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Calls continue, some students harassed

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Harassing calls to students in residence halls, which are characterized by harassing comments and inappropriate comments, have continued and some students say the caller has threatened them. Carl Cooper, a residential assistant in Kentucky Hall, said that he was threatened by the caller.

Cooper said that the man called

while he was in his girlfriend's room and he took the phone.

He said that when he took the phone, the caller immediately made a profane and intimidating comment towards him.

"He started talking like he was going to come out and beat me up," Cooper said.

Cooper said that he informed the caller that he was an RA.

"He said I need to watch my back," Cooper said. He said that he hung up

on the caller at that point.

Cooper's girlfriend, Angi Rizzo, said that later that night the caller left a message on her answering machine.

"He said he was going to kick [Carl's] ass." He said he wants him to come outside," Rizzo said.

Rizzo has heard that the caller left his pager number with at least one student.

"I don't think [DPS] is really doing anything because they could trace his pager number easily," Rizzo said.

However, DPS would not comment on whether they have the pager number or if it has been traced.

Cooper said that another student that has been called told him that the caller claims to be from another university in the area.

There have been unconfirmed reports that the caller told at least one female what she was wearing when he called.

Cooper said that the caller knew who he usually walks with.

"I know he has to be on NKU's property sometime, somewhere," Cooper said.

Cooper said that he knows a couple of others who have received harassing communications. He said that he has called other RAs.

"I am pretty sure it was the same guy who called one of the RAs during RA training week. He left a note on her e-mail saying to meet him at BW3's," Cooper said.

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NKU elevators have new direction

By Forrest Berkshire
Special Projects Editor

"I cabled my first elevator when I was 14 years old," Ron Steffen, president of Steffen Elevators, said.

Standing in front of the Natural Science Elevators in a work-stained shirt and wiping the grease from his hands, Steffen said that he had just finished the safety test



with the state elevator inspector.

Since his company took over the contract in August for servicing the elevators at Northern Kentucky University, Steffen said he has been putting in double-time.

"I've put in a lot of hours," he said. "Some weeks 60-70 hours, some of them at night after classes are over." He said the time spent has

been productive.

"They are in safe, working order," Steffen said. "It's just the reliability we're working on."

The reliability of the Natural Science elevators has been the concern of some students.

"I've worked [in Natural Science] and gone to school here for five years," Mildred May, a senior human services major said. "They seem to get worse every year."

According to records obtained from Physical Plant, there have been 25 instances since Jan. 1 that required the com-

pany servicing them to make a repair call.

The year prior to that there were 32 service calls, and 67 in 1997.

"I walk up five flights of stairs because I'm scared of those elevators," May said.

Although she has never personally been stuck in an elevator, she said that over the years she has been at NKU she recalls several accounts from other students.

Jeanne Miller, a senior information systems major, reported two unexpected rides this year.

She said that she pressed the second floor button one evening and another student pressed the third floor button, but instead they both got an express ride to the fifth floor.

She said they both exited there and took the stairs.

In the same week, this time after her evening biology class, she boarded the same elevator with several other classmates.

The elevator stopped at the third floor this time. Instead of the doors opening the car started bouncing. It then proceeded to the second floor, bounced up and down, and continued its descent to the first. But instead of the doors opening there, the elevator started back up to the fifth floor.

"We must have gone up and down at least three or four times," Miller said.

"I thought it was rather humorous," she said. However, she said that one girl didn't take it so well and started to

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Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner
A WEIGHTY MATTER: Ron Steffen and his assistant conduct a weight test on the elevators in the Natural Science building with 3,200 pounds of weights.

E-mail system grows four times faster

By Stephanie Densler
Staff Reporter

Contractors of the computer network equipment said they have started testing and doing assessments to increase the speed of the e-mail system. Because of this, users should already notice a difference in the speed of e-mail, said Joe Drury, manager of the labs and help desk in Academic Technology Services.

"They are expanding and enhancing the e-mail infrastructure," Drury said. Right now NKU's e-mail is on a 10 megabyte network and when the new system is installed it will be on a 100 megabyte network. That will make the e-mail process four times faster, Drury said.

There are actually two systems that are going to be in place. The e-mail server is being upgraded and will be completed by next month. This will cost \$8,000, said Tom Steuwer of Academic Technology Services. There is also a new network upgrade that will be completed by December. This will cost \$75,000 and the money will come from a grant.

Since the e-mail system is running so slow users think that the system is shut down when actually it is just running at a

slow speed. Drury compared e-mail to a traffic jam, saying that everyone will make it across the bridge it just takes time and patience.

Until the new e-mail system is in place, Drury said that "people doing large mailings should do them at non-peak times, such as late nights or weekends." This will prevent the e-mail from running so slow.

Even though e-mail has been causing problems it's not necessarily a bad thing because Drury said that more people are using e-mail and are using the computers more.

Another plus for new users of e-mail is the fashion in which you get your account. In previous years if you wanted an e-mail account you filled out a form, took it to the Applied Science and Technology building, and in a week you would have an e-mail account. Now, e-mail users automatically get an account when they get their student ID. Drury said. The students password, whether using pine or webmail, is the ISO number (last eight digits) on your student ID card.

Drury said students should understand that the first time they use e-mail they should create a new password, and not use their ISO number.

'Hospital only' covers NKU

Student insurance costs less, is not comprehensive

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

By Tara Ewing
Staff Reporter

According to the campus health office, 15 to 20 percent of Northern Kentucky University students are currently without any kind of health insurance.

NKU offers an insurance plan at the lowest possible cost to students, according to Stephanie Baker, director of Health, Counseling and Testing.

She said that about 400 students currently use this policy.

"Students that have purchased it have been happy with it," Baker said. She said in order to offer the policy at the price of \$417 per year, they are unable to offer comprehensive coverage.

Inlinea.com, a website that offers advice about insurance, suggests that consumers "should generally stay away from 'Hospital Only' plans."

According to the website, "these policies offer inadequate coverage and should generally not be purchased."

Insure.com, another website that informs consumers about insurance,

says that these plans are risky, and the market for this type of plan is generally young people without dependents.

Derek Carnahan, owner of Total Benefits Insurance Company, said that he would not recommend anyone to go without insurance. He said it's a big gamble, especially if a student plays sports.

"I think emergency room type insurance is better than no insurance," he said.

the policy will only pay up to \$1,000 for a surgery, and only up to \$600 for hospital miscellaneous expenses.

"If you break your arm, it will cover it," Radovich said. However he said that an emergency removal of the appendix, a common procedure among college students, would run \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Radovich said that such policies typically do not pay the maximum of \$1000 for procedures such as an emergency appendectomy. Radovich said that the maximum benefit is usually reserved for major surgery such as open heart surgery.

According to NKU's Health, Counseling and Testing Office, the campus insurance plan has a Major Medical supplement, which means the insurance company will pay 80 percent of "usual and reasonable medical expenses." Radovich said "In my opinion this is a trick clause."

"Unless you get \$2,000 of basic benefits, the [Major Medical benefits] will not kick in," Radovich said.

Baker said that they determined what students most wanted in an insurance. She said that they wanted to keep it as cost efficient for students as possible. The policy they came up with, which is what the university uses, was bid upon by various insurance companies.

Accordia, the insurance company that is responsible for NKU's insurance policy, said that they insure over 100 universities across the country and some offer less and some offer

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Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan for Students of



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NKU makes 'Weekend' plans

By Chris Barlow
Staff Reporter

A new program at Northern Kentucky University gives students the opportunity to plan and carry out campus-wide weekend activities.

"Students have raised a concern about what to do on weekends," said Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Life.

"The Weekenders program encourages openness to students. It gives students in resident halls something to do and brings students back to campus on weekends," she said.

Mulkey said that the program is open to all organizations and student groups.

"If a group of students in one of the dorms wants to plan an activity, they should first find an event adviser, someone who is employed by the university, and then complete a proposal form," she said.

Once the proposal is submitted to the Student Life Office, a committee appointed by the student life and residence life departments reviews it. If the committee authorizes the event, the student life department will assist with payment and help in programming the event, according to Mulkey.

The Weekenders' \$10,000 budget is funded through the Invest in Success initiative as a means to reach one of the initiative's four goals: enhanced quality of stu-

dent life outside the classroom, according to Mark Shanley, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Shanley said the Invest in Success initiative enabled sustained support for existing programs while providing new opportunities, like Weekenders.

"The student population has expectations for a traditional college experience that includes life outside of class. We need to do a better job of providing vibrant programs," he said.

Kara Clark, vice president of the Student Government Association, called the Weekenders an incentive for organizations to do worthwhile programming on campus.

"Once they realize that the money is out there and that there is support for them, they'll take advantage of the opportunity," she said.

Tracey Stewart, a sophomore political science major from Louisville, Ky., said, "I lived on campus last year, and there was nothing to do on weekends."

She said that the campus looked like a ghost town on weekends.

"I might come back here on weekends if there were bands playing," Stewart said, "but then again, why would you want to do that when you can go to bars and clubs to see bands and drink while you're there?"

Stewart believes that the events the campus have had in the past were cheery.

"If the program is going to succeed, it needs to be known that it is up to students to make the [planning] decisions," she said.

Rebecca Raasch, an undeclared freshman from Crescent Springs, Ky., said, "People leave campus to drink. Drinking is a factor - people don't think of good times as 'dry'. I realize it's a liability to serve alcohol on campus, but that is what a lot of people want when they socialize."

Raasch believes that political rallies would be effective because it would bring students back to campus, and it would allow them to interact with non-campus people. She said that regardless what is planned, it needs to be something that will interest students.

"The activities need to be eclectic to have a draw," Raasch said. "A good art exhibit or something similar would create interest."

Mulkey said that Weekenders will be reviewed at the end of the year to determine if money will be budgeted next year for the program.

"Effectiveness of the program, turnout and the range of programming will determine whether or not the program will continue," she said.

Students interested in planning Weekenders activities can pick up a Weekenders packet at the Student Life Office located in the University Center. Proposals must be turned in at least four weeks in advance.



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

Financial aid websites can make paying tuition costs a little easier.

Internet helps students find money

By Teresa Geopinger
Staff Reporter

The search to find a scholarship is now easier, according to Penny Parsons, assistant director of the Financial Aid Office.

She said that websites that can help students find suitable scholarships for no charge.

A free data base, www.fastweb.com, offers 400,000 listings of scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans." The site is linked to the Northern Kentucky University website.

"This is a reputable website. That is why we are linked to it. Many

companies, such as, Coca Cola are on this site," Parsons said.

The FastWeb site stated "billions of dollars in private sector funding is available to students free courtesy of Student Services Inc. and NKU." Another site that offers financial assistance is www.finaid.org. This is "a massive link for financial assistance," according to the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Arlene Belletre.

"Finaid not only helps find financial assistance and grants, but also helps detect scams," says Belletre. Parsons said that students should be cautious of companies that promise to find a scholarship.

"Be careful sending money to companies that will search for a scholarship that is right for you because the company cannot guarantee they will find anything for the student," Parsons said.

She isn't saying that these companies should be completely disregarded, but she suggests the students call the Better Business Bureau to make sure they are legitimate.

Students who do not have internet access can go to a local library and ask for assistance in finding scholarships or visit the third floor computer lab in the Applied Science and Technology building on campus.

Grant County center helps prepare students for college

By Teresa Geopinger
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky Grant County Center in Williamstown, Ky. is designed for students to make the transition into higher education. All the courses are 100 level freshman courses for English, history, political science and speech.

Students must be full time for one year and their credits can transfer to any college that accepts Northern Kentucky University college credits.

The center opened its doors because of donations from the Grant County community. "It really was a group effort," said Brenda Wilson, president of the

Grant County Foundation for Higher Education.

The expense for the building's upkeep grows everyday. "The foundation has raised \$17,275," according to Wade Gaden, treasurer of the Grant County Foundation for Higher Education.

Wilson says that the responsibility of the foundation is to provide

"a clean and dry place, take care of any renovations, utilities, maintenance, supplies and any requirements by the state to run an educational facility."

"Donations are always needed. If you know of anyone please contact us," Wilson said.

The building was ready for the students in early October 1998. It

is equipped with three classrooms, offices and a student lounge.

"I am thrilled with the results," director and teacher, Sam Lapin said.

According to Lapin, the program will remain the same for the next few years, but if the Grant County community would like to change it to a community college

they will.

"The community is supportive to education," he said.

Along with the center's eight teachers it now has 103 students compared to last year with an enrollment of 70 students. The Northern Kentucky Grant County Center is located at 204 Paris St in Williamstown, Ky.

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D.P.S. REPORTS

An officer was dispatched to Cumberland Hill in reference to a possible domestic violence in progress between a girl and her boyfriend. When the officer arrived the female was standing in the hallway outside of the room. While talking with the female her boyfriend came back to the room and stated that they were just having an argument and they had gotten a little loud in the hallway. Both people stated that they were done arguing and that they had classes to attend so they would be separated for a while which would allow them time to calm down. Because there were no signs of physical injury to either person they were both released.

A DPS officer observed a person run a stop sign at the intersection of Kenton Drive and Campbell Drive, while exiting lot F. The person turned right onto Kenton

039 breath and alcohol concentration when given the Evidentiary Breath Test. She was then arrested for her actions.

An officer was dispatched to a vehicle fire in lot "Q". While responding it was discovered that the vehicle was actually in lot "P". Upon arrival the officer found a vehicle with the front end on fire. At this time the DPS officer, assisted by a physical plant employee and a MAP officer, attempted to put the fire out with fire extinguishers until the Cold Springs Fire Department arrived a few minutes later and put the fire out. The vehicles to the right and left of the burnt vehicle were not damaged. When the owner of the burnt vehicle was contacted, he said he had been having problems with the starter, which in the past had caused the vehicle to backfire and smoke. The vehicle was towed upon the owners' request.

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CALLER: DPS advises victims to report calls, change number

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Cooper said that he believes he caller is "targeting female students." Most of the women who were harassed said the caller said the same things. Reports indicate that he starts breathing heavily and asks what they are wearing. Some reports state that the caller says "I'm watching you," or makes other intimidating and threatening remarks.

One female resident said she has received multiple calls and answering machine messages from the male caller. She will remain anonymous, due to safety concerns. She has filed a report with DPS and *The Northerner* has verified the validity of her statements by others who heard the messages left on the answering machine.

She described what it was like when he called.

"Sometimes there is heavy breathing. He will ask what you are wearing. It sounds like he is [maturbat- ing]," she said.

She said at first she thought it was one of her friends playing a practical joke and she talked to him a while.

"He knew what my name was," she said.

"He said he was just dialing numbers and got our number by accident, but he knew our number," she said.

She said that she has the voice of the caller on tape, since he left messages on the answering machine.

She said that he left five messages in one night on the answering machine. She isn't sure why he did that.

"I think he trusted me," she said.

Sara Dumrese, another residential assistant, decided to have mandatory floor meeting with DPS officers present to address the issue of harassing communications.

"There were a series of harassing phone calls and threatening phone calls for about half of the rooms I'm responsible for. I wanted DPS officers to be there so the girls could know their options," Dumrese said.

Dumrese said the caller has left messages on some of her residents' answering machine. Those residents have given the tapes to DPS. Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer said that they

keep the tapes as evidence.

Kevin Deemer, area coordinator of Residential Life, said he receives complaints of harassing communications every year, but that this year there are a lot in a row.

He said that the numbers for Residential Villages are clustered together. According to Residential Life Assistant Director Kim Vance, the numbers in the residential villages used to be in sequence. However, she said that was changed to deter incidents of harassing communications.

Vance believes that there will always be a problem of harassing communications because "people aren't nice to each other."

Deemer has his own opinion about the problem.

"My own personal view is I think it's someone who lives on campus. I think it's really random," he said.

Deemer said that it is probably someone with too much time on their hands.

He said that Residential Life is helping the students get their numbers changed. When a number is

changed, the new number becomes unlisted.

Don L. McKenzie, director of the Department of Public Safety, said that the people who have been called should get their numbers changed.

"We're working with Residential Life," he said.

McKenzie said that the most recent incidents involve people who have not previously been called.

That they are conducting an investigation, but have no plan on asking assistance from other police departments, he said.

"It will be handled by [DPS]," McKenzie said.

McKenzie said he cannot comment on the status of the investigation, nor can he state whether or not they have a suspect at this time.

According to the DPS, making harassing communications is a misdemeanor that carries the penalties of a fine and/or jail time. However, making threats is a separate and more serious offense. Both crimes are punishable by both university and state laws.

Devilish Delta Diva



Rick Amburgy/*The Northerner*
Beth Norton, supervisor reserve of NKU's Delta Airlines branch gives new meaning to 'customer service hell.'

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panic.

She said that they called the Department of Public Safety on the emergency phone, but before they arrived some one finally got it to stop by holding down the door open button.

"I try not to ride them anymore," Miller said.

Ayana Denson, an undeclared sophomore, was also on the same elevator earlier in the semester when it stopped between floors.

"I didn't know what to do," Denson said. "People just started pushing buttons." She said she found the situation frightening.

"First thing I did was start praying," she said.

She said that after it first stopped, it slowly started back down, but she estimated that they were stuck for about 20 minutes.

According to the service report from physical plant, the elevators in Natural Science have gotten stuck 38 times since January, 1997. Students were stuck in the elevators 11 of those times.

Other problems have ranged from the indicator light not operating to dropping entire floors.

According to Shane Peck, chief elevator inspector in Kentucky, some problems are to be expected.

"An elevator is a piece of mechanical equipment," Peck said. "Like your car, it breaks down sometimes."

He said that elevators at universities receive more use than those at other places, such as office buildings. He said they also receive more vandalism.

Peck spoke of an instance at University of Kentucky some time ago where an engineering student actually modified the elevator in his dorms to only stop at his floor so that he could have his own express elevator.

A review of all the safety inspections for the Natural Science elevators back to Aug. 17 show they all passed with no problems.

The elevator inspector and Steffen Elevators last tested them on Sept. 24. Steffen allowed a representative of *The Northerner* to ride along on one test. They placed 3200 lbs. of steel weights in the car, which when combined with the weight of three men, brought the total above the 3,500 lbs. weight limit. The inspectors took the elevator up and back down two floors to test the lifting power and brakes.

Bob Bolce, associate director of Physical Plant, said the elevators in the Natural Science Building do not pose a hazard to the public safety of the university.

He refused to comment on the problems from past years, but said he is confident that the problems will be fixed with the new elevator company.

"I see an improvement across campus already," Bolce said. "[Steffens]



Phillip Solomon/*The Northerner*
NKU has contracted Steffen Elevator Company to repair problems with the elevators in the Natural Science Building

has done an excellent job identifying some problems and fixing them already."

Bolce said the preventative maintenance has increased four times since last year.

He said that unlike previous years, the university was not required to accept the lowest bid. This year he said proposals were submitted to the different elevator contractors on what the university wanted and expected and asked them how much it would cost.

"It's a partnership," Bolce said. He said Steffens came up with some creative and innovative solutions and was the only one to offer to come in at night.

more coverage than NKU does.

Baker said that unlike other schools, NKU does not charge a health care fee in the student fees.

Baker says that the services offered by the campus health office supplements the policy. Even though the policy does not cover doctor visits, a policyholder can see the nurse practitioner for five dollars.

One school that works in the same way as NKU is Murray State University. They offer a hospital-only insurance policy and provide nurse practitioners for supplement.

One school who does have a health fee is the University of Cincinnati. UC requires that all full-time students have health insurance. The school offers health insurance in the student fees for \$207 a quarter. However, students who have other insurance can opt not to take the policy. All international students are required to have the school's policy.

University of Cincinnati offers three doctors, a pharmacist, a dermatologist, a gynecologist, and an optometrist. In contrast, Morehead, located in a much more rural community, manages to offer on-campus physicians for students.

Some students consider the fee a bargain. Jonathon Johnston, a student at Campbellsville University, is one. He is very happy with his insurance policy.

"It offers pretty good coverage. The minimum package includes doctor visits and on-campus accidents,"

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he said.

Morehead has a university-funded health program, according to student Heather Wells.

Another difference between the NKU health office and what other schools provide is the availability. The NKU health office is open from 8:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any other time, a student is instructed to call DPS for help. However, DPS is not allowed to transport anyone to a doctors office, due to liability concerns. They are only able to call an ambulance.

Availability is also a concern at Murray State University, which has a similar program to ours.

"In emergency cases, the dormitory RAs are supposed to take you to the hospital," said Murray, student Bobby Stünnet.

However, according to the health office at the University of Cincinnati, they have a doctor on-call at all times.

Students who are seeking more comprehensive insurance than NKU provides have the option of online insurance companies. These often have policies tailor-made for college students. One of these companies are Student Select.

Radovich said that Student Select is a good option for college students. He said that comprehensive coverage for a student living in Cincinnati, where most NKU students commute from, would be between \$434 and \$550 per year.

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NKU's director corrals growing numbers

By Nicole Sweeney
Staff Reporter

When there are no choral or conducting classes taking place, you may find Dr. Randy Pennington, director of Choral Activities, standing outside the Fine Arts Building.

Sara Crail, a music education major describes him as "A very smart man with longer hair than most professors and a shiny spot forming on his forehead."

For the past six years he has worked mainly with the three ensembles at Northern Kentucky University: Northern Chorale, NKU's largest ensemble, and the Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensembles, both considered elite groups with stricter audition standards.

Pennington said he is pleased with how the number of students in each program has grown.

"We started out with about 50 in the Chorale and now there is about 110," he said. Both majors and non-majors take the course. We have developed a quality program with good literature and we're working on building up a good audience base."

Pennington said one way of doing so is the Chamber Choir's current project, a summer trip to London and Scotland.

He said the NKU department was not asked to attend but competition is important.

"Colleges get funding for international trips. It is great for recruiting new students because students

look for international opportunities," he said.

He said the Chamber Choir has performed at the Kentucky Music Educators' Association meeting and the opening of the Aronoff Center, Sing Cincinnati and the Patricia Corbett Gala.

Pennington said the Chamber Choir stands because they are dedicated.

"All kinds of work goes into this," he said. "They spend six hours a week in rehearsal for one hour of credit. Now that our group has grown, we have no budget. Fund-raising will pay for most of our expenses."

He said on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, the Chamber Choir will have a car wash in the Norse Common's half-circle. He said you can park there and get your car washed for a donation. Also Oct. 16, there will be a garage sale.

Pennington's sense of humor appeals to his students. Last October, he conducted the Chorale as they performed "His-Whiss" wearing a monster's mask. People had a good laugh and it relieved the tension of the crowd.

"Most students base their opinion of classical or choral music on what they experienced in high school," Pennington said. "They judge it as boring or very serious."

He said it is possible to put on a performance with some style and allow the audience to enjoy it. NKU is a well kept secret. We have a fine music department. People think they need to travel to see a good choral show, but there is one

here."

His humor carries over into his teaching style, said Alissa Shephard, an English major in Pennington's choral class.

She said, "He's an overall funny guy. He acts like a student himself. He teaches to us and not down at us."

Carol Skillbeck, a journalism/theater major in Pennington's choral class said Pennington is very energetic and dedicated with patience and a good sense of humor.

"He has respect for his students," she said.

Sarah Crail, a music education major in Chorale, said he does not talk over their heads.

"He uses examples to get a point across about the intensity he expects. He is very talkative, but not judgmental."

Pennington said he wants students to enjoy coming in and walk away feeling like they have learned something. He said his goal is to make sure students learn more than academics.

Pennington said, "I emphasize the importance of discipline and attendance. If you don't succeed here, you won't in the job world. Here we can have fun and laugh at ourselves."

Pennington said he struggled to make it through school himself. He said his parents were not happy about his decision to teach music.

He had declared a major in pre-med, pre-law then changed to business. By the fourth semester he had dropped out. Then he went on the



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

Director of Choral Activities Randy Pennington takes his class outdoors to serenade Northern Kentucky University students.

road with a rock-band doing gigs.

Pennington said three months later he had only \$50 in his pocket and realized that life wasn't right for him. A friend had won a Lincoln Town Car in a contest and they drove to San Francisco to hear a choir. He asked the teacher if he could join the choir.

Pennington said he chose to be a choir director through interesting circumstances. A choral class he was in was loading the bus for a trip when the teacher left them unsuper-

vised. Pennington decided to lead the class in a song while the instructor was away. Then after exaggerating the style of the teacher, Pennington turned around to find him watching. A few days later, the professor called him up to one what he had done. He said it was that moment which allowed him to realize how fun it is to conduct.

"I do not create sound, but encourage it," Pennington said.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University and his doctorate from the University of Arizona.

Pennington speaks fondly of NKU, but he has one issue he wanted to address to students. "People say that they attend NKU like it is something to be ashamed of. We should be proud of how we have grown. You can get a quality education here. There are good teachers here," he said.

'Judd's Box': A reflecting place

By Jayme Wiehoff
Staff Reporter

Every Christmas some children seem to be more amused with boxes than they do with what comes inside them.

Most everyone can remember a time when they played with only a box, a best friend and an imagination.

If you have ventured onto the lawn in the University Center plaza, you know that our natural attraction to boxes isn't something most of us have out grown. In fact, it's a rarity to see the box empty. It is almost always occupied by students studying, talking or people watching. Why are we so attracted to the box?

The box is an untitled piece of art that has acquired the name



Jeffrey Williams/The Northerner

Rachel Reynolds, Back, Matt Scheper, Right, and Jenny Kahrs Front: "We like the box," said Kahrs.

Judd's Box. It is art displayed within the confines of the lawn.

The box is seen as separate from the buildings but also very includ-

ed in its surroundings. It is accepted.

When the box was presented to the campus by Donald Judd, it was

described as reflecting the architecture of the campus.

Ang Teisl, a third year art major, agreed that it reflects the campus because both appear cold and steel-like. Because of the atmosphere around the box Teisl said she sees it as something tangible.

She said, "By the way the sculpture is presented it's meant to be touched and felt. It's made to be used."

One possibility why people seem to be drawn to the box is as a means of seclusion or just for shelter. Many people seek it's sleek lines and smooth texture each day.

The box is a sculpture created by Judd in the mid 1970's. The University's contract required \$30,000 to be paid when the design was accepted and another

\$30,000 when the sculpture was delivered.

The \$60,000 paid to Judd was made possible in part by a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts.

"Judd's Box" gave way to several other pieces of art and even sparked a statewide contest for another to be added to campus.

One of the additional pieces to follow the box was Red Grooms' "Way Down East", located between the lake and the Fine Arts Center.

Both the box and "Way Down East" were represented in "Art In Public Places" published in 1981. Mary Paula Schuh director of Campus Planning said, "The art has become an important part of campus environment."

"Judd's Box" is an example of minimalism. And though it doesn't actually reflect the buildings I think Judd captured NKU's cold, stand-off persona while still making a piece of art that is approachable.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 29:

- United Way Carnival: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. UC plaza
- Public safety lecture: "Alcohol and Drug Abuse": 7 p.m. NC 117
- Employment recruiting: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. UC first floor

Thursday, Sept. 30:

- NKU Brass Choir: 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.
- Multicultural events: "Successful Transitions...": 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. UC Theater
- Theatre department: "Noises Off": 8 p.m. Corbett Theatre

Friday, Oct. 1:

- Thank Van Gogh it's Friday: Martha Brady 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cincinnati Art Museum

Wednesday, Oct. 6:

- NKU Jazz Ensemble. James Bunte, conductor. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.



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NKU professor Jang demands more

By Cindi Brown
Staff Reporter

"If we evolved, I must have evolved from a bird," said Dr. Margo Jang, an English professor at Northern Kentucky University who shares her home with 45 birds from all over the world.

Jang teaches two English-as-a-second-language classes, a technical writing class and an introductory linguistics course at NKU.

She is the only professor in the English department who teaches ESL classes. In addition to her international students, Jang also teaches the fundamentals of the English language to her birds.

She said her birds are like feathered people, and they talk to each other.

Jang said she teaches the classes most professors would prefer not to teach because they are so time consuming.

This is particularly true about ESL classes. Students in these classes are at three or four different levels of language proficiency and are from about 10 different countries.

"It's like a class of zebras and leopards in which it is my job to connect the dots," Jang said.

She said she must set different goals for each student, and this means a great deal of work. However, she said it is fun because of the constant exposure to new cultures and ideas.

Jang said she remembers what it was like to be a struggling college student. In undergraduate school, she sang at coffeehouses to make extra money, and in graduate school she actually sold her blood for rent money.

Jang said her decision to become a professor occurred through the back-door. She graduated from the

University of Cincinnati with undergraduate degrees in sociology and anthropology. She then traveled to Taiwan to test her ability to survive in a foreign culture.

She said there was a huge demand for English professors in Asia and she made a nice living teaching English at the college level. According to Jang, the people of Taiwan believed learning English was their key to money, prestige and advancement.

The money she made from teaching in Asia was used to support her other interests and areas of study. Jang said she had a great time and truly enjoyed teaching in Taiwan.

"There is an enormous respect for teachers there," Jang said.

Jang came back to the United States and earned a graduate degree in social-psychology at UC.

She taught sociology at Thomas Moore College and English for international students at UC.

While teaching full time at UC, she worked toward her doctorate of applied linguistics at Ohio State University. She commuted back and forth between schools by Greyhound Bus. In 1978, Jang came to NKU.

Jang said she is aware of her reputation as a teacher. She admits that she is very demanding. She labels her classes as "skill-oriented."

She said in her opinion, learning is a change of behavior. It is her responsibility to prepare her students for classes they will take in the future.

Joanna Herzog, an English major with secondary certification, was enrolled in Jang's introduction to linguistics class last semester.

"She's a very difficult professor, but I have learned a lot in her class," Herzog said.

Cristiano Miro, an aviation admin-



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Melville and Margo Jang perform the "Big Bird" for Ohio Renaissance Festival patrons. One of Jang's many interests is playing the role of one of Queen Elizabeth's ladies in waiting.

istration major, has taken English for international students and is currently enrolled in Jang's technical writing class.

"I think she is a good professor," Miro said. "She just demands more than the average English professor here. She keeps the international students very, very busy all semester," Miro said.

Miro said he would recommend Jang's classes to other students, but not to those who are lazy. He described her style of teaching as fast-paced and productive. However, he said she goes out of her way to

help her students.

"I don't think she is intimidating at all," Miro said.

Jang has many interests in her life other than teaching. She participates in historical reenactments of the 16th and 18th centuries.

She plays two roles in the Ohio Renaissance Festival. Her characters are the Countess of Shrewsbury and Lady Featherby, one of Queen Elizabeth's ladies in waiting.

"One must spend years to create a historical persona," Jang said.

She said a person must take on the entire world-view of the time period

and learn the sub-skills associated with each character. Jang said she has learned skills such as embroidering and lace making.

Another hobby of Jang's is constructing miniature dollhouses. She said she chooses different periods of history and builds houses that reflect the culture of the particular time period to the smallest detail.

A person could open the cupboards in the kitchen of her dollhouses and see canned goods appropriate for the era. Jang said she works off her perfectionism with the scale models instead of her students.



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When Jang points her finger Melville poses. "He knows what he is doing," Jang said. "He'll stay like that as long as I'm pointing at him."

Bio honor society Mu Iota sponsors dance

Mary Ann Haverlack
Staff Reporter

The typical Northern Kentucky University student may not find a common thread between Latin dance steps and biological research. The members of Mu Iota, NKU's chapter of the biological honor society Beta Beta Beta.

"There will be 14 students presenting work in Puerto Rico next June," faculty adviser Dr. Miriam Kannan said. "We're hoping the Latin dance will introduce some diversity to the campus while providing our members with a look at the culture they'll experience in Puerto Rico."

Local Tri Beta president Gina Brock said the organization offers biology students support in undergraduate research and brings outside influences to the university through guest speakers and fundraising events. Tri Beta will sponsor a Latin dance on Nov. 20. The dance is open to the entire campus community.

"The theme ties into the national meeting in Puerto Rico," Brock said. "One of our members is a dance instructor. He'll be teaching simple dance steps throughout the night."

Kannan said the NKU chapter was formed in 1993 and is one of the most active in the country. She attributes this to the support the organization receives from faculty.

"Students alone can't do everything,"



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Left to Right: Tri Beta members Dan Kijinski, Shana Tewes and Brian Dundas work in the chapter's butterfly garden.

Kannan said. "All of the department faculty are members. We know the benefits Tri Beta provides. We are committed to the students."

Kannan said people at NKU might not realize the tremendous reputation Tri Beta has outside the Kentucky area.

Every year since the chapter was formed NKU students have placed first and second if award categories such as the Frank G. Brooks Award for undergraduate research in oral form, she said.

Students have also placed in awards for scrapbook and poster formats. This year the group is working toward the outstanding chapter award.

She said, "We always place in the regional and national meetings. We compete

against Ivy League schools. NKU does better."

According to Kannan, students who receive these awards have an advantage

over their peers. "There's a large record of our students getting into graduate and professional schools because they're trained at an undergraduate level to do research," Kannan said. "That makes a difference."

Mu Iota receives two or three scholarships each year from the national chapter to help students with their research. She said joining the organization is a wise investment for biology students.

She said, "They get lifetime membership that promotes undergraduate excellence while qualifying them for scholarships and publication of their research findings in the society's journal 'BIOS.'"

NKU alumni and past Brooks Award winner Diane Kallmeyer-McCubbin agrees with Kannan concerning the organization's benefits.

"Membership in Tri Beta let people know I had speaking experience before graduate school," Kallmeyer-McCubbin



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Back left: Cameo Heiss and Gina Brock. Front left: Jeremy Gibson, Denita Sifers, Shana Tewes and Livy Whitford. Tri Beta bake/plant sale September.

said. "The meetings and conferences help you meet people in your field and give you an opportunity to interview faculty from graduate institutions."

Brock said students do not have to be biology majors to join the group. Anyone on campus with an interest in biology, the environment or conservation can become an associate member.

"We don't shut our doors to anyone," Brock said. "If you have an interest, please come join us."

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New CD releases offer full spectrum of quality

By Aaron Carter Staff Reporter

"Deep Blue Sea" (Soundtrack) Album Executive Producer LL Cool J did not use much of his budget enlisting artists in the soundtrack to "Deep Blue Sea."

Also featured on the disc were more than a few of the little known artists he has penned for and also a few high profile artists.

LL Cool J leads off the disc with bass thumping, violin driven "Deepest Blaest," the title track from the movie. Right off the bat you are treated to the best song on the disc. LL Cool J comes back later with "Say What," a bragadocio, old-school ode to himself. Hi-C, with DJ Quik, Cormega and

Chanel Jones, tries to up the quality with some pleasant surprises. Better work can be cited by these artists on their solo CD's.

Throughout the CD my ears were blasted by the lower tier artists' same-old tired, cliched songs that capitalize on the moment.

This could have been a very good CD if more top-notch talent had been enlisted.

The mixturs is sub-par at best. The songs have no cohesion with the movie. The good songs are good, and the bad

'Deep Blue Sea'



songs are terrible. With so many bad songs, this CD wears thin quickly.

Norman Brown

"Celebration" From the onset, "Celebration" by Norman Brown gives any listener who appreciates hearing a guitar played to perfection the delight of listening to an upbeat jazz guitarist do his thing.

In the mold of Stanley Jordan and Eric Clapton, the earthy tones that pul-

sate from Brown's fingers could quiet the loudest road rage explicative. Songs like "Out'a Nowhere" and "Paradise and Rain" will keep even the most ardent fan smiling.

With an album full of good songs, Brown outdoes himself on the best song of the album, "Celebration." The accompanying artists on this track gave it their all for this inspiring song, which made this album truly a celebration.

This album is a must for true fans of the guitar.

'Celebration'



'Eyes Wide Shut'

Just after production of "Eyes Wide Shut" Stanley Kubrick died, but his masterpieces of films joined with scores will always be remembered. The soundtrack/score for this movie is no different.

Kubrick enlisted the talents of Jocelyn Pook and Gyorgy Ligeti to handle most of the composition and artistry of the songs on the track.

From the beginning of the track with the very dark piano solo "Musica Ricercato II" by Ligeti, the tone is set for a roller coaster ride of classical music as only Kubrick could have it arranged: dark and suspicious.

Chris Isaak lends a hand with the "Bad-to-the-Bone" inspired "Baby

Did a Bad Thing" that will leave most of his fans happy and surprised at the tone of the song.

Pook and her ensemble handled a large task by writing and composing four of the 14 songs on this track. Her marksmanship bulls-eyed what Kubrick wanted and can be heard in the sweet lullaby "The Dream" and the rambunctious "Migrations."

One of the outstanding songs on the CD is "The Naval Officer," also done by Pook.

This song is crafted and arranged so cleanly that Lawrence Welk could put his suit on to conduct if he was invited.

As with any Kubrick production,

'Eyes Wide Shut'



the music must be [and was] just right. By the time I was finished listening I was relaxed with my eyes wide shut.

'Three Kings' more than just another movie

By Dan Sullivan Staff Reporter

If one word was used to describe "Three Kings," it would be "different." However, calling the latest film by director David O. Russell different is like calling "Titanic" a story about a boat.

This movie has it all: action, drama, bizarre special-effects, suspense, humor, violence and gore. Though the combination may seem unusual, it certainly makes for a gripping movie. A group of actors, including George Clooney, Ice Cube and Mark Wahlberg doesn't hurt either.

The movie takes place in the deserts of Iraq just after Operation Desert Storm has ended. When a map to a secret bunker is found, the plot is hatched.

Archie Gates (Clooney) is the adventurous, risk-taking sergeant-major. On the verge of retirement, he is spending his final days in the Army womanizing and loafing around.

Chief Elgin (Ice Cube) is a true soldier. He is semi-religious, level-headed and seems the most normal, and relatable to of the lead charac-

ters. A new father, Troy Barlow (Wahlberg) hasn't even seen his new baby. This gives audiences a reason to root for the rambunctious but likable sergeant.

The bunker is reportedly filled with gold stolen from Kuwait by Saddam Hussein. The three soldiers have no problem with the idea of stealing the gold from Hussein and keeping it for themselves. However, it is not that simple.

In their quest for the gold the soldiers see the horrific slaughtering of Iraqi people rising up against Hussein just as President Bush has urged them to do.

The United States had pledged to support the resistance. The soldiers quickly, though reluctantly, find they must put aside their attempt for material wealth and keep the promise made by Bush. The soldiers must try to rescue a group of Iraqi refugees and POW's they have found.

This movie will probably make almost anyone laugh, as not all of the humor in "Three Kings" is dark. By using one-liners, witty dialogue and comedically -disturbing special-effects, the movie is saved from becoming a typical,

gloomy, violent, action, war movie. By the use of humor throughout its entirety, it is remarkable how quickly this movie makes laughter turn to gasps of horror and back to laughter again, within seconds.

There are plenty of explosions and most-explosions, and also some graphic scenes of an animal exploding and people being shot, tortured or killed.

Because of this graphic violence and gore, this movie probably should not be seen by young or sensitive viewers.

If you are looking for a movie that is full of action and laughs, however, this movie is a must-see. I rate this movie three and a half stars out of four.



Martin Lawrence makes a 'Blue Streak' comeback

By Aaron Carter Staff Reporter

Martin Lawrence plays Miles Logan, an expert jewel thief involved in a heist for a \$20 million gem.

When the heist takes a turn for the worse he hides the gem in the air conditioned duct of a not yet completed building.

After being apprehended and serving three years in jail, he returns to collect his bounty but. To his surprise, the site that was under construction is now an LA police precinct.

This is where the fun starts.

First he uses one of his many characters to disguise himself as a pizza delivery guy to gain entrance.

He finds himself on the beat with a rookie partner, Detective Carlson, played by Luke Wilson.

Wilson is the antithesis to Mile's soft behavior. The chemistry between the two characters is uncanny for performers working together for the first time.

While on a burglary assignment Miles walks in on a robbery in progress,



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Martin hilariously disguised

laughter. Martin Lawrence is back from his problems and he is back in a big and bright way.

Martin is back.

Movie poster for 'Superstar' featuring Molly Shannon and Will Ferrell. Text: MARY KATHERINE GALLAGHER, SUPERSTAR, DARE TO DREAM, MOLLY SHANNON, WILL FERRELL, IN THEATERS OCTOBER 8.

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School deals with sweatshop issues

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The poverty was immense the pungent smell of gas emissions and rotting garbage enveloped the air. Tens of thousands of bodies crowded together cooking, squatting, laughing together in the crowded slums. Then there would be beautiful and spacious skyscrapers of walled glass, glamorous fashion billboards. They would be surrounded by stray cats, chickens and dogs, and factories employing up to 28,000 people. Workers range in age, but in the apparel industry they are almost always young women, desperate and displaced. This is a description of a town surrounding an apparel factory in Indonesia given by Molly McGrath, University of Wisconsin senior who was part of a delegation investigating workplace conditions.

Last spring, after tremendous pressure from students, faculty and community members, the University of Wisconsin agreed to rethink its practice of buying and selling clothing made in sweatshops and factories abroad that capitalize on their ability to pay low wages and maintain substandard work conditions like those described above.

The message was loud and clear: The clothing we wear with pride, the clothing that bears our university logos, ought to be made under healthy, safe and fair working conditions. College administrators nationwide felt the pressure as a national student movement emerged to force universities to take responsibility for their role in the proliferation of sweatshop labor. The yearlong efforts of activists here culminated in a dramatic 96 hour sit-in, involving more than 100 students.

The result was that our university was one of the first to take a stand. They agreed to a strong code of conduct for the factories that produce clothing bearing the UW logos and trademarks. UW required that the code of conduct should satisfy three demands. The university promised that women who work in these factories would have freedom from sexual harassment, forced pregnancy tests, forced birth control and other forms of gender discrimination. The university promised that workers would be given living wages to cover their basic needs. Finally, it promised full public disclosure of factories and their locations. Full disclosure is the key to success. It is obvious that without satisfying this demand, there is no way to be sure that the UW apparel we wear was made under fair conditions. Work conditions cannot be monitored if we do not know where the work is being done. Amazingly, this was one of the conditions our university and others most resisted.

Now we need to see action on these promises. Other universities have already begun to move. The University of Michigan, for instance, has shown its commitment to the issue and its students by sending a letter to each of its licensees stating:

"Effective not later than Jan. 1, 2000, The University of Michigan will require each

licensed manufacturer to disclose to the U of M the location (name, city, and street address) of each factory used in the production of all items which bear The University of Michigan marks. The University of Michigan Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights."

This is the first step. If our university is committed to keeping its promise, it should follow suit as soon as possible. If there is any hope of implementing the code of conduct, we must begin by identifying the workplaces where apparel is made. In order to identify the workplaces where apparel is made, licensees need to be prepared to turn over this information. They need to know that they will be required to do so soon.

Second, disclosure is important because it is the key to an effective monitoring plan. Our university has signed on to the Fair Labor Association (FLA) for factory monitoring. But it is hard to see how the FLA's monitoring plan can guarantee the kinds of conditions for workers demanded by the code, maybe because the monitoring used by FLA is supposedly under the control of the corporations that profit from not having to treat the workers fairly. The monitors have not done anything to change the actual behavior of licensees and their subcontractors. The monitor is, in fact, a for-profit corporation, Price-Waterhouse Cooper, dependent on corporations for its revenue.

If our university is serious about keeping its promise, it should look to alternatives, and it should do so in cooperation with those most heavily involved. The university has explored other options. It recently signed onto a pilot project, supported by UW resources and funding, but did so without consulting with those same students, faculty and community members who challenged the university in the first place.

Meanwhile, our own students have been actively involved in creating an alternative. In conjunction with non-government organizations that face the problems of workplace standards on a daily basis, students from UW-Madison and across the country have travelled all over the world investigating how monitoring could be done most effectively. These visits will result in an alternative model to the monitoring plan proposed by the FLA. This option will be presented to the university in the coming months.

The administrators at our university made a promise and the time has come for them to keep it. In the coming months, many events will occur to try and lead the university down the right path and ensure that we do the right thing. If you want to help, support the efforts of those working on this campus to make sure the university fulfills its end of the bargain.

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A grad student's response to 'Hat's off'

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the political science major who used his freedom of expression (which was bought and paid for with blood) to express his anger regarding a professor's policy. I hope he is also using that freedom to express pas-

sionate outrage about serious issues such as America's rapid cultural decline and politicians masquerading as wise and knowing statesmen. I also have something to say to professors. Do not let students' petty complaints discourage you. As teachers, your job is to earnestly seek truth and knowledge to the best of your

ability and then impart what you have learned to your students. Let nothing, especially discouragement, stand in the way of that goal.

C. Thompson, graduate of political science
Northern Kentucky University

'Thank You' from Andy Listerman

Dear Editor,

The Office of Human Resources is very grateful to the 108 faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteers that cleaned toys, washed buses and vans, washed laundry, organized closets, painted door murals, painted classrooms, painted the kitchen and cleaned the classrooms Saturday

Sept. 18 at the Redwood Rehabilitation Center. Redwood's Executive Director and Volunteer Coordinator said that Northern Kentucky University got more done than he had expected to achieve. He was thoroughly pleased with all the work that was accomplished and asked that NKU keep its affiliation with with Redwood in the future.

You should all feel proud because of the difference you made Saturday. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Andy Listerman, special projects coordinator
Northern Kentucky University

NORTH POLL

What fast food or restaurant chain would you like to see added to campus?

Branan Whitehead

Theatre
Somerset, Ky.
"I understand there used to be a Graters on campus. I'd like to see that back again, because every once in a while, I like a little ice cream."



Sally Stewart-Mckinnie

Business Management
Newport
"I like Chinese, so a Chinese buffet would be great."

Lauren Joos

Physical Education
Cincinnati
"I'd say Penn Station. That would give more variety to the food situation here."



Billy Pilgrim

Physical Education
Erlanger
"We need to add some class to campus with a Montgomery Inn. That will bring in the high-rollers."

Todd Bonnell

Undeclared
Loveland, Oh.
"We need a White Castle, because that's what I crave!"



Sara Anderson

Theatre
Fort Mitchell
"Wendy's, because they have good, cheap food."

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Kickboxing offers alternative exercise

Workout promotes fitness and coordination for students

By Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

Shaquille O'Neal and Carmen Electra both use it to stay in shape. It has grown in popularity, not only across the nation, but also on Northern Kentucky University's campus. Last semester it was the most popular aerobics class taught at the health center. It's called Cardio Kickboxing.

Cindy Lacey, fitness and aquatics coordinator for the health center, isn't surprised by kickboxing's popularity. "I love it," she said. Lacey isn't just a fan, but the instructor.

Cardio Kickboxing is a combination of stances, punches, kicks and stretches taken from tai-chi, karate and yoga.

Lacey said she developed the routine she uses in her classes on her own. She said she watched instructional videos to learn the moves and then developed her

workout.

Lacey introduced her workout at Fitworks in Newport, Ky. where she also works. It was so popular there that she brought it to NKU last semester.

Ashley Norris, an NKU student who takes three step aerobics classes a week, enjoys kickboxing more than step aerobics. "You move everything from head to toe," she said.

Erin Owen, an NKU student who also does step aerobics thinks kickboxing is better than step aerobics as well. "You use different moves and different muscles," she said.

Lacey and some students think kickboxing is a better workout. "I am able to teach two step aerobics classes back to back," Lacey said. "I don't think I could do back-to-back kickboxing classes."

Norris said that kickboxing is a very good workout. "I'll be hurting for two days afterward," she

said.

Roxie Gross, an NKU student said kickboxing is a good workout and fun to do.

Not all participants feel kickboxing is superior to step aerobics. Vivienne Theology, an NKU student prefers step aerobics. "I enjoy step aerobics more because I feel like I am doing something more energizing," she said.

Lacey said she has been an aerobics instructor since 1995. She is a certified group fitness instructor by the American Council on Exercise.

Lacey said that this isn't just a fad and that her average class size last semester was 75 to 100 people. This semester classes are held Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Lacey said that there is room in the classes and if a student is interested to show up at these days and times and sign up at the health center on the basketball courts.



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

Everybody is Kung-Fu Fighting. Students enrolled in the cardio kickboxing course are kicking their way to fitness.

GLVC Women's Tennis Standings

(Through Sunday, Sept. 28, 1999)

Team	GLVC		Overall	Pct.
	W-L	Pct.		
Blue Division				
Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne	4-1	.800	9-5	.643
Wisconsin-Parkside	3-1	.750	12-6	.667
SIU-Edwardsville	3-1	.750	10-5	.667
Indianapolis	2-2	.500	7-9	.438
St. Joseph's	1-4	.200	10-6	.625
Green Division				
NKU	5-0	1.000	15-1	.938
Missouri-St. Louis	2-2	.500	6-8	.429
Southern Indiana	2-3	.400	7-4	.636
Bellermine	2-3	.400	6-11	.353
Quincy	1-3	.250	4-8	.333
Kentucky Wesleyan	0-5	.000	4-6	.400

National Poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. Hawaii-Pacific	625	1
2. BYU-Hawaii	591	2
3. West Texas A&M	577	3
4. Augusta College	550	5
5. University of Tampa	500	6
5. Northern Kentucky	500	7
7. Nebraska-Omaha	448	13
8. Northern Colorado	404	18
9. Northern Michigan	392	10
10. North Dakota State	391	4
11. North Alabama	360	11
12. Cal State-Bakersville	351	12
13. Florida Southern	329	8
14. Regis	309	9
15. Central Missouri	293	14
16. South Dakota State	257	15
17. Colorado Christian	194	20
18. Barry	187	16
19. Nebraska-Kearney	149	17
20. Minnesota-Duluth	139	19
21. Cal State-Los Angeles	128	21
22. Grand Valley State	116	23
23. Rockhurst	114	22
24. Grand Canyon	80	25
25. North Florida	44	24

Norse Notes

-Women's Volleyball

The NKU volleyball team moved from number seven to number five in the latest poll with weekend wins over Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne and St. Joseph's. The Norse are now 15-1 in the season.

-Men's Soccer

The Norse men improved their record to 5-1-1 Saturday with a 4-0 win over St. Joseph's. Sophomore Kevin Crone scored two goals in the win.

-Women's Soccer

NKU remained undefeated this season with an overtime win against St. Joseph's on Saturday. Betsy Moore had another goal in the win.

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Tennis standout lives like an everyday student

Paducah native Jamie O'Hara is undefeated in the GLVC, but she still enjoys the simple things



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

THE FUTURE IS NOW: Sophomore O'Hara has helped NKU's women's tennis team to the top of the GLVC and Division II tennis.

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

A typical college student athlete could be described as a hard-working individual, who strives to achieve excellence in both athletics and education.

Sophomore tennis player Jamie O'Hara would be considered one of these student athletes.

O'Hara grew up in the small city of Paducah, Ky., which she considers to be pretty much the same as NKU.

O'Hara is a shy person, but she is a very hard-working and talented individual.

"She's quiet, but she is a very steady kid," explained NKU tennis head coach Dave Bezold. "The kids give her a hard time, because she is from southern Kentucky."

O'Hara started playing tennis in the third grade when she needed something to do in the summer.

O'Hara has been playing tennis ever since, and now she has worked her way up to the college level. She in college now and is playing in her second year on

the team this season.

O'Hara has her reasons why she chose NKU to play tennis.

"They gave me a real good offer," said O'Hara, "I really like the coaches," she said.

The campus life was another reason O'Hara chose to come to NKU to continue her education as well as play tennis.

"I picked this school because of the dorm rooms, which are small," said O'Hara. "My roommates are tennis players, and I really like them."

O'Hara said she also gets along well with the other players and coaches on the tennis team. She said she doesn't always agree with the coaches, but she always listens to what they have to say.

O'Hara enjoys NKU, but during the fall semester, she said it is a very busy time of the year for her.

"I am really busy," said O'Hara, "I go to class, I go straight to practice, I get something to eat and I do homework."

When O'Hara is playing tennis for NKU, she goes out and gets

the job done. However, she does a few things in order to prepare for games.

"My mom takes me to get pancakes for breakfast during morning games," said O'Hara, "I get chicken fingers at night."

Once O'Hara gets on to the tennis court, she is most assured of getting a win for the team. That is why she is considered one of the phenom tennis players in the NKU athletic program.

"She's great," said coach Bezold. "We feel like you got a point going in every match. It takes the pressure off everybody."

O'Hara has taken advantage of being a good tennis player. She has gone undefeated in Great Lakes Valley Conference competition over the two years she has been on the team.

However, tennis is not the only thing O'Hara likes to do. She has many other hobbies that she likes and is very much interested in.

"I used to play softball," said O'Hara, "I like to shop, I like to go out with friends and I like to watch TV."

People should know their role

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

The question goes like this: Do you enjoy professional wrestling? The answer: It doesn't matter what you think.

There are millions and millions of fans who do, and that is all that matters to the men in charge. What Ted Turner and Vince McMahon understand is that we live in America. Here, we have the freedom to choose what we watch. They understand that. These media moguls also understand what it is we want to see.

Every Monday night, beginning at 8:00 pm, there are those who plug into a phenomenon known as professional wrestling. Granted, most fans are men, but it seems as if forever Monday nights were meant for men.

For nearly 30 years Monday Night Football has ruled the T.V.'s across the nation. Men would gather by the herds to relish in the havoc two teams would create. However during the 1998 season things began to change.

The rise of professional wrestling has been nothing short of amazing. You can ask people anywhere about such stars as Stone Cold Steve Austin or The Rock and catch phrases like "That's the bottom line," or "Know your role and shut your mouth" are sure to follow. Instead of wanting to grow up to help mankind, kids want to grow up and be Mankind.

Of course with all good things controversy is inevitable. The are those who feel wrestling is too raw, or unrealistic. Well seeing how the name of the program is Raw is War one would think the easily deflated wouldn't watch.

There are also parents who complain about the violence. They say their kids play out the wrestling matches with friends, and people get hurt. There is some credence in this statement. A few kids have been seriously hurt or even killed as a result of wrestling moves. The same was true in the forties and fifties, however, only it was kids playing William Tell with the new bow and arrow set they had gotten for Christmas. My point is the problem doesn't lie in the program, it's the parents who substitute television for parental guidance. A parallel can be drawn between the dawn of television and declining family values.

Can you fault McMahon and Turner for their success? They bring enjoyment to so many people but are criticized for the way they do it. It's pretty simple. If you don't want to watch it or don't want your children to watch it then don't. Do what the rest of us do when a program comes on that we don't want to watch, turn it off.

The old adage goes if you ignore it, than it will go away. Unfortunately for some there are a lot of people who have something to say about that. Are these people wrong for enjoying wrestling? Should they be labeled? Absolutely not!

Women's tennis ends season perfect after win over Sinclair

Sophomore Jamie O'Hara extends her career long winning streak in GLVC play by winning in two sets

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team continued its winning ways Sept. 23 as the Norse defeated Bellarmine College 8-1 on their home court.

Sophomore Lauren Spears led the way for NKU as she defeated Paige Matheny in straight sets in singles competition.

Spears also teamed with freshman Dylan Lower to beat Matheny and Shannon Duvall 8-1 in doubles competition.

"I've stayed consistent," said Spears, "I have been in the match when I've needed to be."

Sophomore Jamie O'Hara also

continued her undefeated streak in Great Lakes Valley Conference competition over the last two years by winning her singles match against Bellarmine's Casey Bozaria in two sets.

O'Hara won her doubles match with teammate Claudia Rueli by a score of 8-1.

Overall, NKU ended up going undefeated in doubles competition and went 5-1 in the singles events on Thursday.

"We played pretty well today," said Spears, "We kept our head in it and we pulled it out."

With the win, NKU is now 10-0 on the year and is undefeated for the second season in a row in GLVC play. The women's tennis

program hasn't seen a loss in the GLVC since 1997.

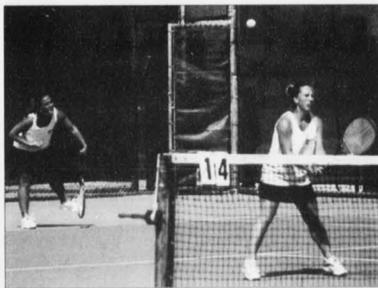
"It's great," said head coach Dave Bezold about the tennis team's perfect record in GLVC competition. "We're not only going undefeated, but we're not giving up anything."

The Norse hopes to continue how they have been playing as it prepares for the GLVC tournament in a couple of weeks.

"We need to finish it [our game] off in the conference tournament," said Bezold.

"We need to play together more in doubles," added Spears. "We need to have some confidence."

The unbeaten Norse next go to Indianapolis, Ind. on Oct. 1-3 in the Rolex Tournament.



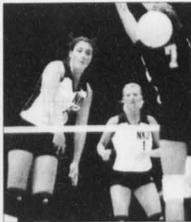
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UNDEFEATED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD: The 1999 NKU women's tennis team completed a perfect season Tuesday with a win over Sinclair.

The Northerner Players of the Week



Photos by Jeff McCurry
Left: Kristen Noakes
Freshman Noakes scored game winning goals against GLVC foes last week. She was named the GLVC player of the week.



Right: Jessica Buraker
Buraker had a monster week against the GLVC last week with 38 kills and 28 digs. She was also named GLVC player of the week.

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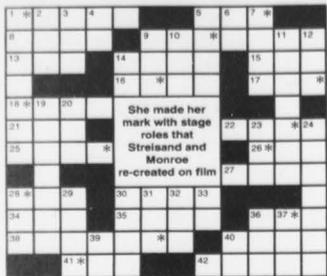
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 - Close
 - 1965 documentary series
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 - Feather's partner, in phrase
 - One of Judy's daughters
 - Give _____ go, attempt
 - Who's the Boss? role
 - Game broadcaster's letters
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 - Liam's home
 - 1973 Billy Dee Williams movie
 - Joe Penny's '87-'92 title role
 - Tina's ex
 - Said news, for short
 - The _____ '96 Robert De Niro film
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 - Oz visitor
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- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
It isn't necessarily a bad thing that you didn't get what you wanted. Remember, things usually work out for the best.
 - Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Get away from your troubles for a while and help someone in need. Watch your health and dietary needs.
 - Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
A lighthearted book or movie is just what you need to get you out of the doldrums. Exercise can also help lift your mood.
 - Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
Take steps to simplify all areas of your life. You may need to take some time to organize and clean out the clutter at home and the office.
 - Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
A brainstorming session with associates helps solve some problems with a project. Keep an open mind to all ideas.
 - Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Music plays an important part in a celebration. Learn to be more accepting of others; no one is perfect.
 - Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Don't let someone rush you into making a decision you may regret. You need space and time to think things through.
 - Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
You can make your point without shouting or being verbally abusive. Take a deep breath and find another way to communicate your needs.
 - Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
A friend or loved one needs you to listen without judging. Streamline your workload and spend more time with family.
 - Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
You will be challenged by difficult circumstances, but you will prevail. Avoid the fast lane and keep it simple.
 - Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Tackle those nagging habits once and for all. Make a plan and set some goals so you can see what you have accomplished.
 - Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
A shopping trip proves to be fruitful and fun. Hold off on making a big-ticket purchase until you have some time to think about it.

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