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"Our challenge will be to sustain our momentum in a time of enormous uncertainty."

## Budget cuts possible for NKU

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The university community should prepare for the possibility of severe budget cuts and another tuition increase if state legislators fail to secure adequate funding for Northern Kentucky University, NKU President James Votruba said in his Aug. 22 State of the University address.

The state of the university is strong but both under-funding by the state and the imbalance between funding and the region's expectations of the uni-

versity may result in difficult times ahead, Votruba said.

"We need our current funds protected and new funding added if we are to be the university that this region needs and wants to us to be. My greatest fear is that this fact will not be recognized or acted upon," he said.

NKU has two options: complain about funding and sit on our hands waiting for the economy to rebound and the Commonwealth to increase investments, or take responsibility for our future and influence aspects in which there is some control.

"We will do all that we can to

demonstrate to the leaders in Frankfort that, rather than an expense, NKU is an investment in the future of both our region and the Commonwealth," he said.

Student government leaders are already organizing efforts to convince policy makers in Frankfort of the importance of adequate financial support for NKU, a university that supports one of Kentucky's prime economic regions and yet is consistently under-funded by the state.

"NKU is the most under-funded university in the Commonwealth and among our nineteen benchmark institutions. The difference is staggering," Votruba said.

State Rep. Jim Callahan, D-Wilder, said, "We have to bring NKU in line with other public institutions." Callahan said he and Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, are "leading the charge for NKU" in Frankfort but the effort must be a collective one. "I hope we'll all be working together," he said.

As a new governor takes office in December, the state of Kentucky will face a deficit "in the \$400 million range and a weak economy that is not producing revenue rapidly enough

to correct the deficit," Votruba said.

Callahan said the deficit may actually be closer to \$700 million. "We're in a situation where we can not move forward or even stay where we're at without new revenue. We'll go straight down hill and maybe never recover," he said.

In light of the uncertainty of state funding, Votruba said the university would do a "deep analysis" of revenue and cost-cutting options and make choices on funding based on the vision, core values and strategic priorities of the university.

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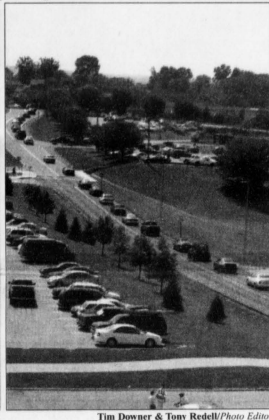


Tony Redell/Photographer  
President Votruba makes his State of the University address.

### Welcome back to the (concrete) jungle...



Some commuters on the first day of the semester chose to ride the NKU Shuttle rather than wait in long lines of traffic searching for an open parking spot near their preferred building.



Tim Downer & Tony Redell/Photo Editor

## Campus shuttle helps tame traffic

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Long lines of traffic and a shortage of available parking spaces are typically sources of major aggravation for students with the arrival of each new semester.

For some drivers to campus Monday, particularly those who arrived early, that was the case, but overall traffic congestion was minimal, according to Jeff Butler, assistant vice president for the Department of Public Safety at NKU.

"The traffic flow was a pleasure today (Monday)," Butler said. "However, we did reach maximum capacity" for parking.

Greg Henson, a sophomore business management

major, said he arrived at 8:45 a.m. to lines of traffic and was 15 minutes late to class looking for a parking spot. "I didn't enjoy that...but last year was even worse," Henson said.

In anticipation of fall, the Transportation Advisory Committee restructured the parking lots and implemented the NKU Shuttle service to run the first three weeks of the semester.

Lots are now specified as student or faculty only. There are no longer designated lots for commuter versus residents. Faculty lots are unchanged from last year.

"At the start of the semester there is more going on. (Parking) is always more of a problem," said Mary Paula Schuh, Director of Campus Planning.

"We feel pretty confident that after we get past the first two weeks, after things settle down, there will be

enough space," she said.

Schuh encourages students, faculty and staff to take advantage of the free NKU Shuttle service being offered from the old Thriftway parking lot on U.S. 27 to drop-off locations within campus. The shuttle will run every 30 minutes, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free doughnuts and coffee will be available along with the chance to win free parking for the year.

Butler said as of 10:30 Monday morning, 60 people had ridden the shuttle. Butler said the shuttle, the efficient use of cadets and "a lot of spirit of cooperation" among those on campus, resulted in a fairly smooth traffic situation the first day of classes.

Butler said he "remains cautiously optimistic" on the remaining first week as classrooms tend to be heaviest on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## SGA names goals

Staff Report

The Student Government Association set strategic goals at its annual retreat August 15-17. The organization presented three goals to President Votruba and administrative officials.

SGA would like to achieve increased funding, the relocation of the Disability Services office, and more SGA involvement in activities programming on campus.

"We want student government not only in perception, but in reality, to be known as the top student governing board on campus," said SGA President Chris Pace.

SGA received \$15,000 for salaries and stipends and a \$28,000 operating pool last year. SGA Vice President of Finance Joe Meyers said this is inadequate for the organization's activities. It was the consensus of SGA that their current budget is not in line with a 26 percent increase in their operating expenses.

The main argument for an increase in funding is the cost of public relations and ventures to get students involved in campus activities, according to Pace. He told Votruba that financial issues limit many prospective SGA activities.

"This is going to be a troubling time this year," Votruba said. "We're going to do everything in our power to make sure you keep every penny that you have. That's where I am going this year."

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## Memorial fund set up in student's name

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A May 19 fire claimed the life of Northern Kentucky University English major Eric Meyer. His family and friends now want to preserve his memory through a scholarship fund for students who share his interest in poetry.

The Eric D. Meyer Poetry Scholarship will be awarded to poets of any major attending NKU. \$10,000 has been raised to date and additional fundraising is planned.

### Friends and family preserve memory through scholarship

Meyer was passionate about poetry and music. His poetry was published internationally and he was an advocate for poetry at NKU. Meyer and friends covered the campus in chalk-written verse during National Poetry Month last semester. His girlfriend, NKU alumna Elea Mihou, said he also wanted broader poetry course offerings and opportunities.

Meyer's friends have labored to memorialize him. They have collected his poetry, shared it and made plans to publish it. They established a memorial website at [www.ericdavidmeyer.com](http://www.ericdavidmeyer.com) that gives a glimpse into his life and poetry and news of their fund-raising efforts.

After three benefit concerts and fund-raising, former bandmates and friends of Meyer have raised the \$10,000 needed to endow the scholarship. They are now working to raise additional funds.

Mihou is happy the scholarship is endowed. She hopes the

scholarship can "support and nurture people to do something that Eric loved."

At an August 8th Southgate House concert, friends donated 32 pieces of student and professional artwork ranging from paintings and photography to sculpture. The benefit raised \$2500 from the silent auction of 26 pieces.

Eric's father David Meyer walked around the upper floor gallery of the Southgate house at the benefit.

"The kids had just generous hearts. So many people my age talk [negatively] about your generation," she said, looking around the gallery. "How many people my age would do this?"

He remarked that it means a lot that Eric's friends have raised almost all the scholarship money with \$5-10 donations.

Mihou said, "Eric would be really flattered" by what his friends are doing. She had "no doubt that he would have done the same for any of his friends."

The next benefit concert will be Saturday August 30 at the Madison Theater in Covington.



Eric David Meyer  
1997-2003

### Gap between the sexes?

An look at the difference between women and men in higher education.

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## dpsreports

AUGUST 23 2003

Saturday- 08:53am

Location: PARKING LOT E - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop  
 Dispo: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with Expired Registration Plates (March 03). Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Tags Registration Renewal. Case closed.

AUGUST 22 2003

Friday- 10:42pm

Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - SECOND FLOOR  
 THEFT- Theft By Unlawful Taking- Under \$300  
 Dispo: Male University employee reported finding a computer room was unsecured and that subject(s) unknown removed computer parts from Two (2) Computers. Incident remains under investigation...

AUGUST 22 2003

Friday- 09:29am

Location: JOHNS HILL ROAD NEAR BRIDGE - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop  
 Dispo: Officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign at Kenton Drive and Johns Hill Road.

The vehicle was stopped at the above listed location. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Stop Sign and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card. Case closed.

AUGUST 22 2003

Friday- 08:51am

Location: ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER - SECOND FLOOR  
 THEFT OF SERVICES  
 Theft of Services Over \$300  
 Dispo: The Bursar's Office received information a person may have used a credit card to pay for services without the permission of the cardholder. Incident remains open at this time.

## campusbriefs

## Parking Costs

## On The Rise

The cost of parking permits for the 2003-2004 year has been increased to \$72 from \$48 last year. The increase will pay for a new parking structure scheduled to begin construction January 2004. Students who graduate in December can return the parking pass to the Bursar Office for a pro-rated refund at the end of the fall semester.

## E-mail Limited

Effective June 16, 2003, storage space for NKU e-mail accounts is limited to 5 megabytes (approximately 1000 standard e-mails with no attachments). Messages received after the quota is reached will not be accepted, so it is important to delete messages and clear deleted messages regularly. The quota will only impact WebMail and other IMAP users. Contact the IT Help Desk with problems or questions at (859) 572-6911.

## Fundraising

to Exceed Goal  
 The "Shaping Dreams" fund-

raising campaign is expected to meet or exceed the \$40 million goal ahead of schedule. As of June 30, the campaign had reached nearly \$36 million in funds to be used for campus priorities such as instructional equipment, building projects and scholarship funds.

## Steely Library

## Jazzed Up

The Jazzman's Café opened Monday in the large area of Steely Library. The newly renovated area includes computer workstations and a new food service. The menu now includes a wider variety of breakfast, salads, sandwiches, baked goods and beverages. Albright Gets A Lift  
 A \$5,000 grant from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation provided a handicap lift for the swimming pool in Albright Health Center.

## Regents Votes For

Child-Free Environment  
 On May 14 the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents passed a new administrative regulation that will pro-

hibit faculty and staff members from bringing their children to offices and work areas during normal working hours. The purpose of the regulation is to provide a safe and professional work environment free from distractions.

## Norse Commons

## Cafeteria Gets Facelift

A \$150,000 renovation of the Norse Commons cafeteria was completed last week. The salad bar was moved from the serving area to the dining area to allow for a more spacious environment. Traffic flow into the cafeteria has also been moved to a new entrance to prevent long lines from crowding the Norse Commons lobby. Additional improvements include a new cook, new oven, and cosmetic enhancements such as new paint and dishes.

## Campus Shuttle

Northern Kentucky University will again provide a shuttle for students in an effort to alleviate parking problems. The shuttle will leave the old Thruway parking lot at the

intersection of Nunn Drive and Alexandria Pike every 30 minutes. Campus stops will include the Welcome Center, Natural Science building, and University Center.

The shuttle is free of cost for students and will run from 6:45 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the first three weeks of classes. Free coffee and donuts will also be provided.

## NKU Begins

## Online Degree

On June 9 Northern Kentucky University offered its first fully online degree, a B.A. in Organizational Leadership. NKU offers online graduate programs in Nursing, but this is the first undergraduate degree to be offered online. Tuition for fall 2003 is \$188 per credit hour for both in-state and out-of-state students.

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news over summer break.

## Construction of new power plant on schedule

Staff Report

The new power plant located on University Drive is taking shape and should be complete as scheduled in the spring, despite setbacks caused by the weather.

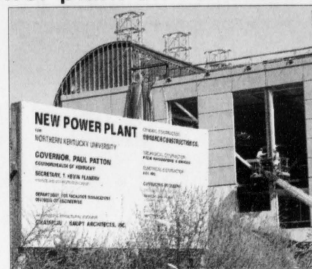
"The schedule was delayed last winter," said Robert Bolce, the Associate Director for the Physical Plant at Northern Kentucky University.

"It's nobody's fault. The plant should be done in May." Crews began construction of the \$12 million structure on July 25, 2002 to keep up with the demand for additional power needed as the university grows. The new plant will provide steam and chilled water essential to the heating and cooling needs of all buildings on the main campus.

The new plant will replace the existing one located under the dock behind Steely Library, which will be unable to handle the demand of new buildings planned for campus.

"It's a better location and it was planned for expansion for the future," Bolce said. The dorms, ceramics building and maintenance buildings will maintain its separate power supply, located behind the University Suites parking lot.

The 2000 Commonwealth of Kentucky General Assembly approved state funding for the project.



Tony Redell/Photographer

Construction should be complete and the plant operational by May.

## nationalbriefs

## Boston priest

## killed in prison

The former Boston priest at the center of the sex abuse scandal that rocked the Catholic church, John Geoghan, 68, was killed Aug. 23 by another inmate at the state prison in Shirley, Mass. where he was serving a sentence for child rape.

Geoghan was accused of molesting more than 130 people during his time as a priest in different Boston parishes.

## Terrorists No. 1

## threat to troops

Terrorism is the becoming the biggest threat to U.S.-led efforts to stabilize Iraq, U.S. officials said last week. Terrorist attacks aim to weaken American and U.N. resolve to re-build Iraq and discourage Iraqis from cooperating with the efforts.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the Bush administration intends to stay the course.

## NASA Probes

## Further into Space

NASA will be able to study distant objects hidden by gas and dust that cannot be detected with visible light telescopes with the recently launched Space Infrared Telescope Facility (SIRTF).

SIRTF is the largest, most sensitive, infrared telescope ever to be sent into space and will allow scientist to study galaxies up to 10 billion light years away and trace the evolution of star formation from very early times.

## Civil Rights

## Anniversary

Thousands of people gathered Aug. 23 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington, a defining moment in the civil rights movement.

Martin Luther King led the march and delivered his "I have a dream" speech to the crowd.

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# campusreport

## Students motivate new Vice President

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Ken Ramey was named Vice President of Administration and Finance on May 28. He replaced Mike Baker, who retired after 21 years at Northern Kentucky University.

The major challenge Ramey will encounter is how to plan for university advancement in the face of a limited budget.

Ramey said Northern Kentucky University is the most under-funded university in the state, with a budget of \$120-\$125 million as of July 2003. He said the budget is far less than adequate for the cost of running the university.

"The problem we have is we're so grossly under-funded compared to other universities in the state. You pay about 52 percent of your education. The students here are paying more per credit hour to get their edu-

cation than any other institution in the state. That's how under-funded we are at this point in time."

The threat of state budget cuts later this year is a major concern. Ramey said the university is discussing contingency plans.

"We don't have anything in concrete yet. I think the institution has set aside about 2 percent in anticipation of a cut. But any cuts above that, we're just at the beginning stages."

"We don't know those cuts are coming, but we want to go ahead and have discussions about it and be prepared that should they occur, we'll be able to address them right away," he said.

When asked if tuition or student fees could increase if the budget is cut, Ramey said, "That's always a possibility."

"Anything we do will try to impact students the least. The last thing we want to do is take away services that would diminish the quality of the experience

of the students," he added. Although funds are limited, Ramey named several current projects that will enhance the quality of student life at NKU.

Recently completed projects include the renovation of the campus bookstore and Norse Commons serving area.

Another new addition is the Jazzman's Café in the loggia area of the library that opened this week.

Ramey said, "We do some amazing things here with the limited resources that we have, and it's a tribute to all of the faculty and staff...that we're able to

accomplish so much with the limited resources that we have."

Other projects include the renovation of Albright Health Center, slated to begin next fall, and the construction of a new parking facility.

250 new parking spaces will be available next semester.

Eventually, a new \$31 million student union will be constructed and improvements will be made to the road

system surrounding campus. The university also owns about 85 acres adjacent to campus that will one day serve as a site for additional campus expansion.

Ramey believes "the one sole reason that we are all here is because of the students. Every focus and every decision that we make needs to be made with the student in mind. We're always striving to look for ways we can better serve the students. Our mission and our reason here is to support the academic mission of the institution."

A graduate of NKU, Ramey received his B.A. in Psychology in 1974. He received a M.A. in Public Administration from Kentucky State University in 1989. He began his NKU career in 1977 as Assistant Burar.

He spent the last five years as Assistant Vice President of Business Operations and Auxiliary Services.

In his new position Ramey will oversee the "management of the institution's human, financial and physical resources," according to the department web page.

These resources include, but are not limited to, financial and

operational auditing, business operations, facilities management, human resources and the Department of Public Safety. I have an affinity for the university and the institution," he said.

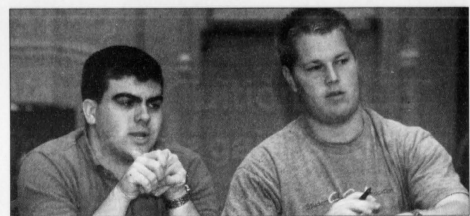
"I've been here for 26 years and I've seen it grow from two buildings when I was a student to where it is today. I have an affinity for the university and the institution," he said.

"I think it is incumbent upon me, being someone who has spent more than half of my life and my career here, to ensure that everything we do builds upon that legacy and only makes it better for the faculty, staff, students and institution."

"That's my ultimate goal, and I think if we can come even remotely close to achieving it, we'll be on our way to meeting the needs of our students."



Ken Ramey



Eric Fegan and Joe Meyer during the SGA retreat in Lexington, Kentucky.

TIM DOWNER/Photo Editor

## SGA: Divided on goals

Group divided on programming goals for the future

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"The state is going to do, and that's what's scary to me."

Senator Michael Tobergta presented the second SGA goal: to relocate the Disability Services office from the third floor of the University Center to the first floor.

SGA members expressed concern that the third floor location is difficult for some disabled students to access.

"I think that it will show the community out there that accessibility is something we are looking at," said Tobergta.

Votruba, in turn, pledged that the administration would "take a good close look" at the situation.

He agreed to ask Ken Ramey, Vice President of Administration and Finance, to examine the logistics of moving the facility.

The third proposal brought the most dissent among SGA members and university staff. SGA members vintaine."

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- Eric Fegan

debate, the Activities Programming Board took the front seat. SGA members discussed the pros and cons of combining SGA and APB efforts.

"We're the people who have to protect student money," said SGA Senator Trey Orndoff. "[but] we don't know what their budget is. How are they spending our money?"

Senator Jared Moore explained, "We don't mean to be a dictator to the APB. We just

want to coordinate their funds along with ours to a common goal."

The majority of SGA members present voted Friday night to make increased SGA activity in programming events an SGA goal.

SGA Executive Vice-President Eric Fegan clarified the issue further to President Votruba and university officials on Saturday.

"We think we are the students who are elected to represent the student interests of the university. We would like to be THE programming board for the university," said Fegan.

"We'd like to have more say in the programming side where the actual money is spent," he added.

He also said that the APB gets "more than twice the money we get."

President Votruba asked, "You want to have SGA become the APB?"

Eric Fegan replied, "Yes, sir." He added, "We're talking about a phasing process."

After hearing reasons to support this initiative, Votruba told SGA to "work this [issue] out and write this up and think about it."

## Votruba: Tuition could increase again soon

University plans to meet \$40 million fundraising goal

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Votruba said NKU is the least-endowed university he has ever seen, but will look for further "opportunities to de-bureaucratize, consolidate and eliminate."

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funding. In the past year, the university raised over \$10 million in private funds and expects to meet its \$40 million fundraising goal, begun in 1999, a year ahead of schedule.

Votruba said details on a \$22 million gift, the largest in NKU's history, that will fund scholarships in science and research, will soon be announced.

Advances in higher education over the last six years were possible due to the university community, legislators and a Council on Postsecondary Education, which understood the importance of the university's impact on economic development and the quality of life for all Kentuckians, along with a strong economy that allowed

for postsecondary investments, Votruba said.

"Our challenge, as enter this academic year, will be to sustain our momentum in a time of enormous uncertainty," he said.

Callahan said "We're fortunate that we've got someone like Jim Votruba."

He is highly respected by Caucus members and "we want to turn that respect into funding," he said.

Nicole Minor, a new faculty member in the biological science department, said, "I'm a little concerned about the financial issues he brought up... (but) considering what he's done for the last five years for the school, I don't think I'll have much to worry about."

## Registration deadlines relaxed for veterans

Staff Report

Veterans returning from the war in Iraq may have a difficult time readjusting to civilian life.

Northern Kentucky University officials have altered enrollment policies in an effort to make at least one facet of that transition a smooth one.

The university will extend the deadline for class registration for students returning from active duty from the war in Iraq.

The last day to officially register for classes is August 30, but veterans will be exempt.

"In an effort to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices made by NKU students who served in the nation's armed forces during the war in Iraq, it is appropriate that the University work to make their transition back to the classroom as smooth as

possible," said Dr. Jerry Warren, Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost in an August memo addressed to university officials.

Department heads will work with returning reservists (or recently discharged active duty soldiers), who submit proof of their military service, to register for classes after the deadline.

The student may be placed in classes that are full unless the professor or department chair determines he or she would be too far behind to catch up.

"As a reservist, I'm very sensitive to this kind of thing," Dr. Warner said. "I know the situation they are in and we wanted to be proactive and recognize the service these students have performed for the country."

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# viewpoints

## Did Bish tell us Clinton-sized wopper?

By Bill Ferguson  
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In a recent column, I took Democratic presidential contenders to task for failing to confront aggressively President Bush over his policies and actions.

Apparently, I spoke a little too soon.

It now appears that they were just waiting for a small crack in the president's gleaming anti-terrorist armor to appear before launching their assaults.

That time has come. With our troops providing target practice for anti-American zealots in post-war Iraq and lingering doubts about the intelligence the Bush team used to justify invading the country continuing to fester, Democratic assaults on the president have increased in proportion with his falling approval ratings.

One of the first Democratic salvoes came in the form of a TV spot the party is now test running that seeks to tar the president with the same brush that Republicans loved to use on President Clinton during his tenure... they are questioning his honesty.

The fuss goes back to a single sentence in an address Bush gave to the nation on the eve of the current Iraq operation.

In this speech, the president stated that the British government had learned that Iraq was trying to acquire significant quantities of uranium in Africa, presumably to use in building nuclear weapons.

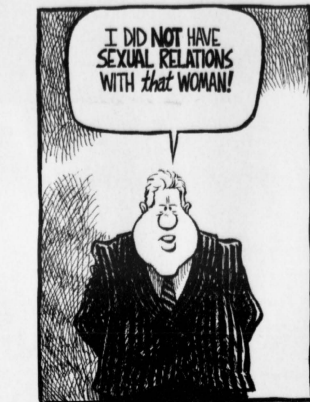
The problem is that the charge was based on faulty intelligence and is probably untrue.

But the worse news for the president is that many people in the intelligence community had serious doubts about the statement at the time it was included in Bush's speech, yet the White House chose to keep it in anyway.

Thus the Democrats charge that Bush conspires the truth to be something to be manipulated, an ugly trait that Americans thought had been flushed from the White House when the Clintons (well, one of them at least) left Washington.

Republicans (those great champions of the First Amendment) have sought to persuade television networks not to broadcast because they claim it is intentionally misleading.

The part of the Bush's statement that refers to the British



government has been edited out of the commercial, and Republicans charge that the reference to the British actually clears the president of any dishonesty.

He was not making the claim about the uranium, they contended, he was merely saying the British government had learned of such a plot.

Therefore if the claim turned out to be untrue, it is the British government that dropped the ball, not the president.

Whatever the source of the information or who first made the assertion, the president presented it to the American people in a manner that led us to believe that HE believed it was true.

That is a manipulation of the facts that is worthy of the William Jefferson Clinton Memorial "it depends on your definition of 'is' Award."

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## Baghdad: U.S. must secure the peace

Dallas Morning News, Wednesday, Aug 20  
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There could be no more fitting tribute to the many dead and wounded at the blasted U.N. headquarters in Baghdad than to complete their noble work.

In that spirit, the United States, its coalition partners and the grieving world body should redouble their efforts to bring peace, democracy and civility to Iraq.

The only other options are to maintain the present inadequate level of engagement or to quit Iraq, both of which are completely unacceptable.

The war after the war to save Iraq must be fought to ultimate victory lest the country fall to pro-Saddam Hussein revanchists or to radical Islam.

President Bush hit the right note Tuesday at his ranch in Crawford.

"The civilized world will not be intimidated, and these killers will not determine the future of Iraq," he said. "The Iraqi people

have been liberated from a dictator. Iraq is on an irreversible course toward self-government and peace.

And America and our friends and the United Nations will stand with the Iraqi people as they reclaim their nation and their future."

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# U.S., China should find common ground

By Diana Fu  
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — It is no secret that the events of Sept. 11, 2001, recharged U.S.-China relations.

Overnight, China metamorphosed from a burgeoning powerhouse ready to explode U.S. hegemony to a less-than-managing giant who can lend muscle in the war on terrorism.

Suddenly, Chinese cooperation in stabilizing the Taiwan straits and facilitation of U.S. negotiations with North Korea has become indispensable.

In short, President George W. Bush needs China more than ever.

It is against this backdrop that I, a University sophomore, attended the first Forum for American-Chinese Exchange this past spring. It was one of 15 American university student-delegates chosen to represent the United States. We faced 15 Chinese delegates. Our task was to find common ground as we — the U.S. delegation — assumed the roles of Chinese diplomats wrangling and bargaining with our U.S. counterparts — played by the Chinese student delegation — in a simulated summit between Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao.

*"Demanding that China become freer is easy, but how can China clean up its human rights, environmental problems and allow the free flow of people and capital?"*

— met with the creme de la creme of China — graduates of China's most prestigious academic institutions. They are the brightest of China's future.

When asked what they aimed for 10 years from now, most replied quite bluntly, "money and power."

One Chinese delegate was more philanthropic, saying she plans to get rich first and then set up a nonprofit organization to help Chinese peasants.

Still, the materialism was stunning. How could these offspring of Confucianism seem so materialistic?

seminar to seminar; all were led by prominent businessmen, journalists and foreign policy experts.

The roster of prominent intellectuals included former deputy secretary of defense William Perry; Wen Huang, a female Chinese battlefield photographer who covered the U.S. bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade; and former National Security Adviser to President Jimmy Carter, Dr. Zhigang Brzezinski.

In an intimate conference room half-flooded with the morning light, the remarkable Brzezinski, a quick-witted, 75-year-old man, revealed that when Deng Xiaoping was constantly pressured by Carter to allow the free flow of people, he remarked, "Deal. We'll let 10,000 people go next year. Will you take them?"

This light-hearted anecdote reveals the complexity of the delicate balancing matrix between the United States and China.

and allow the free flow of people and capital? How do you place expensive pollution control regulations on fledgling companies barely able to sustain workers' wages? How do you allow not only a free flow but a safe flow of 1.2 billion people flocking from rural to urban China? How do you issue freedom of speech without a solid foundation in the rule of law?

As a first-generation Chinese-American with sympathies for both my present country and my homeland, I feel these complexities in U.S.-Chinese relations keenly.

Perhaps the biggest power kept between the United States and China is Taiwan.

Despite three previous communiques spanning 30 years during which the United States pledged a "one China" policy, Taiwan's semi-independent status remains a sensitive spot for a People's Republic of China determined to reunite the island with the mainland.

inechange for reduced U.S. arms sales to Taiwan fell on deaf ears. Fudan University professor Shen Dingli proposed a unique strategy: "China should consider rolling back its missiles in Fujian Province even without a U.S. response," he suggested.

That way, the (People's Republic of China) can appear as an active proponent of peace in the Taiwan straits while not actually risking much since the missiles are mobile and can be rolled back to Fujian in China's convenience."

Insights like these offer hope for U.S.-Chinese relations. Despite the spy plane incident, the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro, the U.S. government's robust weapon sales to Taiwan and the U.S. encirclement of China through its friendship with India, the two countries are bound by a similar, if fragile, vision of world peace.

As we student-delegates learned, playing a diplomat from the opposite side evokes empathy, bridges understanding and builds common ground.



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What are your expectations for the upcoming year?



**Lindsay Jacobi, Freshman**

"Make good grades and have fun and getting involved in intramurals."



**Megan Balmert, Freshman**

"Get good grade and meet a lot of new people."



**Denise Declin, Freshman**

"Get a good education and don't party too much."



**David Pence, Freshman**

"Get good grades and get through the first year."



**Joshua Johnson, Freshman**

"Get good grades and get involved."



**Marlon Essex, Freshman**

"Keep up my grades. Try to play basketball."



"RUN FOR THE HILLS, THE FRESHMAN ARE COMING!  
THEY'VE TAKING OVER THE PARKING LOTS AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER IS NEXT!"

# The Unknown Plague

BY NICHOLAS F. JOSEFOWITZ  
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Before Moses sent a plague that killed all the first-borns in the land of Egypt, he sent out a warning. Before over-eager scientists sent out the plague of genetically modified (GM) crops, they didn't even bother.

Since their introduction in 1994, GM foods have been swiftly seeping into our food chain without our even knowing about it.

Who would have thought that if you walk down the average supermarket aisle, over 60 percent of the processed food will be made from genetically engineered produce?

On the farms themselves, over 81 percent of all soybeans and 40 percent of all wheat grown in the United States this year has been genetically manipulated. There are no labels and no indications that the majority of what we are eating may not be as wholesome and natural as we thought, but conceived in the laboratory of a corporate Dr. Frankenstein.

Did you know that almost every load of bread sold contains wheat that has been genetically manipulated to produce its own pesticide?

And it's not as if we are all dying to devour these new techno-foods.

Quite the opposite. Surveys conducted by the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology show that over two-thirds of Americans are concerned about the safety of eating genetically modified foods in general.

The U.S. government has even acknowledged the public's deep malaise, as it steadfastly objects to the labeling of genetically modified foods — arguing that it would hamper sales.

It has filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization, claiming that consumers are so skeptical of the genetic manipulation of their food that simply

adding a label stating that a particular product is GM, as the European Union is proposing, would constitute a severe "disruption of international trade."

This reticence to ingest lab-foods is not a manifestation of the public's Luddite mentality, but a genuine scientific concern about the possibly lethal danger posed by genetic modifications.

Although few studies have been carried out, the potential human health risks of genetic modifications have been well established.

For instance, when a gene from a plant that can cause allergic reactions is added to a previously safe food that caused no allergies, this new genetically modified food becomes a disguised killer.

One study tested natural soybeans that had been genetically altered by implanting a gene from Brazil nuts to increase their sulphur content.

These soybeans, which had caused no allergic reaction previous to being genetically modified, now caused potentially fatal allergic reactions in those people with nut allergies.

Since the soybeans are not labeled-they are not differentiated from natural soybeans at all-there is no way that people with nut allergies can even think of avoiding them.

This danger was so great, that upon publication of this study the GM soybeans were immediately removed from the market and all production was discontinued.

Shockingly, the U.S. regulatory authorities do not require any such tests to be carried out on GM foods, and it was only a group of proactive private researchers that discovered the danger. Next time, we may not be as lucky.

And there is no doubt that there will be a next time. Genetically modified crops have become so widespread that, even if we wanted to, it would take years to switch back to natural produce — and it may already be completely impossible. By 2000, farmers in

the U.S. alone were planting over 75 million acres — 18 percent of the total cropland and an area three times larger than the state of New York — with GM crops, and this figure is increasing at an almost exponential rate.

More worryingly, though, these GM crops are not only spreading through increases in voluntary planting, but clandestinely by migrating to and establishing themselves in previously GM-free fields.

In almost all of North America it has now become almost impossible for farmers planting natural crops, to avoid genetic pollution from migrating GM seeds.

In Iowa in 2001, for example, only 1 percent of the fields were planted with genetically engineered wheat (the infamous StarLink variety, in this case), yet eventually 50 percent of Iowa's wheat fields were contaminated.

North of the border, in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, organic farmers were so affected that they are in the process of filing a class-action lawsuit against Monsanto for making it impossible for them to grow GM-free organic canola on their land. Canadian wheat farmers are also threatening a similar suit.

Yet the problem is not simply caused by weak regulation in North America: the British government has also acknowledged the danger.

In December last year the National Institute for Agricultural Botany declared that no GM canola could be grown in England without contaminating the entire British crop, including the fields producing organic or non-GM produce. In addition, the British government asserted that natural canola could not be grown for at least a year on a field where engineered canola had been grown previously due to the contamination from residual genetically engineered canola seeds.

For those who want natural food there's almost no place left to look, and the situation is looking gloomy.

As Pope John Paul II reminded us in an open air mass three years ago, if we dare become "the tyrants of the earth rather than its custodians... sooner or later the earth [will] rebel." After years of neglect, our only hope now is to start a rebellion against GM foods, before the earth starts one for us.

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## Race kicks off NKU athletic year

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The 2003-2004 NKU cross-country season began August 15 with the ninth annual Brian Rhone Memorial 5K Race.

Although the race isn't an official NCAA event it kicks off the men's and women's cross-country season, and is also the first sporting event held on campus this school year.

The race is dedicated to former NKU cross-country runner, Brian Rhone, who died after being struck by a car while training for a race. NKU cross-country coach Steve Kruse founded the race and says that it attracts the majority of the running community. "We usually have about 150-170 runners finish the race every year," said Kruse.

"We advertise within the community, and usually draw runners from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky."

The race is unique because it is open to anyone interested in running in it, which always includes some NKU cross-country alumni.

"It gives these older guys a chance to see where they stack up against current team members," said Kruse. "It also is a great opportunity for me to gauge the current runners for the upcoming season."

The race, which totals 3.1 miles and winds its way through campus, is one of two fund-raising races for the team during the season.

The other one is a Valentine's Day "couples"

race that is held in February.

Another interesting fact to this race is that two separate races are held for children on the track.

"The children's race is just a real fun time," said Kruse. "Some may take it serious, but for the most part the kids are just having fun, and they all get a goodie bag filled with candy when they get finished."

In total, approximately 300 people were on campus for the Friday race. Kruse says one reason the race proves to be so popular is that many awards, are given to those who finish the race.

Kruse puts on the race every year with the help of sponsors such as Papa John's and Pepsi.

"The sponsors are a huge part in the success of the race," said Kruse.

"We get pizza and power-ade and really just have a great time."

While Kruse says that a lot of the runners are involved in some way with the NKU cross-country team, he thinks that the event would be even stronger with more student body participation.

"We would like to find a way to get the race in during maybe the first week of classes but we haven't been able to do that yet," said Kruse.

Next year is going to be the ten-year anniversary of the race and Kruse hopes it will be the largest turnout they have had.

"The Rhone family has worked with us through all of these years," said Kruse.

"The race is a great way to remember Brian, and to keep his name alive in the racing community."

## Brian Rhone Race Results

## Men's Results

## Overall Winner

Denny Kramer 15:47.3

## Age group winners

15-19

Lucas Nebert 16:29.8

Graham Niemi 16:30.6

Brad Bubick 16:43.9

20-24

Denny Kramer 15:47.3

Brandon Middleton 15:55.4

Mike Horan 15:56.2

25-29

Dean Fulmer 15:52.8

Eric Barth 17:16.7

Andrew Kramer 17:19.8

30-34

Michael Parker 18:23.0

## 20-24

Jim Cole 18:42.9

Rob Braun 18:47.8

35-39

Ronnie McAllister 18:06.9

Brad Fennell 18:50.2

Jeff Johnson 22:59.1

40 and up

Bill Valenzano 16:57.0

Larry Rechlin 17:27.8

Leo Turchyn 17:31.5

## Women's Results

Overall Winner

Jill Tranter 17:35.8

15-19

Juliana Hoekzema 20:55.9

Jessie Gchoor 21:14.3

Angela Woltermann 22:39.1

20-24

Tracy Inman 20:18.6

Erin Engel 20:23.5

Anna Moore 20:35.6

25-29

Bridget Williams 21:47.5

Sarah Heffron 22:23.4

Lisa Boughner 22:47.1

30-34

Jill Tranter 17:35.8

Jennifer Beck 22:00.2

Joelle Michels 22:03.8

35-39

Jenny Venture 23:41.4

Andrea Hoy 24:51.3

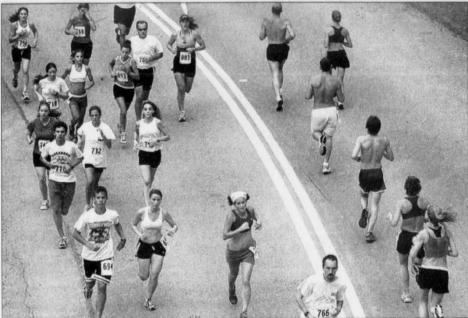
Connie Rinckel 29:17.3

40 and up

Susan Sullivan 26:27.4

Robin Schwalbach 28:32.9

Christina Fogel 30:10.9



The children's race is a popular aspect of the Brian Rhone Race. The adult race, held on campus, attracted hundreds of runners for the ninth year in a row.

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## Reputation of women's soccer team grows

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Seven years ago Bob Sheehan took over the reins and the responsibility of having to build a new women's soccer program at NKU. In those seven short years, Sheehan has successfully built one of the most dominant programs in the entire country.

Sheehan has compiled a record of 108-22-7 in six years, which includes five straight conference championships, four NCAA tournament appearances, three trips to the Final Four and finishing as a national runner-up in 2000.

This impressive record should continue to build with the 2003 team. They enter again as the favorite to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference and with a number three ranking in the NCAA Division II preseason poll.

"Last year the only expectation we really had was to play hard and build confidence," said Sheehan. "This season we would like to do the same and just see what happens."

One of the biggest challenges, will be replacing last year's Sheehan. "This season we would like to do the same and just see what happens."

"Hope really definitely to be an All-American," said Sheehan, "she will be the toughest player to replace."

Sheehan believes that the defense will be a major key to the season. The Norse return three key defenders in Senior Becky Schneiders, Junior Robyn Withers, and Sophomore Ashley McCutley.

Tending goal for the Norse for the second straight year will be a combination of senior Megan Zalla and sophomore Sam Westering. Both finished last season with a 0.49 goals allowed average and both should be prominent figures this season.

Returning to lead the offense for the Norse, are senior forwards Kendra Zinser and Aisling Callaghan. Zinser finished last season playing in all 23 matches scoring four goals and tallying eight assists.



Senior Kendra Zinser, looks to help NKU to another GLVC title.

Callaghan, a former member of the Irish National Team, finished her first season on the squad, scoring seven goals, with six assists.

As well as returning a solid core of players from last year's team, the Norse are also expecting to get big contributions from some newcomers this season. Jaime Reynolds, a transfer from Bellarmine College, and Emi Himeshima, a transfer from Hillsdale College, both should add to the success of this year's team.

Sheehan has also attracted a talented group of freshman including Amy Law, Sam Riley, Shirley Ernst and Lindsey Thieken, all who are expected to see significant time on the field this season.

This group of players may be some of Sheehan's most determined since he started coaching.

"We are still a very young team," said Sheehan. "However the older players on the team are good leaders, and they are determined to get a ring before they leave."

With such a high ranking and

a growing reputation as a national power, Sheehan has built a very tough schedule for the upcoming season. They are scheduled to play defending national champion and preseason number one Christian Brothers University on September 5th, and also have games scheduled against top 25 teams, Wheeling Jesuit and Grand Valley State.

"We haven't really talked about who we are playing and who we are looking forward to playing," said Sheehan, "right now we are just focusing on who is going to be contributing where, and preparing ourselves for the entire season."

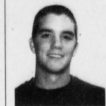
After winning five straight conference titles, Sheehan knows that every one will be gunning for them every time they take the field.

"We are going to be a big game for every team we face," said Sheehan.

"We just need to be able to keep our intensity up every game and realize that each game is important if we want to get into the NCAA tournament."

# Norse more promising than Reds and Bengals seasons

## Sports Scene



with Kyle Burch

In case you missed it, the 2002-2003 year in sports at NKU was once again a tremendous success for all parties involved. Under the direction of a group of dedicated coaches and successful administrators, the athletic teams at NKU continued to do nothing but succeed not only on the field but in the classroom as well.

At NKU there are many things you can pay attention to as this school year progresses through the seasons. Starting in the fall, the women's soccer team is looking to capture its sixth straight conference championship and improve upon an unbelievable 108-22-7 record, since its inception in 1997.

On the men's side, a new coach John Basalyga takes over for the late John Toebben who passed away last April. Basalyga looks to lead the Norse to prominence in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

In the gym, volleyball coach Carlos Chia has his team working hard as they look to recapture the GLVC crown and improve upon a 22-10 record from a year ago. Chia

also has his team working hard in the classroom, as they were one of only 18 Division II volleyball coaches to receive the American Volleyball Coaches Association's team academic award. The award is given to teams, which maintain a 3.00 cumulative team grade point average.

In basketball, NKU coaching legend Ken Shields has decided to call it a career after this season. During his career, Shields has put together an impressive record of 290 wins and 155 losses in his 15 years at NKU.

His basketball team will look to defend their GLVC tournament championship this season, and look to advance to their eighth NCAA tournament appearance in his career.

A year after being defeated in the national championship game, the women's basketball team, led by coach Nancy Winstel will try for their sixth straight NCAA tournament appearance.

Winstel enters her 21st season coaching the Norse, and she is hoping for her 21st straight winning season.

How's that for a record?

In the spring, head baseball coach Todd Assalon enters his fourth season as skipper and is looking to lead his team back to the top of the GLVC.

On the links, junior Kim Key-Sceyrt will follow-up on a season in which she finished fifth nationally, and the men's golf team will be looking for a fifth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament.

In tennis, the men's team will try to successfully defend the GLVC championships and try to advance to the NCAA tournament for the third straight year.

So let's recap. Last year seven of NKU's athletic teams participated in the NCAA tournament in their respective sports, and 11 of the teams here at NKU had winning records.

So if you are tired of rooting for teams with losing records and unfulfilled promises (aka the Bengals and the Reds).

You have your chance to root for winning teams here. So heads up, this year should be successful and if you're a NKU fan, it should be fun.

## Men's Soccer Preview

By KYLE BURCH

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New NKU men's soccer coach John Basalyga enters the 2003 season, his first in the college ranks, taking over a team that went 6-10-2 a year ago and failed to qualify for the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

Basalyga replaces former coach John Toebben, who passed away last April after leading NKU men's soccer for the past 12 years.

Basalyga knows that he isn't

going to replace Toebben, who is a Northern Kentucky soccer legend, but he hopes to build off of what Toebben has left behind.

"John Toebben was a big loss to everyone," said Basalyga. "I hope I will be able to touch as many lives as he did in my time here."

The Norse enter the season with a very young team, as they return only four seniors and two juniors from last year's roster.

However, Basalyga says his team is going to be very competitive and expects them to produce and improve every

time out.

"Once we get some of these young kids some game experience, we should improve with each game," said Basalyga.

While the Goalkeepers are expected to be a strength this year's team, Basalyga says that defense is going to be key for the Norse.

He has installed a new defensive system, which he hopes will catch on and lead to success for the Norse.

Senior Ben Otto, senior Bobby Pifer, and sophomore David Lies are expected to anchor the Norse defense, while

goalkeepers Nate Madden and Mike Braun expect to see much of the playing time at that position.

Lies returns after having a successful freshman campaign, in scoring three goals and providing a dominant presence in the backfield.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Norse expect to rely on senior striker, Jeremy Robertson who returns after scoring four goals and tallying nine points a year ago.

Sophomore Kevin Holder and junior Randy Walters are also expected to be big contributors to the offense.

"I think right now our offense is definitely going to come around," said Basalyga.

"Everything starts with

defense. We need to stop the other team from scoring to enable us to win, so that is going to be key."

Freshman Tony Cullum and Chris Thompson are expected to jump right in and contribute, and walk-on Named Al-Alami is also expected to be another weapon for the Norse.

"Cullum and Thompson are really almost up to the speed of the college game already," said Basalyga. "Named, has really come out of nowhere as a walk-on and been very impressive.

While the Norse are ranked seventh in the pre-season GLVC poll, Basalyga is looking forward to this season and putting a winning product on the field. "I believe we will succeed."



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New coach, new players but nothing but net.

## Elias's Hot Seat

This week, reporter Elias Hajjar interviews Bobby Pifer, Senior men's soccer player.

**Elias Hajjar:** How will the men's soccer season end?  
**Bobby Pifer:** We will win the GLVC (Great Lakes Valley Conference) and make it into the NCAA tournament.

**EH:** If the men's team faced the women's team, what would the outcome be?  
**BP:** Men's team by far! The pace of the men's play is so much faster than the pace of the women's play.

**EH:** How do you want people to remember your soccer career once you leave NKU?  
**BP:** That I was good and had fun playing. It wouldn't hurt to be a champion either.

**EH:** Do you think Kobe Bryant sexually assaulted the 19-year-old woman in Colorado?  
**BP:** Don't know and don't care! It's his life not mine.

**EH:** If he is found guilty, what should his punishment be?  
**BP:** I think he should be banished from basketball and get at least four years in prison.

**EH:** Who do you have in the Super bowl this year?  
**BP:** Not the Bengals. Any other team, but not the Bengals.

**EH:** I'd have to agree. The Steelers are going all the way.  
**BP:** How many games do you think Cincinnati will win under new head coach Marvin Lewis?

**BP:** It would be nice if they won 50 percent, but I don't think that will happen. I'd say five games.

**EH:** If you could change places with any other athlete for one day, who would it be?  
**BP:** David Beckham! He's making 40 million dollars over three years.



Senior Bobby Pifer



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# localcommunity

## METS attracts business to region

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#### WEBN rocks the sky

Riverfest 2003 will light up the skies once again on Aug. 31. The festivities begin at noon and end at 11 p.m. after the fireworks display. Visitors are encouraged to use TANK or Metro to avoid traffic issues. For information visit [www.webn.com](http://www.webn.com) or call Metro at 513-621-4455 or TANK at 859-331-TANK

#### Alexandria Fair

Join the crowd for a parade on Wednesday, Aug. 27 on U.S. 27 between McCormick Vocational School and the Alexandria fairgrounds to kick off the Alexandria Fair and Horse Show. The fair will take place from Aug. 28 - Sept. 1.

#### Volunteers needed

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is looking for volunteers for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon Aug. 31 - Sept. 1. Call the MDA office at 513-231-2222 or visit [www.mdausa.org](http://www.mdausa.org) for information.

#### Cruise-A-Palooza

Classic car enthusiasts can visit Moonline Mall in Coney Island, 1-275 and Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati on Saturday, Aug. 30 for an event featuring classic model cars.

#### Tour Over-the-Rhine

The Cincinnati Preservation Association is offering a guided tour of historic landmarks in Over-the-Rhine 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Aug. 30. The tour will begin at Coffee Emporium Roasting company & Cyber Cafe, Emery Center, 110 E. Central Parkway.



Lori Cox/Photographer  
NKU President James Votruba presents Sen. Mitch McConnell a plaque of appreciation.

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U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell seemed to think the \$500,000 he helped secure for a project aimed at workforce development in Northern Kentucky was money well spent.

McConnell toured the Northern Kentucky University Metropolitan Educational and Training Service (METS) Center for Corporate Learning Aug. 22 to see the results of the congressional grant first-hand and to receive an award for his contribution towards making the Center a reality. "Wow. This is very impressive," McConnell said of the of the \$12 million, high-tech venture. "It is great to see what it has become and it is great for NKU and for the region," he said.

The METS, located in CirclePort office park in Erlanger, is a 43,600 sq. ft. corporate training facility that utilizes high-tech equipment such as video-conferencing and plasma video screens to train employees of companies from across the nation.

NKU President James Votruba said, "What we expect to see is that education

is going to be a prime developmental in corporate strategy." He said the building is a window to education and "it's a facility that will broker intellectual sources worldwide on behalf of companies in this area."

Votruba presented a "plaque of appreciation" to McConnell for his support of workforce development in the Northern Kentucky region through METS.

Rob Snyder, executive director for METS, said the center would have been impossible without the funding McConnell brought to the project. "The grant, essentially, covered our operating expenses for two years while we were getting ourselves into a position to be self-sufficient," Snyder said. "We didn't have a secretary... (or) a phone number and now we have a \$7 million building with \$5 million worth of furnishings," Snyder said. "Sen. McConnell made it possible for us to get from where we were to here," he said.

The METS will officially open Sept. 22, but has already served 250 clients (1300 people) from corporations such as Proctor & Gamble and UPS in the new building. Snyder said METS expects to over 350 clients this year.

Boone County Judge Executive, Gary Moore said, "This is a great partnership between a lot of different entities...the University and the businesses but also the county itself."

Boone County acted secured the financing for METS through bonds to get a lower interest rate, but METS will repay the money, Moore said. "We felt it would be a tremendous boost to our economic development. This is a great asset for the existing businesses...but it's also a great tool to use in attracting new companies to come here," he said.

"When they see that we have these types of advancements and educational training for their employees...it says a lot about the N. Ky region and its commitment to education and economic development," Moore said.

The METS Center is an impressive mix of high-tech equipment, sleek lines, large windows and fresh new furnishings, but Snyder said, "it is not the looks that really matter, it's the infrastructure."

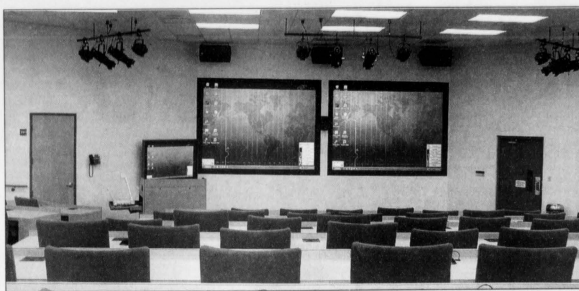
Linda Bauer, director of marketing for METS, said, "We are here to support companies and corporations in whatever they may do...to help advance the skills of our workforce."

### METS Center Features

- State-of-the-art technology
- Videoconferencing, videography
- High-speed connectivity
- Wireless and hard-wired systems
- High resolution projection systems
- Multi-purpose functionality

- Flexible rooms for programs
- Training, meetings
- Corporate social events
- Computer-led instruction

- High capacity
- 17 rooms dedicated to learning
- Large executive auditorium
- 150-seat smart boardroom
- Three 30 station computer labs



Lori Cox/Photographer  
The auditorium is one of the large training rooms. It is set up with the latest in high-tech equipment including two large video screens, a plasma screen, high resolution projection systems and instantaneous audience reaction equipment often used for marketing conferences.

# Campus Recreation

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CRC HOURS

## GROUP FITNESS

- **Step Aerobics:** Tuesday/Thursday @ 6:30PM
- **Kickboxing:** Monday/Wednesday @ 6:00PM & Saturday @ 10:30AM
- **Strengthen & Stretch:** Monday/Wednesday @ 5:30PM & Saturday @ 10:00AM
- **Shallow Water Fitness:** Monday/Wednesday @ 5:30PM
- **Deep Water Fitness:** Tuesday/Thursday @ 5:30PM
- **Aerobic Mix-Up:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday @ Noon & Sunday @ 1:00PM

Classes begin Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and end Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. All classes are held in the CRC. Call now and REGISTER TODAY!



## SWIM LESSONS

Session I - September 9 to September 25

(Tuesday/Thursday evenings)

6:30PM Preschool & Levels 1-3

7:00PM Levels 2-5

Session II - October 4 to November 8

(Saturday mornings)

10:00AM Aquababies, Preschool

10:30AM Levels 1-3

11:00AM Levels 2-4

11:30AM Levels 5-7

Registration for Swim Lessons begins Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost per session per child is \$15. A CRC Family Membership is required prior to registration



## WELLNESS EVENTS

- **Wellness @ Work** - Starts Mon. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> and ends the last day of class. This F/S event is to encourage F/S to come over and use our facility. Each person has the goal of working out 30 times throughout the semester. When you accomplish this, you receive an incentive gift.
- **Chair Massage Appointments** - Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (all Tuesdays). Massages will be given between 10:30 am and 1:45 pm each day and appointments can be made by calling 572-5197.
- **Beginning Yoga** - Monday's at Noon beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Intermediate Yoga** - Wednesday's at Noon beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> (8 week program)
- **Beginning Fitness Program** - Tuesday's & Thursday's from 4:45PM-5:45 PM beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> (6 week program)
- **F/S Weight Watchers at Work** - Tuesday's at noon beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> (12 week program)
- **Student Weight Watchers Program** - Tuesday's at 4:30PM beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup> (12 week program)

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Sunday	Noon-6PM	Noon-4PM
Mon - Thu	6AM-10PM	Noon-8PM
Friday	6AM-8PM	Noon-7PM
Saturday	9AM-4PM	Noon-4PM

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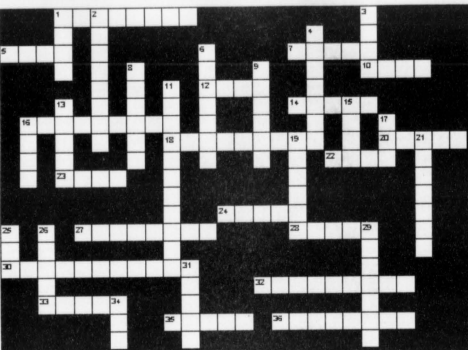


## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- **FLAG FOOTBALL** - Entries Due: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Play Begins: September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mandatory Captain's meeting at 8:00PM on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in the CRC  
Pre-Season Games will be played on September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- **4-on-4 Sand Volleyball** - Entries Due: September 9<sup>th</sup>, Play Begins: September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mandatory Captain's meeting at 6:00PM on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the CRC
- **3-ON-3 Basketball** - Entries Due: September 16<sup>th</sup>, Play Begins: September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mandatory Captain's meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in the CRC



Crossword Puzzle **SIGN OF THE WEEK**



- Across
- Golf ball maker
  - First name of Brando's Don Corleone
  - Thief
  - Seasoning, pickle additive
  - Table Salt chemical formula
  - Affleck & Lopez film
  - "Naked Lunch" author
  - Tool gives heavenly clarity
  - A bumpkin
  - Resting
  - Student Government President
  - Spice prevalent in Indian cuisine
  - Rhythmic, rhythmic five line poem
  - Country formerly the United Arab Republic
  - Final movie of the Matrix Trilogy
  - Study of the Earth's structural features
  - "Who's the Boss" and "Taxi" tv star
  - CINCINATI Red Sean
  - Software stored in ROM
- Down
- Norse hero who slew the World Serpent
  - "Charge of the Light Brigade" poet
  - "Ten Days That Shook the World" author
  - To the point
  - Hindu term for a circle, a ritual geometric diagram
  - Stretch cord
  - Associated with Fama
  - Poverty
  - Fresh, crunchy
  - Fat
  - U.S. Commander in Chief
  - Affirmative vote
  - Well forearmed cartoon loved his greens
  - Historical Northern Indian/Pakistani region. Led Zeppelin tune
  - Lifesaving technique
  - Reddish haired and regal biblical ancestor of Jesus Christ
  - Afghan fundamentalist Muslim group
  - Abbreviation for NKU technology building
  - Echolocation technology



Albright swimming pool under renovation  
Tony Redell/Photo Editor

By Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday**  
(August 27)  
You may start your year wondering how you'll do everything on your lists, but you have no need to worry. You'll be so powerful, you'll surpass even your own expectations. **Dream BIG!**

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries**  
(March 21-April 19)  
Today is a 5 You like to be at the head of the pack. This time, concentration is required. Self-discipline is also helpful. But most of all, just be willing to serve.

**Taurus**  
(April 20-May 20)  
Today is a 9 After all you've been through, it may be difficult to believe that someone loves you completely. Believe it!  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)  
Today is a 5 Finish a

household project before you start anything new. You won't have enough time or money to do everything at once.

**Cancer**  
(June 22-July 22)  
Today is an 8. Others may think you're being way too careful and critical. If you take time to get every answer right, you'll win their respect.

**Leo**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today is a 5 Great wealth can be yours, as you've always known. The challenge isn't getting it; it's keeping it in a safe place. Take good care of others and you'll take care of yourself.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today is a 10. You're calling the shots, setting the goals and listing the priorities. Try not to be

overly critical with those who are lagging behind.

**Libra**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is a 4. You're in a contemplative phase, and that can be good. However, don't criticize yourself or your own work too much. That would be counterproductive.

**Scorpio**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today is a 9. You have a valuable connection with a powerful group. It's very important to you and to them, so treat that connection with respect. But don't flash it around.

**Sagittarius**  
(Nov 22-Dec 21)  
Today is a 5. If you have a problem following or 2t, that problem will surface now. The most painless way to get through this phase is to simply do what you're

told. If you want extra points, do it cheerfully and quickly.

**Capricorn**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today is a 9. A wonderful journey is possible. All it takes is a little planning, actually. But it's doable. Get started.

**Aquarius**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today is a 5. You may astonish your friends by how conservative you've become. When it comes to conserving your resources, you're developing expertise. This is good.

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)  
Today is an 8 You've heard of soul mates, no doubt. You're about to have the experience. Whether this is the first time or one of many times with an old familiar friend, it's great.

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## life&amp;times

The Academic Gender Gap

## Men losing ground at universities

More women are earning degrees  
while counterparts stagnateBy JASON DOBBINS  
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The road to success may seem a bit clearer if you happen to be a female student. This year women are expected to earn approximately 58 percent of all bachelor's degrees awarded in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's up four percent from 10 years ago.

In comparison, the U.S. male population has remained at a steady 51 percent for at least the past 13 years, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Northern Kentucky University is actually above the national average. Women here earn approximately 61 percent of all bachelor's degrees.

The easiest explanation is more women are attending college these days, but that doesn't explain why men aren't attending in equal numbers.

Dr. Prince Brown, Jr., director of the Institute for Freedom Studies and a professor of sociology and African American studies at NKU, offers one of his theories.

"Frequently what teachers are telling students are not reinforced by what the children are actually experiencing in their own living situations," he said.

Brown also said it's generally true for young people in the less well-off sectors of society and also the case for males. It's especially true for males in disadvantaged groups

## HEAD OF THE CLASS

because while they lack the same opportunities and resources of more privileged males, they still feel the same pressure to live up to society's idealized standard.

"One way they deal with it is withdrawal," said Brown.

Ann Taylor, Ph.D., a speech professor and Women's Studies lecturer at NKU, offers other reasons why more men aren't attending college. "I think sometimes they get caught up with joining the labor market, getting incarcerated—based on social poverty," she said. "Some of them drop out because they have children they have to support."

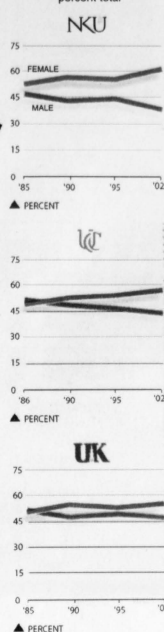
Simultaneously women generally receive more (or take advantage of more) government assistance, support from private organizations and encouragement from their friends and family in their academic pursuits. Troubled men usually aren't offered the same amount of help, said Taylor.

She also said one of the greatest government efforts to help women succeed academically came in the form of Title 9, a 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, that bars sex discrimination in education. Its primary a way to force colleges and universities to abandon men's sports programs when they're aren't enough women engaged in their own events, consequently evening out the participation rate.

According to an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer, more women are indeed moving into leadership roles as a result of their education and hard work. For example, a woman recently became president of the University of Cincinnati and another has become the Publisher of the Enquirer.



Degrees awarded as percent total



Data: NKU chart shows percent of bachelor degrees awarded in the fiscal year. University of Kentucky chart shows all degrees awarded in the fiscal year. University of Cincinnati chart shows bachelors degrees awarded in a fiscal year. Source: Office of Institutional Research at each respective school.

## MOVE IN DAY

## Student's first assignment: the dorm

NKU Students making their territory in the dorms.



Photos by Richard Norheut

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Virgin walls never before touched by a college student's hands experienced a shock for the first time on Friday Aug. 22 and Saturday Aug. 23 as University Suites residents laid claim to what will be theirs for a year.

With the addition of the new dormitory Northern Kentucky University has the capacity to house over 1400 students. Matt Brown, Director of University Housing, said this will increase housing volume by 40 percent.

That is about 400 residents who now have the ability to add their personal flare to the otherwise barren walls. As parents, dorm inhabitants, and representatives from sororities and fraternities helped make moving into the dorms easier, one can see that some students do not

plan on holding anything back with their new-found freedom.

Daniel Helmic, a freshman Finance major said, "You gotta have the room decorated."

But for many students it is easier said than done. Some like Lindsey Heyob a freshman Music Education major know what they want: posters, and pictures and stuffed animals but do not know exactly how they are going to expand their horizons.

Heyob added that even though she knows she wants posters she did not know which ones she was going to bring. "Probably Lord of the Rings," Heyob said. "I don't know anything else off the top of my head."

Kristi Britton, a junior Elementary Education major, falls into another category of decorating crazed students. She plans to sport her sorority spirit proudly even in her bathroom. "Our bathroom is pink

and green, Delta Zeta colors," Britton added with a heightened sense of excitement.

Brandon Kiely, a junior majoring in Psychology and Marketing, falls in the same group as Britton. "The first thing I did was put up my fraternity letters," Kiely said. "Since we don't have a house I wanted to make it fraternity oriented."

Other students focus on another sort of spirit, the party one. When asked on how she plans to decorate her room Natalie Howard, an undeclared junior, stated simply, "Palm trees."

Howard said she plans on purchasing the palm trees from Party Source and hanging them in her room from the ceiling. Howard added, "This will definitely be the party room."

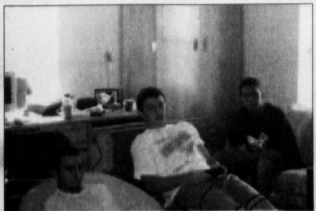
Instead of having a party room Adam Thiel, a freshman Music Vocal major, said "I'll probably just empty my room at

home and bring it here." This means his dorm room will be strung with funky lights and fake spiders hanging from the ceiling.

Nicole Stein, a sophomore Business major, and her roommate Emily Riedy who have known each other since sixth grade plan to make their room into a little apartment.

"We got posters, a TV, and a couch," Stein said. "We plan to put it in one of the rooms." Riedy added, "We're going to bunk the beds, share one room, have a hang out room with a dart board, and a kitchen table."

Overall students will have a year to mold their rooms to their liking. By the time they leave next year the rooms that at the beginning of the year were lifeless will have experienced a part of the residents' personalities. They will never be lifeless again.



## campuscalendar

## wednesday

• The Umajo celebration will be taken place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the UC plaza.

• Come enjoy the celebration of the african diaspora with dancing and feasting.

• There will be a dedication ceremony for the new resident hall, University Suites. The ceremony will take place outside the entrance of the hall and will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

• The "Color Me Green" party will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the UC Ballrooms. It is an opportunity to meet some of the Greek women and to hear what recruitment is all about.

## saturday

Today is the last day to register and withdraw from classes.

## sunday

• NKU will be offering a Riverfest park and ride to reach the fair-work drive. The park will be running from 4:00 p.m. until midnight and will leave and return from parking lots G, K and L.

• International Student Union - Picnic from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Highland Heights Park.

## thursday

• The artist reception for OKU New Art will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts building. The exhibition will be open until Sept. 26.

• Come and enjoy Karaoke Night with Carmen in the Nose Grooms from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Trained to the Health Center to participate in "Late Nite at the Bee" from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

## monday

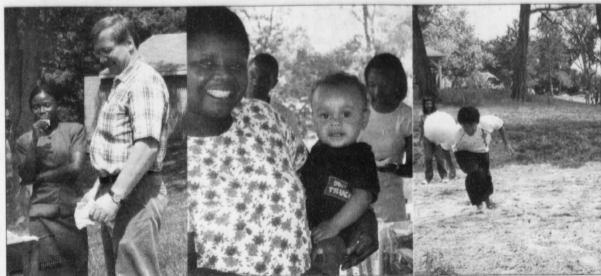
Labor Day! No Classes

## tuesday

The Student Organization Orientation will be today and tomorrow in UC 11. The orientation today is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## friday

• Delta Zeta invites you to have lunch for a buck. Come to the UC lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and buy a slice of pizza for \$1.00. All the proceeds go to St. Rita's School.



Photos contributed by ISU

Students from last years picnic participating in a variety of activities.

## ISU annual picnic kicks off year

By AMIE VOGT  
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The International Student Union (ISU) will be kicking off the semester with their annual student union picnic.

This year the picnic will be on Sunday, Aug. 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Highland Heights Park in Ft. Thomas, Ky.

The upcoming picnic is an opportunity for different cultures to get to know each other.

The picnic is free and open to everyone including faculty, staff, international and domestic students and friends and family.

"All you have to do is bring your

appetite and a smile," said Adam Widanski, program coordinator and advisor for the ISU.

The ISU offers a chance for students to learn more about different cultures and experience a wide variety of diversity.

It is also a chance to meet people from all over the world. The ISU is for any interested student and that does not mean they have to be born outside of the United States to join.

However, the ISU does have more than 400 members from almost 80 different countries. It is free to join and they meet every Friday in UC108 at 3:00 p.m.

The ISU does many events on and off campus throughout the year to get more

people involved in their group and to open our eyes to how different things are all over the world.

One event, for example, is their World on Tour program where they go to local high schools and universities to help students better understand culture and to get them to "enjoy diversity and develop friendships," said Widanski.

Another example is International Week, which happens every semester where many different dinners, dances, speeches and celebrations happen over the course of the week.

The ISU is located in UC 366 or via email at sumail@nku.edu.

## Meet the director of University Housing

## Tea Time



with Susan

For the last two and a half months Matt Brown, the new director of University Housing, had a full agenda.

He spent his time closing the fiscal year for last year's budget, working on the final touches of the new residential building and training hall directors for their positions on campus.

Amid all the turmoil of the oncoming school year Brown found time to close on a house.

Brown looked at the upsurge in a light mood would not. "In general, balancing a full-time professional position with a home and family takes a lot of work," he said.

"The work that I do is important, but it cannot consume every minute of my life," Brown said.

Amid the construction of a new dormitory, Matt Brown finds himself at home

"I find that there is a strong connection between my happiness at home and at work, but I try to always separate the two. I try not to let work issues affect me at home and vice versa," he said. "Buying and moving into a new home actually helps create stability outside of the job."

"It gets my mind off work and reminds me that it is important to take care of my family and myself."

Which is easier than it sounds considering that since the start of his job June 16, Brown had to learn everything about his new position.

"Basically all the aspects of the operation here," Brown said. He learned how to control the budget, hire staff, oversee the judicial system, handle any situations that might arise with parents such as the issues that concern them and their child and about the housing policies at NKU.

Many of Northern's policies are similar to places Brown worked in the past, but where the policies share resemblance the campuses have a different

flavor.

"It's (NKU) a little bit different from where I've worked before," Brown said. "I've worked on some pretty old campuses."

Another difference Brown noted was that when he was in college, he did not have many housing options.

"It was pretty much traditional housing with a community bathroom, everyone doubled up in a room, and not as much privacy," Brown said.

What he enjoys about NKU's housing facilities is the diversity in the program.

Norse Hall offers an apartment style atmosphere with a shared living room, and a bathroom that only four people use. Woodcrest apartments are the regular apartment choice on campus, Brown said.

Kentucky Commonwealth is the equivalent to Brown's old dorms.

"It (Kentucky Commonwealth) is fantastic for freshmen," Brown said. "They are in a community setting and share that community bathroom, and I think they learn a lot of skills."

Brown talked about the University Suites, the new residence hall, where one would be able to find more privacy than the other dorms.

Brown grins from ear to ear as he talks about the new dorms.

"The previous director left in February," Brown said. "There were a just a lot of things left in the air about this building."

He added that he had to come in and finish where things were left standing and to see it almost finished is a good feeling.

A good feeling on the inside as well as the out considering Brown sat on a leather couch in the lobby of the University Suites.

"It's exciting to be here," Brown said. Not only because the people of Kentucky have a nice Midwest feel, Brown said, but to actually be a witness to the expansion of the University.

Brown is aiding the growth of the University in his own way. He is hoping that next year he can add the first academic theme floor in the University Suites.

Brown is hoping that the theme for the first floor would be social justice.

Other plans Brown said he would like to incorporate in the university housing would include a more academic focus.

Things he plans include, "some tutoring, study groups, more academic recognition for students, and some sort of intervention."

Brown added he would like to see things that, as far as he knows, have not been tried in the past. "We might have an

academic fare, sessions on time management, stress management, and study skills."

While Tim Downer, Photo Editor

most of Brown's Matt Brown works deals with the business aspect of University Housing he participates in many of the student activities, in his own way.

"The R.A.'s (residential assistant) and the Hall Director report to me about activities,"

Brown added they are having a freshman orientation, participating in the welcome week activities, and working closely with campus recreation.

As busy as Brown's schedule has been he has not stressed. "It was stressful, but I'm a low stress person," Brown said.

Brown's philosophy that helped him survive the change.

"Do what you can, and if you can't don't stress about it."



Photo contributed by Beth Chillei

Chillei, front row second from the right, and her friends relaxed on the beach with the sunshine, sand and waves.

## An ode to summer

By Becca Campbell  
Staff writer

The alarm clock is sounding signaling summer's end.

"As you reach for the snooze button and tell yourself, "Just ten more minutes," you groan as you realize the traffic you are about to encounter.

Dozing off for the last ten minutes of freedom you have, the summer flashes through your mind.

The smells, tastes, sights everything you experienced seem a lifetime away.

When in fact it was only yesterday that you were basking in the summer sun. "Why can't it be summer forever?"

Of course, no one replies and you are forced to survive yet another tedious semester.

Sound familiar? So much happens in the three months of freedom, the stress and pressure of exam week lets

go to the satisfaction of doing what you want, when you want.

Beth Chillei, a junior secondary education major, and a few of her friends took a road trip at the end of last semester to Panama City, Florida.

"Having nothing to worry about is one thing I'll miss about summer," Chillei said. "Now I have to worry about school."

Some people roasted in the sun in another way, hiking across campus as the sun glinted off the concrete walls, was the only way they received a sun burn.

Besides the students who took summer classes, there were a few monkeys, one, like myself, who worked to pay the bills.

Staying home has its advantages, because Cincinnati offered a wide variety of great shows to see.

Whether your flavor was Justin Timberlake or Aerosmith,

there was a lot of diversity. Some even went a little country with Kenny Chesney.

Staying at home also meant that you could relax and see a movie or event even.

The box office was busy this summer with many great releases ranging in diversity. These great hits included "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Finding Nemo," and the "Matrix Reloaded," that according to Mike Szymanski of zap2it.com, all grossed over \$46 million on opening weekend.

As the lines at the bookstore continues to grow, and the Bursar takes the money you worked so hard for this summer, relish in the thoughts of summer.

Whether you had a love affair with a special someone on the beach, or merely washed up at the Beach Waterpark, it's a fond memory of those days gone by. The semester is here, perhaps just a little too soon.



# Fun for under 20 bucks

By Emily Chalfant  
Staff writer

- **Bowling at LaRu Lanes**  
Located only minutes from campus, LaRu Lanes offers a fun bowling environment at a low cost. Nighttime visitors can bowl under fluorescent and black lights while current popular music plays throughout the venue.
- **World of Sports**  
Just two minutes from the Florence Mall, the main feature of this location is the 18 hole executive golf course, but visitors not ready to take on the greens can try their luck at the miniature golf course outside. World of Sports offers other activities besides golf, however, such as a billiard hall, video arcades and three Slam Dunk basketball courts.
- **Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal**  
This national historic landmark provides a combination of events and exhibits and houses

the Cincinnati History Museum, Cincy Children's Museum, the Museum of Natural History & Science, the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX Theater and the Cincinnati Historical Society Library. Current events featured at the Museum Center include Baseball as America, Liberty on the Border, Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa and Pulse: A STOMP Odyssey. For more information on these exhibits, visit [www.cincinnati-museum.org](http://www.cincinnati-museum.org).

- **Cincinnati Reds Games**  
See a game at the new Great American Ball Park before the season ends. Or, take advantage of one of the upcoming promotion days for additional discounts:
- **Disco Night**  
Wednesday, August 27 vs. Brewers, 7:10 Fans who come dressed in disco garb may purchase a bleacher seat for \$4.
- **GameWorks**  
GameWorks brings together a fine dining experience with a

bar atmosphere, along with interactive games and entertainment.

- **Have a Nice Day Café**  
This high-energy dance club is dedicated to honor the 70s but includes "every type of music from the 'Bee Gees' to the latest Rap/R&B," according to [www.cafecincy.com](http://www.cafecincy.com).
- **Newport Aquarium**  
Currently featuring a new turtle exhibit, this state-of-the-art facility allows visitors to see 7,000 marine animals in 66 exhibits. After traveling through underwater tunnels and see-through floors, guests can also have a hands-on experience of certain species in the touch pool. The aquarium also boasts "One of the Nation's Largest Open-Air Shark Viewing Exhibits." General admission is \$16 for adults, but check the website at [www.newportaquarium.com](http://www.newportaquarium.com) for hours and discount coupons.
- **Empire**  
This new nightclub offers

various specials at different times during the week, including a College Night on Wednesdays.

- **AMC Newport 20 Theaters**  
This is no ordinary movie theater! Every auditorium features digital sound, wall-to-wall screens, exclusive loveseat style seating and stadium seating.
- **Jillian's**  
Jillian's invites everyone to "Eat! Drink! Play!" It certainly accommodates visitors to do all three. It certainly accommodates visitors to do all three. This entertainment and dining megaplex features two restaurants, billiards, electronic simulation games, 14 bowling lanes, a live music venue and two dance clubs.

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Nicole Jones/Photographer  
The Wires, a band dedicated to playing music with a blues/jazz twist, played to an attentive crowd in Kentucky Hall Sunday, Aug. 24.

## Students jam at Rock the Hall

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Student Life coerced students out of their dorm rooms and into the community life of Northern Kentucky University using the one thing that many students love as bait - music.

The Wires, a four-man band, played the Rock the Hall event in Kentucky Hall Sunday, Aug. 24.

Students moved in and out of the hall in a steady stream.

Those that choose to stay and enjoy the music lounged on couches, tables, chairs, and the ping-pong set.

The band, made up of three music majors and one art major, has been together for six months.

The short time together is not

a barrier for these men while they are on stage.

"While on stage the men's energy can be felt in the farthest reaches of the crowd.

The musical instruments that kept the band's liveliness fresh included a trumpet, a guitar, a bass and drums.

Because of the choice of instruments, The Wires mainly play blues, jazz, and folk said singer Adam Gilliam.

"It's kind of laid back music," he said.

Laid back or not, everyone seemed to enjoy the night and the music.

Especially when the band played it's jazzed up version of "Dang Alright" - getting the crowd singing to the refrain and smiling at how music can even make strangers do things together that they never imagined they would be doing.

# Crazy about Beyonce

By BECCA CAMPBELL  
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After much anticipation, Beyonce Knowles, former Diva of Destiny's Child, released her debut album "Dangerously In Love" on June 24, 2003.

The first time the public saw Knowles break free from her comfort zone of being one voice of three was on MTV's "Making the Video". During this show the audience saw in an intimate yet rare glimpse into the singer's anxiety of finally performing on her own.

Knowles' anxiety is unwarranted now. Her first single "Crazy In Love" featuring Jay-Z has been playing on popular

music stations in the Tristate area and peaked at number one.

According to the Music Charts Top Forty webpage, the single stands at number three for the week of Aug. 24.

The album is a mixture of beats. The third track, "Baby Boy" with guest Sean Paul, has a Jamaican flare as Beyonce sings and Sean Paul flavors the song with several raps.

The lyrics are strong, and the beat is great for dancing.

The dance trend does not end at that one song. "Hip Hop Star" (track 4) has great base and a soulful beginning rap by Big Bui and Sleepy Brown.

Perhaps one of the best songs, lyrically, is track seven, "Yes". It deals with relation-

ships and communication. It is a wonderful song for when a person is upset at a significant other.

"Yes" also promotes a healthy self-image for young women.


In the next track, "Signs," Missy Elliot joins Knowles for a fast spin around the astrological calendar. "Signs" begins with Virgo - Knowles's sign making it an entertaining song as a person listens for one's sign.

Overall, the album has a great sound with quality lyrics. While one listens to the album one can't help but sing along, or dance with Knowles's music.

This album was definitely worth the thirteen dollars!



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Beyonce Knowles performs at the Super Bowl XXXVII



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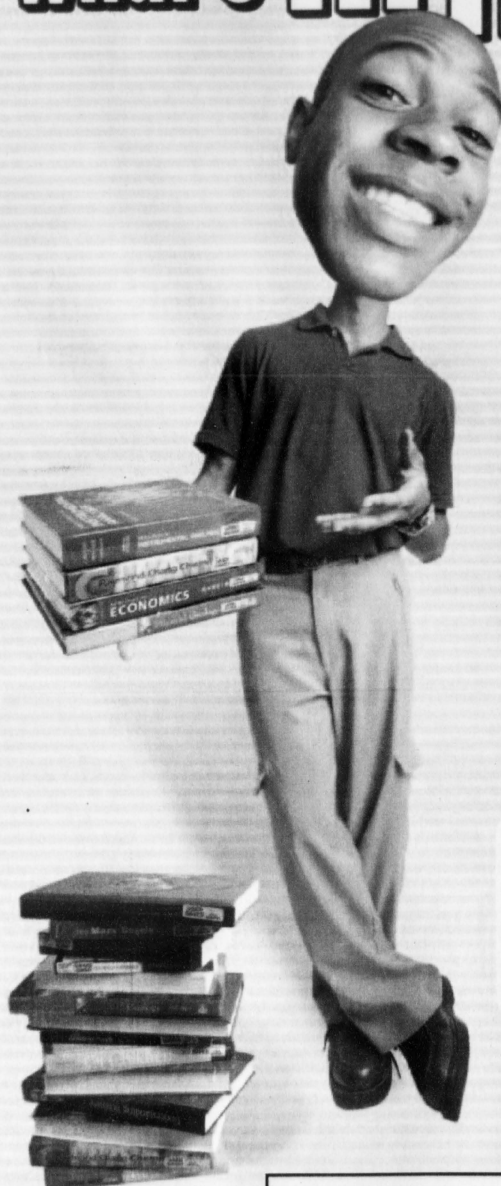
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