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## Crime down at NKU

By Chris Schaeffer  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University crime rate for 1998 is down as compared to 1997, according to statistics recently compiled by the Department of Public Safety.

The incidence of theft is down 65 percent, liquor reports are down 69 percent and drug violations are down 78 percent. However, some crimes against people have increased.

Donald McKenzie, director of the DPS, said he thinks the reason for the decrease is a more aggressive patrol. "We're proactive rather than reactive. We try to solve a problem before it occurs," he said.

An example of their proactive approach is in the institution of the bicycle patrol, McKenzie said. It allows a more diverse coverage and greater mobility. It also enables the officers to stop and talk to students. "It's the cop-on-a-beat concept," he said.

Another example of the proactive approach is in their recent presentation to fraternities about the drug and alcohol policies of a favorite spring break vacation spot, Panama City, Fla. DPS Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer requested a packet concerning the policies from the Panama City police, McKenzie said. The officers then made the presentation, explaining the policies to fraternities. McKenzie said he thinks this presentation and others like it are why few students had problems with drug and alcohol violations during spring break.

Another reason for the decrease, McKenzie said, is their 98 percent conviction rate for crimes. The department has a very good investigative officer. "We make sure we have a good case before we present it," he said.

Schweitzer gives some of the credit for the decrease to the students. "I think the students are looking out for one another more now. If they see something out of the ordinary, they report it," she said.

She also thinks the department's Web page has helped. "When we have a crime, we put out a bulletin to let the students know what is going on."

Both McKenzie and Schweitzer agree that theft is the most common crime on NKU's campus. "One of the most common items stolen are CDs," Schweitzer said. "They are a fast turn-over because they are easy to sell." Schweitzer advises students to put their name directly on the CD itself using a permanent marker. This makes the CDs easier to trace and much harder to sell.

However, not all of NKU's crime rates decreased last year. There were five more cases of burglary and seven

more cases of assault. There were also four cases of sexual assault, compared to none in 1997.

McKenzie said he attributes the increase in burglary to the way in which the crime was reported. Some of the burglaries were reported as thefts in the past. A theft occurs in a public place or when the thief has permission to enter a building. A burglary occurs when the thief gains access to a building without permission or invitation.

Of the four cases of sexual assault that occurred in 1998, McKenzie said he thinks three were committed by the same person. To guard against sexual assault, McKenzie recommends R.A.D., the rape aggressive defense program. This program teaches the student to defend themselves and "gives the student a feeling of what they really need to do if they are ever confronted by someone."

Schweitzer teaches the program and said she is hoping to conduct another session this summer. The cost of the program is \$15. Any female interested in taking the course should contact the DPS at 572-5500.

McKenzie said he thinks the reason for the increase in assault at NKU can be attributed to our nation in general. "We see more violence now than I've ever seen. It's a more aggressive society that we're in."



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner  
Department of Public Safety officer Bryan Wells patrols the residential village.

## Cincinnati hit hard by tornado

By Rick Amburgey  
Staff Reporter

When a tornado ripped through the Blue Ash/Montgomery area in Cincinnati early Friday morning, Lori Kaiser, a Loveland resident, witnessed it.

"One of my friends had the roof ripped off her house. There was a house about a block away from me that had a tree fall on the house. I've heard about some people who were sucked out of their second-story window. I have friends that live in Sycamore and I can't find out if they're OK or not and that is really hard," Kaiser said.

Judith Sroufe, a senior English major at Northern Kentucky University, said that the sirens went off about 5 a.m., and she and her children went to the basement. According to Sroufe, the announcers on TV predicted almost exactly when the tornado would hit and there was nothing to do but wait.

"My kids were so scared that they got physically sick. It makes you feel bad as a parent because you can see the fear in their eyes and you can see their body tremble, but you can't do anything about it," said Sroufe.

Jody Taylor, an alumna of Northern Kentucky University, said that her dog knew something was wrong before she did.

"My dog wouldn't let me sleep. I thought he just wanted to be let out. He knew something was wrong, but I didn't. Then, I heard the sirens go off. It's amazing what dogs know. My neighbor said her dog did the same thing," Taylor said.

Kaiser said that she tried to leave her neighborhood, but that soon proved to be an impossible task.

"There was too many trees down and too many power lines down. We're just trapped right in the middle of it," Kaiser said.

Almost immediately after the tornado struck, police and rescue teams were on the scene, attempting to rescue the victims and assess damage. Don McGlothlin, chief of the Montgomery Police Department, said the damage was massive.

"There were 68 homes damaged - one third of those are non-repairable. We had four deaths in Montgomery. There were 200,000 people without power. There was just massive damage. It looks like the A-Bomb went off down there," McGlothlin said.

Heather Bowman, a senior art education major, lived near the Sunoco station that had its gas pumps removed from the ground because of the tornado.

"The sky lit up in a bright orange-red color because there is a Sunoco here; the gas pumps blew off and there was a big explosion," Bowman said.

Bethesda North Hospital in Montgomery

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## Master plan to produce buildings



Photo contributed by NBBJ  
This drawing of Ohio Wesleyan University is an example of the company's previous work.

By Chris Schaeffer  
Staff Reporter

Construction of a special events center, a welcome center and a new university center are just a few of the improvements now under construction in the development of a new master plan for Northern Kentucky University.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning, said the special event center will seat between 6,000 and 7,500. Its projected cost is \$30 million. This center is needed because Regents Hall isn't big enough. NKU has had to hold multiple graduation ceremonies since 1988 because of space limitations at Regents Hall, Schuh said.

A welcome center is also under consideration, Schuh said. The welcome center will be someplace easy to find. It will be a place for visitors to get information about the university.

Another facility under consideration is the new University Center, Schuh said. It will provide a traditional student union, lounge space, meeting rooms and office space. "It will be a place for students to gather on campus," she said.

According to Mike Baker, vice president for administration and finance, a master plan is a "blueprint of what is going to happen on campus." The plan will look at the needs of the campus from traffic flow to future land development.

opment.  
"We're trying to enhance campus life," he said.

Patrick Bowman, project manager for NBBJ, the company hired to develop NKU's master plan, said his project team will look at four major areas in developing the master plan and considering new construction.

They are:  
•Grounding analysis-this includes a description of a vision for the 21st century and an assessment of the programs necessary. These programs will create a need for facilities.

•Physical analysis-this will look at how the campus operates, how buildings are positioned and the existing frame of the campus. It will enable the company to determine the potential for development at NKU.

•Strategy development-this will develop a long-term framework for the campus. It will provide a number of alternatives to development and identify where development could take place.

•Implementation-this ensures that the plan is workable. It divides the plan into phases and defines the costs for those phases.

In order to get suggestions about the master plan from the campus community, NBBJ held a series of interview sessions recently.

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## Task force focuses on campus beautification

This is the second in a series of articles examining the changes that are being proposed for Northern Kentucky University by the six Strategic Task Forces that were established to guide NKU on its Vision, Values, Voices Mission.

By Forrest Berkshire  
News Editor

Tattered carpeting in the Natural Science Building and the lack of outdoor seating where students can socialize are just two of the many issues that are being addressed by the Campus Environment and Facilities Task Force.

"We're very concerned about having a warm, welcoming campus," Michael Baker, chair of the Task Force, said.

"We're looking at the campus environment," he said. "We can get into whatever we want."

In an effort to have a more inviting campus, Baker said they are addressing many issues, such as campus safety and parking.

The removal of the trees behind Woodcrest Apartments and the repainted crosswalk across Kenton Drive are two examples of how they are trying to improve the safety of students.

He said that they are taking input

from other campus departments, such as Residential Life and Physical Plant. "It allows for more voices to shape this process," he said.

Kim Vance, director of Residential Life, said that her main concern is more outdoor seating, both in the Residential Area and in key places on campus like in front of the University Center.

She said that getting students together to socialize provides a very important "Outside of class learning experience."

Vance has several specific areas that she has targeted for additional outdoor seating. In front of the

University Center is a natural gathering point for all students. Also in front of Norse Commons, which she called a "mini student center," as well as in the inner circle at Woodcrest. She said that the residents in Woodcrest are more isolated than other residents living in the traditional dorms, and this would be an opportune way to get them to meet each other.

The Task Force has been split into two sub-committees, one focusing on ways to improve the campus outside the buildings, and one that is addressing the inside of the buildings.

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Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner  
Students stand around outside the University Center because they have nowhere to sit.

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# Broken water main causes university closing

By Rick Amburgey  
Staff Reporter

The water at Northern Kentucky University didn't run blood-red on Good Friday, but it was a good-brownish color almost that of urine.

The cause of the problem was a water main break that was caused when a local contractor piled a 28-foot high pile of dirt on top of the water main at approximately 4:00 a.m. on April 2.

Betty Joslyn, department head of the Northern Kentucky Water District said that they are still talking and negotiating with him.

"We are still talking with him. We are hoping to work it out amicably and not have to press charges," Joslyn said.

She said that even though many employees had the day off for Good Friday, the problem was remedied as quickly as possible.

"We have isolated the main. It is not repaired and all of our water is going through another main," Joslyn said.

The decision to close NKU on Good Friday was a matter of necessity, not choice, according to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Allen Thomas.

"You can't have 12,000 people on campus without water. You couldn't flush toilets, chillers would not work and sprinklers wouldn't work. There would be no fire protection. It was closed for safety reasons," Thomas said.

Arnold Duncan, supervisor of the plumbing/sheet metal department of NKU's Physical Plant, said that the primary concern was the students living in the dorms with no water.

"We couldn't do too much. We went and rented Port-O-Lets and hand washing stations. We didn't know how long it would take. You could have probably washed your hands, but if you had drank the water at that time, you could have gotten sick," Duncan said.

Some NKU students reported rather unusual occurrences on the morning the water main broke, such as some toilets not flushing while others would stop flushing.

However, this is perfectly explainable, according to Jeff Baker, Physical Plant environmental safety coordinator.

"Depending on the type of toilet, sometimes they require a certain amount of water pressure in order to stop flushing," Baker said.

Some students found that trying to engage in common, everyday activities very difficult.

"It affected me very much because I do everything with water. And when I went to the bathroom, I saw dirt in the water," said Mildred Patterson, a sophomore psychology major.

Besides being an inconvenience, the water main break affected students eating habits because practically every restaurant in the Highland Heights/Cold Spring area was closed for at least a few hours.

The McDonald's on campus was no exception, according to Alice Stidham, the store manager of the McDonald's in the University Center.

"We had no water and the walk-in freezer is water cooled. It is against Board of Health regulations to operate a restaurant without water. With the walk-in freezer turned off, the product would have gone bad," Stidham said.

Although there was a 72-hour boil water advisory, it was only precautionary and it was ended on Saturday afternoon when the water was deemed safe to drink.

## MASTER PLAN

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According to Bowman, some of the suggestions for future development include:

\*a greater accessibility there is a need for excellent traffic circulation and parking.

\*a softening of the campus there is a feeling that the campus is very stark.

\*a gateway or entryway there is a need for a sense of arrival.

\*meeting spaces there is a need for gathering spaces, both formal and informal.

\*memorable spaces there is a need for a special place to hold memories and give the campus character.

Bowman said the formation of an advisory committee is underway and will consist of members of the campus community, including students.

Bill Lamb, dean of students, said any student interested in becoming involved with the committee should come to his office. Students should become involved because the master plan addresses issues that are important to the students like building placement, parking lot space and location of outdoor recreation areas he said.

"The real meat and guts of the issues will be played out over the next six to eight months," he said.

Schuh would also like to see students involved. "We envision this as a collaborative process," she said.

Another way students can get involved is to go to the Campus Planning website at <http://access.nku.edu/campusplan> and answer the questions on the survey about the future of NKU.

The information from those surveys will be used to develop goals for the master plan Bowman said.

Schuh said NKU's current master plan was developed in 1987. The Council for Post-Secondary Education recommends updating master plans every five years.

"We have been talking about updating the plan since 1993," she said. "Now is a good time to do an update. We have a new president who has been here long enough to develop a strategic plan."

Baker also believes a new master plan is needed.

"This campus is under-built. We serve 12,000 students with less square footage than most campuses," he said.

# NKU tries to boost spirit with workshop on apathy

By Amy Westerling  
Staff Reporter

Apathy does not exist only on Northern Kentucky University's campus.

Betty Mulkey, interim director of student activities, began the Apathy Workshop March 31 by telling everyone in the room to leave and gather someone else from the University Center and convince them to come and join the workshop.

Ten minutes later, the group of 12 had doubled. Sophomore political science major Dale Potz attended the event. "I thought it was ironic that there were so few people at an apathy workshop."

Norse Leadership Society sponsored the workshop, which was led by Mulkey and Cooperative Education Coordinator Kelly Harper in hopes of generating some enthusiasm for NKU programs and student organizations.

Mulkey started the discussion by saying that her generation in college was not apathetic, but was seen that way by their administration.

We were compared to the college students of the 60s and 70s, when there were more political and social issues, she said. According to Mulkey, the students of her generation were just as involved as those of the 60s and 70s, they were just involved in different things.

Mulkey said this is because many times, apathy is seen when values are compared and not matched. "People will think, 'Your values don't match mine, so you're apathetic.'"

Potz said that she now has a different perspective on apathy. "Before, I didn't think that (apathy) could mean having different values and different priorities instead of just not caring."

Not only has apathy been around a long time, it has also been on many other campuses besides NKU's.

On the Internet, there are 3,659 sites about apathy on college campuses, Mulkey said. "Even Indiana University has sites about apathy," she said, "and there is plenty to do on their campus."

"Apathy is not an NKU thing," she said, "so you can't blame the campus."

Mulkey said she has two theories about why students are apathetic. Her first theory is the over-programming of youth. "Neighborhood was safer in the past," she said.

"Now it is safer for children to be involved in organized activities."

Mulkey said that even her children were overbooked and playing soccer at age three. "Now we've cut back," she said.

College students aren't interested because they are sick of being involved, Mulkey said. People were moving out of the residence halls because they said it was too much like camp, she said.

"Here we are trying to get people involved and put on these nice programs," she said, "and they say it reminds them of camp."

Mulkey's second theory is that the television shows that most freshmen admit to being their favorites are about people who do nothing. "The most popular television show for freshmen," she said, "are 'Seinfeld,' 'Drew Carey' and 'Friends.'"

"You never see any of the characters on these shows really engaging themselves in their professional lives," she said. "They just sit around and do nothing."

Mulkey asked the questions, "Do these shows set the standard?" and "Do we reflect them or do they reflect us?"



Margie Wise/The Northerner  
Betty Mulkey leads a discussion about student apathy on March 31.

Todd Duesing, a junior speech major and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Activities Programming Board, said that he learned that apathy something all campuses face. "I've learned to accept it to a certain extent and work within my organizations to prevent it and to motivate them the best way possible," he said.

## Survey: College drug, alcohol use continues

By Justin Braxton-Brown  
Staff Reporter

College campuses are still awash in alcohol, surveys say.

Health Education Coordinator Cheryl Fitzpatrick and Northern Kentucky University senior Jenny Wagner presented recent statistics and facts on alcohol and drug use at NKU and other college campuses across the nation to faculty and staff last Wednesday.

The researchers surveyed 519 NKU students and determined that 72 percent of them said they had used alcohol in the past 30 days, 68 percent of underage students said they had used alcohol within the last 30 days and 43 percent admitted to binge drinking within the previous two weeks.

Of the 519 NKU students surveyed, 29 percent admitted to using marijuana at least once in the past year. While 16 percent of the students surveyed admitted to using

marijuana at least once within the past 30 days, 8 percent of the students surveyed admitted to using illegal drugs other than marijuana within the past 30 days.

According to Wagner, other research has shown that perceived use of drugs and alcohol in college by high school seniors

has had a big effect on the behavior of incoming freshmen. Perception

could be attributed to other factors

Wagner presented, including the fact that the annual consumption of beer by college students is

about 4 billion cans, enough beer that if the cans were stacked end to end,

they would reach 70,000 miles beyond the moon.

Wagner said, "most people think not just freshmen, adults too, think that college is

the time to party and is a rite of passage."

Wagner added, "College students will spend about \$4.2 billion yearly for alcoholic beverages, which is more than is spent on operating campus libraries and college scholarships and fellowships combined throughout the United States."

According to a national survey, seven percent of the freshman drop-out rate can be attributed to an alcohol-related problem.

The survey administered to NKU students revealed a belief held by 95 percent of students that other students use alcohol one a week or more.

While alcohol-related problems remain a major challenge for universities including NKU, the trend is beginning to change,

Wagner said. "Nationally statistics are going down. What we are finding out is less students are drinking and less students are drinking at high risk."

More information on the core survey results or drug and alcohol related statistics is available from Cheryl Fitzpatrick or at University Center 310.

## Seniors encouraged to leave legacy

By Rick Amburgey  
Staff Reporter

Some students have the desire to leave a legacy when they put their college years behind them. Of course, Northern Kentucky University graduates are no exception and the University Development office has devised a way for a graduate to make sure that happens while helping NKU at the same time.

To commemorate graduation, this year's graduates can make a gift to NKU of \$19.99 or more and make a dedication to or in the memory of someone who has greatly influenced them in their lives in the graduation program.

The graduate is allowed to decide what the money they pay for the dedication will be used for. They can choose for it to be a unrestricted donation, in which case the money would be used to finance a top university priority or for a restricted donation, in which case the graduate could choose the program, department or organization that the money is given to.

The only exceptions are fraternities and

sororities.

"The fraternities and sororities are nationally funded and this program is strictly campus-based," NKU Development Officer Linda Bray-Schuler said.

According to Bray-Schuler, students have the choice to apply the money to be given to scholarship funds.

"It may have the ability, along with other gifts, to increase the number of scholarships," Shaffer said.

Another way for graduates to recognize someone is to purchase a dedication paver, which can be seen in the plaza in front of Steely Library. Those students who would rather have their dedication inscribed on a paver will be listed in the graduation program as well. The money raised from the university pavers will go toward campus beautification.

This program was first started in the fall semester and is available again this semester. However, the April 21 deadline is approaching. May Graduates should contact the University Development office at 572-6556 if they are interested in either option.

car has yet to be determined.

A parking decal was stolen from a student's Chevrolet Blazer. She reported she parked her Blazer in Lot A while she attended a night class.

When she returned, the parking pass was missing but nothing else was taken. She stated she had accidentally left her vehicle unlocked. The report was forwarded to the parking office.

A DPS officer responded to a Resident Assistant's complaint of a marijuana smell in Commonwealth Hall.

The investigation resulted in the confiscation of 20 12-ounce cans of Busch and Bud Light beer.

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Chris Schaeffer  
Staff Reporter

A male student was injured outside the Fine Arts building when he jumped down a flight of stairs and heard his knee pop. The victim told officers he had been running and was late for an appointment. He was transported to St. Elizabeth South Hospital by a fellow student after he refused ambulance assistance.

A male student reported his book bag was stolen from the commons area of the Natural Science building. He said he left the bag unattended briefly and found it missing when he returned. The value of the bag and its contents was approximately \$200.

## D.P.S. REPORTS

Nearly \$1500 worth of CDs were stolen from a male student's Norse Hall dorm room. The student reported about 75 CDs were taken. Some of the CDs were ones the student had recorded himself at concerts.

A male student reported someone had broken into his car while it was parked in Lot A. Stereo equipment and speakers worth \$700 were stolen from the car. The passenger-side door lock was broken and the door jam was dented. The cost of the damage to the

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# EAUTIFICATION: Task force targets campus signs and buildings

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Dr. Gary Scott of the Technology Department is sitting on the campus Welcoming sub-committee. He said their major concern is campus signage. When someone arrives on campus, we need to help them locate specific buildings," he said.

He said the committee is identifying strategic placement of more signs, such as near Visitor's Parking.

He said that most of the signs that do identify buildings are pointed at the road. More signs on the plaza level, where most stu-

dents enter from, would help, he said.

Kiosks with maps of the buildings and what departments are housed there is another possibility. Scott said they would be placed near the main entrances, so people could easily find their way around.

Dr. Charles Hawkins of Physics and Geology is on the sub-committee that is making recommendations on how to make the interior of the buildings more student friendly.

Hawkins said the way a building appears on the inside can have "A

negative or positive effect."

"If it looks nice and safe, it helps in the ability to learn," he said.

One example he gave is the carpet in the Natural Science Building lounge. It has been worn through and the concrete has been exposed beneath.

The halls can also look pretty drab, he said. One solution that has been mentioned is having art students do some sort of murals on the walls. He also said that just posters, such as those that line the halls on the fifth floor of Landrum, help improve the image. Comfort is important, he said, and temperature control for individual rooms is being addressed. He specifically called to attention Landrum 110. He said the air conditioning is set too high in the summer, and in the winter the heat doesn't properly warm the room.

"There are (also) technological concerns," Hawkins said. BEP 200, an auditorium, needs better sound, but the issue of money is constraining, he said.

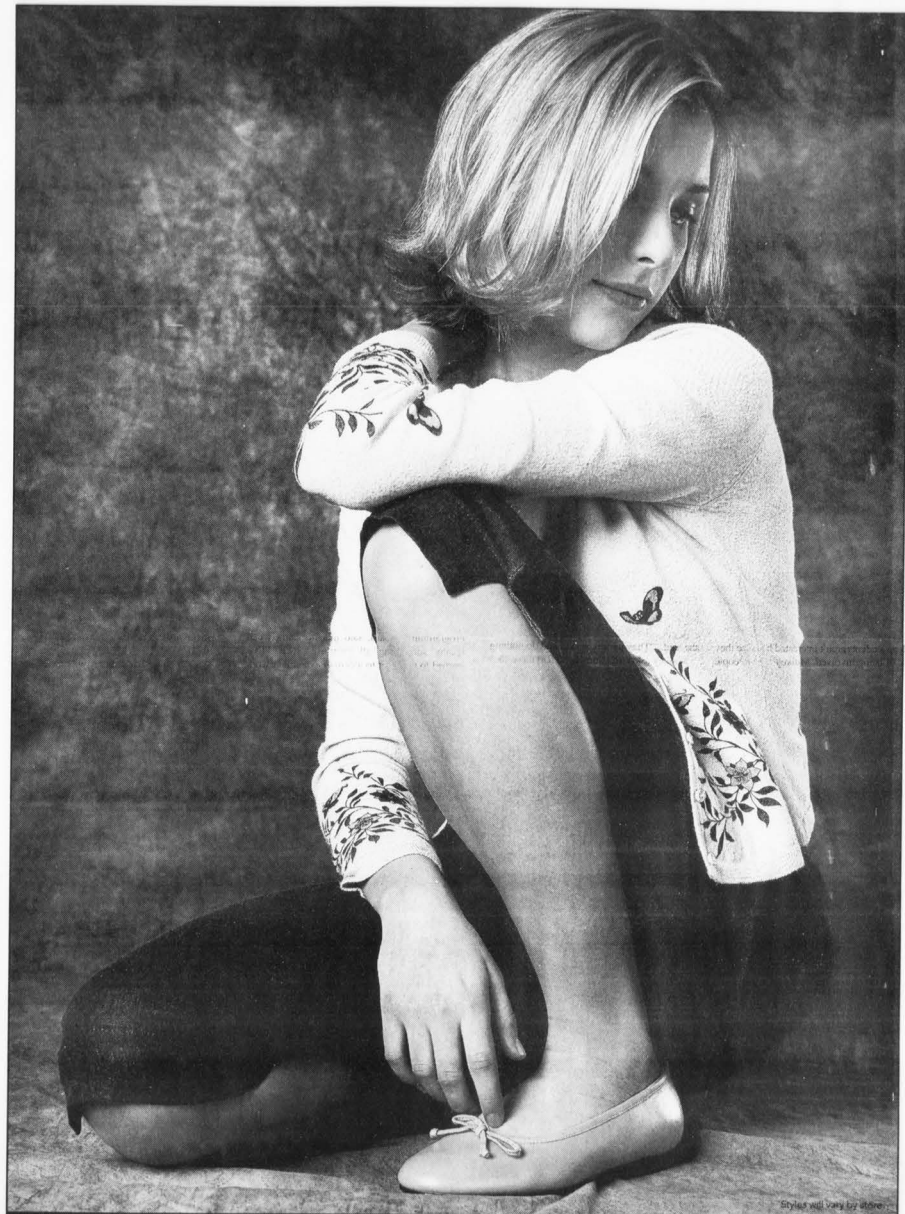
"If you don't have good sound," he said, "You don't know what the speaker is saying."

Lighting could also be improved in the University Center Ballroom, Theater and the Fine Arts Gallery.

Baker said that the Task Force is still in the stage of identifying the problem areas, and that they haven't made many formal proposals yet.

"This group got started a little late," he said.

But by next semester, he said students will notice some differences in how their campus is transforming visually.



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received some of the tornado-related injuries in their emergency room on Friday morning.

"We had 16 patients that we saw at Bethesda North. Most of the injuries were cuts, abrasions and eye injuries. Twelve people were treated and released. One was a child and he was transferred to Children's," said Bethesda's Betsy Stone.

According to officials at Children's Hospital Medical Center, the child that was transferred there was in fair condition at press time.

Blue Ash Police Lt. Rick Burdick reported that his town was hit hard as well.

"[The damage] is easily in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly in the millions," Burdick said.

One of the areas that was hit severely was Harper's Point, according to Jason Reed, a freshman justice studies major. "Harper's Point is the business district and a lot of businesses were destroyed, like Donato's Pizza and TJ Maxx. It was really tragic," Reed said.

According to the Blue Ash Police Department, a temporary shelter was set up at Sycamore Junior High School for those who lost homes during the tornado. However, officials said that very few chose to take advantage of that because most decided to stay with other family members.

In addition, the Holiday Inn at 275 North was offering reduced rates for rooms for tornado victims.

"We are offering rooms at \$59 a night to the tornado victims. Our regular rates are \$79 and up," Kamika Baker, a front desk clerk, said.

The police asked that all residents stay off the roads unless it was an absolute emergency.

"I had to show the police my driver's license just to get on my street," said Bosman.

Kelly Dopp, a freshman theater major, said she wasn't able to volunteer to help.

"I tried to help, but I couldn't get through. They were blocking the roads that went to the emergency shelters," Dopp said.

The NKU Benevolent Society is a service that provides aid to students, staff and faculty that need help in times of crisis, according to member and spokeswoman Barbara Herald.

"I hadn't planned on doing anything unless we hear students, staff or faculty have been affected. If the need arises, we will be glad to do anything that we can. In the flood of 1997, we were asked to be a drop off point for donated goods. We can do that again if we need to. And if they need for us to put out a call for sheets or blankets, we can do that too," Herald said.

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## Food for thought

By, Tim Banks

This is not my first foray into the residential life scene. Being a transfer student from institutions such as Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Cincinnati, I consider myself something of an expert on the subject.

However, I didn't start my tenure at Northern Kentucky University as a member of this particular residential society. Rather, it was thrust upon me by a dose of stark realism.

I was involved in an automobile accident that significantly hampered any method of providing transportation to and from the hallowed halls of higher education.

In order to maintain my pursuit of knowledge, it was necessary to reassess my living situation.

After hours of tedious deliberations, I decided on the path of least resistance and obtained the services of the residential life department.

Within a week of applying for housing, I was ready to move and accepted that dorm life was my destiny. As I prepare to start my second week as a resident, I feel the need to voice my thoughts on NKU's residential village.

First of all, the positives are very positive, the obvious being the close proximity to class.

Where else can a knowledge seeker wake with ten minutes before class and still have enough time for a hearty bowl of Apple Jacks before arriving with a full minute and a half to spare?

Residents need not worry about scheduling their classes as close as humanly possible to avoid a three-hour intermission

between classes. We can go when we want and spend the time in between replenishing ourselves both mentally and physically.

A major complaint about universities such as NKU and UC is that there is no sense of closeness as at more traditional, non-commuter schools. I felt this way upon my arrival at NKU as well.

However, I am pleased to report that just after one week of Norse living, I know more people by name now than after my entire fall semester, when I commuted.

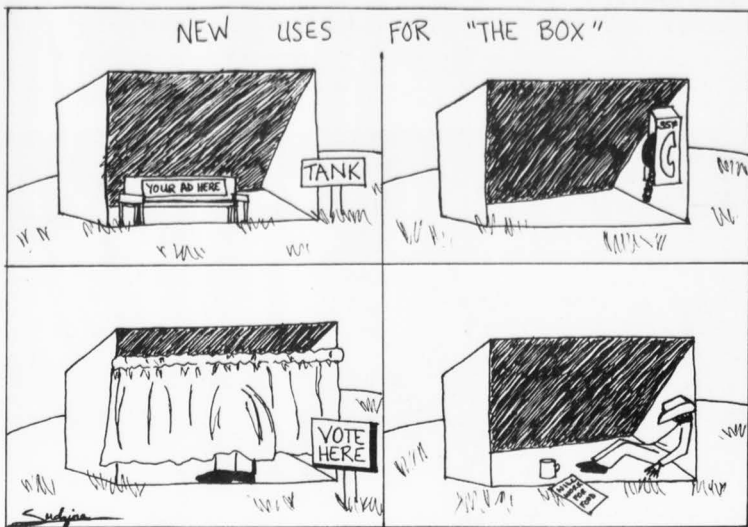
With these appealing positives, one must wonder what are the negatives?

After a week of getting to know people and eating lunch with them, I have had the opportunity to hear some people talk. The item to come under the most fire is the quality of food and the quality, or lack thereof, of entertainment. Okay, the food really is a problem.

The horror stories of the cafeteria food were all true. Cold fries, dry noodles, cardboard crust pizza, the images would scare Beelzebub himself. You've heard it all before, so here's the bottom line: The food needs to get better.

As for the latter complaint, the lack of entertainment, I'm appalled. Having time is what being a college student is all about.

A lack of entertainment gives us just that. If we had fun stuff to do all the time, we would never graduate. My advice to you all is don't complain about it. Too soon we will be wishing for more time. Right now we have it. If you want something to do with it, get better food in the cafeteria.



## Affirmative Action Forum debate: Are government policies separating races?

By, Jason Gabbard

As I sat in the audience I was surprised at the ignorance of the students on the issue of affirmative action. I was even more outraged at the comments of one of the professors at this school.

When a black law student ask Dr. Clinton Hewan what he would say to black person who was against affirmative action, he said, "I would call them stupid." And any white person who was also against affirmative action was being racist. Because they were trying to keep his preferred status in society.

I am outraged that we have a professor who is supposed to be a role model for incoming black students, and he is hurting race relation more than helping. If this is the kind of people affirmative action is putting in to help with racial tension, and to increase diversity between the faculty then it is failing. It is creating more division between the faculty members than before.

Defenders of Affirmative action had only one defense and conclusion, that since there was discrimination in the past, there is a need to fix society now through preferential treatment of minorities. They say it

helps more than it hurts, but I contend that it hurts more than it helps.

Just as a doctor who is making major leaps in spinal cord research. He is curing people who were paralyzed from the neck down.

The doctor is using human patients as guinea pigs. He picks up bums and poor people in the parks who where forgotten by society and would not be missed. He killed his patients in his research, but he was getting closer and closer to curing spinal cord injury.

When caught, his defense was that it didn't hurt that many people, and he was find-

ing a cure that would help thousands of people. But the means he was using were immoral and unjust. Even though he was only hurting a few people he was doing it for the good of society.

This seems to be the same rationale that supporters for Affirmative Action propose. That is, that we should not discriminate against them by the ir color, but they should receive preferential treatment because of their color.

Can a society heal and begin to come together as one, when a government and a country support policies that separate the races?

## North Poll

### Do you feel you get enough sleep? Why or why not?

Donna Watts

Secondary Education  
Major  
Newport, KY

"I'm on a time-management system and plus I take vitamins."



Antonio Mazzaro

English  
Cincinnati, OH

"I don't feel that I get enough sleep because I'm always up studying things."

Mary Beth Maitre  
Speech/Communication  
Blue Ash, OH

"No, because I'm too busy socializing."



Amy Ursillo

English  
Williamstown, KY

"No, because I work full time and I'm a full time student."

Maurice Woodard  
Education  
Louisville, KY

"No, because I play PlayStation too much."



Matt Baynum

Electrical Engineering  
Hebron, KY

"No, because I work too much and then I have too much homework to do."

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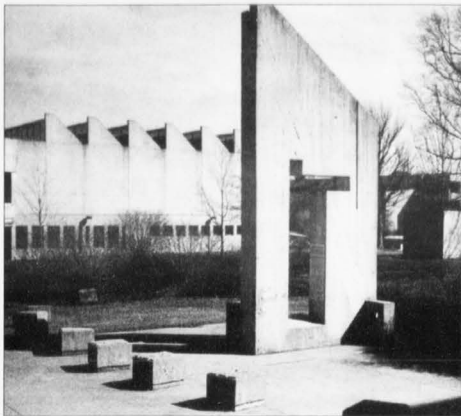
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## Art at NKU: Something to talk about

### More than meets the eye



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**SUNDIAL TO THE STARS:** "Gnomonium Polaris Nordum" has a sighting groove that points to the North Star and concrete blocks designed to show the hours.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

**TUNNEL UNDER WATER:** The mural on the walls of the tunnel between the University Center and Lucas Administrative Center was painted in 1982.

## Art 'softens' campus

By Kelly Sudzina  
Managing Editor

Northern Kentucky University is in the process of updating its master plan. The master plan will focus on changes to buildings and traffic regulation but also look at how to soften the campus and make it more inviting and friendly.

"The concrete is dynamic and it provides, to me at least, a sense of energy. But along with concrete you need to soften it in a variety of ways," President James C. Votruba said.

"One of our goals is to take a look at how we can continue to soften the campus...make it more inviting," Votruba said. "We just allocated \$15,000 for new

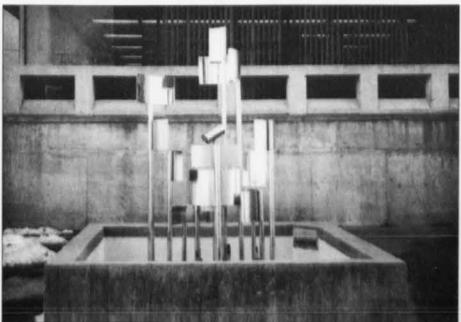
benches across campus where students can sit and talk and enjoy each other's company."

"Outdoor art can help that as well. We have a few very nice pieces I think," Votruba said.

NKU officials aren't currently seeking out new artwork to add to campus, however they are keeping their eyes open.

"We'll be looking for other opportunities to display public art that's consistent with our campus," Votruba said.

"The way we choose art is the compatibility with our campus," Votruba said. "We'll continue to look for other artwork that expresses a spirit or values that are important to the university—that students, faculty and staff feel at home with."



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**WATERLESS FOUNTAIN:** The fountain between Nunn Hall and the Natural Science building is titled "Dust Devil" and was established in 1973.

By Kelly Sudzina  
Managing Editor

"Art can challenge us, inspire us, it can motivate us, it can at times anger us," President James C. Votruba said.

Good. That's what it's supposed to do. Sometimes it seems like the only work of art on NKU's campus that is talked about is the Grooms sculpture. Sometimes it seems like it's talked about too much.

But there are many other works of art on NKU's campus that are overlooked. Now it's time to spend a moment looking them over.

There are many various pieces of various ages on NKU's campus. One of the oldest is the untitled piece by Donald Judd. Dr. Frank Steely, first president of NKU and history professor, said that when it was funded in

August 1976 with grant money from the National Endowment for the Arts it cost \$60,000.

The aluminum box is sculpted in the minimalist fashion and is supposed to symbolize the plainness and angularity of NKU's architecture.

The newest piece on NKU's campus is the clay mural titled "The Slavery Experience through the Middle Passage into the Underground Railroad Movement" by Cincinnati resident Raymond Lane, Jr. in the lobby of the Lucas Administrative Center.

Votruba said, "It's art that ties into our local region. It speaks to our history. It also speaks to values of our democracy."

The geometric sculpture in front of the Applied Science and Technology building is titled "Education, Science & Technology" by

sculptor Jack Gron and was dedicated in May 1991.

The sundial on the plaza in front of Nunn Hall is titled "Gnomonium Polaris Nordum." The concrete blocks with Roman numerals carved in them were designed to mark the hours and the sighting groove in the top of the sundial is supposed to guide the light of the pole star "thus marking the beginning point of construction for this educational institution," according to the plaque on the sundial.

These are just a few of the many examples of art NKU has to offer us. We should try to appreciate and understand them.

Votruba said, "Universities represent a forum for ideas and different views of the world. Public art can help us better understand each other."



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**ISHMAEL'S VIEW:** Donald Judd's untitled minimalist sculpture, commonly called "the box" by NKU students, was commissioned in August 1976. It was sculpted with grant money from the National Endowment for the Arts.



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**UNCHAINED ARTISTRY:** NKU student Dan Collett's sculpture, "Ishmael's Cage," will be on display on the plaza until further notice.



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**GEOMETRIC ART:** Jack Gron's "Education, Science & Technology" was dedicated in May 1991.



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**LANE MURAL:** "The Slavery Experience through the Middle Passage into the Underground Railroad Movement" is the official title of the clay mural by Raymond Lane, Jr. which hangs in Lucas Administrative Center and was dedicated on Oct. 9, 1998.

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## Palette for your palate...



Kelko Koyano, a senior information systems major, paints banners for the International Student Union potluck dinner held April 10.

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## Study your sleeping pattern

## Less studying and more sleeping could help

Vicki Papas  
Staff Reporter

Less studying and more sleeping may be the secret to better grades. The irregular sleep habits of many college students leave them in a continuous state of jet lag, affecting their concentration, performance and even appearance.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, 46 percent of adults 18 to 29 years old fail to keep a regular sleep cycle. Dr. Martin Scharf, director of the Tri-State Sleep Disorder Center, said that the lack of a regular sleep schedule is hard on the body and affects performance. "Youth are strong and can overcome a lot. However, they are extending more energy, memory and concentration. They are working harder than they need to," Scharf said.

Linda Santana, a senior social work major at Northern Kentucky University, admits that during the beginning of each semester and at midterm and finals, she gets only four hours of sleep each night. Santana works full time, attends school full time and is a single parent. She said her lack of sleep causes a lack of concentration.

"There are times when I won't understand because I am tired," Santana said. This often causes her to read course material twice to understand it.

The sleep foundation recom-

mends eight hours of sleep each night. They report that 40 percent of adults are so sleepy during the day that it interferes with their daily activities.

Vicky Holzschuh, a junior office systems technology major, averages six hours of sleep each night and admits that she becomes drowsy in her afternoon classes.

Scharf believes that adequate sleep can create a competitive edge. "If I have to compete with somebody, I would rather compete with someone that is sleep-deprived," he said.

In addition to poor performance, Scharf also warns of the dangers of lack of sleep. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that each year, drowsy drivers cause 100,000 automobile crashes. These result in more than 1,500 fatalities and 71,000 injuries.

The statistics indicate that adults 18 to 29 years old have the highest likelihood of being involved in automobile accidents related to drowsiness and have the greatest incidence of dozing off at the wheel.

Scharf is discouraged when

speaking with college students about driving while drowsy. "Everybody laughs when I ask who has driven while they were very sleepy," he said. He explained that those occurrences are "near-death experiences."

According to Scharf, by the time the person realizes how sleepy they are, they have probably already been asleep. Mixing alcohol into the equation increases the probability of an accident.

Scharf said that in addition to poor performance and the dangers of sleepiness, a lack of sleep can have an effect on appearance.

"The immune system is related to sleep. When you don't get enough sleep, you lower your resistance and get sick easier," Scharf said.

This lowered resistance can cause the skin to break down and dermatologists tell patients to get more sleep and drink lots of water to improve their skin, according to Scharf.

In addition, during deep sleep the body releases growth hormones. A lack of sleep can reduce growth, bone density and muscle mass. "It has an impact on how you function," Scharf said.

"When you don't get enough sleep, you lower your resistance and get sick easier."

-Dr. Martin Scharf

## 'Life' is beautiful at the box

By Amy Westerling  
Staff Reporter

If you haven't seen *Life is Beautiful*, you still have a chance.

Italy's comedy, *Life is Beautiful*, walked away with its share of Academy Awards this year. You may have seen its eccentric creator, Roberto Benigni, bound across the stage at the award show, filled with gratitude, flailing his arms and repeating the only English words he seemed to know "... swimming in a sea of naked-a gratitude-a, and-a making-a love-a to everybody!"

*Life is Beautiful* takes a whimsical and animated look at life in Italy before and during the Holocaust and playfully paints the portrait of a Jewish man, played by Benigni, trying to make happiness for himself and to woo the woman of his dreams.

The movie opens with sight gags and puns galore and reminds us of a type of comedy often forgotten in today's age of movies like *There's Something About Mary* and *Dumb and Dumber*.

Subtlety is Benigni's trick and comedy is his art. In one scene, Benigni's character, Guido asks a local businessman about his politics. The man, distracted by his noisy children, turns to them and yells, "Benito! Adolph! Be still!" Guido says never mind.

This type of low-profile humor is echoed throughout the film, even when Guido and his family are taken to a concentration camp. Benigni makes the viewer laugh despite the horror surrounding Guido and his family.

To answer his son's questions, Guido tells him that they are on their way to a fun camp and will be competing in a contest to win a real tank. He cleverly adds that the team with



*Life is Beautiful* is currently playing at the Esquire theatre in Clifton, Ohio.

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1000 points wins, but you lose points for crying or asking for your mommy, so you need to act like a man. And he keeps on the act for his son, in spite of everything going on around him.

Some have argued that Benigni trivializes the war. Although he glazes over some of the terror that took place and even makes you say, "Yeah, right" from time to time, you need to remind yourself that this is a story, and a comedy at that. Once you

realize that this is fun, you have fun yourself and cannot help but laugh, cry and gaze in amazement.

I walked out of the theater after watching *Life is Beautiful* and was speechless, a triumph in itself. This movie took my heart, filled it full until it was ready to burst, and then wrung it dry.

*Life is Beautiful* is still showing at the Esquire in Clifton. I recommend that everyone see it once.

## 'Romeo and Juliet' stages a triumph

By Rick Amberg  
Staff Reporter

I still remember vividly reading William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* when I was a freshman in high school. It has remained my favorite play. I was thrilled to get tickets to see a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival, comprised of some of the finest Shakespeare performers I have seen. I knew I wouldn't be disappointed, and I wasn't.

I was planning on sitting on the seats on the side of the stage, but the first rows were blocked off and marked "Sword Crossing". So I just sat in the front row and prepared to enjoy the show.

As with every show I have seen at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival, the actors and actresses seemed to have an ability to bring the play to life. There were several times during the play that I forgot I was watching a show and thought the affairs of the Montagues and the Capulets were actually unfolding in front of my eyes.

Joseph Verciglio and Anne Devereaux Vega delivered very powerful performances as Romeo and

Juliet. R. Chris Reeder also did a wonderful job as Mercutio, one of my favorite characters in *Romeo and Juliet*.

After the show, Chris Lewin told me that he enjoyed playing both Tybalt Capulet and Friar Lawrence.

"It was great for me to play Tybalt and Friar Lawrence because I got to play both the virus that began the entire thing and the physician that cured it," Lewin said.

Besides the performances, the fight scenes were incredibly realistic. I noticed that many of the children in the audience even got a little scared. Lewin also served as the fight coordinator on the show and said he felt it was his duty to make the fights realistic.

"It is my firm belief as a fight arranger to provide an anti-theater to the audience even get a little scared. Lewin also served as the fight coordinator on the show and said he felt it was his duty to make the fights realistic."

At the end of the show, I left the theater fulfilled and confident that this was the best version of *Romeo and Juliet* I had ever seen. The show left me with a smile and a number of my favorite lines, parading through my head, but I didn't mind.

## Campus Calendar

## Thursday, April 15:

- Students Together Against Racism. 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Women in Transition support group meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

## Monday, April 19:

- Les causeries du lundi, French conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.

## Tuesday, April 20:

- Common Ground meeting. 4-5 p.m. UC 303.
- Deutsche Kaffeestunde, German conversation hour. 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

## Wednesday, April 21:

- Hora de conversacion, Spanish conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. UC 232.

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# Dr. Linda Bennett 'loves what she does'

By Judy Bonhaus  
Staff Reporter

What goes around comes around. Or so it seems for Linda Bennett, chair of the political science department at Northern Kentucky University.

She was inspired to go into political science by a high school teacher 28 years ago.

Now she has inspired Peggy Jones, a senior political science major, to do the same.

"Dr. Bennett is the reason I'm in political science. Her excitement and enthusiasm about the subject impressed me," Jones said. "It's hard to find teachers who truly love what they are teaching. She made me feel good about going back to school."

Bennett became excited about the subject from her Walnut Hills High School teacher, Harriet Russell.

Russell now serves on the Cincinnati Public School Board. Russell said her course, Sino-Soviet Totalitarianism, was for students who really wanted additional mental challenges.

"Linda was very interested in critical thinking. She enjoyed the give and take of thought-provoking discussions," Russell said. "I tried to turn students on to realize that political analysis is really important."

Bennett tries to do the same. Although her time is scarce as department chair, Bennett teaches an introductory level course in American politics every fall.

"When I was in high school, in the late '60s, it was a very political time. You could hardly not be affected by politics," Bennett said. "Now, many students perceive that the political world does not have much of an impact on their lives."

Nothing could be further from reality. I think the irony is that as the political realm shapes more and more of their daily world, they become less and less aware, less informed," Bennett said.

Bennett said she is concerned that the use of media and polling technology has eroded the basis of democratic government.

She said a recent PEW Center



Linda Bennett, chair of the political science department, said the decision to come to NKU was a good move both personally and professionally.

poll says that legislators are picking up on the fact that Americans are not very well informed.

"Our opinions are so easily manipulated, the legislators question how much attention should be given them," Bennett said. "The use of marketing

techniques to manipulate opinion as a conscious style goes back to the Nixon presidency."

Bennett said the Reagan presidency was a very deliberate public relations presidency and the Clinton presidency is even more so.

"Maybe only in their wildest

dreams would earlier administrations think they could manipulate public opinion to a point wherein you have you could have a presidency of such dispointment and doing such damage to an institution and have a public largely out to lunch," she said. "It's a disturbing phe-

nomenon."

Fonda Reis, a 1998 NKU graduate in social work, realizes the impact of politics in the social work field.

Working for Kentucky Social Services, Reis has used knowl-

edge from Bennett's American Politics class.

Reis said, "Things I learned in her class I'm applying to everyday living as far as my work: the civil service commission, getting a state position, trying to get a bill passed—and even helping my kids with their homework."

"I think American politics should be required as a general studies class," Reis said. "Most students don't know enough about our government and don't remember much from their high school civics classes."

Bennett said a civics or citizenship requirement would lead to a better informed Northern Kentucky public, because over 80 percent of NKU graduates stay in the area.

"I do believe that students coming through four years of college and not knowing about their political system is a tragedy. That is an obligation we have (to educate them)."

"In the United States, we have a very complex system of government. It is important for students to know and to understand this system because they're not going to be able to preserve it if they don't know it. That's why my approach to the introductory courses borders on missionary zeal," she said.

Bennett said political science instructors try to make a good impression on students in introductory classes.

"This is the student's introduction to us. I think you want

your strongest instructors because you've got more than an uninterested audience," she said. "You've got an audience that frankly hates politics, so you've got to find some ways to get through that."

Bennett came to NKU as chair of the political science department in the summer of 1996, after serving in the same capacity at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio from 1994 to 1996. She has been a lecturer or professor of political science on the college level since 1976. She received her undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Cincinnati.

For fun, Bennett said she enjoys sewing, needlework, walking and travel.

"We've been to Europe and all over the United States to the four corners," she said. "We went to Montana this summer and it was fabulous."

Because of her Cincinnati roots, Bennett said the decision to come to NKU was a good move both personally and professionally.

"I've felt tremendous support since I've been here. I've had help from colleagues inside the department and across campus, as well as staff. We have a wonderful staff," she said.

Diane Smith, Bennett's secretary, said she is easy to work with. Junior Anne Joesting served in the work study program for two years and agreed with Smith.

"Dr. Bennett is very personable, diplomatic and open to new ideas. Her personality makes it fun to work here," Joesting said. "She loves what she does, especially teaching."

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-Linda Bennett

## Concert in sync

By Rick Amburgey  
Staff Reporter

Ok, I admit it - I attended the 'N Sync concert at the Firststar Center on April 3.

However, I must make it absolutely clear that I went for the sole purpose of reporting to you, the general public, what it was actually like.

You didn't really think that a 21-year-old man would admit to actually liking their music, did you? Of course not.

Before the show actually began, I decided to rent a pair of binoculars. I imagine that the other concertgoers in line behind me probably that I was a super-cool idol.

Was it because of my good looks?

Absolutely not. It was because I was one of very few people in line who actually had a driver's license to put up as collateral.

That's right - many of these people were not even 16 yet, so they gave up rings, house keys and probably just about everything in between to get the coveted binoculars.

I was standing there watching the show and listening to the songs when it suddenly hit me.

One was the fact that many of these songs were actually pretty good and were songs that I could relate to—songs about love and heartbreak.

Then, I looked around the crowd

and realized that most of the audience was made up of 10-16 year old girls that are stuck somewhere between the "Boys have cooties" stage and "I am hornier than hell" stage. I am sure that practically none of these girls have ever felt "true love" or the devastation of a bad breakup, but still they were singing along as if they understood every word.

Overall, I must admit it was a great show, but the band changed clothes more times than Reba McEntire does during one of her shows.

As I mentioned before, the lyrics to 'N Sync's songs are very powerful, but it was hard to make out the words because there were more high pitched screams from prepubescent teenage girls than one might expect to hear at a horror movie.

I must give the guys in the band credit—they did put on a good show and the lights and the dance moves were highly entertaining.

If you actually want to risk your life by putting yourself in the middle of a stampede of prepubescent teen-age girls, you will probably get your money's worth.

However, it is my belief that anyone that is old enough to actually understand the subject matter in their songs would probably enjoy the music best listening to the CD in the privacy of their own home.

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## Make me whole: Give me NKU women's golf for new millenium



Elden May

Spring is the time of year for renewing friendships with our favorite sports.

Baseball comes out of the moth balls for a six-month love affair.

Softball continues to build a loyal fan base among the masses. Last but not least, the warm days of spring bring people to the links for a round (or two) of golf. When the faxes started rolling in with the results of the Northern Kentucky University men's golf matches, I eagerly awaited the results of the ladies' matches. Much to my chagrin, I learned a tough lesson that day—NKU does not have a women's golf team.

While it may be shocking to some that NKU has a MEN'S golf team, it has always been something that I never had to think about. I always assumed we had one.

Men's and women's golf are two things that have always gone together. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Peanut butter and jelly. Chris Farley and the buffet table. Men's and women's golf were made for each other.

Alas, when the legendary wars of women's golf are fought, NKU finds itself on the sidelines.

Why hasn't NKU fielded a team? It is undoubtedly a money issue, as it is with other sports. But this is not football or swimming where we are talking about (sports which require new facilities and equipment). This is a sport that would add five to 10 new athletes with each already owning a set of clubs.

The current budget for the NKU men's golf team is not exactly a strain for the university, when compared to other sports. The men's golf program operates on \$8,620 per year, according to the 1996 athletic budget. This covers travel, salaries and other fees.

This is roughly the cost of two full scholarships for the men's or women's basketball programs. Another possible hurdle in the formation of women's golf at NKU are the Title IX issues. However, adding 10 new golfers will still not upset the balance of Title IX at this university, as the adding of a women's sport would still keep NKU within compliance of the rules.

The women at NKU need a golf program to call their own. The Norse could recruit locally and field a competitive team, if the other NKU sports are any indication. In addition, the sport would give an entirely new group of people the chance to compete and be ignored by the local media for their accomplishments. Please remember that it is better to try and be ignored than to have never tried at all.

Best of all, it would give golf fans everywhere a chance to root for the women of NKU on the links. The only way to ever have a potential Se Ri Pak or Nancy Lopez is to allow them the opportunity to compete and prosper.

If this program can survive on less than \$10,000 a year, why not jump at the chance?

My challenge to the NKU athletic department for the 1999-2000 school year is this—capitalize on the popularity and success of women's sports this year at NKU. Now is the time to add women's golf.

## Christian's memory continues on

### Men's, women's soccer teams raise money for soccer foundation

By Max Dawson  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's and women's soccer teams had the chance to practice and raise money for charity in an exhibition match with Miami University Saturday.

The Norse took part in the second annual Scott Christian Challenge. The Lady Norse defeated the Miami University Lady Redhaws 3-2 to kick off the soccer exhibition doubleheader. Miami's men's squad shutout NKU 3-0 in the second game.

Between games, the Scott Christian Memorial Soccer Foundation, Inc. presented scholarships to six graduating Northern Kentucky high school soccer players. Chris Barwell of Scott and Kelly Rigbee of Conner received college scholarships. Conner's Phillip Brock, Rylee's Adam Byrd, Dixie Heights' Kristen Noakes and Highlands' Stephanie Sandloss received Scott Christian Memorial Achievement Award Scholarships.

Noakes will be the fifth award recipient to attend NKU, following Tim Byland (1994), Chris Powers (1996), Eva Broeg and Kevin Conner (1998).

The foundation has awarded 17 college scholarships to date. "Ironically that is also Scott's number," according to Christian's father Gary, the founder of the foundation.

Scott Christian died in 1992 after suffering an injury during a soccer match.



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**RAISING MONEY IN SCOTT'S MEMORY:** The Scott Christian Memorial Soccer Foundation was named in honor of Scott Christian, a Boone County High School soccer player that died from injuries suffered in a game in 1992.

school soccer match. The Boone County High School soccer star led the Rebels team in goals as a sophomore. In addition, Christian played for the Kentucky Olympic development and Midwest Soccer Academy All Star teams.

In 1993, the foundation formed to honor the memory of Christian. The foundation seeks to promote youth soccer, attract support from corporations and individuals, and present awards to further soccer.

Senior striker Lisa Geiman got the scoring started early for the Lady

Norse with a goal just before one minute of play expired. Freshman forward Betsy Moore made the score 2-0 in favor of NKU with 13:30 remaining in the first half. Moore led the women's team in scoring for the 1998 season.

Miami University got on the scoreboard after nearly nine minutes passed in the second half. Moore added a second goal with 26 minutes left in the second half for NKU. The Lady Redhaws narrowed the gap with a second goal with five minutes to play.

Geiman said that the Norse ran out of gas in the second half, allowing for Miami's comebacks. With only one substitute player, NKU's women held off their opponent under the stretch to preserve a one-goal victory. Geiman gave credit to Miami claiming the Lady Redhaws were in better shape than NKU.

NKU's men didn't fair as well against their NCAA Division I foe. The Norse yielded three goals and failed to score in the physical contest. Although it may have been an exhibition game, the men fought intensely. Multiple yellow cards came out in the second half as tempers flared.

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## Baseball routed at UMSL, Quincy

### Norse outscored 30-9 versus fourth-ranked Quincy

By Elden May  
Sports Editor

For the Northern Kentucky University baseball team, there was only one thing worse than being 1-10 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference: being 1-14 in conference play. NKU finds itself in this situation after dropping weekend doubleheaders at Missouri-St. Louis and Quincy.



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

**HEAD IN THE GAME:** NKU basemen Lenny Bays receives instructions from NKU coach Bill Aker during the game with Ohio Valley on Wednesday.

The NKU baseball team swept a doubleheader from Ohio Valley University on Wednesday at Friendship Field. The Norse then went on the road and dropped a doubleheader at Missouri-St. Louis.

In the first game Wednesday, NKU took advantage of three Ohio Valley errors and went on to a 9-2 win. Shane Stanton picked up the win for the Norse. The NKU staff held OUV to three hits for the game. Stanton is now 2-1 on the season.

NKU pounded out 11 hits in the second game and won 13-2 in a game shortened to five innings because of darkness. Victor Kleine allowed one hit in picking up his first win of the season. Kleine is now 1-3 with a 7.90 ERA.

NKU got back into conference play with a doubleheader Saturday at Missouri-St. Louis. The Rivermen swept NKU 7-6 and 6-2.

In the first game, Jason Stauffer turned in seven innings for NKU, allowing four runs and striking out four. After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, UMSL came back with three runs in the bottom half of the inning.

NKU battled back and took

a 6-3 lead in the eighth inning before UMSL tied it. The Rivermen won an inning later by scoring a run off Norse reliever Scott Berryman.

Berryman led NKU at the plate, going 3-5. Catcher Michael Tudor and Kevin McElfresh each drove in two runs for NKU.

In the second game, UMSL scored four runs in the second inning and held NKU to two hits in the 6-2 victory.

The Rivermen jumped on Norse starter Bryan Ayers, scoring four runs in the second inning. Ayers lasted 1 2/3 innings, allowing four runs and walking four. Mike Pletzer came on and went the rest of the way, allowing three hits.

On Sunday, the Norse travelled to Quincy for a doubleheader with the Hawks. The nationally-ranked Hawks extended the Norse losing streak to four by sweeping the doubleheader, 18-6 and 12-3.

In the first game, Quincy broke the game open by scoring 10 runs in the second inning off Norse pitchers Lenny Bays and Josh Whitley.

Quincy continued their dominance in the second game by scoring six runs over the third and fourth innings. Joel Hubbard went five innings for the win. With the losses, NKU drops to 1-14 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference this season. The Norse are now 18-19 overall this season.

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## Doerner makes a point with the bat and glove

By Bruce Reller  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's softball team has gotten off to a fast start thanks in part to its offensive and defensive efforts on the field. One reason the softball team is second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference is shortstop Joanna Doerner.

Doerner is the club leader for the Norse in hits, runs scored and batting average.

However, the team's play is a contributing factor in the season, especially in conference play.

Doerner thinks they have a chance at winning the conference as well as getting to the tournament.

"We want to go out and win as many games as possible," said Doerner. "We want to win the conference and go to the tournament. We need to play on the top of our game and be consistent."

Everyone on the team has been contributing offensively and defensively this season. "Everybody's got their own roles and are filling in their roles," said Doerner. "Everyone's doing their best on the field. The

pitchers are awesome and the outfielders are doing really good."

Doerner feels that she is not the only one hitting well this season, but the whole team is hitting the ball well.

"Everyone is hitting well; we have a good hitting coach," explained Doerner. "The whole team is doing well."

The team has done well in conference games it has played all season.

The team's chemistry has helped build it into a contender. "We're pretty close as a team and have good team chemistry," said Doerner. "That helps us play together as a team."

First-year head coach Kathy Bown knows the team and the program has helped the team stay focused this season.

"She already knew everyone and the program," said Doerner. "She doesn't seem like a first-year coach at all."

The women's softball team looks to go high this season as it tries to win the GLVC Tournament and get to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

It is currently ranked 28th in the nation.

## NKU Leaders in GLVC

Baseball		
Hitting		
7. Jason Martin		.394
Home Runs		
3 (T). Scott Berryman		6
Doubles		
6 (T). Scott Berryman		10
SOFTBALL		
Hitting		
2. Joanna Doerner		.466
7. Vanessa Jones		.393
11. Kerry McKee		.390
Home Runs		
7 (t). Kerry McKee		2
Runs Batted In		
7. Kerry McKee		14
Doubles		
5. Kerry McKee		6

## Upcoming Games

Baseball		
Saturday, April 17	St. Joseph's (DH)	noon
Sunday, April 18	St. Joseph's	noon
Monday, April 19	at Ohio Valley (DH)	1 p.m.
Softball		
Saturday, April 17	Quincy (DH)	1 p.m.
Sunday, April 18	Missouri-St. Louis (DH)	noon
Tuesday, April 20	Georgetown (Ky.) (DH)	3:30 p.m.
Tennis		
Thurs.-Sat., April 15-17	at GLVC tournament (at Indianapolis)	TBA

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## NKU men's tennis hopes to surprise 12-6 Norse play in GLVC tournament this week

By Tim Banks  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team heads into the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament with a 12-6 record with momentum on its side.

The Norse tennis team went 4-1 in the weekend matches with wins over Thomas More, Hanover, Kentucky Wesleyan and IPFW.

NKU started the week with a match Tuesday against Thomas More College and prevailed 9-0. The Norse were led by Aaron McDowell and Shawn Barone. The tandem won 6-0 6-2, and 6-3 6-2,

respectively.

Wednesday the men traveled to Hanover to collect another win, 6-3. The Norse were led again by McDowell. The senior won in singles competition, 6-2 and 7-5.

The men opened the weekend with a victory Friday against Kentucky Wesleyan. NKU romped to a 9-0 victory, sweeping both the singles and doubles matches.

On Saturday, NKU entertained the top team in the conference in Southern Indiana. The Norse fell 7-2 to the Screaming Eagles.

The Screaming Eagles are undefeated this season and will be the top seed in the upcoming GLVC tournament.

NKU tennis coach Geoff Crawford said, "We were very competitive throughout the match, but we didn't play our 'A' game, and that's what we needed to win."

On Sunday, the team squared off with Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne. The Norse solidified a spot in the conference tournament, winning 7-2. The Norse are 12-6 this season (6-3 GLVC).

The reason for the Norse resurgence this season could be attributed to the play of three potential all-conference players:

Aaron McDowell, respectively.

Jared Cooper and Todd Thelin.

McDowell is the number two ranked singles player on the team and has a 9-0 record while Cooper and Thelin are both carrying 7-2 records. All have brought experience and could help the Norse continue in the upcoming GLVC tournament.

Their inclusion on the team would reflect the improvement of the Norse tennis team from last season. The GLVC's all-conference men's tennis team consists of twelve players from the ten team league.

Crawford assessed the three's chances of making the team.

"I don't believe all three will make it, but NKU will be represented," Crawford said.

NKU will be represented on the upcoming GLVC All-Academic team. In addition to being an all-conference nominee, Thelin is also a GLVC All-Academic selection along with teammate Doug Wiene.

April 15-17 the Norse will travel to Indianapolis and try to prolong their winning season in the eight team GLVC tournament.

NKU is hoping to earn a fourth or fifth seed and a first round match-up with the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a team the Norse has recent history with.

"We are never completely satisfied with anything less than perfection, but this has been a very good season," said Crawford.

However, the season ends the Norse men will have something to build for next year, and should be able to better their 12-6 record of this season.

Although NKU will lose number one singles player Dax Evans and Todd Thelin, the team returns six players, including McDowell.

"It's really looking bright for next year, we are anticipating very good things," Crawford said.

## The Northerner Players of the Week



Photos by Kelly Sudzina and Jeff McCurry

**Left: Chad Lubbe** has been one of the most productive hitters for NKU this season. He is hitting .325 with one homer and three stolen bases.

**Right: Jamie O'Hara** O'Hara helped NKU defeat Division I Dayton this week. The freshman was also named GLVC Freshman of the Year last fall.



## Spring sports recap

By Elden May  
Sports Editor

The spring sports scene at Northern Kentucky University is winding down. The softball and golf teams are fighting for spots in the post-season and the women's tennis team resumed its season after a six month layoff with hopes of qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis resumed its season after a six-month layoff with the hopes of qualifying for the NCAA tournament. The Norse won the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament in the fall and must await the results of the NCAA tournament drawing at the end of the month.

In the meantime, NKU defeated Division I University of Dayton and Northwood and lost to Ferris State and Cameron (Ok.) over the weekend.

Freshman Jamie O'Hara helped NKU defeat the Flyers 6-3 as she posted victories at #1 singles and #1 doubles.

O'Hara won the singles match 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. She then teamed with Lauren Spears to win, 8-6.

NKU traveled to Big Rapids, Michigan on Friday and lost to Ferris State, 9-0.

The Ferris tandem of Jennifer Garvey and Emily Calowell wreaked havoc on NKU. Garvey defeated O'Hara 6-1, 6-0 and Calowell defeated Lauren Spears 6-2, 6-4. The two then teamed to defeat O'Hara and Spears in doubles, 8-6.

NKU women's tennis coach Dave Bezold gave credit to the Ferris program.

"Ferris has a very strong team," Bezold said.

NKU played Cameron (Ok.) and lost, 3-6.

The Norse then rebounded to defeat Northwood (Mich.), 5-4.

Bezold said the jury is still out whether the team improved its positioning for the upcoming NCAA

tournament.

"We played well, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder and I don't know if it will get us in (NCAA tournament)," Bezold said. "It's hard to say. It will be close."

### Men's Golf

The NKU men's golf team finished in a tie for ninth at the Dayton Spring Invitational on Monday. The tournament featured local schools such as Xavier, Dayton and Wright State. Rob Mitchell was the low scorer for NKU with an 80. Drew Von Lehman shot an 81 and Scotty Stark and Josh Jarvis tied with an 82.

### SOFTBALL

The softball team completed a 1-5 week by losing weekend double-headers to both Southern Illinois at Edwardsville and Southern Indiana.

On Tuesday, NKU hosted Indianapolis in a doubleheader. In the first game, the Greyhounds shut down the NKU attack, holding them to three hits, and recorded a 4-0 victory. Jamie Moore took the loss for NKU.

The Norse managed to split the series by winning the second game, 5-2. NKU rapped out eight hits and took advantage of three Indianapolis errors. Katie Garling (4-3) got the win.

On Saturday, NKU travelled to



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**OVERHAND POWER:** NKU women's tennis player Lauren Spears returns a shot in an earlier match this season. Spears will try to help the Norse receive a bid in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

Edwardsville, Illinois for a game with the SIUE Lady Croagars. SIUE broke open a close game by scoring runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings and scored a 9-2 victory.

NKU could never get the bats going in the second game as they were shut out on eight hits in an 8-0 drubbing. Dawn Farmer went the distance for SIUE, striking out three.

Things got worse for NKU when the team traveled to Southern Indiana. The Screaming Eagles shut NKU in back-to-back games, 3-0 and 1-0.

The losses extend the NKU losing streak to four. NKU has failed to score a run in three consecutive games.

NKU stands at 14-11 overall (6-8 GLVC).

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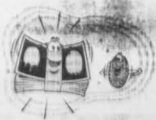
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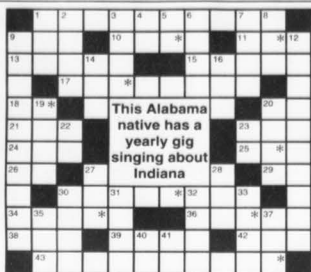
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21. *Takes Two* (1982-83)
21. Court \_\_\_\_\_
23. Ultimate degree
24. *He... All the Way*; '51 Shelley Winters film
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28. Comment from Scrooge
30. One of Jacob's 12 sons
31. Colorado ski resort
32. *House* (1989-90)
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37. *Home Improvement*
38. *role*
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