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Stacey Sutton/The Northern
Computer workstations fill the main room of the center.

New Center booting up in Steely Library

BY STUART MACKENZIE
Staff Writer

A brand new Faculty Center for Teaching, Learning and Development has been built in the second floor of Steely Library.

The center contains state-of-the-art video editing systems, student conference rooms, instructional classrooms, and audio-visual listening stations.

"This center was built to offer service and support to all part-time and full-time faculty," said Beth Stiegler, Northern Kentucky University's Director of Faculty Development. Inside the main room are new computer workstations and media equipment set up on brand new furniture and encased in a glass wall. These machines were mostly intended for faculty use but may be, eventually, available to students based on demand.

Besides the main room, the center also contains two faculty training classrooms. "The center is designed for individual faculty or small group training," said Stiegler. The training classrooms contain new software and media projection equipment used to keep faculty up to date. "It also gives faculty members a chance to use software that can't afford on their home computer," said Stiegler.

The center also boasts of two newly remodeled conference rooms where students may meet. These rooms consist of tables and chairs and are soon to have media equipment. Dr. Arne Almquist the Associate Provost of Library Service said, "I used to find students meeting in stairways and places that were really noisy. Now students can walk in, get a key from the desk, and have a nice meeting space. The rooms are completely redone."

Next to the FDC is also a new Media Center open to all

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NKU residents
settle into their
dormitories.

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Natural Science Building

TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY TODAY

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BY SAMANTHA WARNER
Features Editor

As you might already know there is a new building on campus, the Natural Science Center, equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and, for coffee lovers, a Starbucks.

The \$38 million state-of-the-art Natural Science Center has nine classrooms and lecture rooms, 48 instructional research laboratories, four floors and the fifth floor has the mechanical facilities.

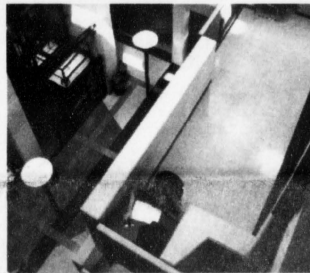
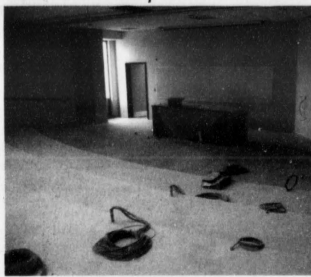
The construction went right on schedule with no problems or obstacles. The center was built with state funds, which were approved in the 1998 legislature. There were also private donations.

Chris Cole, the Director of Media Relations said the discovery based learning atmosphere in the new science center is a new way of learning which gives students a hands-on learning experience.

The new science center was in full use to students and faculty on the first day of classes. The science center is the first new building on campus since the applied science and technology was constructed in 1989.

Dr. James Votruba, President of Northern Kentucky University, said the new science building is wonderful in every respect. Votruba also said it is difficult for students to find such technological opportunities in an undergraduate program anywhere in the country. It also sets a new standard for the construction on campus, said Votruba.

The students now have the opportunity to work on a molecular level in biotech classes, which helps give students a better understanding of what they are supposed to visualize, said Dr. Philip H. Schmidt, Professor of Mathematics and Director of Center for Integrative Natural Science and



Top left: A classroom in the new Science Building during construction last April Top right: The same classroom full of students this semester
Lower right: A student studies on a finished landing in the Science Building Bottom left: The same landing under construction in April

Mathematics.

"I think a lot of the equipment will help students better see what they are learning in a theoretical setting," said Schmidt.

A number of devices will allow the chemistry department to visualize magnetic resonance said Schmidt. The Physics department can now measure comic rays and learn a lot about the origin of the universe, Schmidt said.

“The construction went right on schedule with no problems or obstacles”

Planners

Architects:	Omni Architects from Lexington, KY.
Mechanical and Electrical Engineers:	Buell-Fryer from Lexington, KY.
Laboratory Planners:	Health, Education and Research Associates (HERA) St. Louis, MO.
Landscape Architects:	Morgan McIlwain and Associates Lexington, KY.
Contractor:	Monarch Construction Cincinnati, Ohio

Students subject to new honor code rules

STUDENTS
Must Pledge!

BY JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

A new student honor code is in effect this semester after the Faculty Senate approved it in May.

The code affects all students at NKU. Charles Frank, a professor in the Computer Science Department, helped develop the code.

He said the code wasn't inspired by a particular event. Instead, the creators thought it would promote academic integrity and reflect well on the University.

Frank said simple awareness of the code by faculty and students should help improve academic integrity.

"It's always important to have an honor code," said Edward Brewer, an Associate Professor of Law at Chase, who helped develop the code.

Brewer reiterated the notion of the code as a statement, not as a response.

"I think one thing that's important to

get on the table now is the details and mechanics of the thing," he said.

"The Student Honor Code applies to all students who matriculate or continue their enrollment at the University whether or not they have signed the above document," reads a note at the end of the code.

While freshmen enrolled in University 101 will receive an introduction to the honor code, other students will have to seek it out themselves.

A copy of the code can be found at the Dean of Students' web site at (<http://www.nku.edu/~deanstudents/HonorCode.htm>).

Faculty members are encouraged to reference the code in their syllabi, examinations, tests or other work.

The code lays out procedures for dealing with students who are caught cheating or plagiarizing, but it also offers an appeals process through several channels, including a University Honor Council.

Fifteen students and twelve faculty members comprise the University Honor Council.

Hearing panels comprised of four faculty members and three student members from the Council will hear appeals from both faculty and students after the matter passes through the instructor of the course and the chairperson of the department.

Students accused of violating the Honor Code can appeal further in some instances if they are not satisfied with the Council's decision.

No faculty members or students have been selected to serve on the Honor Council, said Kent Kelso, Dean of Students.

He said he would solicit members in the next couple of weeks.

Once selected, he will provide them with training in procedures for dealing with plagiarism as well as due process.

DPS Reports



Friday-03:24 p.m.
Location: DORMS-KENTUCKY HALL - THIRD FLOOR - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
Residential Life staff requested an Officer respond, to the listed location. Due to a smell of marijuana. Upon arrival, Officer met with the Residential Life Assistant who accessed the door. Upon entering, Officer observed several marijuana items on a table, in plain sight. The room resident(s) were not present and no charges were filed, at this time. Incident was referred to the Residential Life Office for further investigation...

ROAD - PROPERTY DAMAGE
Male University employee reported that a University owned TV was damaged, at the listed location. Damage was accidental, occurred while moving the TV and stand from one area to another. Case closed...

Thursday-06:11 p.m.
Location: OLD NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING - STUCK ELEVATOR
Unknown subject notified DPS that he and eight (8) other people are stuck in the elevator, at the listed location. NKU Physical Plant personnel were notified and responded. Upon arrival, Officer found that the elevator was stuck between the fourth (4th) & fifth (5th) floors, however no one was on the elevator. Elevator was checked and found to be in proper working order. Officer was advised that earlier, this date, this elevator had been turned off because of the same problem. Referred to NKU Physical Plant. Case closed...

Thursday-05:32 p.m.
Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - THIRD FLOOR - MEDICAL RESPONSE SQUAD
Female University employee fell, at the listed location, injuring her back. The Central Campbell County Squad was dispatched and responded. Upon arrival, Officer located the subject lying on the floor. Subject stated that while hanging decorations, she had stepped onto a chair and it rolled causing her to fall on her back. Squad personnel checked the subject, who stated that she was all-right. Subject refused transportation to the hospital. Case closed...

AUG 22 2002-Thursday 2:06 p.m.
Location: PARKING LOT K - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-512.020 Criminal Mischief
Male subject advised that his vehicle had been broken into, at the listed location. Subject stated that nothing appears to have been taken, but that the vehicles radio had been damaged. Under investigation...

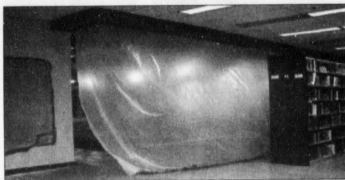
AUG 22 Thursday-10:30p.m.
Location: 415 JOHNS HILL

Center: More than just a 'Lab'

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students. Inside this room students have total access to the library's entire VHS, cassette, CD, and LP collection. The individual stations are located together in a new listening and viewing room conveniently attached to the checkout desk. The media center also holds the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium Media Collection. This means that NKU students now have access to different media items from all over the tri-state.

The center was built through a joint partnership made up of: Steely Library, which provided the space; the Information Technologies department,



Stacey Sutton/The Northerner
The Center started out as a hole on the second floor of Steely Library

which afforded much of the funding, and Vice-Provost Dr. Paul Reichardt. "Last year we moved from three different offices. Now it's nice for all three teams to be together working seamlessly to serve and support faculty," said

Stiegher
Though the center is open to both students and faculty now, Dr. Roger Redding will officially introduce and open the center with a ribbon cutting ceremony from 3:15 to 5:45 on Oct 8.

PROGRAM URGES COMMUTERS TO GET INVOLVED

By JENNY DOMBROWSKI
Staff Writer

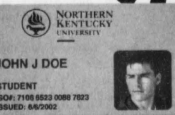
You may start to see their logo appearing at campus events this fall.

In fact, they've already held eleven on-campus events and it's only the second week of classes. Who are they? They are a student life organization referred to as "Norsin' Around."

According to Leslie Dorris, Student Involvement Specialist at the Office of Student Life, Norsin' Around is "a student incentive program to reward those students who are already involved in campus life, and to motivate other students to become involved in campus life."

The idea behind Norsin' Around is to present students with all kinds of opportunities to attend on-campus events and reward them for participating. Dorris says there are approximately thirty events a semester students can attend to earn "thunder bucks." What are "thunder bucks?" Electronic money added to a student's ID at any Norsin' Around event. The thunder bucks will accumulate all year, and the big reward will come at the end of the Spring 2003 semester with the "Bid Bash."

Dorris says during the Bid Bash students will be able to find out how many thunder bucks they have accumulated over the school year and bid on prizes using their thunder bucks. Dorris lists some of the prizes available at the Bid Bash as vacations, televisions, DVD players, book scholar-



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ships, parties at local establishments and a semester of free tuition.

Most students realize that NKU is mainly a commuter campus, but aren't really sure what to do to get involved. Dorris hopes that Norsin' Around will help more students make a connection to the campus, and "as a result, see campus life at NKU become even more vibrant and exciting."

Dorris feels a program like this is particularly necessary at a campus like NKU because, "it is easy for students to simply go to class, go to work and then go home." She continues, "many students don't really feel a true connection to the university because they are only here a



few hours a week for in all of the activities and events the university offers."

If students need any further incentive to participate in Norsin' Around events, Dorris offers a few final benefits. "Norsin' Around is a win-win situation for students. By attending campus events, they will be able to meet new people, have a great time and feel a stronger connection to the campus."

In the end, Dorris hopes the Norsin' Around program will prove an increased presence of student life on campus. "I think you will see more and more students involved in all aspects of campus life and activities, and as a result see more satisfied alumni."

Students should have no trouble finding Norsin' Around events to attend. Some activities this semester include Freshfusion, Walk-for-Education, Sleepout for the Homeless, the Silent Auction, Hollywood Dance, and the Tip-Off Tailgate. Dorris says students won't need to sign up for Norsin' Around events, and few require any kind of cover charge.

Students need only bring themselves and their student ID to receive their thunder bucks.

Hopefully through Norsin' Around this campus can transform from commuter campus into a true community.

For a full list of Norsin' Around events, visit www.nku.edu/~norsinaround.

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Director leaves his boots in Texas for a home at NKU



Stacey Sutton/The Northern
New Campus Recreation Director
Stephen Tribble

New Director has big plans for the future

By SAMANTHA WARNER
Feature Editor

The new Director of Campus Recreation is Stephen Tribble in the Albright Health Center at Northern Kentucky University. He was previously the Associate Director of Recreation and Sports at Texas A and M University in Kingsville, Texas.

Tribble is responsible for

the administration in the health center. He is also working with Student Affairs in the residential village on the sand volleyball courts, two outdoor basketball courts and intramural sports.

The major differences from this campus to Texas A and M University is that the enrollment of students is nearly double here. The student body is about 80 percent Latino and is also a lower income

area, Tribble said. He had similar responsibilities there as he does here.

A new fitness center with updated equipment is on Tribble's special projects list. He said it seems to be going in the right direction. Tribble said the department is down one member, the aquatics instructor, so that is a big focus of his. He also wants to get more people involved in an outdoor adventure program.

Outside of his job he likes to workout and spend his time with his family. Tribble and his wife of 11 years, Marea,

have two children together. Their Children, Talyor, 11, and Megan, 7, attend Summitview Elementary in Independence, KY. "My hobby is my kids," Tribble said.

One of the main reasons Tribble decided to come to NKU is because of the family oriented atmosphere, he said. It is also closer to home for him, since he is originally from Pekin, Ill. He said that the administration here at NKU is very good. "They let me rent a house out, until we found a house to buy," said Tribble.

Tribble has worked for five different schools in Illinois, North Carolina, Missouri, South Carolina and Texas. This was the smoothest move he said out of all the moves. The only problem this time was that the headboard of his new bed busted during the move.

Tribble's most memorable moments would have to be the birth of his son and the day he met his wife. He met her at Famous Barr, a retail store in Peoria, IL. "I rounded the corner and saw her standing at the register and we've been together ever since," he said.

Campus calendar

August 28

Last day to drop an 8-week course without a letter grade.

Delta Sigma Theta,

"Let's Talk About Sex" 7:13 p.m.

August 29

Phi Beta Sigma Social event, 9p.m.

August 29

Black United Students/Alpha Phi

Alpha Swim Party, 7 p.m.

September 2

Labor Day No Classes. University Closed.

September 4

NLS Tye Dye Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LEAD Classes begin 1 p.m.

September 5

FRESHFUSION

September 6

Last day to drop a full-term class without a grade.

Zeta Phi Beta "Klozing Da Gaps" Fashion Show 12-8 p.m

Zeta Phi Beta Fashion Show Party at 9 p.m.

September 8-12

Fraternity recruitment

September 10

Lunch for a Buck & Kick-off in the UC Plaza

Upcoming concerts at Bogart's

August 28

Seven Mary Three at 8p.m., Tickets \$10

August 30

Blue Karma, Saving Ray, Hoodwink and Premium
Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 day of the show

Program to lure H.S. students

By EMILY CHALFANT
Staff Writer

Current outstanding Northern Kentucky University students may help attract more students to campus. The new Student Success Series will utilize NKU students in advertisements to be published in local high schools.

Katie Herschede, Student Government Association president, began the Student Success Series in June after gaining support from the Admissions Office.

"[One] of the goals of the program [is] to create a connection between prospective students and current students," Herschede said. "If a high school student sees someone they went to high school with who is now at NKU, they have an instant connection. Also, if they identify with that student and the NKU student is excelling academically and extracurricularly, that enhances the image of NKU."

Five local high schools are being considered for a possible "test run" of the program. According to Herschede, the students who will be in the

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ads were selected from "a report of all current NKU students who went to those high schools. From those students, we identified students with exceptional GPAs and campus/community involvement."

While the students have been selected, they also have not been confirmed as partici-

pants.

While the program is still developing, the Student Success Series receives funding from Admissions and additional support from Enrollment Management. The ads are being designed by University Communications and are expected to be published this fall and spring. When the program is completely set up, more schools will receive the ads and the target audience will expand.

"We are still identifying the media markets for these recruitment pieces. Most likely, we will have large foam boards to be displayed at the schools, ads in the high school newspapers and hopefully community papers as well," said Herschede.

If the program proves beneficial, the Student Success Series will continue to create advertisements for the campus in forthcoming years.

"It is my hope that we will update this media each year with new students and stories. I think this is a great way to attract high achieving students and to show off our outstanding current students," Herschede said.



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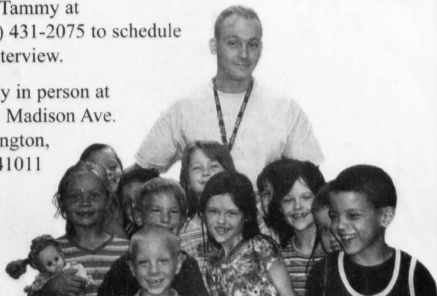
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Wednesday August 28

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3:30 -5:35 a.m.
6:00 -8:19 a.m.
8:30 -10:48 a.m.
11:00 -12:00 p.m.
12:00 -4:00 p.m.
4:00 -6:30 p.m.
6:30 -9:06 p.m.
9:30 -12:30 a.m.

Amelie
The Cider House Rules
We Were Soldiers
Gosford Park
Informative
WNTV Original Programming
Harry Potter
Ali
Bound By Honor

12:30 -2:38 a.m.
3:00 -5:30 a.m.
5:30 -8:06 a.m.
8:30 -11:30 a.m.
11:30 -12:00 p.m.
12:00 -4:00 p.m.
4:00 -5:34 p.m.
6:00 -8:30 p.m.
8:30 -11:38 p.m.

Bram Stoker's Dracula
Harry Potter
Ali
Bound By Honor
Informative
WNTV Original Programming
Clock Stoppers
West Side Story
The Green Mile

12:00 -1:36 a.m.
2:00 -3:34 a.m.
4:00 -6:30 a.m.
6:30 -9:38 a.m.
10:00 -11:36 a.m.
12:00 -4:00 p.m.
4:00 -5:56 p.m.
6:00 -7:37 p.m.
8:00 -9:36 p.m.
10:00 -12:24 a.m.

Showtime
Clock Stoppers
West Side Story
The Green Mile
Showtime
WNTV Original Programming
Ocean's 11
Deuce's Wild
The Time Machine
Black Hawk Down

Sunday September 1

2:00 -3:56 a.m.
4:00 -5:37 a.m.
6:00 -7:36 a.m.
8:00 -10:24 a.m.
10:30 -12:26 p.m.
12:30 -2:07 p.m.
2:30 -5:06 p.m.
5:30 -7:54 p.m.
8:00 -9:56 p.m.
10:00 -11:37 p.m.

Ocean's 11
Deuce's Wild
The Time Machine
Black Hawk Down
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The Time Machine
Black Hawk Down
Ocean's 11
Deuce's Wild

Saturday August 31

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7:30 -9:07 p.m.
9:30 -11:06 p.m.

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Monday September 2

12:00 -1:36 a.m.
2:00 -3:24 a.m.
3:30 -5:26 a.m.
5:30 -7:07 a.m.
7:30 -9:06 a.m.
9:30 -12:00 p.m.

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Madden Football engine on
which it's based can be polished
only so much, and

"2003" does do a great job of
emphasizing the always-exciting
option play. The game-
play, aesthetic polish and
control are sturdy, too. What
makes "2003" special is its
fanatic attention to the college
experience, with an extensive
dynasty mode, a hilarious
assortment of mascot teams
and the new rivalry mode,
which lets you reenact 23
classic rivalries and play for
the various trophies that
change hands among the
teams. Even better is the new



Photo courtesy of EA Games

and comprehensive Create-a-
School feature, which gives
you creative control over your
experience. Whatever drives
your enjoyment of the college
game, you'll find it here.

Madden dynasty rolls on

By JASON ELLIS
Entertainment Editor

With the beginning of the
NFL season just a few weeks
away, what better game to
start the year off with than
Madden 2003. So, what
should we expect from the
number one selling football
franchise in the world. We
should expect excellence, and
once again, that is what we
get.

The first thing that catches
attention is the franchise
mode. The depth of this mode
is unparalleled, lasting up to 30
seasons. A draft occurs after
every season, just like in real
life. This game also allows
you to import a draft class
from NCAA 2003. You can
also sign free agents, release
players and if you choose, you
can work with salary cap
restrictions.

Along with the franchise

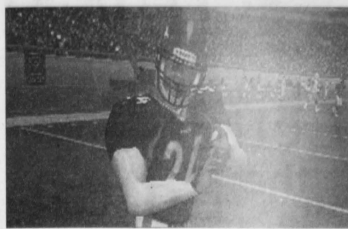


Photo courtesy of EA Games

mode, Madden has quite a few
play modes, including the 2-
minute-drill mode. In this
mode you have to try to score
as many times as possible.
The training camp mode is
also extremely fun. You have
to complete certain things at
each training camp to move
on to the next one.

The only downfall to the
game is the announcing. It's a
little sluggish at times, and
you hear the same phrases at
just about the same time in
every game. You also hear
more Al Michaels, and you
would think that you would
hear more John Madden. I
mean the game is named after
him after all.

The thing I enjoy the most

about this game is the mini-
game. In the mini game you
have to collect points by com-
pleting the Madden chal-
lenges. With the points you
earn you can buy Madden
cards. The cards have the
ability to boost player's attributes,
add extra downs and to
decrease the attributes of the
opposing teams.

Madden 2003 also supports
online play. So when the
Playstation 2 goes online, you
will be able to play Madden
against people from all over
the world. When the PS2 goes
online, it's time to put up or
shut up. Oh and by the way
"Are you ready for some foot-
ball."

'One-Hour Photo'

By JAMI BERNARD
New York Daily News

Robin Williams continues
the reconstruction of Robin
Williams in "One Hour
Photo," playing a lonely stalk-
er who looks as washed-out as
some of the photos he devel-
ops.

Of his recent against-type
roles, including those in
"Death to Smoochy" and
"Insomnia," Williams' per-
formance in this smart, arty
little indie is by far the creep-
iest. He makes Sy Parrish,
known to certain customers as
"Sy the photo guy," a misfit of
a recognizable type. He's the
wallflower who craves com-
pany but communicates such
weirdness and social discom-
fort that people naturally shy
away.

Sy works at a kiosk in the
SavMart, where he pays
obsessive attention to every
calibration of the photo
processor and to the lives and
quirks of the customers whose
pictures he has developed and
studied over the years.

He has paid particular at-
tention to the Yorkin family.
From countless photos of
birthdays and holidays, Sy
feels he intimately knows
Nina (Connie Nielsen), Will
(Michael Vartan) and young
Jake (Dylan Smith). By the
time he imagines himself in-
tegrated into the Yorkin home
and photo album, you're
queasy enough to visit the
acid-reflux remedy aisle.

Sy goes beyond photo-

developing to an existential
bond with the scenes those
photos depict. According to
Sy, a photo says, "Someone
cared enough about me in this
world to take my picture."

And Sy cares enough about
the Yorkins to have covered
nearly an entire living-room
wall with extras he has pilfered
from their rolls of film, about
as encouraging a sign of
Sy's mental condition as the
cracked window on his car.

When he's sacked, ostensibly
for real infractions, but
really, we suspect, because he
puts one's hair on end, the de-
licate balance that kept Sy
weird but harmless is tested.
The movie's mall-culture set-
ting implies that a lot of soci-
ety's fringe-dwellers hang by
similar threads, so ostracizing
them even more is not the
answer.

Perhaps there's help over in
the pharmacy, but if no one is
interested in taking Sy's pic-
ture, then it's not likely any-
one will take the time to me-
dicate him, either.

Stalker movies are so com-
mon, it's impossible not to
have absorbed their grammar
into your bones. But the visu-
ally oriented writer-director
Mark Romanek, known for his
music videos, is not out to
make a slasher film. He cares
for Sy and miraculously man-
ages to separate this nebbish
from the rest of the wacko
pack of screen pervers.

Romanek's achievement is
to tailor the look of the movie
tightly to its theme. He plays

with lighting and composition
to suggest Sy's skewed isola-
tion. Even the harsh lighting
of the SavMart is an affront to
a man like Sy, who seeks per-
fection in visual form, since
he cannot attain it emotion-
ally.

In one scene, Sy drives
through a tunnel that seems to
swim in the colors of oily
photo chemicals. Sy himself is
a Polaroid coming into focus
as he looms into view on the
up escalator and, more gradu-
ally, over the course of the
movie.

Sy points out that the word
"snapshot" was originally a
hunting term, and the camera
here comes to symbolize the
weapon a loner might use to
describe and defend his terri-
tory. Unlike Patch Adams, Sy
is not lovable. But you wind
up feeling for him, much as
you feel for Sy's pet hamster
on that endless wheel.

ONE HOUR PHOTO

3 stars

With Robin Williams,
Connie Nielsen, Michael
Vartan. Written and directed
by Mark Romanek. Running
time: 98 mins. Rated R: Brief
nudity, brief gore, adult
themes.

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X-8 fun, but not undisputed champ

By BILLY O'KEEFE
Knight Ridder/Tribune
News Service

Available: Now for
GameCube
From: THQ

Nintendo gamers have held
their breaths for a proper
sequel to "No Mercy," but
"Wrestlemania X8" isn't it.
The game looks good, fea-
tures many match times, has
the most complete roster to
date and sports a nice Create-
a-Wrestler mode, but the
gameplay itself has holes. It's
fulfilling when two wrestlers
are in the ring, but add one or
two more and the wheels fall
off, thanks to some miserable
collision detection. Body-
slamming one opponent
shouldn't automatically knock
over everyone within eight
feet of him, but that's what
happens. Why THQ didn't
just jazz up the "No Mercy"
engine and make everyone

happy is a mystery. But "X8"
is still fun when it succeeds,
and the engine, however
flawed now, has potential to
grow.

MLB SLUGFEST 20-03

Available: Now for
PlayStation 2; late summer for
GameCube and XBox

From: Midway

"MLB Slugfest 20-03" is a
quick and dirty, albeit pol-
ished, nod to yesteryear.
Anyone who enjoyed baseball
back in the 8- and 16-bit age
will be in heaven with the
dead-simple hitting and pitch-
ing interfaces, which are fun
to execute. The fielding and
base-running controls are a lit-
tle clumsy, but not impossible
to overcome. This of course is
to say nothing of the violence
— it is a Midway game, after
all. Knocking out fielders and
beating hitters is not only
legal and oh-so-fun, but also
becomes part of your winning



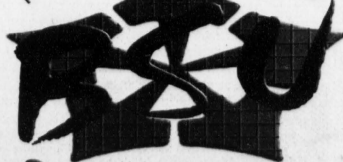
Box art courtesy of THQ

strategy. All this gameplay
goodness comes with some
pretty animations and the fun-
niest announcing duo in gam-
ing history. "Slugfest" could
be deeper and more refined,
but its presence is definitely a
blessing nonetheless.

(Billy O'Keefe writes video
game reviews for Knight
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Letters to the Editor

Roommates require gentle touch

By EVAN WILLIAMS
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. - Unlike being birthed into a family we either adore or despise, roommates are the family we choose -- although most freshmen are exempt from this.

Roommates are important because we can live with them and we can live without them. But then rent is more expensive, we have to buy a DVD player and our music collections are not as expansive -- and it gives us someone to blame everything on while having a bad day: the mess on the floor, the odd smell in the room, the reason no one comes to visit even if the door is wide open.

Yes, the inevitable college roommate. We hate them, we love them, we steal things from them, we hang out with them, we steal things from them, they can't do anything right, they play their music too loud and we steal things from them.

But how are we capable of living with them for an entire year?

If you're into a holistic form of dealing with roommates, don't forget to acknowledge them and simply talk to them, so they're not so involved with their fantasy, role-playing computer games they can't remember their own names.

"I am Deceptor, Master of the Underground Goblin Crematorium."

Freaky.
And it's always a good idea to find out what you have in common with the roommate. Whether it's pizza and porn,

Nintendo's Game Cube or voodoo practices, finding the one thing in common may bring the two of you a little closer -- or be the one thing that stops you from killing each other.

Although, voodoo magic isn't always a good thing: "Eric, you shall have three pins stuck in you. One in your chest, one in your back and the other one right between your ... eyes."

Ouch.
Sharing items is another focus between roommates that can be taboo. Cups, plates, certain food items and technology should always be up for grabs. Things like towels, personal sanitation products, the bed and underwear is a bit much. If you do walk into the room with your roommate prancing around in your underwear drinking the rest of your IBC Root Beer slush, then it's probably a wise choice to pull out the voodoo doll.

"Right between the ... eyes." Well then, roommates just become space fillers and they stop talking to you and acknowledging you.

Other times, that roommate will talk to the resident assistant and make you move out without even telling you.

Roommates can remain as decent friends throughout the year -- just stay out of their underwear drawer -- and talk to them like they're human.

Communication is key.
And don't forget, even if you're close friends with your roommate, there will be times when you need to vent or just make fun of them, and when that time comes, you must do it covertly.

Profiling won't unite America

By KRISTIN HOOPER
Sidelines (Middle Tennessee State U.)

(U-WIRE) MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- President Bush recently teamed up with our Justice Department and asked our nation's neighborhood watch, the National Crime Prevention Council, to be their "eyes and ears in the war on terror."

Although many people take this task seriously, I fear that such a request could lead to suspicion and eventually accusations against, yes, even our neighbors.

It seems that America is always looking for a reason to police one demographic or another, never stopping to wonder what would happen if they just let it go.

Since the early '80s, America has been engaged in a number of wars. Contrary to the mainstream definition of war, these wars have mainly been against the ideas and beliefs deemed "un-American" and those, which counter our government's spread of ideals.

The Cold War, the drug war, and most recently the war on terrorism, are all examples of

the fight to censor the actions of the public and timelessly maintain the status quo.

However, it seems in recent years that the price of upkeep has begun to rival the McCarthy era.

Just as the term "junkie" was used to describe an entire population of uninspired, cocaine-riddled youth in the '80s, the latest echo -- "terrorist" -- has been used to describe anyone who might look even remotely Middle Eastern. Just like any other negatively connoted adjective, terrorist has become a label.

Americans, as time has shown, love to label what they can't quite get a handle on. Labels put things in nice little packages, even when those packages are actually big and ugly.

I know that, at this point, letting anyone and everyone cross our borders or enter our airspace can't possibly be an option, but it doesn't mean our government has to resort to extreme racial profiling simply because a handful of harmful foreigners somehow got into our country and caused a tragic event.

What should ultimately be the direction we Americans

SLIMBONE by Mike Maydak



take is to first prioritize. If our president can't form his own opinions without his cabinet holding his hand, I know it might be hard for you to assemble your own faculties, but try.

Second, we need to be logical, which means the only way to sort out the barrage of Middle Eastern information

flying at you is to ignore most of it. There is so much, that to absorb it all risks desensitization, a disease many Americans already have.

Keeping watch for outrageous actions is one thing. It's another to become so wrapped up in it that you feel you need to spy on your neighbors.

Student opinions play a vital role at NKU

By JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

Who really cares about editorials?

On most days they're wedged in the back of the paper, behind the obituaries or classified ads. They seem like a formality, included only to preserve a tradition that lost its meaning long ago.

In fact, local newspaper readers are probably more familiar with Enquirer Cartoonist Jim Borgman than Enquirer Columnist Peter Bronson.

That's not to fault anyone. People are busy. Bills need to be paid. It's easier and faster to flip on MSNBC and let the

news float into your brain in thirty second sound bites. Especially when there's homework to do or dinner to make. You can't write a research paper on the history of Europe when your eyes are glued to a newspaper.

Besides, who doesn't already get enough opinions during the course of a normal day? Whether it's the Reds, the weather, the War on Terrorism or any other thing that happens down the line, someone is willing to tell you what they think about it. At the end of a long day, who wants to sit and read what other people think about the world around them?

NKU is different.

The Student Government Association has influence over important decisions at NKU. A student representative has a seat on the Board of Regents.

NKU is expanding quickly. It's changing every year. Anyone who needs evidence should stroll by the new Science Building where classes are now being held. The University is also expanding its partnerships and associations.

In the midst of all this are students. Without them the institution falls apart. Administrators know this and that's why they want to know what students think. In order for them to proceed they need

to know what's on their public's mind. If not, how will they retain who they have while recruiting new students?

This is why editorials matter. They can be the base, the first call, the bugle at the crack of dawn, to alert administrators of your views and ideas for the present and future of Northern.

Consider this a call for thoughtful, relevant editorials and opinion pieces. Give your ideas and thoughts a larger forum. Let faculty, staff and other students know what's on your mind.

We're interested and others are too.

Labels are killing Internet music radio stations

The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH --

Radio stations are good for music in the same way that paved roads are good for cars -- they keep things progressing smoothly.

So it might come as a shock to most sensible people that the recording industry has succeeded in pushing legislation, effective Oct. 20, that will probably destroy about 90 percent of Internet radio stations.

As in all matters regarding record labels, this one is driven by money.

After the deadline, Internet radio proprietors will be forced to pay seven cents per listener per song. That may not sound like much, but the Internet is a big place with lots of music fans, and that seven cents multiplies rapidly. The result is a bill that vastly exceeds each station's annual income. And since the bill is retroactive to 1998, they will also have to pay for everything they've broadcasted for

the last four years.

This situation brings to mind images from a year or two ago, when the record companies went head to head with Napster and succeeded in bringing the file-sharing program to its knees, much to the disappointment of music fans everywhere. But Internet radio is much different than Napster. It uses streaming technology that can't be stored, making it strikingly similar to the radio you listen to in the car everyday.

But radio broadcasted on the

Internet is different because just about anyone can do it -- all you need is a server and software. There's no equipment to buy and no licenses to secure. Internet broadcasters do it for the love of the game, but apparently that is unacceptable. No music is good music these days unless someone is making a hefty profit.

When interviewed recently by Newsweek, independent Web broadcaster Jim Atkinson estimated his earnings for 2001 to be about \$10,000. On Oct. 20, he

expects to pay about \$17,000 in performance fees for that same year. When the numbers add up, the little guy is the obvious loser.

These developments should outrage anyone who is interested in good music. Internet radio creates opportunities for independent bands that can't be found on your FM dial or MTV. This is just another instance of labels tightening their grip on the industry and forcing

the public to listen to anything they throw at us.

And judging from pop music that has been released in recent years, it's a rocky road to travel.



Football
picks and
dynasty
disastersELIAS HAJJAR
Sports Editor

The National Football League has had many dynasties throughout the course of its existence, starting with the Green Bay Packers of the 60s and ending with the Dallas Cowboys of the 90s. But that was the old NFL. Will the "new" NFL ever see another dynasty like the Pittsburgh Steelers of the 70s or the San Francisco 49ers of the 80s again?

No way. That is like saying the Cincinnati Bengals have a shot at winning the Super Bowl in the next 30 years. It's just not going to happen. We might see the St. Louis Rams flirt with the concept of being a dynasty, but in this day-and-age of the salary cap and free agency, the chances of seeing another true dynasty are bleak.

Every year now we see a new team emerge as Super Bowl Champions. The Baltimore Ravens did it two years ago with a hard-hitting stingy defense, and last season it was the New England Patriots who finished the season victorious after suffering through a horrible season the year before.

The Ravens are a perfect example of the "new" NFL. Win the Super Bowl one year, make it to the playoffs the next and then fall off the face of the earth there after. Could the Patriots be next in line? I don't think they'll repeat as Super Bowl Champions, but I do expect them to defend their title better than the Ravens did.

So with the start of the season approaching, it is time to predict who will emerge as the NFL's best team. It's hard to pick a clear-cut favorite these days, so I've narrowed the possibilities down to four teams. Good luck choosing the winner.

The favorite has to be the St. Louis Rams. They have the best quarterback in the league in Kurt Warner and the best overall player with Marshall Faulk.

Then you have the Pittsburgh Steelers who are coming off one of its best seasons ever and returning almost all its starters. Not to mention they have the best overall defense in the league.

Another team from Pennsylvania that should give the Rams a run for its money is the Philadelphia Eagles. With a dominant defense and a young mobile quarterback in Donovan McNabb, the Eagles should have no problem returning to the NFC Championship game.

And finally the defending Super Bowl Champions New England Patriots. How can you leave a team that lost the first game last season to the Cincinnati Bengals and still come back to win the Super Bowl, off of your list. You just can't. They have earned the right to be on the list.

A couple of other teams that I believe have a good chance of being the next Patriots, are the Cleveland Browns and the San Francisco 49ers. Both teams have good quarterbacks and solid defenses, which should get them far in the league.

With all that said, the team that will be standing alone on the winners platform in San Diego, holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy high in the sky will be the Pittsburgh Steelers after they defeat the Philadelphia Eagles in the battle of Pennsylvania.

NKU Summer Sports

TIM DOWNER
Northerner Contributor

It's difficult to find out what happens on the NKU campus during the summer because our campus newspaper The Northerner, has been put to rest until the second week of classes in the fall. Many noteworthy news items occur during the break especially in the genre of sports. This year was no exception. In fact, you might say that there were some historical firsts created by our teams, coaches and players. The following calendar highlights the most significant events.

One of the most outstanding contributions to the NKU Athletic Department was that of Kim Keyer-Scott. Here we have a 34-year-old mother who was named the National Golf player of the year as a freshman in addition to being chosen as a first team All-American in golf.

The baseball team winning their first ever Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament championship was quite another coup also. If it had not been for one bad game during the regional baseball tournament in Ohio, the Norse would have headed for the finals in Alabama.

So come out and support the Norse. We have quite a few excellent teams and this offers a little diversity here at NKU.

May 4	NKU women's golf captures regional title
	NKU baseball wraps up GLVC regular-season title
May 8	NKU softball team prepares for NCAA's**
	** First-ever berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament
May 9	Todd Asafon named GLVC Baseball Coach of the Year
May 12	NKU baseball team wins GLVC championship**
	** Jason Martin sets all-time career hits mark of 264
May 13	NKU baseball team earns NCAA berth
May 14	NKU wins third straight GLVC ALL-Sports Trophy
May 18	NKU women's golf team finishes third nationally
May 28	NKU Steve Walton named second team All-American in baseball
July 4	NKU women's golfers earn All-American honors**
	**Kim Keyer-Scott named 1 st team All-American
	**Diana Camacho named 2 nd team All-American
Aug 13	NKU volleyball aims for 6 th straight GLVC title
Aug 20	NKU volleyball ranked 20 th nationally
Aug 22	NKU women's soccer ranked 3 rd nationally

Ohio State routs Texas Tech
with freshman leading chargeBy Maria Ridenour
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — On Tuesday, Ohio State seemed like a team in disarray.

On Saturday, it looked like a juggernaut.

After a tumultuous week filled with suspensions, an arrest and a starter quitting the team, the 12th-ranked Buckeyes performed almost flawlessly in their season opener in the Pigskin Classic. They dismantled Texas Tech, 45-21, before a crowd of

100,037 at Ohio Stadium and a national television audience. It wasn't even that close, as the Red Raiders scored a meaningless touchdown with 12 seconds to go.

All the naysayers looked like worrywarts as Ohio State performed well in all areas thought to be suspect.

In just his third career start, quarterback Craig Krenzel was calm, cool and mistake-free in completing 11-of-14 passes for 118 yards and rushing four times for 34 yards. The offensive line was dominating as the Buckeyes rushed

for 317 net yards. The secondary held up against the spread passing attack of Texas Tech senior Kliff Kingsbury, who didn't look like a Heisman Trophy candidate even though he completed 26-of-44 for 341 yards and three touchdowns.

And Maurice Claret did not follow in the footsteps of two-time Heisman winner Archie Griffin and fumble on his first carry. Warren Harding's Claret, thought to be the first true freshman to start at tailback in four decades, rushed for 175 yards on 21 attempts, caught four passes for 30

yards and scored three touchdowns, his first on a 59-yard run.

Claret's rushing total was the most by an OSU freshman, surpassing 124 yards by Lydell Ross' last season at Indiana. But Claret didn't make too much out of his achievement.

"I'm not going to dwell on it too much," he said. Asked what he would do to celebrate, he said, "Go home and play NCAA Football" on PlayStation.

Many of the Buckeyes thought they made a statement against the Red Raiders, thought to be tougher than the usual OSU home-opening opponent.

"I think we proved to ourselves that we have the potential to be a really good team

this season," sophomore cornerback Dustin Fox said. "We proved our defense was going to be tough, and our offense answered some questions."

Junior right tackle Shane Olivea went even further than that. He was incensed after seeing a videotape of the Red Raiders' comments about the Buckeyes on Friday night.

"They said we didn't have any Eddie Georges, any Andy Katzenmoyers, players of that stature any more," junior right tackle Shane Olivea said. "They didn't have any Zach Thomas, Sheryl Swoopes. Can't play football and Bobby Knight can't coach 'em. If we have no superstars, I don't know what they have. Forty-five points and no superstars, that's fine with me."

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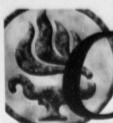
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GREEK SNEAK PEEK

By LORI COX
News Editor

Hushed conversations filled the air, while dozens of young women filled the seats of the University Center's second floor lobby. The crowd waited expectantly as the doors of the Ballroom opened for the official kick-off event of sorority recruitment - the Greek Sneak Peek Party.

The Greek Sneak Peek Party, formerly known as the Deck Party, is a traditional Greek event for women, at any college level, interested in information and insight into sorority life. The event, held Aug. 1, provided an opportunity for guests to "meet and greet" and get a feel for Greek life, according to Amber Kuhl, Vice President of Recruiting for the Panhellenic Council.

The evening's activities began with a song game to break the ice and help the women get to know one another. Each guest was presented a Hawaiian lei as they entered the ballroom. Music and laughter filled the room as the women, grouped according to the color of their lei, tried to sing familiar tunes without missing a note. Songs ranged from Christmas carols to The Brady Bunch theme

song. Ms. Kuhl described the game as, "kind of cheesy, but fun."

Once the crowd loosened up, Betty Mulkey, the Director of Student Life and former Greek advisor, held a discussion to explain the recruitment process and give guests an opportunity to ask questions. The discussion covered topics ranging from sorority membership fees and formal recruitment to what clothes to wear at recruiting. "It cleared up a lot of things for the potential new members," Ms. Kuhl said.

For the recruitment guests (approximately 50) the Greek Sneak was the first chance to get acquainted with their Gamma Chi (recruitment counselor), chapter members and other students interested in joining a sorority.

Traditionally, the chapter members remain anonymous during the Greek Sneak.

Kristin Stoll, a potential recruit, said the anonymity "took a lot of pressure off." "We could just be introduced to Greek life as a whole and not have to think about who we really liked talking to and what sorority we wanted to be in yet," she said.

While not all of the guests had a particular sorority in mind, many arrived at the

Greek Sneak with preconceived ideas or reasons to join a sorority. For instance, Amy Merrell, who is pursuing a Master's degree, was interested in sorority life to build leadership skills and get more involved in philanthropic pursuits. Others, like Tara Muncy, a second year freshman Nursing major, considered joining Greek life to gain academic support and to get involved on campus.

Then, there were those like Ms. Stoll, an incoming freshman, who was neutral on the idea of sorority life before attending the Greek Sneak Peek Party. However, "attending (the Greek party) made me more interested in joining a sorority," she said. "The girls made me feel comfortable and helped me look forward to not only Greek life, but just starting school."

Ms. Kuhl considered the event a success. "It definitely served its purpose - it informed and introduced the women to Greek life at NKU," she said.

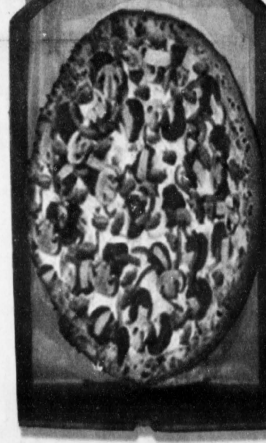
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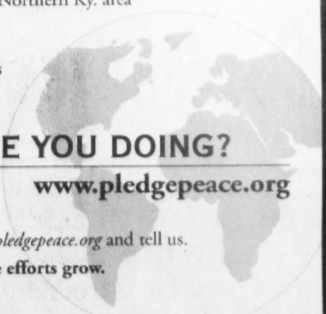
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