keep in mind who you will be sending it to. You don't want to just send your resume haphazardly to anyone that may be hiring. Be specific. The ability to keep your resume on a disk means that you can easily change the objective and the order of the resume if needed, quickly and easily.

"Do your research first," Chinnetti said.

She recommends getting a contact name off the company website or from books available at the CDC.

With finals approaching, it will soon be a busy time for students. Don't wait until the last minute to get your resume together. Now is the time to get it in order so it will be flawless, impressive and ready when your dream job becomes available.

The center is open Mondays and Wednesdays-Fridays 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 8:15 a.m.-6 p.m.

A counselor on call is available Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. You can also e-mail a resume to be proof-read to [cdc@nku.edu](mailto:cdc@nku.edu) and it will be returned within 48 hours.

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### Job Expo

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# Alumni assists Russian visitors to U.S.

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Emily Hastings

1998 followed by a two-month internship in 2000.

"All I did was talk about London when I came home and to shut me up my parents sent me back - kind of as a last hurrah, for graduating (May 2000)," she said.

Robyn Byerly, assistant to the director in International Programs at NKU, recalled that Emily "was bobbing when she got back (from her first course in London) and wanted to go somewhere else." Often, students are a little scared at the idea of traveling to another country to study, but, Byerly said, "once they've done it one time, it makes them stronger individuals and more willing to try new things. The initial fear is behind them."

Hastings agreed that overcoming initial fear is part of the process. "I wouldn't have done the six-month internship had it not been for the study abroad, because I wouldn't have felt comfortable going to a foreign country by myself," she said. The study abroad program is a "more comfortable way to experience something different," she added.

Studying in London was wonderful, Hastings said, and she recommends all students go somewhere, even a place where you are unfamiliar with the language. "It is a controlled environment. Professors and staff are there with you," Hastings said. "You're not just stuck out there by yourself."

During the study abroad, students are given free time to go out and explore on their own, but it's structured. The professors have been there before and they know the city and the different cultural aspects. "It's kind of like you have your own little tour guide," Hastings said. "I would recommend it for everybody."

Dr. Michael Klembara, director of International Programs at NKU, also recommends that all students consider study abroad courses. Study abroad is not limited to those aspiring to a career in the international arena. "Even if (one) never plans to go anywhere, the international community is coming here," Klembara said.

However, for those who wish to make a career in international affairs, Klembara sees it as an opportunity to get an edge on the competition. "It's a tough area to break into," he said, and added that study abroad programs are the kind of background that will sell you to a company.

It was, in fact, the study abroad that led Hastings to a two-month internship with JAC Travel in London, then to a six-month paid position through BUNAC, a program that provides temporary work visas to students. "I was actually lucky enough to get the same, exact position I had when I was doing my study abroad," Hastings said.

While at JAC, Hastings met Dr. Klembara, who was in London to set up educational programs with JAC Travel. "He asked me what my interests were when I came home," Hastings recalled. "I told him I've been focused on international for a while..." he said "send me your resume when you get home and I'll see if there's anything I can help you with."

The fact that the two NKU associates were in London the same time was a helpful coincidence. "I was very lucky," Hastings said. "It was a small world when he came to JAC Travel."

Dr. Klembara is on the Board of Trustees for the IVC, and made Hastings aware of the job opening. "I interviewed for the position and the rest is history," she said. There was a lull, however, between her return from the temporary job in London and her current position with IVC. During the interim, "I took this terrible administrative assistant position for about two months," Hastings said.

While suffering through the "terrible" job, Hastings kept in contact with the Career Development Center at NKU and said students should utilize the services - even after graduation. "They helped me with my resume. They kept my hopes up when I was looking for a job," she said.

Chinnetti said Hastings often came in to the CDC to vent her frustration over the undesirable working conditions. Even under those circumstances though, "she held on with grace," Chinnetti said.

Hastings' advice to NKU students is to get involved, "Have an open mind and experience different things," she said. "Think ahead. Look for anything that will set you apart from your competition."

Hastings was involved in Student Life, Transitions, Norse Leadership Society, Speech Communication Club, Activities Programming Board and Theta Phi Alpha Sorority. "Being involved on campus...made a big difference," she said. "I found a place to be."

Although she is no longer a student at NKU, Hastings continues to remain involved with the university. She is the Alumni advisor to Theta Phi and has been a guest speaker on campus.

"She is one of our success stories," Chinnetti said.

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"Think ahead. Look for anything that will set you apart."

- Emily Hastings

As a Northern Kentucky University student, Emily Hastings didn't want to limit her career options after graduation. She studied Speech Communication and Marketing - safe, yet broad enough to keep the doors wide open.

Ultimately, though, it was not her chosen major, but her willingness to try new things and get involved on campus that opened the door to a career she never dreamed possible.

Hastings is currently the Program Assistant of Community Connections at the International Visitors Council where she hosts Russian visitors who come to the U.S. for education and training in their respective profession.

International work always interested Hastings, but she didn't consider it as a career option. "It never seemed like something that was really attainable."

"I originally started to become interested in being involved with the international world when I did some study abroad (courses) at NKU," Hastings said. She thought at the time that a study abroad would be fun and look good on her resume - show she was willing to travel and had some initiative. "I never really thought it would land me in a job with a wide range of people from all over the world."

Hastings works with Community Connection, a pilot program for Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The program was initiated when the Soviet Union broke down and became an open market economy. "They were struggling and part of the agreement was that the U.S. would help with the transition from communism to an open market," Hastings said.

The objective of the program is to bring small delegations of 10 business leaders and entrepreneurs from Russia and other independent states that make up the former Soviet Union to Cincinnati to see how similar industries function in an open market. "Basically, it's a business educational program," Hastings said. Each program last five weeks and individuals are matched up in job-shadowing experiences with professionals from companies such as Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati Bell, Blue Grass Quality Meats, City Beart and Fifth Third Bank, among others.

"(The companies) do it for learning, especially those with international situations," she said. "It is a win-win situation on both parts."

While Hastings finds her job very rewarding, there can be some "very interesting challenges" as well. "The last group didn't speak word of English," she said. Even so, the group wanted to go dancing, so she took them out dancing. "It was hysterical because there was a lot of make up sign language, (but) they knew how to order vodka," she said. "We danced, we had fun, it worked. They didn't speak any English, I didn't speak any Russian, but we got along just great."

Although Hastings attributes landing the IVC position to her experience with doing study abroad programs, she modestly refers to getting the job as "a fluke." Karen Chinnetti, marketing technology coordinator for Career Development and part-time instructor at NKU, says Hastings success is more than a fluke. "Emily took all the right steps until she found what she wanted to do," Chinnetti said. "She is a really good example of the whole process."

The process began for Hastings as a Pendleton County High School student in the Upward Bound program. Upward Bound introduces high school students to campus life and allows participants to take two NKU courses free the summer following high school graduation.

Hastings took advantage of the free classes and got a couple of general studies courses out of the way before entering NKU as a freshman, but she had no intention of staying. She had her sights on bigger schools like the University of Kentucky. "At the beginning of my freshman year I said 'after a year, I am leaving. I am not staying at NKU.'"

It didn't take long for her to change her mind, though. She recalled Dr. Stephen Boyd, in the Speech/Communication department, recognizing her as she walked through the hall her first semester. "(He said) 'Hi Emily, how are you?' and I thought, 'he knows my name...this is bizarre.'"

Initially, she said, "Lo and behold, they sucked me in and they kept me."

She said the professors made her want to stay because they made the atmosphere so personable. "I didn't feel intimidated going to them and asking for help. I always felt like there was a door to someone that could help me at NKU...if I had gone away, after being at NKU, I would have gotten lost."

Maybe she would have gotten lost, but maybe not. According to Dr. Boyd, Hastings was the kind of student instructor gravitate toward. "Emily was an easy student to encourage - she always had a smile on her face...the kind of student you want a class full of," he said. "You could see by her enthusiasm that she wanted to learn." Boyd said. "Even as a freshman, I thought she would be successful at whatever she chose to do in life."

While she didn't consciously set out for a career in the field of international relations, the interest was always there and getting involved with study abroad programs cemented the idea for Hastings. Her first experience with studying abroad was a five-week International Communications course in London in

# Involvement leads to successful future

KYLE BURCH  
Reporter

A picture of the NKU Norse hangs from the wall in Lee Whitley's office; visible proof that the university is still a big part of his life. Whitley, a 2001 graduate of NKU, is now the Human Relations Manager of Target in Florence.

Whitley earned a Marketing degree at Northern, but credits his past leadership experiences at NKU for much of his success in the Norse World. In his time at NKU, he was a member of numerous groups including Tau Kappa Epsilon, The Norse Leadership Society, and The Presidential Ambassadors.

"I would definitely tell students to get involved while they can," Whitley said. "They might not think they have the time at first, but once you get into a routine it is easy to adjust."

Originally, Whitley enrolled at the University of Cincinnati right out of high school, but he wasn't comfortable with the large student body, and lack of involvement. As soon as he transferred to NKU, however, opportunities opened up and he took advantage

and got involved. This involvement is what Whitley says, helped him most in his career.

Whitley's roles at Target include the hiring and firing of everyone at the store, dealing with the payroll, some developmental planning, and brand management.

"I really enjoy the team relations part of my job," explained Whitley. "I help employees with their problems and help to plan store events."

Although it isn't officially a part of his job, Whitley volunteered for the job of planning community involvement for the Target store. He is in charge of all of their volunteer activities around the city and county. He also helps out with the recruitment of college students who are interested in working for the Target Company.

Whitley continues to be involved at NKU as well. As a current graduate student, he helped to found, and is the current president of, The Graduate Student Association.

This association was begun in order to network graduate students, to further promote NKU's programs and to get NKU and its students involved in some kind of community service. Whitley believes that this association will only help to build NKU's reputation and give

an advantage to graduate students as they advance in the real world.

Whitley sees many NKU students who are interviewing for jobs after graduation. He says that compared to other area universities, the students from NKU have represented themselves well, displayed good communication skills and remained confident.

"Companies want to see that you are able to work with and lead others," Whitley said. "The biggest asset to have is probably good communication skills."

Once Whitley gets his MBA, he plans on staying in the human relations field and hopes to still be involved with NKU in some capacity. For now, he is just focusing on doing a good job at Target and hopes to help heighten the reputation of NKU and its students.

"If NKU's name is built up through promotions, every area, from students on up, wins," says Whitley.



Lee Whitley

# NKU alum drives into bright future with Toyota

MICHAEL FESMAN  
Reporter

Jennifer O'Daniel instantly puts those around her at ease with a warm smile and a friendly hello. She doesn't overwhelm those in her presence like some executive do.

O'Daniel earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northern Kentucky University in May 1998 and is currently a staffing and recruiting specialist at Toyota.

When talking about her days at Northern Kentucky University, O'Daniel referred to herself as a "commuter-student."

"I just went there for school," said O'Daniel. "It was a good time, I enjoyed it."

O'Daniel took classes at NKU part-time during the day and worked full-time in the warehouse of Entex, an information services company, in the evening.

O'Daniel began her career with Toyota as a temporary employee. However, when someone left for maternity leave, she got the opportunity to take on a permanent position.

"There was an opening the following July, and I was brought onboard after that," O'Daniel said.

She continued to work at Entex for 5 months in the evening while at Toyota, during the day.

"I couldn't quit Entex until I was sure Toyota would work out," she said.

During her first year at Toyota, O'Daniel worked in the General Affairs Office. After 3 years she moved to Human Resources where she became a recruiter.

"I really enjoy it here," said O'Daniel. "I hope to continue working at Toyota...it's a great group. I enjoy everybody I've met here."

However, O'Daniel hinted that she'd eventually like to move to another section.

"I'd like to stay in Human Resources but sometime in the future I'd like to move to a different section," she said. "That's the only way I'll broaden myself."

O'Daniel said her friends and peers would describe her as a good listener, someone who is easy-going and always thinks of others before herself - an all-around good person.

O'Daniel is married to Tony, who she met in grade school and they have a 4-month-old son. Balancing her professional and personal life is what O'Daniel described as her greatest challenge.

# Organizing a career wasn't a doozy for Duesing

JESSICA OUSLEY  
Reporter

While in elementary school, he would host festivals in his yard, making his clubhouse the headquarters. He would have dances and games, making \$90 from the event and would buy pizza from Little Caesars Pizza. He knew he would be an organizer when he grew up.

At 25 years old, Todd Duesing, a 2001 graduate of Northern Kentucky University is the operations manager for Tall Stacks.

Duesing said he is proud he had the opportunity to attend NKU. "I got a great education. I got the best bang for my buck," he said. "I've made lifetime friends and have partaken in leadership opportunities."

As a student at NKU he was the president for Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, president of interfraternity council and he participated in the homecoming court.

Tiffany Mayse, leadership development coordinator for Student Life, said Duesing enjoys any type of special events. "He enjoys special Event planning such as being a host. He's a real social person," Mayse said.

Duesing and Mayse became friends on campus seven years ago while working on their bachelor's degrees. "He is very outgoing...very detailed. Overall he is a good person," Mayse said. "He's a very good friend.

"Being organized is something that I really need to communicate."

- Todd Duesing

He's trustworthy and he's honest. He gives a good perspective on things."

Duesing was a speech communications major and planned to work for an advertising agency, creating commercials and slogans in Chicago or New York when he graduated.

He began an internship, in the summer of his junior year, at Riverbend as a marketing assistant. In the fall he began an internship at the Taft Theatre. He worked both jobs for two years and was promoted to operations manager at Riverbend and theatre manager at the Taft Theatre.

His job duties at Riverbend included: managing facilities, making sure operations ran effectively, planning the concert line-up and making sure the bands had everything they wanted and needed in their dressing

rooms.

"Being organized is something that I really need to communicate," Duesing said.

Duesing worked closely with music artists such as Wayne Newton, Live, Christina Aguilera, NSync, Destiny's Child, Outkast, Barenaked Ladies, Lil' Bow Wow, Nelly and many other artists.

He said one of the most bizarre conversations that he has had was with Lance Bass from NSync. "He told me that he missed his toilet," Duesing said. He said the conversation made him realize that people take little things like this for granted. "It made me feel really blessed to have what I have," he said.

Although, Riverbend offered advantages Duesing explained the job had disadvantages too. He was punched in the eye by a patron during one of the shows.

"I was at the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

After working for the Taft and Riverbend, he received an offer to work for the Tall Stacks Music, Arts & Heritage Festival. The job includes organizing events for Tall Stacks, such as preparing the entertainment line-up.

When asked which job opportunity he prefers Duesing said, "For excitement and energy, Riverbend. To achieve most of my goals, Tall Stacks. For my real goal, Taft Theatre."

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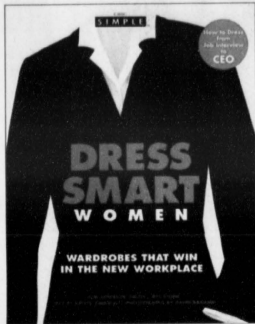


# Dress for job success

SUSAN NEELER  
Staff Writer

It's the big day - your first interview. You've spent four years immersed in classes, gone through graduation and received your diploma. Now, you are ready to find a job. Everything has led up to this day but, ultimately, it all boils down to one thing: your clothes.

The books *Dress Smart Women* and *Dress Smart Men*, co-written by Kim Johnson Gross, Jeff Stone and Michael Solomon, claim there is a science to dressing for an interview. I must admit, before reading the books, I was skeptical. I believed that, if a business really wanted me, they would consider my credibility and personality.



But, if it's true that people "judge a book by its cover," it only took one look at the cover of these books to change my mind. These books may seem to be common sense to many, but they offer a wide range of helpful hints and pictures to guide people to the appropriate way to dress in order to make the desired impression.

The authors point out that a first impression is made within seven seconds. "The clothes you choose to wear on your interview will create the first - and most important - impression upon those who matter, up until your first day on the job."

According to the book, if a person really wants a job they must dress the part. "We live in a visual society," the authors write. "In this fast-paced society we are quick to make judgments about the appearances of others."

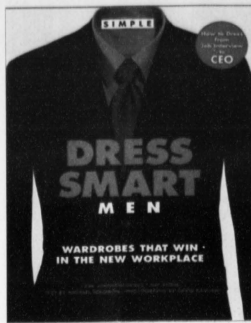
Knowing this, the co-authors of *Dress Smart* lay down the law on how one should prepare to dress for an interview. Be aware that, with each interview, there are different dress requirements.

For example, the authors suggest interviewees "research the company, and show up wearing clothes that reflects its values, ethic and style." One can do this simply by calling the office and asking for the dress code.

The *Dress Smart* books offer a quick guide for many industries' dress codes, including academic, consulting, retail, service industry, law and advertising, to name a few. "Bottom line: Dress conservatively while interviewing, and, once you get the job be alert," recommends the authors. "Each office has a distinct culture and a fashion slang with it."

When selecting an outfit, look for styles that are classic, versatile, fit well and are flattering to one's body, the authors recommend. The books contain pictures that illustrate appropriate clothing choices, including types of shirts, jackets, pants, shoes, watches and glasses, as well as skirts and jewelry (for women) and ties (for men). They even include a section in *Dress Smart Men* on the proper way to tie a tie!

The *Dress Smart* books also focus on how to succeed in the workplace after the first day. "Every day is an



interview for the next step in your life," the co-authors warn. "Your clothes will either hold you back or help you soar." One thing the co-authors repeatedly stress is to keep a groomed and polished look. Both women and men should clip their nails, comb their hair and steam their suits.

The books also offer guides on what would be appropriate to wear for events such as meetings, lunch or job interviews, without spending a million dollars. The key is to "broaden your closet with wardrobe enhancers." Enhancers would include items that can be used over and over again, but to a twist here or a tug there can change the entire outfit.

For those who wish to move up the ladder, the authors recommend dressing the part, but there's a catch.

"You may wear what you see in the movies, or a shirt a boss wears, or a suit of a business leader, but if it isn't you, then you're only wearing a costume." What a person must do, they add, is find an outfit that makes them comfortable and confident.

## Clothes transform student from casual to classy

VICTORIA KELLS BAUMGARTEN  
Reporter

I have stood in front of my closet countless times saying, "I have nothing to wear." Depending on the occasion and the level of exaggeration, I could be telling the truth. For a job interview, I have nothing to wear. I can't wear blue jeans or black pants and a sweater to a job interview; it wouldn't be appropriate. I definitely don't have the means to buy a new suit and taking out a credit card is not an option. I don't need any more debt on top of my school loans. What am I to do?

*Dress for Success* was the answer to my question. It is a shop, located on Fourth Street in downtown Cincinnati, that gives free interview suits to women who qualify.

I decided to investigate. Bonnie Harkness and Sarita Naegel, volunteer customer service representatives, greeted me as I walked into the store. As I looked around, I saw, what looked like at least a thousand suits of different sizes, colors and styles. Shoe racks filled the backroom. An accessory section of the store held pantyhose, scarves and jewelry on shelves.

The volunteers and I decided to have a pretend makeover, using me as a mannequin. Naegel looked at me and said, "I think chocolate would be good for you." My stomach agreed. She walked over to a rack of suits and chose a dark brown suit for me to try on.

"Oh good," Naegel said, "This suit has both a skirt and pants. We love when we get these. You get an extra outfit."

Naegel and Harkness said they try to put the most expensive suit on their customer which can range from \$15 to a \$1,000. All suits are donated then checked for stains, tips, dry-cleaned and then organized on racks.

Naegel and Harkness escorted me to the fitting room where I tried on the chocolate suit. Naegel said helping people find the perfect interview suit helps to empower them. "If you look good on the outside, you will feel good on the inside and make a great first impression. You can only make a first impression once," she said.

I walked out of the dressing room. "Oh, you look great," Harkness said. "Our job is to make people feel beautiful." She walked me over to the shoe rack where she asked my shoe size and found a pair of chocolate shoes to match. After finding the shoes I was given gold earrings and a gold necklace to wear. Harkness handed me purse and scarf.

"Sometimes we even give people under garments like bras and pantyhose if they don't own any," Naegel said. She also said sometimes her and her co-workers teach their customers appropriate body language and behavior for an interview.

"Some people don't know how to act in an interview. After we help them understand what to wear, we help them understand how to act and how not to." *Dress for Success* also hosts seminars to help customers prepare for interviews.

"We provide a wonderful service here," Naegel said. "Nowhere else could someone get a free suit and interview advice, and then come back for more."

I stood looking at myself in the mirror and felt the empowerment Naegel and Harkness told me about. They stood behind me and Harkness said, "You walked in a college student and are walking out a professional career woman."

## Organization prepares women for success

JEN VOHRIET  
Reporter

After being released from a rehabilitative center, Oymma, a 45-year-old Cincinnati woman, needed to find a job - an intimidating task.

Today Oymma is employed at Cincinnati Works, making client referrals and has taken control of her life. Like so many others who have once been in a similar situation, Oymma owes much of her progress to *Dress For Success*.

*Dress For Success* is a non-profit organization that provides interview clothing for low-income women. The women come to DFS with a variety of backgrounds - some are from jail or battered women's shelters, while others are college students searching for their first 'real' job.

Along with clothing, DFS provides basic interview tips, education regarding employment etiquette, and general life lessons that accompany the responsibilities of being a working woman.

Julie Gehauf began volunteering her time in June

2001 after responding to an ad in the paper, made the call, and has since become the store manager of the Cincinnati location.

"We help them [the women] get in the door, get a job, and once they have a job, our Professional Women's Group helps with job retention," Gehauf said.

The Cincinnati store has been serving clients for four years with the help of several corporate donors, such as Nine West, as well as individual donations.

"Once, about 6 months ago, a guy pulled up in a van and donated 20 shopping bags of new clothes [with the tags still on]," Gehauf said.

Bonnie Harkness and Sarita Naegel are two of several volunteers at the downtown store.

They greet and assess new clients, walk them through the process of finding the perfect interview attire and offer basic hints about professional clothing and appearance.

Harkness said, "Usually we try to get done within an hour, and we are often done in about 45 minutes. But others require more effort and time, and we have to be patient... it's a learning process."

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