



## dpsreports

Monday, Nov. 8

**12:33 p.m.** — A subject reported that subject's unknown removed his book bag from Norse Hall. The case is under investigation.

**12:39 p.m.** — A subject advised that his 2005 NKU Parking Permit was lost. The subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

**3:00 p.m.** — Transportation to St. Elizabeth Hospital South was requested for a subject at the third floor of University Center. An officer responded and transported the subject for evaluation and treatment.

**8:32 p.m.** — An officer observed a vehicle being operated with a non-illuminated registration plate. The vehicle was stopped on Kenton Drive. During questioning, it was discovered that the driver was operating a vehicle on a suspended/cancelled operator's license. The driver was arrested and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Drug paraphernalia was found inside the vehicle. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle on a Suspended or Revoked Operator's License and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Driver was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail.

**10:12 p.m.** — A non-injury auto accident between 2 vehicles occurred at parking lot Q. Both vehicles remained in service.

*These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS Web site at <http://acccon.nku.edu/dps>*

## campusbriefs

### Courses offered during winter

Due to student requests, NKU announced that it is offering courses during this year's winter intercession. This will be the first intercession in the university's history that it has ever opened classes during this time. Students can choose from over 30 courses, which will run from Dec. 20 through Jan. 7. Students will be allowed to take one three-credit hour course, which will last several hours a day. Both graduate classes and high demand classes will be offered during the

intercession. Also, some of the classes will be incentive, new classes, because professors now have a chance to do innovative lessons that require longer class periods.

NKU officials estimate that nearly 450 students (15 per class) will sign up for the winter intercession.

### Center recovers missing ad

The Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement has found its missing Get Out the Vote for Democracy banner. After placing an ad in The

Northerner, the center received an anonymous call Nov. 5 that tipped the university to search a dorm room.

The center is not sure whether it will file charges.

### Chase professor wins grant

A professor from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law won a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach in the Czech Republic in the 2004-05 academic year. Adam Todd will lecture at Palacky University in Olomouc about American legal methods and comparative law.

Currently Todd is the assistant professor of legal writing and director of academic support at Chase. He has lectured in Warsaw, Poland about American privacy law, and has recently given several lectures about the American legal system.

Besides Todd, roughly 800 other Fulbright Scholars will travel to more than 140 countries during the 2004-05 academic year. As a Fulbright Scholar, Todd's purpose will be to construct a mutual understanding between the United States and the Czech Republic.

## nationalbriefs

### 56-year-old gives birth to twins

Aleta St. James gave birth to a healthy set of twins at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital just three days before her 57th birthday, according to a report on CNN.com.

Francesca was born first at 9:18 a.m. on Nov. 9, weighing in at 5 pounds, 12 ounces, followed by Gian, who weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

Both babies were delivered by cesarean section and healthy enough to go straight to the well-newborn nursery, according to hospital officials.

St. James underwent in-vitro fertilization after receiving a clean bill of health from her gynecologist who admitted there are several potential risks for pregnancy at this age.

Increased chances of premature birth or miscarriage, certain types of diabetes and hypertension brought on by pregnancy are a few risks listed by MayoClinic.com.

Despite the risks, St. James, who is the sister of Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa, says her children are "miraculous gifts."

### Possible suicide may be protest

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Friends of Veal said they believe he did this as a protest to Bush's re-election, calling his act "symbolic."

Police are unsure of how Veal entered the premises, as it is protected by high fences.

## NY Times editor discusses ethics

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William Schmidt, associate managing editor of The New York Times, spoke about journalism ethics at a lecture Tuesday, Nov. 9 and described journalism as "bearing witness."

Schmidt discussed firsthand the episodes of New York Times writer Jayson Blair, who was caught making up stories. Schmidt said there are many things The New York Times did to ensure that wouldn't happen again, and that other news organizations should consider doing them as well. The provisions included improving management, open communication among editors and reporters, training managers and holding editors accountable for not checking facts.

Schmidt said occurrences such as Blair's are exceptions and that most journalists are. Schmidt blamed failures in communication and editing as

reasons for Blair's articles being published. He said news organizations need to start ensuring accountability in and out of the newsroom.

After the Blair scandal, Schmidt said The New York Times improved its ethical policies and reworked their handbook to include more restrictions on conflicts of interest.

Some of the restrictions include employees barred from running for public office, donating time or money to a political campaign, participating in a political rally and sports writers can not vote for entrants into Hall of Fame.

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Schmidt's lecture is part of NKU's involvement in the American Democracy Project, which encourages college students to become more involved in civic and community issue. The lecture was co-sponsored by The New York Times and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.



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William Schmidt explains how journalists can enhance news coverage.

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**November 17 at 9:59 a.m.**

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# Conseors assist in choosing college

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The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — The pursuit of higher education is a lot simpler when Allen Bell attended college in the late Sixties: He applied. He got in. He went.

But the Tenafly, N.J., dad realized things had become more complicated about six years ago when he and his wife could no longer see their dining-room table because it was buried beneath a mountain of college brochures and applications for their oldest daughter.

Feeling a bit overwhelmed, the Bells — like a growing number of families nationwide — hired a private guidance counselor to help them navigate through their child's college search while also keeping their sanity intact.

"We could have done it ourselves," Bell said. "But I don't want to do it."

At a time when getting into college has become more competitive than ever, parents are calling on professionals in the

hope of giving their child an edge.

For doing anything from recommending extracurricular activities to fine-tuning a student's written essay, private counselors charge from \$1,000 to \$20,000 a year.

This trend is yet another outgrowth of the nation's increasing anxiety about college admissions, which has already seen a boom in SAT prep courses, a private tutor to maintain stellar grades and rigorous summer academic programs.

Today, there are about 3,000 private counselors for hire, compared with 1,500 just three years ago, according to the industry's trade group.

About 6 percent of high school students are now working with a private counselor, compared with 1 percent a decade ago, said Mark Sklarow, executive director of the Independent Educational Consultants Association in Fairfax, Va.

The group expects the number of students to double in the next 10 years, with the industry's most significant growth taking place in North Jersey

and the surrounding New York suburbs.

"Five years ago, I would have said it's a luxury of the very wealthy," Sklarow said. "Now we know most kids using educational consultants are public school kids."

The trend is being fueled by a number of factors, including the sheer number of high school graduates nationwide.

Between 1996 and 2002, the number of high school graduates has increased by 12 percent, from 2.6 million to 2.9 million students.

The U.S. Department of Education predicts the number of graduates will reach 3.3 million by 2009, a record high.

"It seems more competitive for kids, unfortunately that's because it is right now," Sklarow said.

"More kids are graduating high school and chasing the same number of spots at colleges."

Yet many school-based guidance counselors are skeptical that hiring private counselors is worth the money, saying the business feeds parental fears and puts even more pressure on

students who are already feeling stress.

"This is just another example of leaving no stone unturned in trying to get students into the best schools, which will translate into the best careers," said Richard Lehman, director of Tenafly High School's guidance department.

"The irony is, the kids that go to the best high schools, with the best parents don't want to go to private counselors."

Lehman said he has a hunch that most students at Tenafly High School are using private counselors.

But actual figures are not available, he said, because often parents don't want to advertise the fact that their child is working with a professional for fear it will alienate the school counselor, who still plays a vital role in the application process.

The school-based counselor is the best person for handling one of the most important components of the college application — writing letters of recommendation — and sending student transcripts to colleges.

And even private counselors acknowledge that many college admissions officers will take phone calls only from school-based counselors.

Peggy Looman, director of guidance at Ridgewood High School, believes like many of her peers that school-based counselors have a clear advantage over their private counterparts because they've seen students develop and grow over the course of four years.

"They have been their academic advisers, they have observed them in classrooms, on the athletic field, on the stage and performing at concerts," Looman said.

"Independent counselors have not had these opportunities. They meet with the students in isolation of school."

Yet private counselors contend the school-based counselors are overloaded with responsibilities and can't offer their students individual attention because they are assigned to work with hundreds of students at a time.

Nationally, the average student-to-guidance counselor ratio in public schools is 477 to

1, according to the American School Counselor Association. In New Jersey, the average ratio is 378 to 1.

At many schools in North Jersey, the ratio is closer to 200 to 1.

But that's still significantly higher than the number of students that private counselors work with at a time.

"I turn people away because it's very difficult to give students the attention they need, especially at this time of year," said Sami Kramon, a private counselor in Tenafly, who usually works with no more than 20 students a year.

Kramon, who also is an English-as-a-second-language teacher in the Cresskill, N.J., school district and a former college admissions officer, said families who approach her for college admissions advice are often driven by fear.

"People have fears of making mistakes in the process," she said. "They want the individual attention."

## Vote *Continued from page one*

cited and accepted estimates. It was the biggest turnout since 1972, when the voting age changed to 18 from 21, according to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement at the University of Maryland.

"Turnout was awesome, we put it simply," said Adam Alexander, a spokesman for the new Voters Project. "We were hoping to turn out 20 million. And we hit 21 million."

Researchers at the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement estimate that 4.6 million more people under the age of 30 voted this year as compared to 2000, based on exit polls and early vote total results.

That means that the overall turnout of young people was 51.6 percent, up from 42.3 percent four years ago. In battleground states, it was even higher — at 64 percent.

So why were there so many wild inaccuracies lingering around?

People misinterpreted the poll, said Carrie Donovan, youth adviser at the University of Maryland research center. Some news reports said that 10 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds showed up at the polls, when in fact 10 percent of the people interviewed in exit polls were in that age group.

Some election researchers have also pointed out that while more 18- to 29-year-olds showed up at the polls, they still made up about the same percentage of the electorate — about 17 percent — as they did four years ago. That's because more voters of all ages went to the polls this year.

Student organizers in Missouri and Illinois, many of

whom had been drumming up excitement and actively registering students for months, were surprised by the erroneous numbers slammung the youth vote.

"We didn't know where those numbers were coming from," said Teresa Sullivan, president of the St. Louis chapter of Project Democracy and a senior at Washington University. "The turnout here was really exceptional, from what we saw."

According to CNN exit polls, voters age 18 to 29 showed up in slightly larger numbers on Tuesday in Kentucky and Ohio as compared to the national average. They made up 19 percent of those who voted in Kentucky, 21 percent in Ohio and 17 percent nationwide.

"What I saw here at Northern (Kentucky University) suggested that students were very interested in the election," Joan Ferrante, interim director of the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement at the University of Maryland, said. "It reflects the national data that shows that there was an increase in student participation."

"I wouldn't call it dramatic, but I would call it modest. I think one should be happy with those numbers and hope they improve every election period."

Nationally, young voters were more divided than some had expected. They chose Kerry 54 percent of the time compared to 45 percent for Bush. They were the only age group to prefer Democrats.

Young voters in Kentucky, however, preferred Republicans, choosing Bush 54 percent of the time compared to 45 percent for Kerry.

"(The data) reflects youth who live in a conservative

state," Ferrante said.

Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, said he does not trust any numbers circulating about youth turnout, especially since the exit polls nationwide proved to not be very reliable.

Still, he does believe that young people on college campuses substantially increased their turnout in battleground states, where they probably helped make those races closer than they otherwise would have been, he said.

The best information about youth turnout, many experts agree, will come out next year when the Census Bureau releases its population survey that includes voter and registration information.

Ferrante said she believes the Get Out the Vote Campaign that was put on by the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement at NKU was successful in encouraging students to participate in the election.

As part of the initiative, the center received a national grant to recruit NKU students as Election Day poll workers. NKU was one of 15 colleges nationwide to receive the federal grant.

Ferrante said she had only anticipated approximately 150 students to apply. By Election Day, 260 students had submitted applications to work as poll workers.

"We're very happy. It exceeded our expectations," she said.

*Additional reporting by C.J. Fryer for The Northerner.*

## Book grants available

By C.J. FRYER  
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The deadline for submitting book grant applications to the National Government Association has been extended to Friday, Nov. 19 because of a lack of applications.

John Jenkins, chair of the Finance Committee, said that only one application had been received.

"We want to make sure we have a good applicant pool so we give it to good people," Pollitt said. "We're not going to give scholarships just to give

scholarships."

Follett, the provider of textbooks to the NKU Bookstore, donated \$1,000 worth of book grants to SGA to give to students.

This is the second year Follett has provided this money for SGA to distribute.

"It's a win-win situation," Pollitt said. "Follett gets good advertising for it, and SGA gets good publicity cause we helped students."

Pollitt said this money can be given out in any breakdown, depending on the number of applicants.

After the deadline, Pollitt's committee will look over the applications and nominate recipients to the Senate for approval.

He said he hopes to be able to present checks to the book grant recipients at the last SGA meeting of the semester, so that the students can use their grants to purchase books for the spring semester.

"I think it's very important for SGA to give back to the students," Pollitt said. "Especially with the tuition hikes, it's becoming difficult for a lot of our students to go to school."

Applications are available in the SGA office or at the Student Life Office. Completed applications must be turned in to the Dean of Students' office by no later than 4 p.m. on Nov. 19.

## Piracy *Continued from page one*

"That's why we have to put a stop to it."

"It is pursuing this aggressively, in full collaboration with the Dean of Students Office, University Housing and the university police because we want it very well known that we are complying completely with the law. We are not turning a blind eye to this type of activity."

Students have mixed feelings about the university's attempts to cut down on music piracy conducted over its network.

"I don't like the new policy," said Michelle Johnson. "I think it's invading — I can't say our privacy — but our rights to download music. At home they are not doing anything to keep me from downloading music, so I don't know why they need to cut down on us downloading school. I think people will try to find a way around it."

Sarah Carnes disagrees: "I don't download music because it's disrespectful, and the person who downloads music won't get paid and that's how they make their living."

Carnes said that she believes IT will easily be able to catch violators.

Kelso said that's just the case. "IT seems to be very proficient at narrowing down and identifying who the people are who are violating the policy," he said.

In fact, Kelso said that IT has already provided his office with a list of campus computer users believed to be illegally sharing copyrighted music. He said that his office is currently investigating these cases.

"The warning has gone out. If it has been ignored and their behavior continues... then you will see their sanctions are going to be appropriate for that and severe," Kelso said.

"Those students who have taken the warning seriously and have ceased this activity — we may still find them because we have recent past activity, but we will be much more flexible and willing to work with them in a reasonable fashion when it comes to any final decision in sanctions."

"It's in their best interest to stop immediately."

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-Kent Kelso  
Dean of Students

## Parking *Continued from page one*



Josh Blair / Photographer

The lower portion of lot 1 will be closed during the duration of the construction on the lake.

there. The middle level is the one you enter off the street, there's more parking below it."

If for some reason the lake renovations last longer than anticipated, the garage will be free for the duration of the project. Completion is scheduled for the end of summer, and the garage will be \$2 per car starting next fall.

Paying to park in a garage on campus is a necessity according to Blake. The price of maintaining a garage is very expensive, about \$1 million every four years. The \$2 that patrons will pay goes primarily toward cleaning, re-striping and resurfacing the concrete.

"Not charging students is going to put a dent in our

funds," Blake said, "but it gets you out of the weather, and there's much less walking than if this would have been a flat lot."

Blake believes that in the future the flat lots will mostly disappear and says that the university has plans in the works already for another parking garage.

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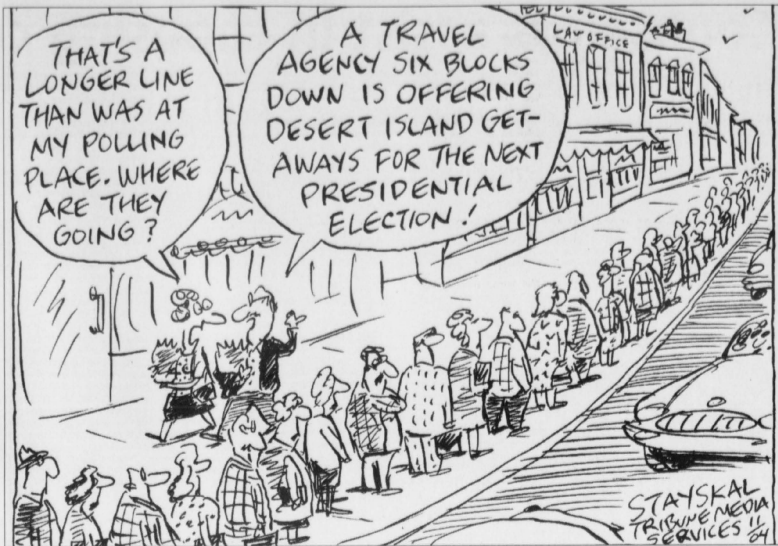
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**editorialnote**

# Democrats need new approach

By STEVE FUMERO  
Staff Writer

It's over.  
The election is finally over  
and perhaps now is the perfect  
time to sit back and really  
reflect on what kind of cam-  
paign we had this year.  
"Overall, 59 percent of Bush-  
dominated stories were clearly  
negative in nature," while "just  
25 percent of Kerry stories  
were decidedly negative,"  
according to a Project for  
Excellence in Journalism  
analysis of 817 print and broad-

cast stories that ran between  
Oct. 1 and Oct. 14.  
Perhaps the fact that Michael  
Moore's ilk are already sug-  
gesting the GOP somehow  
hijacked the election is proof  
enough that liberals in America  
have finally lost touch with  
the majority of the population.  
Is this indicative of the entire  
election season? I would argue  
that it is. From Farenheit 9/11  
to Moveon.org and Bruce  
Springsteen, it seemed that  
everyone was against President  
Bush. If this is the case, then  
why did the president win re-  
election by so many votes?

Perhaps it's partly those self-  
same liberals who supported  
Senator Kerry.  
Average Americans realize it  
doesn't matter what Puff  
Daddy (VOTE OR DIE!) or  
Cameron Diaz ("If you think  
rape should be legal, then don't  
vote") say about politics. Just  
because you play a politician in  
a movie doesn't qualify your  
opinions as fact.  
Day after day, hour after  
hour, negative ads, articles and  
movies were in our faces. You  
can only run so long with a  
negative campaign. Were these  
people in support of John

Kerry? I don't think so. What  
was the liberal agenda this  
year?  
Democrats are calling for  
President Bush to "reach across  
the aisle." In liberal speak, for  
those of you who do not speak  
it fluently, this means "do  
everything we want."  
If the Democrats truly want  
the president to work with  
them, they need to knock that  
chip off their shoulder that has  
been sitting there since the  
2000 election. The American  
people have spoken; they  
rejected Hollywood and liberal  
media.

Maybe it's time for the left to  
move towards the center. It is  
certainly time for the  
Democrats to come up with  
some sort of platform for 2008.  
How is Mrs. Clinton going to  
beat the GOP candidate?  
Running on the "anyone-but-a-  
Republican" campaign will be  
even less successful then.

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# High-tech bathrooms help or hinder

By LENORE SKEZANY  
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Why am I standing at the  
sink in a public bathroom, wav-  
ing? Do I think I recognize the  
sink? Am I that desperate for  
company? Or am I simply  
attempting to wash my hands?  
The answer, of course, is "all  
of the above." But most of all,  
it's C, the hand-washing one.  
That's because this sink hap-  
pens to be "fully automated,"  
i.e., fully equipped not to sput-  
ter any water at all, no way, unless  
somehow its high-tech infra-  
red beam deigns to notice I'm  
standing there.  
Yeah, and Ben Affleck  
deigns to act.

Don't hold your breath — but  
feel free to gnash your teeth. If  
you, like me, are a person who  
savors the simple joy of turning  
on and off a faucet, who still  
prefers to dry your hands with  
paper towels, who fully expects  
a toilet to refrain from flushing  
until you're good and ready, you  
are living in a dream world.  
Or at least a dream bathroom.  
"We're convinced that in the  
next five years, every public  
rest room will have moved to  
automation," says Mark Lewis,  
director of market development  
at Technical Concepts. That's  
the international company  
behind most of the infrared  
beams and motion sensors now  
telling public bathroom fixtures  
what to do, and when.

Lewis is the first to admit  
that the public may not be quite  
as psyched as he about the  
prospect of what he calls  
"touch-free rooms."  
"It's a challenge," he says,  
"because when people think of  
automation, they think of those  
early versions of the facsets,  
when you had to find that sweet  
spot in front of the sink."  
What's more, Lewis further  
acknowledges in the toilet realm  
there really was a problem with  
premature evacuation. Or, as the  
industry prefers to call it, "inad-  
vertent flushing."  
"This goes back to the  
infrared beams not hitting the  
right part of a person's body,"  
says Lewis. "They were off to  
the side and they would hit

somebody's arm. So if you  
moved your arm" — to do some-  
thing wacky like reaching for  
the toilet paper — "it would  
flush. What we've done now is  
angled the lens so it hits some-  
body in the small of the back."  
So if you're on a brand-new  
toilet, remember: No giggling,  
and the toilet should be able to  
contain itself for a few more  
seconds.  
The good thing about all this  
automation is that the new  
sinks really do boast water sav-  
ings of up to 70 percent. But  
the automatic toilets are not  
automatic to save water. They  
went high-tech because legions  
of women used to kick the  
flushers in a desperate attempt  
to keep our hands germ-free.

This resulted in a lot of bro-  
ken toilets. But now, since the  
automatic toilets don't have  
flushers to break, they require  
less maintenance.  
Perhaps, once we are all  
high-tech-toilet-trained, we  
will look back on manual bath-  
rooms the way we look back  
now on chamber pots.  
But I do believe I will always  
have a soft spot for sinks that  
don't auto. And toilets that  
aren't watching my back.

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# Falling in love with handwritten letters

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I remember reaching my arm  
into our mailbox as a young girl  
and getting so excited when in  
the thick stack of mail, I'd find  
a letter addressed to me.  
Today, I'm still overjoyed to  
receive a personal letter, though it  
happens less and less frequently.  
There's just something about  
the care and time put into a let-  
ter that has drawn me back to  
this old-style manner of corre-  
sponding.  
When e-mail became the  
cheaper and faster alternative to  
our classic postal service, I  
admit I happily jumped on the  
bandwagon. I was saving paper,

money and time all at once.  
Who wouldn't relocate their  
primary address from their  
home mailbox to the Internet?  
Then in an English class last  
spring, an assignment drove me  
to fall in love with genuine let-  
ter-writing again.  
In partners, we were to spend  
a few months cultivating a rela-  
tionship in writing through  
which we discussed almost  
everything. One of the most  
enjoyable parts of the exercise  
was also the most simple. In  
writing our letters, we chose an  
array of stationery, found new  
ways to decorate our envelopes,  
and learned different styles of  
handwriting.  
I chose a new pen to use with  
each letter, and added stickers,

colored paper or any other dec-  
oration I felt was right. It was  
the personal touch that made  
me yearn for the next letter to  
come in my mailbox each day.  
Admiring (or trying to deci-  
pher) a person's handwriting is  
one of the many things that se-  
parate letters from e-mails. The  
different styles of handwriting  
can say a lot about the writer's  
personality and add a dose of  
character to the paper.  
E-mails afford a quick, easy  
and often mindless option for  
keeping in touch. Sure, we all  
receive heartfelt e-mails from  
time to time, but most are short  
and full of incomplete sen-  
tences with phrases like "lol,"  
"btw" and "2g." In a good letter, sentences are

well thought-out, everlasting  
and complete.  
But what about special occa-  
sions like birthdays or hol-  
idays? We're bound to receive  
several letters and cards in the  
mail then, right? Not much  
anymore, thanks to e-cards.  
Instead of taking the time and  
thought to send a red greeting  
card or to make one, we can  
now click on a picture of a card  
and e-mail it to a friend in a  
matter of minutes.  
Letters are the storytellers of  
our past. From a soldier on the  
battlefield writing to his loved  
ones at home, to a king request-  
ing the help of another nation,  
to the romance of the Reagans,  
letters tell the stories that  
become our history.

Once an e-mail is deleted, it  
disappears into cyberspace. A  
letter will last forever. An e-  
mail is a document to look at on  
a screen, not a piece of paper to  
hold in hand.  
Next time, instead of catch-  
ing up with a friend in an e-  
mail, try writing a letter. Who  
knows — maybe your friend will  
respond and bring back the true  
meaning of "You've got mail!"  
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# Letters to the editor

## University should address College Republicans' poor conduct toward speakers

Dear Editor,

As a university and as college students, we are looked upon as respected and intellectual individuals capable of thinking out of the box. While I witnessed at the Congressional debate on campus was truly appalling and disrespectful, not only to the great candidates that chose to debate on our campus but to every single student, faculty and staff of this university. I witnessed first hand behavior unbecoming of students and members of the College Republicans of America.

Mr. Jeremy Worley took a courageous stance to point out and bring public the adolescent and indecent behavior of the College Republicans. In his defense I feel that he wrote the article in a non-bias stance. I have worked with several Democrats across the state and in our region, more importantly I have had the opportunity to be a part of the College Democrats here at NKU. In that time I have never met Mr. Worley nor have I had the opportunity to thank him for writing the article.

The College Democrats have taken the position of dignity and pride above partisanship, a side I can tell you from my experience I have not witnessed from the College Republicans.

This year elections turned out to be based on moral values. I have not witnessed this from the College Republicans. What I have witnessed was rude, un-intellectual and downright obnoxious behavior. This issue extends beyond that of partisanship and politics to the essential guidelines given to us as students and adults. The debate was not only attended by our peers but by the media, general public and major political leaders. What our guests took from this debate was an opinion that demeans our university and our values.

Intervention is necessary by the university because this seems to be a trend that degrades our university. I have tremendous pride in being a student here

at Northern Kentucky University and I am offended as a student, as a taxpayer and as a Democrat. It is time for the leaders of the College Republicans to face facts and learn to control the behavior of their members.

The university should intervene and make sure this never happens again. The people that attend functions like the debate are the people that make the decisions on how funding from the federal and state levels is allocated. Who would want to pour millions of dollars into a university that represents itself in this manner of indecency, ignorance and disrespect? That alone should encourage our university leaders to rectify this behavior.

This is not just an issue of red and blue, it is more importantly an issue of black and gold, it is an issue of pride in our university and the fine students, faculty and staff that make Northern so great. Education is our greatest goal in a college atmosphere followed closely by the development of professional and personal values.

What the College Republicans have shown the university is that they respect only their values. To me, that is ignorant and disdain for others, values that don't represent their political party or this university.

If these are the future leaders of America then I am deeply concerned for the future of this great nation, we cannot allow this issue to simply be swept under the proverbial rug again. The university must address this pattern of disrespect and disdain for others, values that not only encourage those whom lack tact to continue a pattern that ultimately represents all of Northern in a negative light—a light I do not wish to stand under.

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- Letters must be 400 words or less.

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- The *Northerner* reserves the right to edit for content and space.

## One-sided criticism unfairly targets College Republicans

Dear Editor,

Jeremy Worley's editorial note in the Nov. 3, 2004 issue of *The Northerner* will be a welcome addition to the record if he ever tries to break into the national media.

Like Dan Rutherford's use of fraudulent documents and slanted interviews while attempting to tarnish President Bush, (see the 60 Minutes story about Bush's National Guard service), Mr. Worley uses hearsay and speculations to attack College Republicans. Please allow me to address the allegations and provide the true version of the story. The majority of their group, one cannot expect that they will control hecklers who are not members of said group. Mr. Worley's contention that these were the College Republicans is simply not accurate.

Although some deeds did occur and some CR's did participate, it was in response to Mr. Clooney's accusation that Congressman Davis dishonored his uniform. There is no basis for his claim as Mr. Davis served honorably as an Army Ranger. Many get tired of attacks on the service to our country that Democrats are quick to hurl at any

Republican candidate. The lack of balance in Mr. Worley's article is shown when he totally ignores the booing and jeers that Mr. Davis was subjected to during his speech. There was no letter from College Republicans crying foul at the Democrats, but in typical liberal fashion, Mr. Worley chose jump to conclusions.

Not that one makes the other right, but journalistic integrity would dictate that if Mr. Worley wants to lay blame for being disruptive he should reprint the other side of the political spectrum as well. Mr. Worley makes a number of good points in his article: guests should be treated with respect and without hostility, free expression should be encouraged and no one associated with the university should be proud when a respectful, open atmosphere is not maintained.

All CR members agree with and support these positions. It is unfortunate that Mr. Worley decided to unfairly attack the College Republicans and added to the coarseness of the political discourse rather than verifying his data and presenting a fair and balanced picture of the debate.

Christian Grau  
Vice President of Public Relations for the College Republicans

## npr norse poll responses

Compiled by Mark Bennett & Sara Truitt

Do you think the university will be able to crack down on all students who illegally download music?



Bobbie Braun  
Junior, photographer

"Yeah, considering IT can see everything you do."



Katie Meyer  
Senior, psychology

"No, because it's a commuter college and they can do it at their home."



Dondra Collins  
Sophomore, communications

"I don't think so because there's a lot of people who have creative ways of downloading music."



Daniel Nelson  
Freshman, computer engineering

"I don't think that the university will be able to crack down on all students."



Lavena Kraft-Jones  
Junior, political science & Spanish

"If the huns goes up I think they will."



Joe Seiter  
Junior, graphic design

"No, it's pretty much impossible to do that."

## Happiness not limited by sexual orientation

Dear Editor,

The topic of homosexuality is controversial. Unfortunately, many people have deep-rooted issues concerning their dislike of others simply based upon their sexual orientation.

I hate to break this to everyone, but there is an extremely high number of people on campus with said orientation; many that you may not even realize. Joel Allen stated last week in his letter that a person is a product of his or her environment. I completely agree with this statement and would like to thank Mr. Allen for making his opinion known in a mature fashion. People are a product of their environment, but that doesn't mean their sexual orientation is a choice.

An individual is not responsible for his or her life experience/environment. For example, children don't choose to be raised in an abusive home, it just happens.

For anyone who thinks that homosexuality is purely a choice, ask yourself this one simple question: Why would anyone choose to be discrimi-

nated against, persecuted, and not allowed to live his or her life the same as a heterosexual person? I believe it is a shame that homosexuals are not allowed to be married. Why can't these individuals have an official union and lead a life of marital bliss that is afforded everyone else?

This country is based on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Happiness. Everyone should be afforded the right to be happy as long as it doesn't infringe upon others. What someone does in their bedroom is his or her own business and no one else's.

Mr. Allen brought up the Bible and what says concerning this topic. This is well and good, but this is what we have separation of church and state. Now, you may not agree with homosexuality, and that is your right as an American, but just because you feel a certain way, you have no right to tell another person they can't be happy and live his or her life to the fullest.

Patrick Cottingham III

## Article not supported

Dear Editor,

I just want to make a couple of comments about Joel Allen's letter last week (Defense of homosexuality is a stretch).

Joel asserts that he is capable of accepting homosexuals as human beings with human emotions and opinions. Yet, in response to an article opposing legalized discrimination against homosexuals, he makes no mention of last week's election articles and issues. Rather than demonstrating his self-declared acceptance of homosexuals (perhaps by stating that even though he does not agree with some aspects of their private life he respects—and will vote to protect—their rights), Joel prefers to profess about what he believes.

Joel believes that homosexu-

ality is "as much choice as religion or politics." On the other hand, people who've spent years studying homosexuality—gathering data, analyzing it and coming to conclusions based upon empirical evidence—reckon it's down to some intricate mix of genetics, biology, psychological and social factors. I'm sure Joel, as a math major, can appreciate the value of statistically thorough methods of inquiry. Therefore, I'm sure he can respect my belief that the gay or lesbian lifestyle has more authority than his story.

And by the way, I take it that Joel has chosen to lead a heterosexual lifestyle and I'd just like to state for the record: I'm OK with that.

Arling Cullaghan, math

## Choices and beliefs are different things

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Joel Allen's comments on homosexuality from last week's edition of *The Northerner*.

I'm all for people having set beliefs, because I have a core belief that if you are open to everything you will fall for anything. However, I also believe that you should have supporting evidence for your beliefs because no matter how open people are to opinions, there is always room for argument.

I do believe that homosexuality is a genetic factor, not a choice, and I have some supporting evidence. In one of the DSM psychological manuals of years past, homosexuality was listed as a type of disorder but was later taken out because psychologists agreed it was genetic, but not a disorder, because it did not cause any complications in the lives of homosexuals.

Also, there is a choice in every aspect of life. I will admit, I have seen people in bad situations regret having developed different kinds of psychological disorders, but there is a choice on whether they can accept things for what they are or try to get help to overcome them.

A lot of these problems are choices in which people choose to put up with because they either think they don't need help or that they are justified.

We see people in the news, and on "miracle" shows all the time who rise above expectations because they refuse to let whatever ails them rule their lives. They could say, "well I

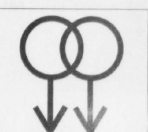


Illustration by Mike Brennan

## Conclusion of election indicates time to begin war for culture

Dear Editor,

The election is over, the people have spoken—or at least, a little over half of them.

Now let's really begin to fight the Culture War, in earnest.

A little over half the country believes that bigotry toward gays is a good idea—that we ought to encapsulate this bigotry in a Constitutional Amendment (though we might have to amend or forego the 14th Amendment in the process).

A little over half the country believes that pre-emptive war is a good idea—that invading a country on false pretenses is a perfectly moral thing to do.

Have we really read the New Testament recently?

A little over half the country believes that the separation between church and state is a principal we supposedly fought to break down in Afghanistan—that is a good idea. In other words, a little over half the country believes that an American Taliban is a pretty good model of how to run a country.

Finally, a little over half the country believes that the poor, instead of having their boats raised, ought to have them sunk, permanently.

To agree with the President's plea that we should "heal" is capitulation in a war that we cannot afford to lose.

It's up to us to stand for Democracy—as opposed to Theocracy and its corollary, arrogance—to take this battle to the streets.

Matt Birkenhauser  
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## campuscalendar

### wednesday

- Academic Advising Council meeting 3-4:30 p.m. AC 722.
- Norse Visitation Day 12:45-3 p.m.
- Open House held at Identification Training room located next to Terminal 1 at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Learn about programs NKU will offer at the airport starting in the spring from 5 to 7 p.m. Contact Natalie Nickol at 572-1500.

### thursday

- Developing a Marketing Plan seminar 6-9 p.m. BEP 461.
- Law Day 3:30-5:30 p.m. UC Ballroom.
- SGA will be hosting a Veteran's Day event in front of the Steely Library at 11 a.m. Congressman Ken Lucas will be speaking.
- "The Visit" opens at 8 p.m. in the Blackbox Theatre.
- Women's Soccer NCAA Tournament NKU vs. Ashland.

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### saturday

- Fourth annual African Culture Fest from 6 to 9 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- The women's basketball team plays an exhibition game against the 2000 National Champions at 7 p.m. in Regents Hall.

### sunday

- Sergei and Anna Polusniak with friends from CSO perform at 8 p.m. in Graves Concert Hall.
- NCAA II Tournament NKU vs. TBA at 2 p.m.

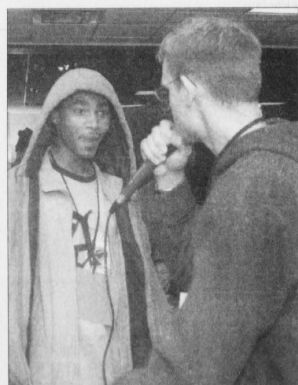
### monday

- NKU Orchestra Concert at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall.
- Disco Bingo from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the UC cafeteria.

### tuesday

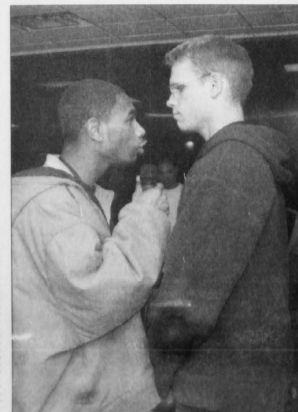
- Talk on Tuesday 12-15 p.m. in UC 108 with the topic of "Confrontation Skills."
- Match of Dimes Awareness Day, sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda. Bracelets on sale in BEP for \$1.
- Sports Trivia Tourney 7 p.m. at AC 308.
- BMO presentation on MTV's "The Real World" 9 p.m. NC 117.

To place an event contact Sarah Santos at 859-572-5859



Mark Bennett / Photo Editor

Brandon Szczesiak (right) squares off against "Yungsta" Kenny James in the Activity Programming Board's second freestyle battle of the semester. Szczesiak won the match.



Adam McIver / Photographer

Sheree Davis said she liked Nicole Smith's mixed media piece "You're the Last Thing on My Mind" because of its "overall cohesion." She said, "It has different focal points that break up the piece and allows you to derive different meanings."

## Art students show off

By KRISTIN KOESTER  
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Students in the art department are presenting the reasons they've spent four years of tuition in the fourth annual Senior Art Exhibit. The show includes works from graphic design, photography, studio art and art education majors; some of who had never taken art classes before college. Sixteen student's works are on display in this important event, which is the final exam before life in the real world begins for them. Students such as Daniel

Moore have made work that deals with his life experiences as well as his roots. Moore took old photos of his ancestors and manipulated them in a way that removes time, personal content and sentimental value. He does this by taking the original continuous tone image and turning it into a high contrast point separation known as a two-step posterization. The result is a series of iconic images made up of pure black and white silhouettes that could be placed in the photo album of any viewer. Moore said he chose to make such high contrast images because they deal with his feelings of his ancestors and how

he feels removed from them and their past. One might notice some frames are empty among Moore's work, this is because he has no photos of these ancestors and rather than leaving them out, he has left a place for them on the wall just as he has left a place for them in his life. Moore's work is somewhat reminiscent of Andy Warhol's silk screens in the way he takes an image full of colors and breaks it down into high contrast black and white. Moore is also working on a film about his family as well as using these photos as companion pieces to his honors thesis. Rachel Ligon has also chosen photographs as her preferred medium although her work is the polar opposite of Moore's. She has captured moments of life that affect the viewer as well as herself. Ligon's work depicts scenes of far off places, taken on her travels across two countries and 17 cities. Ligon has taken photos throughout Europe that she said have allowed her "brief access to the lives of others." She said the photos appeal to her "sense of beauty, liveness which enrich our souls."

Graphic design is also repre-

sented in this exhibit of senior portfolios. Joe Roebel has developed his aesthetic from years of reading comic books. Roebel uses his imagination when thinking of new ideas for logos, letterhead, business cards, coffee sleeves and ad campaigns. He has put this work in action when developing a full line of products for Flour Girls and Rising Sun.

Influenced by the Pop Art moment, art nouveau and Expressionism, James Goldschmidt made his mark with wood block cuts and great writing. He uses word play along with imagery and a basic color palette on large square panels that are made up of smaller squares. He originally wanted to do these pieces on 10'x10' board but realized he could not get them out of the door of his workshop.

He said, "Chaos and order are not opposites. They are part of the same continuum, the same spectrum." His feelings are reflected in the pieces "What is Black and White and Red All Over?" and "I've Been Beaten Black and Blue."

The art exhibit is on display through Nov. 12. Other senior art exhibits will be on display in December and in spring.



Josh Blair / Photographer

Ken Frederick examines Erin Keam's charcoal piece "Reach."

## Interaction teaches skills

Service on Saturday volunteers serve community in fourth annual event

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You're sitting on the bleachers in the recreation center feeling nervous while waiting to play basketball with a group of handicapped adults. You hear a door open, and they pour into the gym. One of them yells "Basketball!" as he runs toward you, and at that moment, you realize you're doing a good thing.

This is how one group of NKU students spent their Saturday morning. They participated in one of five ways to serve the community as part of the fourth annual Service on Saturday Nov. 6.

"It's not easy to get up in the morning, but if it's helping other people, it's easy to get up," freshman special education major Sarah O'Bryan said.

"I think they appreciate what we do for them, and it makes their day."

In past years, 45 to 80 students woke up bright and early to volunteer for SOS.

"Today, we had 116 students show up and volunteer at the agencies. This has been the most successful SOS for the Freshman Service Leadership Committee," Tiffany Mayse said.

Mayse is the adviser for FSLC, which sponsors SOS, and the Leadership and Development Coordinator for the Office of Student Life.

The students met in the University Center TV Lounge at 10 a.m., divided into five groups, dispersed to their loca-

tions and worked until 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch were provided in the lounge.

Stacey Firsich, a freshman psychology major, was one of the food servers and participated in the Starfire Council event. "Hopefully (the volunteers) will gain friendship," Firsich said.

Firsich also said she hopes that by serving the community, the people will "learn that this age group is not just about ourselves."

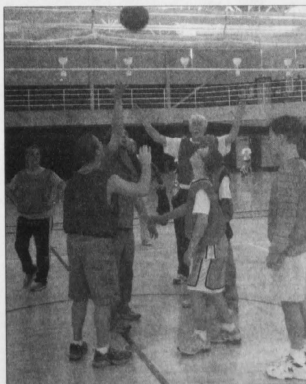
Freshman Erika Collier said, "I thought it would be fun to help people out who needed it." Collier, who worked at the sign-in table, said that she wants them to know "that people care for them and know they are needed."

SOS participated in Bingo at Villa Springs Retirement Home, activities with the Brighton Center youth group, sports with the boys who live at the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, helping families in need with technology and played basketball with a group of handicapped adults.

The adults came with an organizer called Starfire Council, based in Cincinnati. Lauren Able, a Starfire outing leader, said, "We basically do this to get out and interact with other people. Most of them sit at home all day. It's something normal for them."

Firsich said, "Some of the Starfire members can really get into the game. Nonetheless, it was very, very exciting. Participating in this event has truly been an eye-opener."

"It has taught me to never take my opportunities and privi-



Adam McIver / Photographer

Students tip off in basketball game with Starfire Council volunteers.

ileges for granted."

Cheri Taylor, a senior psychology major, said she participated in SOS in the past and chose to join Starfire this year. "Last year, I had a lot of fun," she said. "We help so many people. It's a way for everyone at Northern to come together and to give back to our community and help all different groups of people that need this."

"I think that the best way to learn leadership is through service to others," Mayse said.

"I hope that this program will help the students see that the community does need our help and that it is critical for students to give back to their community."

"We sometimes take things for granted and volunteering can help us see what is truly important."

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## Smart shopping can save money

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As tuition increases each year, it becomes more important for the average college student to save money. One way to do this is bargain shop.

Clothes, appliances, electronics and books can be purchased at low prices by knowing how and when to shop at thrift stores. Essential clothing items can also be found on clearance racks in the mall and at outlet stores.

The following list of stores and shopping tips will help thrifty shoppers find the lowest prices.

### Goodwill:

Occasionally one can find good bargains there, but they have caught on to the mainstream of more people shopping secondhand, and therefore they have higher prices than

most thrift stores. It is only worth the time to shop Goodwill on certain days. The best days are Saturdays, when "Darn near everything" is 50 percent off and half price days for college students.

Something that Goodwill boasts that many thrift stores do not are a fitting room and a frequent shopper card. After spending \$100, you get a certificate for \$10. Unlike most thrift stores, Goodwill has a return policy and lets the customer return things as needed.

Other sections to check out at Goodwill are its shoe, purse, bedding, housewares and book sections.

Be sure to pickup the Goodwill monthly calendar that tells the sale for each day, better serving the savvy shopper.

### The Village Discount:

The Village has lower prices than Goodwill. They offer colored tag discounts, where a

piece of clothing with a specific color tag is 50 percent off.

They are also conscious of name brands, and therefore prices them accordingly. The prices for name brand clothing, though very expensive by the Village standards, are cheap when compared to usual name brand prices.

One hazard to shopping at The Village is an unavailable fitting room. Also, items purchased there are non-refundable, so take a very good look at clothes before you buy them.

Other sections worthy of a look at The Village include its bedding and counter section, where more valuable items such as game systems are stored.

### Clearance racks:

Never underestimate the clearance racks of local stores. Gems overlooked by other shoppers can be taken advantage of by the creative shopper. What doesn't work for the

everyday shopper may work for a unique individual.

However, some items are on clearance for a reason. They are either hopelessly ugly or so misspoken they won't look good on most people.

Think outside the box when it comes to clothing. Some shirts can be converted into a decoration for a wall, or easily made into a throw pillow on a dorm room couch. If you are really creative, a collection of old T-shirts can be sewn into a quilt.

### Outlet Stores:

One day in an outlet store will ruin a regular price shopping experience for life. Although some clothes are torn or have permanent stains, the determined and smart shopper will find clothes that are worth the effort.

Northern Kentucky's local outlet store is the Gap Outlet, where you can find very nice specimens of Old Navy,

Banana Republic and, of course, Gap.

While shopping there, remember that nothing is refundable, so when you get home and realize the great mini skirt you just purchased has a stain, deal with it, because there's nothing you can do about it.

Another thing to consider while shopping here is that it's an outlet, which easily translates into crazy mobs. One can find the most dedicated shoppers here, so newbie thrift shoppers beware.

If it's your first time, shop on a weekday. Weekends are for veterans only because it is most crowded.

The next time you get the urge to browse through the regularly priced clothing, just revise your inner savvy shopper and go to the nearest thrift store or clearance rack.

Bargain shopping is kind to your wallet, and all of that extra money can add up.

### Shopping Tips:

- Just because it is cheap doesn't mean you have to buy it. That \$5 sweater is great, but you really don't need new.
- Never get in another bargain shopper's personal space. We all have our personal hobbies, and they should not be violated because you just saw something on their space of rack that you really want.
- Don't try to swindle the Thrift store. At the Village Discount, they refuse to sell you anything if the tag is not intact.
- Try to bring a buddy. That way you can look for items for both of you, and your friend can do the same.

## Animated heroes deal with normal lives

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The creators of "Toy Story," "Monsters Inc." and "Finding Nemo" have added another film to their collection of computer-animated classics.

In their hey-day, the Incredibles: Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson) and Elastigirl (Holly Hunter) were the best at fighting crime.

Bob Parr, by day, Mr. Incredible's superpower was extreme strength. Elastigirl, Helen Parr, was super-stretchy and flexible.

The story begins as Mr. Incredible saves a man who is committing suicide and accidentally injures the man's neck in the process.

The injured man later uses the Incredibles for injuries and saving him when he did not want to be saved.

The superheroes are forced to move and create new normal lives. The story then picks up where the Parrs have created their own family with three children, all of which have inherited unique super powers.

Parr, who now works for an insurance company, longs for the adventure he used to have.

One day, he gets a mysterious message asking him to do off his old superhero suit. Not allowed to use his super powers any more, Parr secretly accepts the job.

Although superheroes, the characters are occasionally brought down to human levels, making them more believable and imperfect. For example, Mr. Incredible owns a car, but due to his bulging muscles he barely fits inside and nearly crumples it with his strength.

The children use their super powers in their sibling rivalries: hyper speed, force fields and invisibility.

The movie is mainly intended for children and their parents. Like most of Disney and Pixar's movies, children like it because it's not too complex. At the same time, it appeals to adults because it has deeper jokes that fly by the kids, but parents can get a laugh out of.

The world of 3-D animation improves with every movie Disney and Pixar make. This was evident in the hair of the characters and the modern look of the movie.

If you like Disney and Pixar's previous work, you're destined to appreciate "The Incredibles."



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Sports  
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with Kyle Brown

# Loud player attracts criticism

Anybody watching Sunday's Bengals-Cowboys game no doubt heard about Chad Johnson's pointing over and over again in the second half. The announcers were getting on him, the graphics crew at Fox saw fit to count the number of pouts he had on one drive.

While there is no questioning the fact that Johnson is upset, and maybe acted a bit immaturely, I question the people who are so quick to criticize him. On talk radio shows, people were saying he was selfish and just in it for himself. People think he cares more about his contract than the team winning. Callers complaining he was upset he didn't get the ball thrown his way more.

I have no doubt that Johnson wanted more catches, but that doesn't necessarily mean he is selfish. The fact of the matter is Johnson is the Bengals' best wide receiver, and one of the best in the league. He is a competitor who realizes the more receptions he has, the better the chance his team has to win the game.

Just because a player is upset and ripping at his chin strap doesn't mean he is out for himself. While a bit childish, Johnson's actions may have been more out of frustration over the team not being in the best situation to win than not having the stats.

While nobody can get inside Johnson's head, some people need to take a step back and realize that he's not necessarily a bad guy.

There seems to be a major backlash recently against athletes that don't cater to the media, or show off for television cameras than ever before. Many of these athletes add spice to otherwise bland games. For every time Terrell Davis is praised for never saying a word and just playing football.

As a fan, I enjoy the player who actually shows some excitement and life during the game. I at least know where that player stands during the course of a game.

Every single move a player makes on the football field can be misinterpreted. With all eyes on the field looking at a player, that move can be taken out of context by the fans, the media and anybody else watching the game.

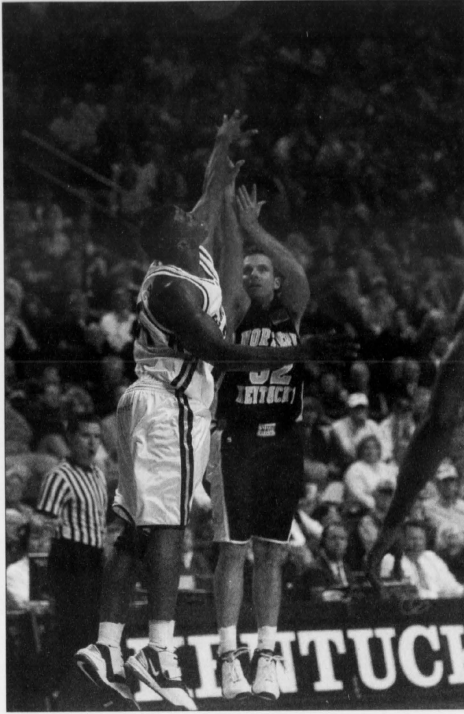
Johnson is a rash, emotional player by a rash, emotional outburst isn't really needed. There are different personalities in sports and he is in every other aspect of life.

People bashing Johnson aren't on the field with him. They don't know what he says to the other players. They should know by now what type of player he is though.

Johnson is going to be scrutinized all week. Everybody will be throwing all sorts of accusations about what is really important to him. People will point to Sunday's behavior and call him selfish. Those people may need to remember back when he was crying after dropping a pass against Indianapolis a few seasons ago, and his vowing to improve. Maybe then, people will realize he's an intense competitor.

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## NKU faces off against UK



Steve Purdon goes up for a long-range shot against Kentucky.

Blue I Photographer

# Norse battle but fall to UK 91-73

LEXINGTON, Ky. - To most of the 18,824 in attendance, it was just an exhibition game and a chance to see the heralded University of Kentucky recruiting class in action for the first time.

But for Northern Kentucky University's Dave Bezdol, it was a dream finally realized. Bezdol, entering his first season as NKU's head coach, made his headline debut Wednesday night against UK in an exhibition game and watched his Norse drop a 91-73 decision in Rupp Arena. The Wildcats used a 15-0 run in the first half to wipe out a 20-12 deficit and forced 26 NKU turnovers to win the first-ever meeting between the two schools in men's basketball.

For Bezdol, who spent the previous 14 years as an assistant coach at NKU, it was an experience he will have plenty to remember since it was his first game as head coach.

"My dream job was always to be the head coach at Northern Kentucky University, and I was able to do that tonight for the first time. The fact my first game was against Kentucky made it even more special, because UK is a class program with a tremendous head coach, and they are going to win a lot of games this season."

For much of the first half, it looked as though NKU might be able to spring the huge upset. Mike Kelsey scored 11 points in the first seven minutes of the game as NKU bolted out

to an 18-10 lead. After Harrison Morton hit a jumper to give the Norse a 21-12 advantage, Rajon Rondo made a pair of free throws to slice the deficit to 20-14, setting up the key play of the first half.

Morton drove the middle of the lane and appeared to have a layup. UK's Randolph Morris, however, swatted the ball on its downward flight, but goaltending was not called and Bezdol was hit with a technical foul for being out of the coaching box.

Rondo hit two more free throws, and UK was off and running. The Wildcats capped the 15-0 run with a three-pointer by Kelenna Azubike for a 27-20 lead with 7:44 remaining before halftime. UK eventually led by eight points twice in the first half, but Brian Lewin nailed a pair of three-pointers in the final 3:40 to help NKU close within 41-38 at the break. NKU used 7-for-12 shooting (58.3 percent) from three-point range in the first half to stay in the game. Kelsey netted 18 of his game-high 27 points before halftime.

"We had a tough time defending their (NKU's) perimeter game. I was really impressed with Mike Kelsey and the way he shot the ball," UK head coach Tubby Smith said. "I thought we were doing some things well defensively until I saw the shooting percentages. Our press got going when they gave us some momentum in the second half, so it was kind of two different halves."

In the second half, UK forced 18 turnovers with its full-court pressure. Kelsey hit a three-pointer at the 12:44 mark to bring NKU within 51-49, but UK used a 14-2 run to build a 65-51 advantage with 8:56 left. After a tip-in by Tory Reed cut UK's lead to 69-57 with 7:22 remaining, NKU committed

six turnovers before the Wildcats full-court press during the next three minutes. Several times, the Norse were unable to get the ball across midcourt.

"Their press was relentless, and it caused us a lot of problems," Bezdol said. "It was like an ocean, with waves crashing down on us. We used a lot of timeouts and ran out of (timeouts) fast. Closer to the end, Tubby Smith called off the dogs, and that was a class act. He coaches a classy program."

Azubike scored 26 points to lead UK, which made 60.5 percent of its shots from the field in the second half. Rondo finished with 16 points for the Wildcats, and Chuck Hayes added 15 points.

Reed scored 12 points in his NKU debut, while Lewin added 11 points. The Norse finished 11-for-19 from three-point range, with Kelsey going 7-for-10 from downtown.

"It was a fun night and a great atmosphere," Kelsey said. "I told the guys that there's no better place in college basketball to play. Rupp Arena is the highest of highs in college basketball. It was a great experience and we'll learn from this."

"It sure sounded like a whole lot more than 18,000 people. I've never played in front of this many people, not even half that. It was just a good experience."

The crowd of 18,824 was the largest to ever watch an NKU sporting event in person. The previous NKU record was 10,836 on Dec. 2, 1993, when the Norse played at the University of Dayton and suffered a 99-82 setback against the Flyers.

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Connie Myers led the team in scoring as a junior.

## Women's basketball starting up

By KYLE BROWN  
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The 2004-05 Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team enters the season ranked fourth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference preseason poll. The race for the conference title should be a close one, with four teams receiving first-place votes in the poll.

The Norse will have a great deal of experience, returning four seniors: Elizabeth Burrows, Connie Myers, Nikki Perkins and Sarah Woods.

Burrows is returning to start at guard. She led the team with 120 assists and 40 steals last season.

Myers returns at forward after leading the team in scoring last season. She is also the returning rebounder and finished second on the team in steals. Perkins returns at the guard. Perkins averaged 9.6 points

last season and finished second on the team in assists. She is also one of the team's best outside shooters.

Sophomore center Karen Graham returns after starting 12 games last season and leading the team in blocked shots, and averaging 3.8 rebounds.

Also returning is sophomore guard/forward Karyn Creager, who shot 40 percent from three-point range last season. NKU signed a freshman class consisting of guard Kerri Fennell from Purcell Marian, guard Nicole Chiodi from Newport Central Catholic and center Angela Healy from Highlands.

Coach Nancy Winstel returns for her 22nd season as head coach for the Norse. She owns a 456-151 career record and has guided NKU to six consecutive NCCA Championships.

The Norse finished 17-11 overall (12-8 GLVC) last season and finished sixth in the conference.

## Women's soccer team defeated in GLVC finals

Loses to Wisconsin-Parkside 1-0 for second consecutive season in tournament

KENOSHA, Wis. - Jessica Dubois' goal at the 70:19 mark snapped a scoreless tie and gave the University of Northern Kentucky the championship title of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament on Sunday.

Dubois scored the goal for a corner kick from Allison Wild to give the top-seeded Rangers a 1-0 lead. Wisconsin-Parkside (17-1) finished with a 24-4 advantage in shot attempts and captured the GLVC Tournament title for the second straight year.

Lauren Piening finished with 10 saves in 90 minutes of action for third-seeded NKU, which dropped to 15-4-1. Wisconsin-Parkside's Abbigail Wild recorded the shutout and posted three saves.

NKU, which won five consecutive GLVC championships from 1999-2002, is now 17-1-1 all-time in the GLVC Tournament. A year ago, Wisconsin-Parkside ended NKU's five-year reign as GLVC Tournament champion by edging the Norse in a

penalty-kick shootout at Wilder, Ky. NKU is currently ranked third in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region poll. The top four teams in those rankings will advance to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

NKU is looking for its sixth consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament. Kristen Vitupak and Amy Martini each scored goals as the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team defeated Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 2-0, in the semifinals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament on Friday.

Katie Hanck and Jayme Light assisted the goals as the third-seeded Norse (15-3-1) knocked off second-seeded SIUE (13-6). Senior goalie Lauren Piening recorded the shutout for NKU, which and averaged an early-season 2-0 loss to SIUE.

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## hotseat



→ with John Raspe

In this week's hot seat, John interviews basketball player Mike Kelsey. Kelsey is the leading returning scorer for the Norse. In an exhibition game against the University of Kentucky Kelsey led the team with 27 points.

**John Raspe:** After the UK game, Coach Bezold is now averaging one technical foul per game, which averages to about 30 technicals this year. How many do you think he will get?

**Mike Kelsey:** I'll say seven.

**JK:** Last year, you shot 80 percent from the free throw line. NKU women's basketball player Karyn Creager shot over 87 percent. Is she a better free throw shooter than you?

**MK:** Percentage-wise, last year, she was. I'd still rather have me on the line at the end of the game compared to anyone else.

**JR:** Do you think you'll outshoot Creager from the line this year?

**MK:** Sure. Not to take anything away from her, because I still think she's probably the best free throw shooter on her team and probably the best free throw shooter in the conference.

**JR:** I was looking at the UK basketball chat room on ESPN.com, and they were trying to trade two of their weaker players for you. Would you be interested in this trade?

**MK:** This year, I'll take my team over them. If I was junior in high school being recruited by Kentucky it would be a different story.

**JR:** Who's the best basketball player in your family (Katie Kelsey played at NKU and Pat Kelsey played at Xavier)?

**MK:** Overall basketball player, probably my sister Katie. It's weird, because we are all different types of players. I'm a shooter, and no one else is really a shooter. My brother was just a good point guard that got everyone else involved. Katie was just an all-around good player. Katie was probably the best overall.

**JR:** When you were on fire against Indianapolis or UK, did you talk trash?

**MK:** I don't really talk trash. I don't get involved unless people are starting to say something to me that is disturbing. I don't try to initiate, but if they say something vulgar I'll say something back to them.

**JR:** Fact or Fiction: You guys were all laughing when Coach

Bezold got his first technical?  
**MK:** Fiction. We were mad.

**JR:** Why do you wear the number 11?

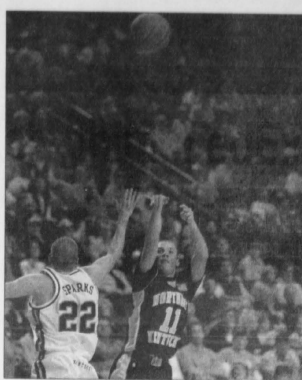
**MK:** I've always worn it. All through high school I wore it. It was always my favorite number. I wore it in basketball because of Barry Larkin but I stopped playing baseball in grade school.

**JR:** Compare Coach Bezold's coaching style with Coach Shields?

**MK:** Totally opposite. Bezold is more in your face and good motivator. Shields is more of a laid-back teacher. Bezold is defensive-minded, while Shields is more offensive-minded.

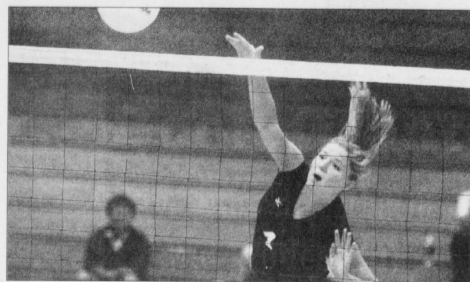
**JR:** Have you ever been dunked on during a game?

**MK:** Not in a lot, in practice, I almost got dunked on at Kentucky on an alley-oop, but luckily it was a bad pass. I'll usually get out of the way or foul somebody pretty hard if it looks like I may be dunked on.



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Sharp-shooting Mike Kelsey returns for the Norse this season.



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Kristin Koralewski records another ace for NKU.

## Volleyball streak at 11

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. Kristin Koralewski and Liz Holmes finished off the home season in style Saturday afternoon and led Northern Kentucky University to its 11th consecutive victory with a three-game sweep over the University of Charleston (W. Va.).

Koralewski hammered down 19 kills and finished with a 500 hitting percentage as NKU eased by Charleston, 30-20, 30-18, 30-22, in Regents Hall. The senior All-American also added two service aces in her final home match as NKU improved to 21-8.

Holmes put on a powerful attacking display and finished with 11 kills and a 500 hitting percentage. The freshman also

added 10 digs and served up two aces for NKU, which attacked at a .457 clip as a team.

Koralewski and Holmes were at their collective best during the second game, when they combined for 11 kills in 12 attempts without an error. Koralewski slammed down seven kills in eight attempts, while Holmes converted all four of her attacks into kills. Andrea Lanham continued her solid play at setter for NKU and finished with 45 assists, three service aces and five digs. Lynne Fischesser also served up three aces and finished with five kills.

NKU will open play in the GLVC Tournament at 6 p.m. (EST) Thursday at Evansville,

Ind. NKU, which finished 13-3 in the GLVC, will be the third seed and meet sixth-seeded Saint Joseph's College in the first round.

The winner of that match will second-seeded Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville - which has a first-round bye - at 6 p.m. (EST) Nov. 12. SIUE owns a 24-6 overall record, and the Cougars posted a 14-2 mark in the GLVC.

The GLVC championship match will be played at 3 p.m. (EST) Nov. 13. The University of Southern Indiana will be the No. 1 seed and host for the GLVC Tournament.

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For the week of Nov. 8-14

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

### ARIES

(March 21-April 20)

Several weeks of romantic miscommunications will now fade. Over the next few days expect loved ones to resolve family disappointments or lingering social doubts. Breakthroughs will be meaningful and dramatic. Remain dedicated to long-term promises. After Thursday a previously silent colleague will actively seek advancement. Yesterday's private mistakes may be made public. If possible, avoid quick decisions, revised family routines and bold discussions.

### TAURUS

(April 21-May 20)

Before mid-week, loved ones may challenge home renovations or family schedule changes. Don't withhold important facts or opinions. At present, honesty and candid group discussions will bring the desired results. After Wednesday respond quickly to new financial information, legal requests or revised work documents. Key officials may soon expect increased loyalty and expanded daily duties. Remain determined. Small details will prove essential for lasting success.

### GEMINI

(May 21-June 21)

Recent career delays or stalled financial negotiations will now move rapidly forward. After several weeks of unfulfilled promises from authority figures, revised agreements become unavoidable. Carefully consider all proposals. A direct response is vital. Friday through Sunday, a new era of romantic invitation arrives. Remain cautious, however, and ask probing questions. Before December sudden flirtations and rare social triangles will require added sensitivity.

### CANCER

(June 22-July 22)

Delayed romantic responses or unclear loyalties between friends will no longer complicate key relationships. Before mid-week, disappointed progress or miscommunications between loved ones will fade. Establish new trust, if possible. Powerful emotional rewards will be the result. Late Friday, employment negotiations and legal paperwork are best avoided. Bosses or managers will derail key projects or present misinformation. Wait for clarity. Private agendas are involved.

### LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Friends and work mates will this week ask for your support or active participation. Previously unattainable friendships or assignments may soon become almost effortless. After Tuesday expect social involvement and revitalized group awareness to become a top priority. Some Leos, especially those born after 1971, may also encounter powerful insights. Glimpses of the future, family changes and new romantic proposals are accented. Remain open to sudden invitations.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Early Tuesday marks the end of 6 weeks of private workplace differences. Many Virgos will now begin an intense period of career evaluation, job expansion and fast employment reversals. Refuse to be unnerved by complex discussions or sudden changes. Unexpected sources will soon provide worthwhile options. Thursday through Sunday, family members may be moody or withdrawn. Take none of it personally. Your time, effort and empathy will be greatly appreciated.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A long-term friend or trusted relative may this week request added emotional support. In the coming weeks, previously hidden family or romantic disputes will rise quickly to the surface. Offer consistent advice but avoid acting as mediator. Serious issues of financial security and home planning may be involved. Friday through Sunday, new forms of entertainment will be pleasing. Someone close may wish to change their lifestyle or daily habits. Don't disappoint.

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Charisma, business charm and social admiration are now on the rise. Many Scorpios will this week resolve relationship disagreements and move quickly forward. Highly distracting flirtations may also be on the agenda. Go slow, and carefully study all emotional triggers. After Thursday financial contracts or past employment promises require diplomacy. Colleagues and managers will avoid direct questions. Remain patient. Your ability to avoid controversy will soon be tested.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Colleagues and key officials will now offer previously denied permissions. Several weeks of workplace stalemates will this week be easily resolved. Watch for fast improvement. After Wednesday personality issues, private politics and hidden agendas will no longer distract from vital projects. Friday through Sunday, also highlight minor disputes between friends. Group miscommunications, social jealousy and low self-esteem are underlying issues. Stay alert.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Minor health concerns will steadily fade over the next eight days. Areas affected are the reproductive system, circulation, digestive disorders or lower intestine. All is well. Pamper the body and expect vitality to slowly return. After mid-week, watch also for a fast romantic attraction to challenge an existing relationship. Yesterday's flirtations, long-distance love affairs or the return of an old friend may soon require delicate timing. Stay balanced: Expectations and passions will be high.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Family or romantic promises may now create controversy. After Tuesday many Aquarians will experience a powerful wave of revitalized attraction and intense home discussion. Invitations will be sincere and deeply felt. Offer a clear description of long-term intentions and refuse to avoid difficult emotions. Your reaction will establish new priorities in a key relationship. After Saturday workplace relationships may be temporarily strained. Progress will be slow. Don't confront.

### PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20)

Financial security, after several weeks of disrupted progress, will now be firmly established. Monday through Wednesday, home improvements or large purchases will offer the desired opportunities. Stay focused and finalize all outstanding paperwork. After Thursday a social invitation may be unimpressive. Group introductions, romantic triangles or an ongoing social dispute may be on the agenda. Don't hesitate. A close friend needs your undivided attention.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cavity
  - 4 Eagle's pad
  - 6 Birth sacks
  - 14 Miss, neighbor
  - 15 Viscous
  - 16 Brightened
  - 17 Idol
  - 20 Essence
  - 21 German industrial city

- 22 Fell, as trees
- 23 Native Alaskans
- 26 Chest bone
- 28 Ideal
- 35 Highest-ranking
- 36 Masters' champion of '49, '52 and '54
- 37 Slightly askew
- 40 Roper and Lincoln
- 42 Ninnyhammer
- 43 Haughty

- DOWN**
- 1 Papaya; var.
  - 2 Philippines seaport
  - 3 More pungent
  - 4 Gray shade
  - 5 New Haven alum
  - 6 Fit for picking
  - 7 Little devils
  - 8 Only thing I have for you?
  - 9 Medical facilities
  - 10 Goal
  - 11 Sundance Festival state
  - 12 Racing sled
  - 13 Spit out
  - 14 Closes
  - 19 Bruce or Laura
  - 24 Tryon novel, "..."
  - 25 "Auld Lang ..." Other
  - 26 Open container
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  - 32 Shell-game sphere
  - 33 Vegas opening?
  - 36 Dutch city, Harris and Begley
  - 37 Rower's need
  - 38 Gripper
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  - 41 Crystal-gazer
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  - 45 Spectacle
  - 50 Lowly laborer
  - 51 Frankness
  - 52 "Bewitched" grandmother
  - 53 Sorrowful exclamation

### LAST WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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57	Baylor University city						67	Cipher code				
58	Neutral hue											
60	Inarticulate grunts											
61	Swing at											
62	Exercise discipline											
65	Beer container											
66	Obvious toupee											

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