

## Campus calendar

### Rites of Spring

Students celebrate new life with a week of games in the Activities Programming Board "Rites of Spring". Festivities get underway for the third-annual event on Monday, April 15 with APB day, when KISS 107FM will visit. The celebration will last until Saturday, and will include the popular watermelon bust, a crowning of a Spring King and Queen and an array of games.

### Don't stop rockin'

For 26 hours, Phi Sigma Sigma will be in motion, sitting in rocking chairs. This will mark the 23rd annual Rock-A-Thon on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. through 10 a.m. Thursday April 11. The event will benefit those suffering from kidney ailments. Some sufferers who are on dialysis will rock back and forth to keep their blood circulating, hence the theme.

### Splash Splash

Delta Gamma's seventh-annual anchor splash will take place in the Albright Health Center pool on April 11, at 7 p.m. Students will participate in a variety of aquatic events to raise money for the Cincinnati Association for the Blind.

### Deadlines coming

Deadlines are fast approaching for dropping courses and degree candidacy. Applications for degree candidacy for summer and fall graduation are due to the registrar by Monday, April 15. The last day to drop a course with the grade of "W" is on Tuesday, April 16.

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## Rich Tapestry



**Dance at night away:** These three students from Ghana perform a traditional dance from their home country at the International Student Union Potluck dinner last Saturday. The Potluck featured student performances from around the world of an array of ethnic foods. From left: Prince Ellis, Elias Ellis and Gycle Anui Adja.

## International students growing in numbers

By Brad Bowman  
Staff Writer

From all corners of the globe, people come to Northern Kentucky to get a degree. Of Northern Kentucky University's 12,000 plus students, recent information from the Office of International Student Affairs show over 70 different countries are represented in the student body. Over 300 international students attend NKU. Other than the United States, the two countries with the highest representation on campus are Zimbabwe and Japan with 25 students. India isn't too far behind with 24 students.

The question lingers as to why NKU attracts people from so many different countries. Jorge Marciano, from Venezuela, said the atmosphere of the campus could be one reason. "It's cozy. It's not too intimidating of a university," he said.

Marciano has been attending NKU since 1998 and said much has changed.

"NKU has improved a lot since then. People are more knowledgeable of the world community," he said. When asked why NKU instead of some of the bigger universities in one of our major cities, Marciano says, "I wanted the all-American experience. Here I knew I would be in the heart of it. So much of Venezuela is influenced by America. It's practical and modern."

When Jorge first came here he experienced some cultural differences. "I didn't understand how Americans attached so much importance on race when slavery has been over with for 200 years," Marciano said. "This is 2002. I now have a better understanding since the racial riots in downtown Cincinnati."

Chana Panyong, from Bangkok, Thailand, has been here three semesters. Panyong says that he looked at many universities but settled on NKU. "Tuition was cheap and NKU has a good size. Not too big and not too small," Channup said. When asked what he would like to see improve on campus he simply says, "More trees. Bigger dorms. On the weekend, campus life is dead. Nothing is going on here. Something needs to be done to bring campus back to life."

Burhan Mohammadi from Tanzania, who actively participates in SGA and the International Student Union, claims that location wasn't important when coming to the U.S. "NKU is isolated enough in the country but it is close to the city," he said. Mohammadi looked into various universities like UP of Texas, Murray State, and said NKU was the fittest at processing him. "One thing I would like to see change, there should be an international scholarship fund. SGA supports it but administration doesn't have the money," he said. "Funds would help international

students and would be a good marketing tool for the university."

NKU is close enough for Afshan Khokhar to live conveniently with her parents. Afshan, from Mullan, Pakistan, said, "I like the scheduling. Classes are short and I am not far from home. My parents care for me and want me to be close to home since I am a young Muslim girl. I care for them and know that their decision is for my higher good," she said. Khokhar has been attending since 2000 and says the cultural diversity of NKU has given her a positive exposure to other countries. As of yet she is undeclared, but looks to a degree concentrating in optometry.

For some such as Eleanor Wells of Trinidad, Tobago, it was a change of environment. Wells came from North Carolina and has a degree in accounting. She is now currently finishing a degree in information systems. Eleanor has been at NKU for a year and half and looks to get a job here in the states.

One would almost have to be deaf not to hear the numerous languages being spoken on campus. With students from Nigeria, Germany, the Philippines and many others, American students are not only exposed to the international community but experience it in a personal manner.

NKU's tuition rates seem to be the most attractive attraction to students from across the world. The modest cost allows a rich diversity on campus. Economically and socially, students get a priceless learning experience colored with the cultures and dialogues of the world.



**Beautiful Peacock:** Graduate student Eleanor Wells from Trinidad and Tobago rehearses for a performance at the Potluck dinner. Student Joy Anuekpor accompanies her in the back.

## Art gallery damage now called an accident

By Scott Wartman  
Editor in Chief

who refused to give the names of those involved saying it wasn't a criminal investigation.

"We are satisfied that it was an accident," Butler said. David Knight, art gallery director, said he is shocked that the people who broke the sculpture were caught.

"I wasn't expecting them to ever be found," Knight said. "When I got the message that DPS had found them, I was surprised."

Knight said while he believes it was an accident, there are still some discrepancies to the story that he would like to see explained. One is

that art students near the gallery at the time of the incident on Tuesday, March 26 said they saw three men running from the scene. This is contrary to what the six English students claim. Butler said the students told two gallery workers about the sculpture and the workers said they would report it.

"It is one thing if the students broke it and then told someone and another if they broke it and ran," Knight said.

Neither Butler and Knight said they know who those workers could be, since no workers reported anything. Knight said he finds that sus-

By Scott Wartman  
Editor-in-Chief

Cincinnati police arrested Northern Kentucky University basketball player Christopher Seabrooks on aggravated menacing charges last Monday. Seabrooks was arrested in the apartment of former University of Cincinnati basketball player Donald Little, where police allege Little tied up his roommate Justin Hodges and tortured him.

Authorities say Hodges was tied up to a lawn chair, burned with cigars and stabbed in the left leg with a hot coat hanger. Police spokesman Lt. Kurt Byrd said Hodges was able to escape after 30 minutes and call the police. Little is being charged with felonious assault and kidnapping, which carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison. Hodges was released from University Hospital Monday night with minor injuries.

When the police arrived at the Fairview apartment just off UK's campus to arrest Little, the police report said they found the door open. Seabrooks, who told the two arresting officers he knew they were there and threatened that Little was going to get Hodges. Police arrested Seabrooks for aggravated menacing, a misdemeanor, and he was released the next day on \$1,500 bond.

Byrd said at the most, Seabrooks could get 6 months in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Currently, Byrd said Seabrooks is not suspect to being an accomplice in torturing Hodges.

"I am not aware of him being a suspect in the case," Byrd said.

Seabrooks pleaded not guilty last week and his trial date is set for May 29. Seabrooks' lawyer Henry Shelton said if convicted, his client probably would not receive more than 30 days in prison.

Seabrooks came to NKU last semester on a basketball scholarship after being dismissed from the University of Pittsburgh team. He sat out last season to complete his one-year residency at UK. UP's director of public relations Melissa Androust said the team dismissed Seabrooks for "conduct which was detrimental to the team."

Seabrooks declined to comment on the nature of Seabrooks' conduct and UP's coach Ben Howland was unavailable for comment.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that Seabrooks was dismissed from UP after being arrested on an assault charge.

Last week, UK dismissed Little from their basketball team, but the NKU athletic department has not yet taken any action against Seabrooks.

An official statement released by NKU spokesman Chris Cole offered no further comment on the University's actions other than to say, "The University is conducting an investigation into this matter. At this time, the University has no further comment."

The last time an NKU basketball player ran afoul of the law was in 1997, 2000 when Todd Clark was arrested on charges of intent to sell ecstasy after a box addressed to him was found containing three hundred pills of the drug. The team suspended Clark until a judge dismissed the

charges.

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Knight said he has also heard rumors that the teacher of the English class was in the room at the time of the incident. "That disturbs me that a teacher would walk away and forget about it," Knight said.

Butler said there is no evidence suggesting the teacher was present.

"It is just a bad rumor," Butler said.

Knight said he would ultimately be satisfied if he knew the details of what happened and who

charges against him a few weeks later. Clark returned to the team later that month.

While there is no word on whether Seabrooks will be eligible to play next season, NKU athletic coach Jack Meier, said the athletic department will handle the situation like they did with Clark.

"We investigate and then make decisions," Meier said.

Meier declined to say whether a player's criminal record is taken into account during the recruiting process.

Dr. Scott Eaton, Associate Athletic Director for Administration Interscholastic Athletics, said that although he couldn't comment on the Seabrooks case specifically, the recruitment process looks at both a player's personality and athletic record, but does not look at criminal records.

"If we did that, we would spend all our time with the police and FBI," Eaton said. "We try and talk to their previous coaches and family to gauge what type of a person they are."

For basketball especially, Eaton said doing in-depth background checks is incredibly difficult because there is between 200 and 300 players are looked at and possible recruits every year. Many on the basketball team are reluctant to comment on the Seabrooks incident.

"It is not my place to comment," said Brenden Stowers, a center for the Norse.

"If I was on the committee, I would have something to say about it, but I'm not. I don't have anything to say on it."

Northern Kentucky University president James Votruba said he has been following the case of Chris Seabrooks closely and is waiting for more facts to come to light before reaching a decision. There is a possibility of Seabrooks losing eligibility for NKU's basketball team, he said.

Because of their visibility and because they are role models for youngsters, I expect our student athletes' behavior to be exemplary," Votruba said. "When it is not exemplary, I don't believe a student athlete is entitled to participate NKU."

Even if Seabrooks is convicted of aggravated menacing, Votruba said he won't necessarily result in his banishment from the team.

He said he wants a deeper understanding of the issue before contemplating any punitive action. Votruba emphasized there are no plans to take any action against Seabrooks right now.

"My hope is that this works out with Chris. Chris has a great future here at NKU," Votruba said.

"From what I understand, he is doing a good job as a student. I am very hopeful."

Both Seabrooks and men's basketball coach Ken Shields led by The Norse.

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Knight said he would ultimately be satisfied if he knew the details of what happened and who

was involved. Having people come forward to accept responsibility was the first step.

"I'm glad some people came forward, but I wish it was a week before," Knight said.

Since it was an accident, the students won't be required to pay for the damage, which Knight estimated was \$300 for sculpture and \$300 for damage to the floor.

Knight said that the department is also looking a various security measures to prevent this incident from happening again. Among the suggestions are increased security. See Art Gallery on page 4

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## D R E P O R T S



**APR 4 2002-Thursdays-12:19pm**

**Location: INTERSECTION OF NUNN/UNIVERSITY DRIVES - AUTO ACCIDENT-Injuries**  
**TWO (2) INJURIES.** Two (2) vehicles involved. Vehicle #1, traveling west on Nunn Drive, turning left onto University Drive was struck by Vehicle #2. Vehicle #2, traveling east on Nunn Drive, while proceeding through the intersection struck Vehicle #1. Driver of Vehicle #2 stated that the Driver of Vehicle #1 turned in front of Vehicle #2.

Both subjects were transported to St. Luke Hospital - East for treatment. Major damage was sustained by each vehicle and were towed from the scene. Case closed.

**APR 3 2002-Wednesday-08:57am**

**Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - FIFTH FLOOR - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking**

-Under \$300  
Male University employee stated that subject(s) unknown had stolen his cellular telephone from the listed location. Subject stated that the incident occurred on April 2nd.

At 12:30pm, this date, subject notified DPS that his cellular telephone had been found. Subject advised that the telephone was located in a room on the Second Floor of the building. Case closed.

**APR 1 2002-Monday-08:38pm**

**Location: PARKING LOT Q - INDECENT EXPOSURE**

Female advised that a Male subject, dressed in drag, driving a green Chevrolet had exposed himself to two different females, at the listed location. While responding, Officer observed and stopped the vehicle on Kenton Drive. The suspect was transported to the DPS for question-

ing and was positively identified. Subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Indecent Exposure and Disorderly Conduct. Subject also received a date to appear in Campbell County District Court. Case closed.

**APR 1 2002-Monday-03:12pm**

**Location: DORMS-KENTUCKY HALL - LOBBY - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300**

Residential Life employee reported that during the week of March 25 - 29th subject(s) unknown had removed three (3) restroom signs from the listed location. The incident remains open and under investigation.

**APR 5 2002-Friday-07:23am**

**Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - SECOND FLOOR - MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad**

Female employee reported that a Male University employee has been injured as a result of a fall at the listed location. The Central Campbell County Squad responded and transported the subject to St. Luke Hospital - East for treatment. Case closed.

**APR 4 2002-Thursdays-03:11pm**

**Location: 415 JOHNS HILL ROAD - PROPERTY-Missing Property**

Male subject reported several items, listed on the departmental inventory sheet, cannot be located after an extensive search. It is not known, at this time, if the missing items have been taken to surplus. The incident remains open and under investigation.

**APR 4 2002-Thursdays-04:55pm**

**Location: PARKING LOT Q - BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD - MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad**

Male subject injured his left knee, while running, at the listed location. Upon arrival, Officer had the subject elevate his leg and applied a cold pack to the knee. The Central Campbell County Squad responded and took over care of the subject. Subject did not want transportation to the hospital and refused further treatment. Case closed.

**APR 3 2002-Wednesday-11:28pm**

**Location: DORMS-NORSE HALL - FIRE ALARM**

NO FIRE. Fire alarm received from the listed location. Responding officers found that a "Pull Station" had been activated. The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and along with DPS Officers checked the area, finding NO evidence of smoke or fire. Upon investigation, alarm was believed caused by the slamming of a door, after an argument. The alarm was re-set, building cleared for re-occupancy at 11:55pm. Case closed.

## McConnell visits campus

By Scott Wartman  
Editor in Chief

Students discussed politics with one of the nation's policy makers last week. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), McConnell, Ky.'s senior senator, talked to students on a variety of issues including the war in Afghanistan, campaign finance reform and the Enron debacle. He also made a guest appearance on WNTN's talk show the Hudson Hour.

"It is interesting to meet one of the leading politicians," said Eric Fegan, a member of the Campus Democrats. "I wish I had a chance to debate him on campaign finance reform."

In the last few years, McConnell has developed a closer relationship with Kentucky universities, especially NKU. He is responsible for earmarking \$35 million of federal funds for Kentucky universities, including a recent \$750,000 for Northern Kentucky University.

McConnell has been an invaluable resource and representative for NKU at the federal level, said Dr. James Votruba, president of NKU.

"Over the last several years he has been very supportive of NKU," Votruba said. "Sen. McConnell has always made himself available

to me for advice and council."

NKU is vital to the well-being of the state, McConnell said, and it needs to be supported.

"It is in a growing and arguably the most vibrant part of the state," McConnell said. "As you develop more and more alumni, the fruits will go to the commonwealth."

McConnell said NKU is heading in the right direction under the leadership of Votruba. "I am impressed with your President," he said.

In the future, McConnell said he is going to continue to increase funding for the Backs for Brains program, which provides revenue for research programs and graduate student education at Kentucky higher education institutions. The 2002 General Assembly proposed \$120 million for the program.

In 1996, McConnell became the only Republican in Kentucky history to be elected to three full terms in the United States Senate. He serves as chairman of several committees, including the Joint Congressional Committee and was the emcee of the 2001 Inauguration Ceremony and escorted President George W. Bush throughout the day's festivities.

McConnell submitted his bid for re-election for a fourth-straight term this year in February.



Stacey Sutton/The Northerner  
Talkin' Politics: Student Jorge Marciano listens to Sen. Mitch McConnell talk about current events.

## Anne Braden: A life full of lessons

By Susan Bartels  
Business Manager

Anne Braden teaches at Northern Kentucky University. It's her life experiences, though, and not her educational background, that makes her lessons so valuable.

Anne was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1924. Her family moved several times during her childhood and eventually came to rest in Ansonia, Ala. That's where she grew up. She was in her teens before she heard anyone question racial segregation. It was her mother who instilled in her a love of writing, a love she maintains to this day. Braden's dream was to be a great newspaper-woman. But something happened as she worked to make that dream come true. Something that caused her to turn herself completely inside out and change her whole value system to change her dream.

After graduating from Randolph Macon Women's College in 1945, she went to work for a Birmingham newspaper. It was while covering the courthouse in Birmingham that Braden began to change.

"I began to see how deliberately cruel people were to each other, and how it was getting to me. Everything was becoming a story," she said. She fled to Louisville thinking the racial problem was only in the south. She found out differently. It was then she knew what she had to do.

"I was born white in a racist society," Braden stated. "I was born privileged in a classist society. It's very painful to face the fact that your society, your government is wrong."

Once she did this though, she realized she began to be free.

"I changed my whole value system. I didn't want to be a great newspaperwoman. I wanted to be part of the movement to change

things. I've been part of it ever since. I joined what I call the other America."

Braden said she did not join the civil rights movement because of what was being done to black people, but because she saw what it was doing to white people.

"When you benefit because someone else suffers," she said, "you're destroyed."

While working for the Louisville Times, she met and married her husband Carl, who was an editor at the paper. They worked in the movement together. Anne eventually left the paper and did other types of work.

In 1957, Anne, Carl, and five others were indicted and arrested on charges of sedition. The charges stemmed from the Bradens selling their home, in an all white area of Louisville, to a black couple.

Mr. Braden was the only one tried and convicted of the charges. He spent a year in prison and was fired from the paper. The other cases were postponed while his conviction was on appeal. In 1957, all the charges were dropped.

"Looking back," said Anne, "it seemed like things were terrible at the time, but it was one of the best experiences of my life in many ways."

The experience also had a cost, and that was the break from her parents and brother, which she said was very painful. "I never hated them, I never turned against them. I just felt sorry I had to hurt them," she said.

After being fired of the sedition charges, Anne and Carl went to work for the Southern Educational Fund, a regional, interracial organization stationed in New Orleans. They traveled the country talking about their experiences and trying to get more white southerners involved.

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## Student groups to be recognized

By Susan Bartels  
Business Manager

It's been compared to Hollywood's Oscar night, but at this award ceremony no tax or sequins are required. On April 17, Student Life will host the Fifth-Annual Student Organization Celebration and present 18 awards to individuals and organizations in recognition of outstanding achievement.

The night is also a way to publicize to the University administration that the students are doing "The purpose is to encourage, reward and recognize the efforts of our students with regard to their volunteer activities that occur outside the classroom," said Kim Vance, assistant director of Student Life.

Vance said many of the students work very hard and this is the University's way of highlighting them.

"Even some of the students who receive stipends put in way more time, way more dedication to the University than we could ever reward them salary wise," she commented.

Among the awards that will be given is the Award of Distinction, the most prestigious of all the awards. University president James C. Votruba and his wife will present this award.

New this year is the Outstanding Graduate Student/Law Student Award, added due to the increasing number of graduate students at Northern Kentucky University.

To be eligible for an award, students and organizations must be

nominated or nominate themselves through an application process. The deadline for nominations was March 25.

This year, Vance said she has received 290 applications from 30 different organizations. When the event started five years ago, only 10 student organizations were involved.

Twenty judges consisting of staff, teachers and alumni review the applications and assign points based on predetermined criteria. Each judge rates five different categories and has approximately 70 to 80 applications to read through.

"It's a very time consuming process," said Steve Meier, associate to the dean of students and a second-year judge for the awards. "You want to be fair and make good deci-

sions."

Meier said he feels honored to be a judge. "I like to be involved with the students," he said. At the celebration, a faculty/student team will announce the three top nominees and winner for each award. In the past, all nominees were announced, but Vance said that has become too time consuming. Now, all the nominees will be listed in the program.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Syndicate in Newport. Hors d'oeuvre and soft drinks will be provided and a cash bar is available. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Office of Student Life at 572-6514.

The idea behind this is to celebrate student involvement," said Vance. She added, all students are

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
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# SGA ELECTIONS

Northern Kentucky University

## SGA Senate Candidates



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
**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** Senator - Fall 2001

**Campus Involvement:** SGA; NLS; Ambassador Team; ISU; Latino Student Union

**Leadership Experience:** Corporate Leadership Conference; Emerging Leaders Conference (2 times)

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I plan to enhance our organization visibility by aggressively promoting it in University 101 classes and other campus events. Being an effective liaison between the students, the community and student government."



**No Photo Available**

**Sarah Gavin, Junior**

**Position seeking:** Previous SGA

**Experience:** none

**Campus Involvement:** NKU Cheerleading; soon to be in Speech Communication Club

**Leadership Experience:** Coach cheerleading/gymnastics instructor; high school senior class secretary

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I am committed to every meeting as well as any task I may be assigned. My goals are to improve the school in any way needed as well as making sure students are satisfied and pleased with NKU. Other goals I have are to keep tuition cost from rising, make sure students are getting what they pay for, lowering the cost of the healthy hot food but especially for those with meal plans, and last but not least keeping our campus as clean and safe as possible."



**Sheria Spain, Senior**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** Senator 2001-2002

**Campus Involvement:** Activities Programming Board American Chemical Society

**Leadership Experience:** Social Chair, AFB

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "Create an environment of higher learning in which they feel comfortable, safe, and productive as well as listen and try to help with any problems they might encounter that would impede them from earning a quality education at NKU."



**Shelley Heavrin, Freshman**


**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** none

**Campus Involvement:** Delta Zeta; Panhellenic Council

**Leadership Experience:** Social Chair, Delta Zeta; President, Panhellenic Council; High School Junior Class President; Editor in Chief of Yearbook

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I would like to see more happy students! Problems with the meal plan and on campus housing need fixing. I also think more student opinions need to be considered and polled before changing things."



**Katie Walsh, Sophomore**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** none

**Campus Involvement:** Presidential Ambassador; Delta Zeta Team NKU, Norse Force

**Leadership Experience:** Head of Bylaws Committee, Delta Zeta; Treasurer, Delta Zeta, Norse Force Special Tasks Committee, Sophomore

**Homecoming Princess, Delta Zeta New Member of the Year, region 13**

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "If elected, I have several goals for NKU. My main goal is to encourage activities and events for students living in Residential Village. I would also like to work to improve the convenience store for the students. I am very committed to keeping the student body as a whole in mind whenever I vote on an issue. The students are what make this University a University. If they are not happy, I do not believe that we are doing our job."



**Jessica Causey, Sophomore**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** Senator Spring 2001-Fall 2001

**Campus Involvement:** Delta Gamma; Norse Force; Team NKU; Speech Communication Club; RHA- Breezyway Representative; SGA

**Leadership Experience:** Vice President of Panhellenic Council; Delta Gamma; Vice President of Member Education; Delta Gamma; Norse Force Special Task Unit

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "Somewhere during the spring finals semester duration to be in one week instead of spread out over two weeks. Another goal is to make NKU an even better school."



**Casey Salzer, Sophomore**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** none

**Campus Involvement:** Delta Gamma sorority

**Leadership Experience:** Delta Gamma; Co-director of Anchor Splash

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I would definitely like to make a difference in some way by voicing my thoughts and opinions. I promise to finish a job once it's started and help those in need of my help."



**Joe Myers, Sophomore**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** One year on senate

**Campus Involvement:** SGA; Team NKU

**Leadership Experience:** none

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I will serve all students equally, with a special emphasis on the interests of non-Greek commuter students who are my main constituents."



**Melissa Engleman, Senior**

**Position seeking:** Senator

**Previous SGA experience:** SGA senator, Fall 2002-Spring 2002

**Campus Involvement:** Team NKU; Norse Force; Golden Key Honor Society; Phi Sigma Sigma

**Leadership Experience:** Bursar, Tribune and Alumni chair for Phi Sigma Sigma; Fall Greek Week Planning committee 2001; Attended Leadership Training Conference 2001

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** "I will continue to work to make online syllabi mandatory. I will work to broaden meal plan options to students living in the Residential Village."

**No Photo Available**

**Jatue Waks**

**Position seeking:** senator

**Previous SGA experience:** n/a

**Campus Involvement:** n/a

**Leadership Experience:** n/a

**Goals & Commitments if elected:** n/a

## Art Gallery case closed

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cameras, a watchman, or shorter hours. Knight said the latter is the most likely.

Security cameras might not curb vandals since there have been many pieces broken in broad daylight and hiring a guard would be too costly, Knight said.

Keeping the student's artwork safe is important, Knight said.

"Artists put a lot of time and effort into their work and it is hard to see it destroyed," he said. "It is like if someone burned an English paper."

The case is closed, Butler said and there will be no further investigation into the matter.

Kammerer did not return messages asking for her comment.

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Through everything, Anne continued working in the movement.

Today, her main role with the various organizations she's involved with is writing. "I still consider myself a journalist," she said, "but I'm a journalist for social issues."

In 1996, Braden came to Northern Kentucky University as a speaker at the request of Dr. Michael Washington. She was later asked to teach at NKU by Cheryl Nunez, director of Affirmative Action and Multi-Cultural Affairs. She has been teaching a course in 20th century social justice movements at least one semester a year since 1997.

She said she enjoys teaching and the students, but ran into a culture shock. "These kids didn't have any notion that they could change the world. I thought that was the essence of being young... I realized nobody is going to think they can change the world if they don't see it needs changing," she said.

Through teaching, Braden has developed a great affection for the University and the students. She said many of the people here are trying to broaden the horizons. "I think it's [NKU] opened a kind of window on the world for the students here... I told the governor this and told him he should come see what's going on here."

## About SGA Elections

SGA has three branches, each of which are elected positions. The executive branch includes 5 members, the senate includes 30 members, and the judicial branch includes 5 members. Elections are held twice a year. Once during the Fall semester and once during the Spring semester.

The Spring elections are the biggest and most crucial election. During this election the Executive Team is established, which consists of, President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Public Relations, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. These five positions have a term of one year.

This election also establishes 15 new senators and two Judicial Council members, who also have a term of one year. The purpose of the Fall election is to turn over the senate by one half and elect two new members of the Judicial Council.

from the SGA Web site

## Anne Braden fights injustice

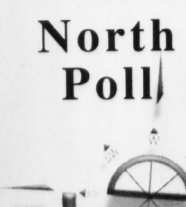
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in the movement.

The Bradens took turns traveling and staying home with their three children. Often they were threatened and feared for the safety of their family. They became what Anne calls "the perennial scapegoats" in Louisville. People tried to run them out of town, but they refused to leave.

"People's blood pressure went up when they heard our names for years, really, until the 1990s; long after Carl had died," she said.

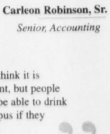
## How important is alcohol to college life?



**North Poll**

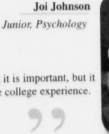
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Freshman, Computer Science

"I don't drink. I never really got into it. A lot of my friends do."



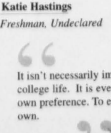
**Carleen Robinson, Sr.**  
Senior, Accounting

"I don't think it is important, but people should be able to drink on campus if they want to."




**Joi Johnson**  
Junior, Psychology

"I don't think it is important, but it enhances the college experience."



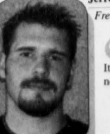
**Katie Hastings**  
Freshman, Undeclared

"It isn't necessarily important for college life. It is everyone's own preference. To each their own."



**Don Porter**  
Freshman, Criminology

"To some of us, it is important to maximize the college experience. For others, they don't need it and that's okay."



**Jerrod Davidson**  
Freshman, Justice Studies

"It is very important. Everyone needs something to unwind."



# FEATURES

Northern Kentucky University

## NU tries to curb drinking

By Scott Wartman  
Editor in Chief

For two hours on a Tuesday afternoon last month, a group of five students sat wearily in University Center room eight and listened to the dangers of alcohol.

"It is important to know what alcohol can do to your body," said Karen Bolte, a personal counselor and health coordinator at Northern Kentucky University who was conducting the class.

Bolte begins reciting a lengthy list of health complications associated with alcohol, "irregular heartbeat, ulcers, nausea, vomiting," she said. Some listened attentively, while others seemed to nod off. All five of the students were required to be there after being caught with alcohol on NKU's dry campus.

The mandatory alcohol prevention classes started in February and is one of the many ways NKU, like other colleges across the country, combats college drinking. The classes are conducted twice a month.

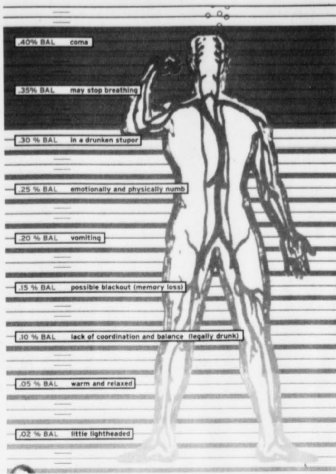
Freshman Laura Jennings along with two of her other friends, freshmen Jenica Phillips and Chris Kellar made up most of the crowd in that Tuesday's session. When asked why she was there, Jennings responded, "It was my birthday."

Jennings said she had been caught in her dorm room after a residential assistant spotted someone hanging out the window with a beer bottle. She and her friends were then required to attend class and pass a written test administered afterward.

Despite having to take time out of their days, students said the class is worthwhile. While none of them said it completely changed their attitude toward alcohol, they said the information was useful. Dustin Brown, a freshman who attended the class said he was skeptical at first.

"When I came here, I thought it was bull that I had to come," Brown said, "but it hit me with some reality. It was a reality check."

For a first infraction of NKU's no-alcohol policy, the University sends students to Bolte's two-hour class. On a second infraction, the student is given a test to see if there is an



Source: American Council for Drug Education  
**How drunk is drunk?** This chart shows the affect of the different alcohol blood levels on the body. While this chart is a good general guideline, every individual reacts differently to alcohol. The chart doesn't take into account your individual body composition.

alcohol problem and is required to attend a two-day class, totaling six hours. If the health and counseling office sees sufficient evidence of alcoholism, Bolte said the student is referred to an outside source for help. Penalties for alcohol on campus can be as severe as expulsion or eviction for those who live in the dorms, according to the student handbook.

NKU's policy toward drinking does an effective job of restricting the alcohol on campus, said Todd Duncan, director of university housing, adding there are only about 2 to 3 alcohol citations a month.

"The alcohol issues on campus are minimal," Duncan said. "That is a compliment to our student body."

Duncan cited other university endeavors like River Run, which is

partnership with TANK bus line that ferries students to Newport to cut down on drunk driving and alcohol awareness week that was held last year in the residential village. It is important that NKU continues discouraging drinking or promoting responsible drinking among those of legal age, Duncan said. It is also crucial to the integrity of the University that it maintains its dry campus policy, he said.

"What would be the educational value of having a wet campus?" Duncan said. "70 percent of students living on campus are under the legal drinking age. Why would we allow 70 percent of our students to violate the law?"

Even though the University tries to curb alcohol use, Bolte's class is never empty. Bolte said since it

started in February, she sees 2-8 people each class period.

Many students on campus feel drinking, if done responsibly, is a rite of passage. Jamie Buckner, a senior RTV major, said a dry campus robs people of what he said is an integral part of college for some students.

"You are taking away what people consider a genuine college experience," Buckner said.

Drinking is particularly important on NKU's campus, said Tyesha Crutcher, a freshman.

"It is very important at this campus. There is nothing to do up here," she said.

Despite many colleges' efforts, around 80 percent of college students drink said Jim Matthews, author of *Beer, Booze and Books*, which addresses alcohol issues surrounding college. Matthews has lectured at over 120 universities across the country and visited NKU last month to discuss how alcohol is used today by college students. While college students have always drank alcohol, Matthews said students drink in much higher quantities than students thirty years ago, especially women. According to Matthews, the number of college women who say they drink to get drunk has tripled since 1970.

"What we are seeing now is that the level of intoxication is a lot greater than it used to be," Matthews said. "It is in how severely they do it."

Like Duncan, Matthews said alcohol is a detriment to a campus environment saying that 90 percent of violent campus crime is alcohol related. Matthews said it may be hard to resist the temptation to overindulge in alcohol during college since the opportunity to do so is plentiful, but one must make the effort. "College can be the time of your life," Matthews said, "but don't ruin the rest of your life."



## BRIGHTON CENTER Gala to benefit social services

By Brad Bowman  
Northerner Contributor

The African Student Union and the International Student Union will provide entertainment for the Brighton Center's "The Brighton The Night Gala" fund raiser. Celebrating its 8th year, the gala's theme will be "World of Support." The theme was conceptualized by Brighton Center's chairperson, Michelle Glass. Going beyond ideas of patriotism and peace she exhibits, "Given the events of the past year, we wanted to have a theme that encompasses the idea of us being not people from different countries but citizens of the world," explains Glass.

The fund raiser will take place April 13 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 12 a.m. There will be black tie dinner and dance. A silent auction will be held for such items as condominiums, tickets to Speedway and Reds games, and beauty spa services. The band Soul Pocket will also be offering musical entertainment covering material from the fifties to present.

The African and International Student Unions were suggested for entertainment via NKU faculty that serve on the board. Members include: Matt Shank of the Management and Marketing Department, Gerald Hunter, Vice President, Rachel Vorubur, and Patricia Knox.

Development Director, Peggy A'Hearn, describes the community of support. "The Brighton Center provides social services to a wide diversity of about 36,000 people. Ranging from children to senior citizens, the center provides assistance with emergency clothing and food services and a run-away shelter for troubled teens. The center has currently 36 different programs."

One such program is the Young Parent Career Center that works with young parents 16 to 21 years old that receive the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program (K-TAP). This service helps young parents acquire their GED and mobilize them into higher education or job placement.

The Family Day Care program is a network of child care providers. Working with children ranging in age from early infants to 12 this service currently has 27 providers in the area.

The Brighton Center also has a subsidiary housing program that assists families and senior citizens with affordable housing within the Northern Kentucky area.

The center was founded in 1966 by Reverend Bill Neuroth. Originally, Brighton Street Center, was started in a small storefront. By 1970, the center became an official United Way agency.

More information about the fund raiser and other programs can be found at [www.brightoncenter.com](http://www.brightoncenter.com)

## Gaiman gives lighthearted lecture

By Brad Bowman  
Staff Writer

Whether a fan of fantasy and fiction or not, Neil Gaiman charmed the audience during his lecture on March 25. The turn-out was modest despite Gaiman being the author of the HarperCollins best-seller "American Gods." Notably, though, an impressive core of fans attended the lecture. Many brought graphic novels, books and even lecture posters to be signed afterward.

After a brief introduction by Andy Miller of the language and literature department, Gaiman approached the podium in his trademark attire of a black leather jacket, black jeans, black t-shirt and dark "crazy hair." He is not your typical academic. Instead, his first words were, "Okay, here's the plan. I'm going to give a short talk, followed by a reading from my new book 'Coraline.' There will be time for a few questions and answers and then I will do some signing." The audience clapped along with laughter and satisfactory smiles at his informal demeanor.

Gaiman's introductory speech was just as refreshing and informal. He said, "...when I grew up I was wanted to be a werewolf or a writer." By puberty, he realized that, as far as he knew, he was a werewolf.

He went on to explain his fascina-

tion with myths. He said, "If you were to put a gun to my head, I would say I don't believe in them literally. But I do believe in their power."

To further this point, Gaiman told a story from his experience at a fairy tale convention. He said after being offended by academics speaking of fairy tales as if they had no meaning to us anymore, he went to his room and devised a new perspective on the old tale of "Snow White." These same scholars and intellectuals who have been so frustrating to him attended the early morning lecture unaware of his naughty scheme. Gaiman retold the tale from the wicked queen's perspective, saying how there was a dead princess with skin as white as snow, encased in glass and a prince obsessed with kissing the corpse and carrying her away with him.

"...they (the academics) were startled. As if they were safely drinking their morning coffee only to find out someone put blood in it," Gaiman stated with a sly, victorious smile. The audience cheered and laughed with amusement. That is the power Gaiman said. He concluded his speech saying how in the dark recesses of imagination he could be a guide for readers even if he was "...a boy who didn't grow up to be a werewolf."

For an hour during the lecture, the



Mythical Man: Neil Gaiman recoups after his lecture here at NKU.

audience settled in their seats as Gaiman read from his new book, "Coraline." The book is a tale of a young girl, Coraline, and her two not-so-attentive parents who have just moved into a new flat. Out of boredom, she explores the grounds and premises of her new home. In their flat, there's a room full of fancy furniture. A room the family never uses. Along one of the walls of this room, there is a locked door that opens only to brick wall that separates the converted house into flats. On the other side of the brick wall, there is a vacant flat. Or, is it (just punster grin here)?

Then after an session of questions

and answers, Gaiman finished the lecture with a poem he had written for one of his daughters entitled "Crazy Hair," a humorous poem about his hair getting tangled by Florida's humidity while attending a convention. "It was like while in my sleep, someone had given me a really bad perm," Gaiman comically confessed to the crowd.

The hardback version of "Coraline" will be available in the states in July. Negotiations are still pending for a major motion film based on "Good Omens," co-authored by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman.

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## SPORTS

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## Cottrell named National Player of the Year

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University senior Michelle Cottrell has done many incredible things on the basketball court and that has earned her quite a number of accolades during her four years with the Norse program.

It would only make sense then that she ended her astounding career being named the 2002 NCAA Division II Bulletin National Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

"It's an amazing honor. There are a lot of good players out there," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said. "The kid was out for seven games and still received the honor. It's an amazing accomplishment."

Cottrell said she was excited and proud of her distinguished honor. "It makes me super happy, getting it two years in a row. This was a goal I

set at the beginning of the season, and it happened. It's an incredible achievement."

She won the award as an individual effort, but the honor will most definitely be shared with the rest of the team, because that is how Cottrell wants it.

"We want to make it a team award. It means a lot to Michelle. She is so deserving of the award. It's very gratifying and very special," Winstel said.

Cottrell ends her career with the Norse as the school's all-time scoring leader with 2,241 points along with a record 48 double-doubles. She also helped lead the NKU women's program to three Elite Eight appearances, two Final Fours and one National Championship (the school's only one) two years ago.

She always played with a winning attitude, and that is why her teams

performed so well during her career. This season, for example, Cottrell averaged a team-high 19.7 points a game and helped the Norse win the Great Lakes Regional Tournament by scoring 31 points in the championship game.

"She plays her heart out every game. That's a true testament of her four years on the team," Winstel said. "She has taken her ability and appreciated it. She has taken it to the next level; that's her legacy. God has blessed her with some great talent."

Cottrell even missed seven games this season with an injury but showed her determination to make a full recovery and lead her NKU team back to this year's Elite Eight in



Tim Downer/The Northerner  
Best in the U.S.: Cottrell takes a shot in her final game for NKU during the Elite Eight tournament

Rochester, Minn. "During that time when I had been out, coach said, 'You'll always be our Player of the Year,'" Cottrell said.

Cottrell proved how much she really means to the team by scoring 29 points in the game against South Dakota State and just missing the game-winning shot at the buzzer. The Norse lost 68-67 to the Jackrabbits.

However, Cottrell won't be back next year to continue her leadership roles with the ball club, but she will always remain part of the NKU program no matter where she goes in life down the road from now. "Her ties are deep with Northern," Winstel said. "She will always be part of the NKU family."

The next time she goes to practice next season, it is going to be a lot different. The Norse will have some new faces and they will be looking for a new leader.

Cottrell will be a past memory but not forgotten and she knows how hard it's going to be not playing with

her NKU teammates next season. "I am going to miss being part of a team and playing the games. I am going to miss meeting and hanging out with everybody."

Coach Winstel is going to miss the thrill of watching Cottrell in action on the basketball court. "I am going to miss her presence, because we always knew we were going to be in every game. Michelle is so much fun to watch and she does amazing things. She is a neat person to be around, on and off the court."

What might be missed the most about Cottrell is her overall attitude. She never gave her coach or the team any problems whatsoever, either academically, her behavior or how hard she was working in practice or games.

"She never gave me one tough day. She's not perfect, she's just normal," Winstel said. "It is a privilege to be around her."

## Men's tennis improves record

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team is sporting a 7-7 overall record after its 6-3 victory over the University of Indianapolis Tuesday, April 2. The Norse also improved to 4-1 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

NKU won five of its six matches in singles play. Junior Jon Peters defeated Scotter Demare, 6-3, 6-0,

sophomore Amine Benjeloun beat Marko Saulovic in three sets, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 and sophomore Ted Walkup defeated Mounir Sahli, 6-1, 7-6. Freshmen Billy Hopkins and Nick Herzog were also singles winners for the Norse. NKU sophomore Chris Robertson was not as lucky, losing to the Greyhounds R. B. Hervey 6-2, 6-4.

As for the doubles' matches, the Norse went one for three in that category. Peters and freshman Tim

Geraci were the only partners who were victorious as they beat their opponents by a score of 8-6.

NKU started out the week losing to Wright State University 9-0 last Monday but rebounded once conference play started up again.

NKU finished up the week on the road defeating Lewis University 9-0 and St. Joseph's College 6-3.



Elias Hajjar/The Northerner  
The wind-up: Emily Breitholle pitched for win No. 11 against Campbellville.

## Breitholle leads team

Elias Hajjar  
Sports Editor

Pitcher Emily Breitholle is a major reason why the Lady Norse softball team is off to one of its best starts ever.

Whether it is superstitions, luck, hard work, talent, or a little of all, Breitholle has started her first season at NKU with an 13-2 record. She has pitched just over 84 innings in her young career, with an earned run average of 1.49. She has struck out 51 batters and has given up just one homerun, guiding the Norse to an overall record of 24-6 and a Great Lakes Valley Conference record of 8-2.

"I just want to settle in and figure

out what it is I want to do and accomplish the goals I set personally," Breitholle said. "I want to figure out how I'm going to fit in on the team."

The Norse is currently in fourth place in the GLVC, but hopes to move up to first before the regular season ends.

"We are trying to become No. 1 in the conference," Breitholle said. "We don't want to split anyone conference games; we want to win them all."

Becoming No. 1 in the conference will be a tough task however, the Norse must catch SIU Edwardsville, which is 9-1 in the GLVC and 30-7 overall.

For most freshmen, making the transition from high school to college is a tough feat, but not for Breitholle. She prepared for the college game in the off season by taking pitching lessons, playing fall ball and conditioning. She pitched every morning at 6 for at least an hour, in hope of having the start she has had this season.

"I wouldn't say I didn't expect to have such a good start. I went into it thinking it was going to be tough, so I worked hard and now I'm pretty proud of what I've accomplished," Breitholle said. "In high school the team I was on mostly dominated the conference, so I took that going into college and felt we could dominate this conference too."

Not all of Breitholle's accomplishments may be as hard work; she is very superstitious when it comes to softball. She does the same warm up everyday. She puts her clothes on the same way every day. And she goes through all the same routines everyday.

"It's just something I've done my whole life," Breitholle said. "The biggest thing I do is keep a letter my dad wrote to me in my bat bag."

The letter was probably addressed to "Bob," which is Breitholle's nickname given to her by her father many years ago, and has stuck with her till now.

"When I was ten my dad took me out to eat and I had a short bob-hair-cut," Breitholle said. "Our waiter said something to me and called me Sonny, so my dad started calling me 'Bob.'"

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# LIGHTER SIDE

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## Journey to the Elite Eight reaches home

Part III: A long, cold journey  
By Tim Downer  
Northerner Contributor

This is the final installment of Tim's journal detailing the adventures of the NKU Pep band and cheerleading squad on the road to the Elite Eight tournament in Minnesota. When we last left our heroes, the basketball team had just suffered a crushing, one-point defeat. Now they have a cold trip home.

Thursday 11:34am March 21.  
Bitterly cold at 7 degrees F with a wind chill of minus 9 degrees F. After a brief delay, retrieving a camera left in the room, and getting a last minute quenching liquid, we were back on the road. Everyone on the bus seemed a little subdued today. Maybe it was a bit of a reality check. We were heading home. Who knows? The first movie we watched was Beauty and the Beast. It was all right, a lot of people slept through it. I got a chuckle when the bus took a winding right turn ramp off the main highway to a secondary

road. All those who were sleeping woke up in unison and tried to focus their still-not-open eyes on why the bus had taken this direction. They could't find it, they wanted food. Seeing that this was just another highway home and not a restaurant, most of the sleepers laid back down but they never did reach that REM sleep stage because a short time later we were at Denvers. It was now 2pm.

More Movies...  
An hour later we were back on the road watching Robin Hood and South Park videos. The South Park video received the most laughter,

making this segment of sitting a little more tolerable. Did I mention that the bus was equipped with a commode? The floor wasn't very wide and there is no exhaust fan. Next time air freshener will be remembered. At 7:30pm we pulled into the Days Inn of Bloomington, Illinois. Yes, the same place as Tuesday night.

Friday 9:08am March 22.  
It was warm, 17 degrees F. and only 1 degree F. with the wind chill. Heat Wave! At 12:30pm we stopped at the Golden Corral somewhere in Indiana. It wasn't anywhere near the

size of the Kentucky stores but nonetheless all appetites were satisfied. We were back on the road again for our last jaunt at 1:26pm. Some people recorded their experiences of this adventure on a small tape recorder I passed to them.

Things to Remember About This Trip:  
College students are always resourceful when it comes right down to it. Did you know that you could use a coffee pot to drink water out of when you used all the drinking cups? Pass the duct tape, it can be used to mask out the obnoxious blue light in the back of the bus. Gummy worms are a sticky sweet thing to put on an unsuspecting sleeper. Rather than bring a small drum on the bus, bring along a practice pad for the percussionist and the bass guitar player. Forget going to fast food places, as they cause a hazardous gas buildup in the bus. Bring more batteries, industrial strength air freshener, playing cards, a Canadian accent, Bob and Tom

radio CDs, and more Cheese Whiz! Amanda Boston, sophomore trombone player, says "Cheese Whiz is the travel food of choice. It's so easy to use on everything, compact and yet enjoyable. It flows so smoothly." Finally, the only negative thing about the bus ride was when we encountered an hour long bottleneck on the highway near Savannah, Illinois. It was during rush hour and it was caused by six oversized vehicles taking up almost both lanes on a four lane highway, smart thinking on someone's part. Even though we were still moving, there was nothing like a traffic snarl to cause everyone to get antsy.

The Campus of NKU.  
We arrived at the side of Regent's Hall at 5pm. It had been a long adventure. We had done our best. We represented Northern Kentucky University in the way it should always be, with dignity and class. We are a proud part of the NKU family. We are the NORSE.



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Brave pilgrims: The NKU pep band and cheerleaders pose in front of the chalet that would deliver them into the frigid environment of Minnesota.

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