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## Name that lake

### NKU hopes its pond is Inferior no longer

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**HIGHLAND HEIGHTS** - Students, faculty and alumni will have a chance to give the campus pond a name this week. Jokingly called "Lake Inferior" for decades, the site east of the Fine Arts Center is undergoing a \$2.4 million renovation. NKU's alumni association believes that calls for a more fitting name.

"I think a new name is setting a new standard for tradition," said Chad Bilz, president of the alumni association. "The school itself has continued to grow in quality of students, programs and perception. Traditions should be a good thing, and having a lake named 'Inferior' needs to change."

Entrants have until Friday to make submissions through a Web site. The lake-naming committee is asking for a 100-word explanation of how the proposed name represents NKU. The top-five finalists will be voted on through the same Web site between April 21 and May 5. The finalists will receive a \$20 campus bookstore gift certificate, and the overall winner will receive a \$250 certificate. The winner will be recognized when the lake is dubbed.

Paul Myers, who is running for student body president, thinks the lake will be a key part of campus beautification - what he calls "Norsification."

"I foresee the lake becoming a central place for various activities and events on campus. The students will feel proud of their new lake," said Myers.

The redesigned "Lake Inferior" will include a bridge to connect the Applied Sciences Building to the heart of the campus. A waterfall will splash beneath the bridge. The area surrounding the lake will be turned into an amphitheatre with a stage and terraced seating.

To date, NKU has received 168 submissions, but the school declined to disclose any until the cut-off date.

"The lake-naming project will increase school spirit significantly," said Myers.

Chris Cole, NKU spokesman and an alumnus, looked beyond campus for inspiration.

"I'd like to see 'Highland Heights' somehow used in the name of the lake, honoring the community which welcomed NKU nearly 40 years ago and which continues to be a good neighbor," Cole said.

Funding for the renovation was gathered through private gifts.

"I think it is also important for students to note that the lake project was not to blame for any of the recent tuition hikes. The lake was fully funded through private donations. The lake is essentially a gift from private donors to the students of NKU," said Myers.

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