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High scores win prestige for Chase

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Thirty-one students walked into a bar. Four months later, 25 of them were allowed by the State of Ohio to practice law.

When the February 2000 Ohio Bar Exam scores were posted, the results showed Northern Kentucky University's student passing rate to be higher than the rates of all nine law schools in Ohio.

"We historically fare well on the Ohio Bar Examination," said Gerard St. Amand, Dean of the Chase College of Law at NKU. "However, it is particularly gratifying to record a passing rate significantly higher than all the Ohio law schools."

According to records from the Examiners office of the Ohio Bar, the highest passing rate among Ohio law schools was 65%, attained by both the University of Akron and Ohio State University. Of the 31 Chase students that took the exam, 81% succeeded in passing.

"The significance of this performance is even greater because Ohio recently raised the required passing score on the examination," St. Amand added. The 30 point increase occurred in July of 1997.

The bar is a three-day examination administered by every state in the country. The state and national bar must be passed in order to receive a license to become a practicing lawyer. The license is only

valid in the state which the exam applies to.

Questions on the first and third day involve only state law. These essays cover a list of subjects, such as civil procedure, legal ethics and commercial transactions. The second day is dedicated to the Multistate Bar Exam, a multiple choice test on federal law. A passing grade is 405 out of 600.

"I thought it was impossible," said David Rich, 27, one of the Chase students who passed the February exam. "I don't think they expect anyone to get the questions right," he added, laughing.

The secret to doing well in law school, according to Rich is hard work and dedication. "I went to my

bar review course, and then studied for hours every night."

Rich graduated from Chase in July 1999. "It's an excellent school," he said. "When I was looking for a law school, my only other choice was the University of Kentucky. I decided I wanted to stay close to the area."

Regarding Chase's curriculum, Rich suggested that there are not enough practical real world courses. "They should have students do internships during the last year before graduation," he said.

Although Rich has not yet accepted any job offers, other Chase graduates have looked up at some major corporations, according to Associate Dean of Academics Sharlene

Lasster.

"Some have been working in the law departments of Lexis Nexis, Proctor & Gamble, and Cinergy," she said. The Cincinnati firms Frost & Jacobs LLP and Keating, Muehling, & Klekamp PLL have also hired several Chase graduates.

The current enrollment at NKU's law school is approximately 390, a mixture of full-time and part-time students. It has a student/faculty ratio of 13 to 1.

St. Amand said the results of the February bar are evidence of the institution's effectiveness. "This success also serves as another validation of the continuing and growing strength of our educational programs at Chase."

Bookstore goes corporate

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The Follett Group, one of the largest college and university book store management companies in the nation, began running Northern Kentucky University's on-campus bookstore July 28.

The Follett Group manages more than 630 bookstores on campuses at schools as large as Notre Dame University and as small as Jefferson Community College in Louisville. Ken Ramey, assistant vice president for business operations and auxiliary services, said.

Ramey was on the committee that accepted Follett's proposal to manage the store.

The committee also included two students, two faculty members and three staff members. Ramey

said.

NKU received proposals from two other bookstore management companies, Barnes and Noble and Walla's Bookstore but Follett's proposal seemed to be the most beneficial to NKU, Ramey said.

He said financial considerations, while important, were not going to be the "driving force" in the decision. "We wanted the best overall proposal that would meet the needs of the students," he said.

Another important factor, Ramey said, was the quality of the new bookstore manager. Both Barnes and Noble and Follett sent information on who NKU's new manager would be and Follett's Trish Large was the best fit for NKU, Ramey said.

Wright said the change will benefit students by being able to provide more services such as online textbook buying, a better mix of merchandise and more used textbooks.

"A larger company means more buying power, technological support, and advertising," Wright said. Ramey said the change was necessary because of rapid changes in the bookstore industry within the last few years and it is hard to keep up with the drastic change in technology with the advent of e-commerce.

Wright said there would be a renovation of the bookstore. She said most of these changes would take place after August.

"Not a lot of changes will be made before fall classes start," she said.

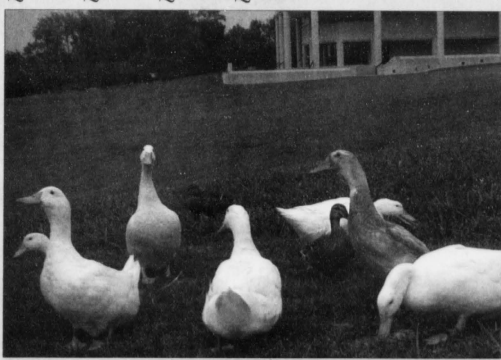
Wright said the renovation should not be a major inconvenience to students because it will be done a section at a time.

"The store will not close during [renovation]," she said. Ramey said the renovation process should be complete by spring.

Large said the renovations will

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Quack Quack Quack Quack



Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner

While NKU still has a way to go to reach its diversity goal, its fine feathered full-time residents may be able to give the administration some helpful tips.

Diversity in enrollment rising

By Hleviani Baloyi
Managing Editor

Enrollment of International and minority students at Northern Kentucky University increased dramatically this fall semester.

The need for diversity on NKU's campus has been a top priority for President James C. Votruba and his administration. It is no surprise the increase in diversity and events

for international and minority student organizations has drawn attention to NKU.

Rhonda Webb, admissions counselor for minority recruitment, said it is important to have a diverse campus climate with activities to enhance student progress academically and socially.

Webb put together the African-American Recruitment Team (AART) five years ago. AART focuses

mainly on the recruitment of African-American students. They travel to predominately African-American schools in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area, Dayton, Columbus, Louisville, western Kentucky and Detroit.

AART provides information packets about NKU to high school students and invites them to visit the campus. Webb is also involved in

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Will and Stephanopoulos to dispense political insight at NKU

By Scott Warrman
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University students will have an opportunity to become more educated voters for the November election when ABC political correspondents, George Will and George Stephanopoulos will visit the campus Sept. 20.

Stephanopoulos, former deputy campaign manager and director of communications for President Bill Clinton and tenured reporter Will are giving a lecture entitled "The Power of the Presidency." The speakers will give their first-hand insights on the one of the most powerful positions in the world.

The lecture is exclusive to NKU and the first time Stephanopoulos and Will have appeared together at an event outside of their Sunday morning political roundtable show "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

Because the speakers are of a high caliber and of a good reputation, NKU President James Votruba said he expects the two to give a very interesting talk.

Both George Will and George Stephanopoulos have rich insights that flow from careers in national politics," Votruba said. "I have met with Will in the past and find him to be one of the most reflective and engaging commentators to be found anywhere. Stephanopoulos brings his own perspective from several years spent within the Clinton White House."

"The Power of the Presidency" lecture is the culmination of two

years of work by the Alumni Association. NKU Alumni Lectures Chairman Chris Burns said the two ABC reporters were exactly what they were looking for the Alumni Association was ecstatic when they found out they had landed them.

"We wanted something that would be timely," Burns said. "We didn't want sports or Hollywood to speak. We wanted something different."

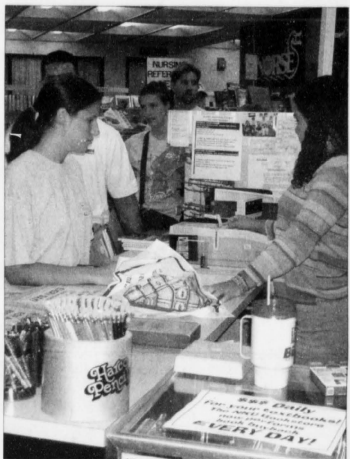
The main bulk of the evening will be separate speeches by each pundit in Regents Hall with a question and answer session afterward. Prior to that, there will be a more intimate Q&A in Greaves for students only. For students, the lecture in Regents is \$5, \$15 for faculty and \$20 for the general public. The prior Q&A session is free but students must purchase a ticket beforehand. Tickets for both can be picked up at the Mark R. Herrmann Center.

In addition to being a correspondent on "This Week," Stephanopoulos recently penned his first-hand account of working alongside Clinton entitled *All Too Human*, as well as being a visiting professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia.

Will has been a syndicated columnist for the *Washington Post* since 1974 and currently appears twice weekly in nearly 500 newspapers in the United States and Europe. He is also a contributing editor of *Newsweek* and author of 10 novels.

Terri Schierberg, editor of the

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New management welcomed the return of NKU students to the requisite long lines present at the beginning of a school year.

Votruba addresses the future

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

"If someone had said three years ago we would be where we are now, I would have been skeptical," Dr. James Votruba, president of Northern Kentucky University, said.

Votruba said he feels NKU is entering its strongest year ever. Much of this he credits to recent history, especially last year during the Kentucky legislature's General Assembly, which saw the passing of the Benchmark funding.

"For us, that session was historic," Votruba said. "This campus was neglected in Frankfort for too long. This will allow us to move much more rapidly down that journey we have set for ourselves."

That journey, he said, leads to

NKU being an internationally recognized institution of learning.

"NKU benefited a great deal from House Bill One," Votruba said, referring to the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. It was this bill that set the goals of Kentucky Higher Education, stating that regional universities would work cooperatively with each other to "assure statewide access to baccalaureate and master's degrees of a quality at or above the national average."

This bill laid the foundation for the Benchmark funding last year, which resulted in millions of dollars in extra funding for NKU. "We have been able to make a commitment to become more competitive," Votruba said in regards to recruiting new faculty. With the graying of NKU's fac-

ulty, it is estimated that over the next ten years over fifty percent of the professors currently teaching will retire. This is a trend happening all over the country, which means that competition is rising nationally.

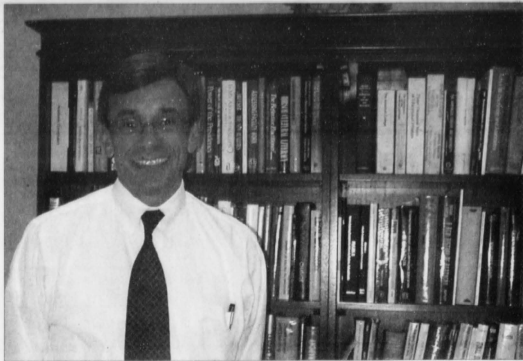
Votruba said professors are paid about \$11,000 less per year than professors at comparable schools.

Besides recruitment of quality faculty, Votruba said the university is also focusing on recruitment of a diverse student population.

"We are preparing our students for a diverse world," he said, and students need to study in an environment that reflects the real world.

This year NKU aggressively recruited international students for the first time. As a result this semester will see the largest group

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Rachel Dietz/The Northern

NKU president James C. Votruba listed diversity, recruitment and retention of faculty and students as goals for the immediate and distant future.

Parking a matter of strategy

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

The beginning of school is full of tradition. Sororities and fraternities recruiting new freshmen, entertainment coordinated by student life such as Freshfusion, adding and dropping classes and too many more to name.

One tradition no one looks forward to though is the traffic. Yes, that's right, it is the first day of class, you're slept in too late, used to those late summer mornings, and as you leave the house you calculate the time the trip will take and realize you have only a minute to spare.

It's a sick feeling in the pit of your stomach when you pull off the exit and pull up short behind the line of stopped cars. This has happened to many a student, and if it hasn't happened to you yet, it will. Northern Kentucky University is a commuter school, and one of the inconveniences of this is the lines of traffic.

Yet with a little experience (or advice from an experienced senior), you can find ways around the usual traffic back-ups.

Most of NKU's traffic problems stem from the fact that only two entrances are utilized by the majority of students, according to Mike Baker, vice president of admis-

tration and finance.

"It's not as bad as last year," Baker said. "But there is still need for improvement."

Baker said that the majority of traffic uses the Three Mile Road exit from I-275 east bound. From there, most students try to turn right onto Kenton Drive (which runs past Norse Commons). The traffic quickly backs up as faster moving cars catch up with the slower traffic lining in along this road and thus, traffic jams.

One alternate route that Baker suggests is the Wilder/Mayville Exit onto Rt. 9 just one exit before Three Mile Road. From there stu-

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D.P.S. REPORTS

A female called to state she had been receiving very disgusting phone calls all evening and wanted an officer to respond.

A caller stated that a male had been trying the rooms up and down the corridor for an open door, and when she looked out she could see that he was very intoxicated (having trouble walking and seeing) and she was frightened for her safety. DPS arrived to find the male individual apparently intoxicated and placed

him in custody.

An officer responded to Regents Hall in response to a wounded crow. Larry Schabell of Physical Plant stated that he tried to remove the bird from the ramp area but the other crows above protected the wounded animal by flying down on him to attack. Gordon Walthers responded from Kentucky Department

of Fish and Wildlife and captured the wounded crow and transported it to a farm to release the animal. Walthers stated there will be a fee of \$35 billed to Northern Kentucky University Public Safety.

County Dispatch advised they received a 911 call from a woman in labor. The woman was located on the 2nd floor BEP at the pay phones. NKU nurse Michelle Kay was on the scene. The woman was taken to St. Elizabeth South.



Photo Contributed

Washington political pundits George Will and George Stephanopoulos

GEORGES: pundits in town

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Alumni Association's publication *Northern*, said this is a unique opportunity to learn how our political system runs.

"What they shed some light on what it means to be the President," Schierberg said.

Votruba said the evening will be very beneficial to the university.

"First, it reinforces our commitment to create public forums that address major contemporary issues," Votruba said. "Second, it provides increased visibility for NKU and brings to our campus peo-

ple who might not otherwise visit us."

Director of Alumni Affairs Nancy Perry said there have been tickets to the event given to local schools and local organization in order to make an outreach effort to NKU's surrounding neighborhood.

"We believe it fits into the (Votruba's) idea of NKU being a resource to the community," Perry said. "This is going to be a hard act to follow."

ENROLLMENT: diversifying

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the NKU ROCKS program set up to help African-American freshmen make a smooth transition into their first year. The NKU ROCKS program recruits continuing students to mentor incoming freshmen.

ART is attempting to attract African-American students who are academically strong. In the past African-American students received scholarships and registered in developmental classes. Webb said the problem has been corrected this year and students are receiving scholarships based on academics.

Webb said, "We are hopeful that we will increase recruitment as the past, however, it is important to retain those who are positively progressing towards graduation."

The recruitment of African-American students has been successful under ART. This year NKU plans to providing funding for recruitment of international students. International Admission Processing Specialist Maureen Woods said of the 220 who applied to NKU, 139 were accepted for fall 2000. 77 are new students, an overwhelming amount compared to 42 enrolled last year.

Woods said many international students are recruited by students already attending NKU. This year the International Student Office has been allocated some money for recruitment and hopes to begin

to network with students in different countries.

International students must submit an application, have a 1-20 and proof of financial support to be considered for enrollment to NKU. Woods said, "It is important for international students to have the necessary paperwork for admission to NKU in order to meet requirements for processing."

Woods said many students have been denied visas this year because their countries are afraid they will not return. The International Student Office must meet all immigration guidelines to accept international students at NKU.

There is a supportive network for international students at NKU through the International Student Union (ISU). Members of ISU are admitted to international students to help them apply for housing, register, obtain health insurance and adjust culturally.

ISU President Prince Ellis said, "NKU makes life comfortable in terms of community, campus recreation and encourages academics. ISU helps students deal with cultural issues and provides activities for students to meet one another and get involved."

NKU is growing at a large rate every year and more diversity is expected for the future.

BOOKSTORE: changes hands

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involve new carpeting, cash registers and other changes that will give the bookstore a facelift. Ramey said the bookstore has remained unchanged since the early '70s.

Large said she has seen Follett bookstore remodelings before and they do a very nice job.

Other changes to look for, Large said, is an increase in gift items and a larger selection of clothing. The bookstore no longer sells computers because, Large said, students need to speak with knowledgeable sales people who will help the student choose the right equipment and Follett doesn't specialize in the computer business.

Textbooks are Follett's specialty she said.

Ramey said online textbook buying should also be in place no later than spring.

Large said students will have three options when buying books online. Students can reserve books to be picked up and paid for later, prepay for them and pick them up or pay for them and have them delivered to their house, she said.

Large said students know the books they are buying are exactly

what they need because all online purchases are done through Follett and the bookstore. Returning books bought online will also be easier because they can be returned to NKU's bookstore and not mailed.

Wright said even though the management is changing, most of the familiar faces in the bookstore would remain the same. Wright said all the employees were given an opportunity to stay and most employees took the opportunity. Wright, however, chose not to.

"I have been here for twelve years and it would be a good time to make a change," Wright said.

The employees who stayed with the bookstore kept their existing salaries and have a 120 day probationary period.

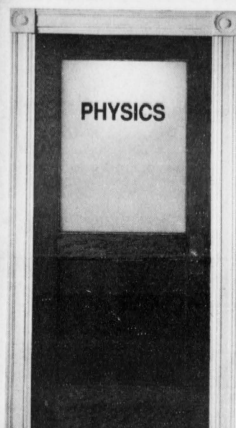
Ramey said that NKU would not lose money by giving up management of the bookstore. "It will be a financial return to the university," he said.

The school will collect a 9 percent commission on the first 4 million dollars in sales and 10 percent after that.

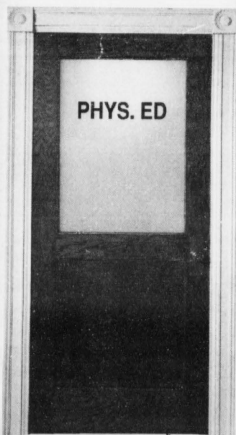
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The power of feminine wiles

By Amanda Thompson
Kentucky Kernel (University of Kentucky)

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky.—I remember as a little girl being told I could do absolutely anything I wanted when I got older. I was also told I could perform any task no matter how

difficult if I set my mind to it. However I soon found, as I grew older, that this is a man's world. I admit there are drawbacks to being women. One being that we don't have the ability to write our names in the snow. But, being women means we can bear children, use our feminine wiles to get whatever we want. Wait. Back up a minute, use our feminine wiles to get whatever we want?

That's right. Feminist power has taken on a new cloth and bought a purse and shoes to match.

We have all heard that our American society we hold so dear is run by men. While that belief is not unfounded in most circles of history, a new realm of feminist power is quickly taking the reins.

The first few signs of feminism made their way eagerly through our lives in such forms as Valerie Solanas and her S.C.U.M. Manifesto. S.C.U.M. Manifesto stands simply for Society for Cutting Up Men. Solanas felt an eternal loathing for the common housewife. Her policies and beliefs were based on the hatred of the female in society whose role revolved solely around the kitchen and under the male's boot.

The fierce fire of feminist anger continued to grow stronger and bolstered throughout the course of time. However, now another form of feminine strength has come to the main burner on the

stove. No longer are her heroines all brute and brain. They are now also sexy. Instead of changing society through violence, rage and terror, we are now working through the ideals of sex.

One of the major contributors to this shift in roles is the bold and

perhaps brash cast of HBO's "Sex and the City." The four women who are currently filling the lead roles on the show make for a powerful combination. Each character is full of stamina, willing to give all and do all to see their careers advance while their social lives play mistress to their goals.

The concept of staying single and focusing on career as opposed to marriage and children is not a new one. If a woman has seen any of the James Bond movies she knows that all she has to do to catch 007's eye is wink and shake a martini. Yet this theme seems to have taken America by storm. Career-minded single women are blossoming in industry as well as boosting the economy to new heights.

Other such shows that proudly display women in the driver's seat and not the kitchen are Showtime's "Soul Food" and NBC's "Providence." Networks are picking up on the selling concept of strong women in strong roles without using men as head of the family.

Among the wide variety of books to join women in their quest of self-discovery and progress are Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones's Diary and Melissa Bank's The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing.

As women of today jump on the bandwagon of using sexual appeal to lure progress as well as men, we might be forgetting what it means to have feminine power. We have power in the fact that we don't feel the urge to prove ourselves to other women that we can do something. The days of rage for men appear to have lessened in compared to that of the rage for career and self-worth.

We are far from forgetting the first true pioneers in the women's movement for power and acknowledgment. However, as we begin our struggle to overcome societal stereotypes of common housewives, die-hard feminists and/or lascivious eye-candy, do not forget one thing. While we may not be able to pee standing up, at least we know that we have the smarts to find this a bathroom.

So Dude, are you a sophomore yet?

No . . .

I would have been a sophomore. But I spent my first semester trying to find a parking spot. So . . . I'm still a freshman!

Oh man, I know what you mean!

The first time I found a GOOD

parking space - and I'm not ashamed to admit it -

I cried like a baby!! <sniff, choke, sniff>

Of course that was three years ago . . .

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12,000 STUDENTS - 11,999 PARKED VEHICLES

News Analysis: Race turning ugly

Kentucky set to go towards Bush in election, Gore says state still in play

By RON FOURNIER
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush are pouring tens of millions of dollars into an unprecedented advertising blitz, yielding clues with every new TV commercial about how, and where, the presidential campaign will be fought.

It will be negative: Republicans, deeply divided this week over their ad strategies, abruptly pulled a commercial questioning the veracity of Gore and President Bill Clinton, though Bush's aides said the topic is still far game. And Gore is set to attack Bush's record as Texas governor.

It will be fluid: Both candidates are adding and subtracting states in their ad mix as campaign strategies shift. Gore has shut off funding to Kentucky while Bush omitted vote-rich California from his first general election ad buy.

It will be close: Twenty-one states are getting an early dose of political ads this week, a sign that both parties

feel they can compete across the electoral map.

"If you're searching for evidence that this race will be tight, just look at the Bush ad buy. It just shows that they're nervous," said Gore spokesman Chris Leahane whose boss, perhaps a bit nervous himself, is matching Bush dollar-for-dollar.

With their ad buys this week, both Gore and Bush reveal their strengths and weaknesses in several states, including:

California, where Bush has promised to compete on Democratic turf. The Republican Party aired a few education ads in July, but Bush's first ad campaign ignores the Golden State.

Democrats say Bush must be winning California and its 54 electoral votes. Nonetheless, say Bush advisers, who predict that ads will air in the state next month. The campaign and its Republican allies have budgeted \$18 million to spend on California from the end of September to Election Day, one source said.

Kentucky, a state won by Clinton

in 1992 and 1996. It is now leaning toward Bush, though the Democratic Party spent more than 1 million dollars for summer ads.

This week, Gore is spending a few thousand dollars in just one Kentucky TV market, a paltry campaign designed to court voters in neighboring Missouri. A large ad pollout usually suggests that a campaign is giving up the state, but Gore aides say Kentucky is still in play.

North Carolina, Georgia, Nevada and New Hampshire - the four states airing Republican ads and nothing from Gore. The vice president's campaign says New Hampshire is a Democratic state that will eventually swing their way.

North Carolina and Georgia are typical of Gore's problems in the South: Bush is leading polls, and state Democratic leaders are keeping their distance from their presidential nominee.

The Democratic Party ran a nominal ad campaign in Georgia this summer, nothing in North Carolina, and

won't play in these states unless Gore starts running stronger nationally, say senior Democrats who advise Gore.

A top vice presidential adviser said ads will run in Nevada later in the campaign to highlight local issues that cut against Bush.

Florida, where Bush's brother Jeb is governor. Won once by Clinton in 1996, the state should be in Bush's column by now but Gore has battled him to a dead heat.

Gore is spending more than \$100,000 in three Florida TV markets this week, according to Republican ad analysts. Bush may spend twice as much in nine markets, hoping to run Gore out of the state.

Bush, who put the brakes on the veracity ad this week, has frustrated some Republicans with his reluctance to go negative. Republican officials say Bush apparently fears a backlash after promising voters a more civil brand of politics.

Ron Fournier is chief political

writer for The Associated Press.

NORTH POLL

What do you think of the changes on campus this semester?

Derek Bradshaw
Accounting
Cincinnati

"Most people think the construction is a hassle but it all presents a change on campus that NKU is expanding to be a larger college of the 21st century."

Cassie Peluso
Social Work
Newport

"I don't mind the construction except for that it makes parking difficult and I refuse to park in the parking garage when I already paid \$48 for a parking pass!"

Melanie Lezcano
Psychology
Florence

"I thought the parking garage was very convenient, especially when you are running late and can't find a spot."



Aaron Klopp
Political Science
Florence

"The traffic is worse than ever this year. The new science building looks nice, though."



Elizabeth Volmert
Speech Communication
Newport

"The new science building and parking garage are well needed, but taking up an entire parking lot for a building is not efficient and charging students to park in the garage is unfair."



Margo Wagner
Political Science
Newport

"I think that if NKU wants to build a new science building over our existing parking lots then NKU should at least provide free parking in the new garage."

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Ventura campaigns for Independence Party Candidates

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ST. PAUL (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura will work actively on behalf of several Independence Party candidates this campaign season, party chairman Rick McCluhan said.

McCluhan said Ventura will tape audio and video promotions for candidates starting next week and will make personal appearances and help with fund-raisers, mostly after the Sept. 12 primary election.

It will be the most political activity by Ventura since his own successful 1998 campaign, McCluhan said.

"He's very enthused," he said. "My biggest challenge anytime with Governor Ventura is just the challenge of his schedule, clearing time to make appearances."

Ventura spokesman John Wiedle confirmed Thursday that the governor plans to campaign for some Independence Party candidates and help raise money.

Independence Party candidates

ran in five special legislative elections since Ventura became governor in January 1999, but he took an active, public role in only one of them, a state Senate race in southern Minnesota. The Republican candidate won.

That will change this year, McCluhan said. "He's actually excited about the prospect," he said. "Victories in the Legislature would add to the legitimacy of our party."

The party, called the Reform Party in the last election, is field-

ing more candidates this year than ever before. Forty Independence Party candidates have filed for legislative seats, although that number will be thinned after the primary.

The party will also have a U.S. Senate candidate and three congressional candidates in the 2nd, 4th and 5th districts — and a handful of candidates for local offices. The biggest political push would be if voters sent an Independence Party candidate to Congress. The best possibility for that is in the 4th District, where

Pam Ellison, the party's endorsed candidate, is being challenged by Tom Foley, a former DFLer and former Ramsey County attorney.

"If he is our candidate, there will be strong support from the governor," McCluhan said of Foley.

He said the governor will help Ellison if she wins the primary. But recent polls show Foley's name recognition tops of all 4th District candidates.

McCluhan said the governor

will participate in three fund-raisers next month: for Cy Thao, who is running for the state House seat held by Rep. Andy Dawkins, DFL-St. Paul; for Nancy J. Jorgensen, running for an open House seat in Fridley, and for the Independence Party.

"This is kind of a sleeper of a year," McCluhan said. "Everyone is predicting low voter turnout. But I think there is an independent voter streak. The secret is who can get the disenfranchised voter to the polls."

Limbaugh lambastes Dems

Aug 26

PUYALLUP, Wash. (AP) — Thousands of "Ditto Heads," the adoring fans of national radio commentator Rush Limbaugh, cheered Saturday as the conservative entertainment icon issued these requests for the November elections:

Keep Vice President Al Gore, second-in-command of the most corrupt administration in U.S. history, from becoming president. And replace Washington state's Democratic governor, Gary Locke, with fellow conservative talk-show host John Carlson.

Carlson boosted his campaign for the GOP gubernatorial nomination by linking himself with Limbaugh, who is revered by thousands. Carlson is competing with state Sen. Harold Hochstetler of Moses Lake in the Sept. 19 state primary.

Thousands jammed the grandstand of the Western Washington Fairgrounds, an overflow crowd watched on video screens behind and beside the flag-draped stage — to hear Limbaugh, Carlson, former U.S. Education Secretary Bill Bennett and a slate of GOP candidates for various offices.

Sponsors said 40,000 were on hand, making it the biggest political rally in state history. Police estimated the crowd at closer to 35,000.

Regardless, it was a boisterous campaign kickoff for the state Republican Party, which is seeking to regain control of the governor's office, the Legislature and the congressional delegation, as well as hold Slade Gorton's Senate seat and help win back the White House.

The annual event is normally held on the Vashon Island ranch of party benefactor Tom Stewart and draws between 5,000 and 10,000 people. When Limbaugh agreed to come, party leaders had to move to a bigger venue.

"We are catching the fever this year," said Arnold Fokema of Renton, who came with his wife and children. "We're Republicans and proud of it."

Victor and Bev Melton of Lacey said Limbaugh helped get Republicans

fired up.

The whole base is energized. People are sick of the whole Clinton-Gore era and the corruption," said Victor Melton, an electrician and union member.

Democrats saw it otherwise. The state Democratic Party had three people at the picnic posing as joker playing cards and called Limbaugh, Carlson and Gorton "three of a kind" who share extremist positions and are "a losing hand for Washington."

"The feel-good rhetoric of the Republican national convention has worn off and the masquerade ball is over," state Democratic Chairman Paul Berend said in a statement distributed to reporters at the picnic.

"The Republicans are showing their true colors by hosting Rush Limbaugh," who has shown outright hostility toward women, gays, African-Americans and Native Americans,"

Limbaugh, who said he could not recall making a candidate endorsement in years, said he first heard about Carlson in 1995. Carlson, host of his own radio talk show, defended Limbaugh against charges by President Clinton that conservative radio was somehow to blame for the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, Limbaugh said.

Other than that, Limbaugh spent most of his time criticizing Clinton and Gore, with humorous jabs at the "liberal media" sprinkled throughout. He complained that Gore, whom he called "the vice perpetrator," is ignoring the effects of the booming economy and instead views Americans as "helpless waifs" who need government to help them.

Limbaugh barely mentioned Gore's chief opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, except to caution Republicans to remember the "conservative" when talking about Bush's "compassionate conservative" strategy.

Meanwhile, Carlson reveled in the

attention.

He criticized Olympia as a government that's so far out of touch that people have to run bullet initiatives to get what they want, an apparent reference to his success with anti-crime and anti-affirmative action measures.

He also pledged to run an initiative from the governor's office that would let private companies bid for jobs now done by state employees if the Legislature doesn't approve such a bill this winter. The proposal has died every session for years.

Carlson predicted that Locke and other Democrats will suffer the same fate as all but one of the contestants on this summer's hit television show "Survivor."

"We're going to see another version of it in November when Gary Locke and Democrats are going to be voted off the island," he said to cheers. Still, there was no doubt whom most people came to see. As soon as Limbaugh left the stage, nearly everyone streamed toward the exits, leaving initiative guru Tim Eymann talking passively to the few remaining pockets of people.

Before the headline acts took the stage, Hochstetler delivered an emotional speech in which he said it's time for Washington voters to snatch their government from the unelected bureaucrats who write rules and regulations into Washington Administrative Code, known as WACs.

"We're being whacked to death by the WACs," he said.

Hochstetler was warmly received, but his reception was nothing like the standing ovation, shouting and sign-waving that greeted Carlson, who used to host a talk show on KVI, the same Seattle-area station that carries Limbaugh's national program.

Gorton also complained about an overreaching government and vowed to continue to press for lower taxes, less regulation and to protect the lower Snake River dams from environmentalists who want the structures torn down to help salmon.

Gorton, known for his cerebral and aloof image, took a page from Gore's Democratic convention playbook by giving his wife Sally a passionate onstage kiss, to the delight of the crowd.

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in chief

We live in the age of the celebrity. For some reason the American public is obsessed and trusts their favorite stars.

We have movie stars selling us milk. We have ex-boxing legends selling us grills. Everywhere you look you see celebrities endorsing one product or another, trading off their image.



It seems politics is no different. In their desperate struggle for the American voter's attention the political parties have latched onto celebrity figures just as closely as advertisers selling a product.

Each political season I watch and wonder what it is that sets these entertainers on such a high status that their politics should influence how the public feels. I have a hard enough time seeing the relevance of how a celebrity feels about my next car, let alone the government that runs my country.

But I guess it works, or else why would the political parties keep it up?

One of the most striking instances that comes to mind is during the Democratic Convention this month. I sat there watching the convention when during the interlude leading up to her speaking suddenly Macky Hart, drummer for The Grateful Dead is being interviewed.

Now don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the Dead, in fact I'm what you might call a fan ("Reckoning" being my favorite studio album), but why am I supposed to care who he is supporting? He is an entertainer, so why should I care about his personal relations with them, and whether they are fans or not.

But there he was, up on stage just minutes later "rocking out" with Tipper.

Give me a break. It is reassuring that the Gores have good taste in music, but I doubt if I will be hanging out with them in the living room trying to find something to listen to.

The Dems are not the only ones riding along on the celebrity bandwagon.

We have an ex-professional wrestler running a state. Again, I have nothing about Jesse "The Brain" Ventura. Nice character. I even like a lot of his politics. But ask yourself if he would be in the Governor's Mansion of Minnesota if he had never stepped foot in the wrestling ring.

Jesse has done some good things for politics in Minnesota, such as connecting with that 18 to 25 population of the voters that most main stream polls have all but abandoned as a lost cause.

Some celebrities have preyed off of politics to make their living. Yes, I give you Rush Limbaugh.

Tell me, what is up with him and these "ditto heads?" I just looked ditto up in Webster's New World Dictionary, and the first definition is "the same."

So this means that we have what amounts to the hatchman of the Republican Party just being obnoxious, supposedly telling these ditto heads "How it really is." Thousands of listeners latch onto him and his rabid skewed politics and actually call him up to tell him they are a "Ditto Head," or in other words just like him.

Let's face it people, he is obnoxious. I don't know many people that find that a point of pride, but I guess they are out there.

The list goes on and on. Charleston Heston for the National Rifle Association (and the Republicans), Martin Sheen for the Dems, Bill Maher for the Libertarians.

The next time someone sees a celebrity endorsing a candidate, I wish they would just take a moment and wonder, "Why do I care what they think?"



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The "Big One" that didn't get away



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The trophy prize from Lake of the Woods. The large Muskie measured 46 inches long and estimated weight was 35 pounds.

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

When I saw my first Muskie, I wasn't even sure if it was a fish that was after my lure or some monster from the deep rising to devour our boat.

I have heard stories and seen pictures, but none of these prepared me for the actual experience of seeing the elusive Muskie in the water.

While there are several lakes in Kentucky that are stocked with them, it is a rare day to see one, let alone land one. For each Muskie landed in Kentucky a fisherman averages ten thousand casts. Yes, that is a lot, and that is also why we made the 1,100 mile trip to Lake of the Woods in Ontario, Canada. According to Muskie fishermen all over the North American continent, it is one of the premier Muskie fishing hotspots. Each year tens of thousands of fishermen travel from all over the United States to this three hundred mile

long lake in the middle of the northern woods of Ontario.

This is nothing like your favorite local fishing spot, and the fish are nothing like your typical bass or crappie you pull out of it. Muskie fishing could also be called Muskie hunting. The most important aspect of catching one is first knowing where they are. In order to find them, you must know them and understand their habits. There are several factors to take into account, including the time of year, the phase of the moon, the temperature of the water, and their hunting habits.

After all, you are hunting the hunter, the top of the food chain in their underwater world. You must stalk them as they stalk their prey, and then fool them into believing that your lure is a tasty snack that warrants their effort.

I was fortunate enough to be there with my father, who has been fishing the lake for more than 11 years, and has landed 72 Muskies, including two 51 inchers. Over the years, he

has found, through trial and error, several prime spots. There is a whole industry in the area of Muskie guides, who for around \$350 a day, will take you out to their spots.

Muskies typically lie in shallow coves among the reeds close to the shore, stalking the bait fish that are hiding there. This can prove frustrating for novice fishermen such as myself. I caught countless weeds, a few trees, and once, I even landed a 10 foot tree that I snagged floating in the water. Accuracy in your casting is important, as there are several types of weeds and some of them are quite frustrating, such as the pencil reeds. These thin reeds that extend a few feet out of the water are thick along the banks and are as hard as wood. Once your lure is snagged in them the only recourse is usually to bring the boat over and untangle it by hand.

It was in one of these shallow coves that I caught sight of my first Muskie. It was a cove only five feet deep behind Cyclone Point, named for the sometimes violent wind that gusts across the lake there.

"Follows" are common with Muskie fishing. It is when the fish catches sight of the lure and follows it, deciding whether to bite or let this one pass. As my lure neared the boat, I caught sight of the vague outline of a fish, only it was bigger than any fish I had ever seen. As my lure drew ever closer so did the fish, and to my shocked mind it seemed at least as big as a man. It swam slowly, inches behind my lure. It got so close that I could make out the red fins and light speckles along its sides.

My heart raced, beating against the ribs in my chest and my palms poured sweat as it drew up beside our boat, still not taking the lure. I dipped the tip of my pole into the water and moved it in a figure eight motion, keeping the lure moving. It is a typical maneuver that fishermen employ, teasing the fish into biting it.

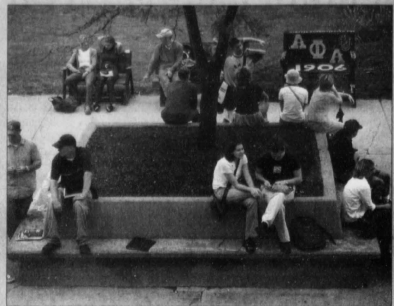
But I had no such luck. The fish simply turned lazily away and disappeared into the water.

We had found a Muskie, and it had ended as it many times does, especially for a novice such as myself. But we knew there was one in there. My dad pointed to a patch of pencil reeds up next to the bank and sagely advised my brother and I that it had headed back to that point.

I didn't know how sure I was of his advice as he went on talking about how he "knew the mind of the fish," but I figured what the hell and went with his advice.

We kept it up, "aggravating" the fish. It fol-

Will the congregation congregate?



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Students arrived en masse Wednesday to visit' with old friends and make new ones, filling up the plaza with a teeming crowd during lunchtime.

lowed our lures to the boat twice more over the next half hour, but still wouldn't take the bait.

Then it happened. My lure landed right on the edge of the weed bed my dad had pointed out, and right away it felt like I had hooked into a Mack truck.

"I got it!" I yelled, jerking the pole to the side and setting the hook. The fish responded by diving deep and rolling in the weeds, tangling itself and my line.

"Set the drag!" my dad yelled as he scrambled for the net.

This is when the real struggle began. I got it within sight, but when it spotted us in the boat it surged deeper, dragging out my line and making the reel sing.

It took only a few minutes of fighting the big fish but seemed at least half an hour. Each time I got it close, it would lunge away. Finally I reeled in the exhausted fish. As it floated up to the boat, I couldn't believe the size. It was the biggest fish I had ever seen with my own eyes. Once the fish is exhausted and it is up to the boat, it is important to make the most of the time you have. Once it is netted, it is important to cut the line. This is the most dangerous part for the fisherman, getting the hook(s) out of the fish. The lure I caught this one on had three treble hooks, for a total of nine razor sharp barbed points. As we found out later in the trip, one serious thrash from a good sized Muskie can wind up in disaster with all those barbs only inches from your hand.

Once the hooks are out, it is also important to get the fish out of the water and back in as quickly as possible. The fish I caught measured 46 inches long, and weighed in the neighborhood of 35 pounds.

After that, it's camera time. I think we had about four cameras with us.

This should only take a few minutes all together, and then it is time to revive the fish by gripping its tail and moving it back and forth in the water, forcing water through its gills.

This was the first and only Muskie I landed that week. Some people might say it doesn't seem worth fishing over fourteen hours a day for a week for only one fish, but they have probably never landed a Muskie. My dad landed four throughout the week measuring between 43 and 36 inches, and my brother had at least seven on, but also never got one into the boat. He did however land a Northern Pike that measured more than three feet long.

We all caught more Pike than we could count, which kept it interesting between Muskies.

There are also several smaller lakes in the area with great bass fishing. One day I flew in on a sea plane to an isolated lake miles from civilization with some of the best bass fishing anywhere.

All in all it was a successful trip, if not tiring. I am already looking forward to next year, when I return to the great north woods in search of the elusive Muskie.

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Awakening interest in readings

By Billy Sprankles
Staff Writer

This school year kicks off the fifth season of literary readings at the Awakenings Coffee & Tea Co. Northern Kentucky University teamed up with Awakenings to showcase a series of readings once a month.

Andrew Miller, a lecturer in the Department of Literature and Language at NKU, is the coordinator of the series.

There are two people who present a variety of creative writing pieces at each reading. One person is a current student and the other is a professor or former student. Readers share creative writing from personal essays, to fiction, to poetry. The first reading of this year's series will showcase authors from the *Licking River Review* and *Cameo*.

Dr. Danny Miller, Chairman of the



English professor Andy Miller

Literature and Language Department, said, "The Awakenings program is a way for the Department of Literature and

Language to encourage current students' creative writing. Involving students is our main key and emphasis of the program."

Andrew Miller said last season's readings averaged 30 to 40 audience members.

At the first reading I attended last season, the coffee shop and a variety of literature provided an educational yet relaxed atmosphere.

The literary readings begin in September and will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month. Because of Thanksgiving, the series will be held on the third Thursday in November. The Awakenings Coffee and Tea Co. is located off the I-75 Butternut Pike exit.

The readings begin at 8 p.m. and last anywhere from 45-90 minutes.

For more information about the Literary Awakenings Series, contact Andrew Miller in the Literature and Language Department.



Stephen Graham, WRFN's general manager, sits at the new state-of-the-art control board DJ's will use this semester.

Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner

Student-operated WRFN back up and running for fall

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

WRFN, Northern Kentucky University's student radio station, is catching up with the 21st century this semester.

Stephen Graham, the station's general manager, said a new sound board and new computer equipment will make the disc jockey's job easier.

There is a computer database of promos, commercials and more than 3,000 songs in a new digital delivery system. A DJ can access a song by just pushing a few buttons, Graham said.

"We pretty much replicate what you'll find in most radio stations," Graham said. This is to the advantage of the students, he said.

Anyone can be a DJ, Graham said, although certain broadcasting classes for some staff positions are required before a student is qualified. Staff positions are also paid stipends, Graham said, it is not much, but "A nice little Christmas bonus."

Graham said the station is going to resemble other radio stations in that there will be a consistent genre of music played all day.

"You won't hear Gospel music on WRFN at 4:00 in the afternoon," he said. "We are a college rock station."

He said that the music will range from such acts as Kid Rock and Oasis, and some hip hop like Destiny's Child.

Graham said the DJ can play two songs an hour of his own liking, but every other song will be from the station's database. DJ's may have to play songs they don't like but the students will know what music to expect.

Students interested in working as DJ's or for staff positions can pick up applications on the door of UC 215.

The station is ready to broadcast in Landrum and the University Center, Graham said.

"We plan to be in the dorms sometime this semester," he said.

WRFN will start broadcasting in a few weeks and will be on air from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Graham said.

Students interested in jobs or advertising can call 572-7800.

Pete's Poetry Corner

An Impassioned Plea

Thinking now to brighter days
And I could never learn the ways
To express the things in which I fear
And hold you close now oh so dear
When you were such a pretty lass
And I could use a foot in the ass
To understand that how you feel
Means more to me than just a wheel
That turns and spins the spans of time
To fight me through all of the grime
That's thrown on me to hold me down
But someday I'll sure leave this town
And take you with me where I go
I wish I didn't move so slow
And bottle all those feelings in
Myself but god it's such a sin
To leave you hanging in the breeze

I need your help to fight the disease
That plagues me now and always will
To know I'll never get my fill
Of life and how it's supposed to be
It's never been that way for me
I crawl and scratch on through the mire
But shying away from the fire
That others confront so easily
I pray so hard to be set free
From all the whips and chains and binds
For this troubled soul to find
His way across this darkest path
Wishing now but ne'er to hath
The bright light of which you gave
Shining, glaring to guide my way

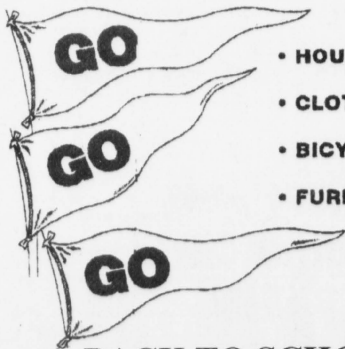
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Rohne 5K run benefits former NKU runner

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

The sixth annual Brian Rohne Memorial cross country race, which began in 1995, took place at the Northern Kentucky University track Sat., Aug. 19. The 5K run is a benefit race in honor of former All-Great Lakes Conference and most valuable NKU cross country runner, Brian Rohne, who was killed by an automobile while practice running on AA Highway in the winter of 1993. "In 1994, our goal was to have a race in memory of Brian," said NKU cross country head coach Steve Kruse, who also organized this event. "The proceeds are invested into the cross country program."

The event brings a lot of participants from all age groups. Kruse said there was a record crowd at the race with 220 participants. "It keeps getting bigger and better every year." Also, for the first time since this event took place, the benefit race was combined with the annual alumni race. That means that the NKU cross country runners ran in the race too.

Kevin Alessandro, one of the Norse cross country runners, was one of the winners. "They (the NKU runners) get a big kick out of it," Kruse said.

As for the many participants who take part in this benefit race, they all seem to enjoy it every year, Kruse said. "I've been able to see what I like when I race. People like the new course

this year. I've got quite a few compliments."

The proceeds from the race help out the cross country program. Most of the money goes toward the cross country scholarship budget, according to Kruse. The proceeds help the team have a nice schedule, so they can go on trips like Disney World. It also helps them recruit incoming athletes.

With the record crowds and the benefits of the race, it looks like the Brian Rohne 5K Race will continue for years to come. "It's been a winner from the first time," Kruse said. "Brian's family supports it. We have walkers and people in wheelchairs participating. A lot of people have put a lot of work into it. It is fun to put on."

Cincinnati Reds: "What happened?"



By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

Baseball: America's pastime. The Cincinnati Reds: America's baseball team. That tells us one thing, the Reds are baseball, at least in the 20th century.

The Reds have won many National League pennants and have been to a lot of World Series and have even won a few. The Reds are supposed to be the baseball team that everyone follows. With people like Pete Rose and Ken Griffey, Jr. to follow, the team is really special.

Now that we have headed into the 21st century, there is one question on my mind. "What has happened to the Reds?"

There is one major difference I see between the Cincinnati Reds baseball team of last year and the team this year.

Last year, the Reds found ways to win and always played until the final out of the game. Thus, they missed the playoffs by only one game.

However, this year, the Reds can't hold a lead or come from behind very much. That is why they are eight games out of first place with less than 40 games left in the season.

The Reds were supposed to be one of the best teams in baseball and the best in the National League Central this season. They traded for one of the best home-run hitters in Ken Griffey, Jr. They traded for a consistent .300 hitter in Dante Bichette. Sean Casey and Barry Larkin also head one of the best lineups in baseball.

The Reds had top notch pitchers in Denny Neagle, who has been traded, Scott Williamson, last year's Rookie of the Year, and Danny Graves, their ultimate closer.

They have one of the best defensive cores in the infield with Gold Glove winners Larkin and Pokey Reese.

Despite all that, the Reds have gone downhill most of the year and have had a hard time staying at the .500 mark all season. The

team is never consistent in its play. Sometimes, they have a good pitching performance by one of their pitchers, but they can't score many runs in the game. Other times, the Reds score a lot of runs, but the pitching falters, and they suffer another loss.

For example, this past Tuesday, the Reds hosted the Philadelphia Phillies at Cinergy Field. The Reds scored four runs in the first inning. The Phillies came back and tied the game in the third inning and won the game in the ninth by a score of 5-4.

The Reds got the scoring, but the pitching couldn't hold the lead. The defense didn't help either when an error by Bichette scored the winning run for Philadelphia.

I am a very big Reds fan, and I can't stand to watch my team lose over and over again. They could easily be leading their division and could be 10 games or more over .500, but they are eight games out of first place and are two games below .500. I was hoping for big things from this ballclub. I know the team is young and low priced, but they have the potential to win.

For the Reds, it is the little things that need to be done to win ball games. There need to have consistency in their hitting, pitching and fielding.

That hasn't happened all season, and those are the key ingredients to a successful and winning ballclub.

Let's look at the statistics for a minute. The Reds are ninth in the league in batting average at .271 as a team. They are eighth in the league with a .340 on base percentage.

With only 16 teams in the National League, those are low rankings for the ballclub, especially since they are a losing ballclub. The Reds have a hard time hitting, so they don't get on base much. This is not acceptable.

There is only one month left in the season. The games are dwindling down. Time is running out. For the Cincinnati Reds, I think time has already run out for this season at least.

"What has happened to America's baseball team?" Or shall I say, "What has happened to the good ol' Cincinnati Reds?"

Hopefully, we'll see better results next season. If next season would just get here.

Until then, we'll just have to sit back and watch the team that could have been or, shall I say, should have been.

At least we still have the Cincinnati Bengals we can count on.

Upcoming Games

(home games in bold)

Volleyball		
Sept. 1	Northern Michigan	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	CSU-San Bernardino	11 a.m.
	Lock Haven (at Marquette, MI)	5 p.m.
Women's Soccer		
Sept. 1	Nebraska-Omaha	8 p.m.
Sept. 3	Lincoln Memorial	12 p.m.
Men's Soccer		
Sept. 2	Findlay	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Lincoln Memorial	12 p.m.
Women's Tennis		
Sept. 2-3	Eastern Illinois Tournament	TBA
Cross Country		
Sept. 2	Bellarmine Invitational	10 a.m.



FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES

MEN'S:

Entry Deadline: Fri. Sept. 8th for Sunday league

Entry Deadline: Wed. Sept. 20th for Thursday league

Play begins: Sun. Sept. 17th & Thurs. Sept. 28th

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Captains Meeting: Wed. Sept. 29th, 4 p.m., AHC



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Volleyball team extends streak to 34 against GLVC

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

The NKU volleyball team has a message when playing its Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents: If you wanna be the best, you gotta beat the best.

That can be said after the Norse season opener against host Bellarmine Saturday, which NKU won in three sets, 15-12, 15-7, 15-8.

The Norse, ranked third in the AVCA/NCAA Division II poll, have now won 34 consecutive matches against its conference opponents. NKU won all 15 of its conference matches last season.

NKU's last loss in the conference came Sept. 25, 1998 in a road loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in five sets.

Senior middle hitter Jessica Buraker helped keep NKU's streak alive with seven kills and three block assists in the game.

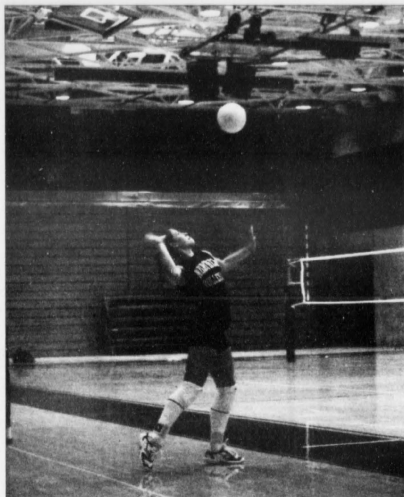
With the three block assists against Bellarmine Saturday, Buraker is now NKU's all-time career leader in that category with 279. She broke the record that was last set by Prudi Downs in 1988.

Other Norse contributors in the win were junior outside hitter Denise Barthorst, who had five blocks, junior outside hitter Bethany Gastright, who had three service aces, and freshman Camilla Walter, who came up with eight digs.

The win should give the team some momentum as it has a tough road ahead of them in the coming week.

NKU, 1-0, next travel to play 23rd ranked Northern Michigan Friday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

From there, the volleyball team heads to Marquette, Mich. for a tournament in which the Norse plays CSU-Bernardino at 11 a.m. and 25th ranked Lock Haven at 5 p.m. Saturday Sept. 2.



Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner
Northern Kentucky University junior volleyball player Julie Hathorn serves the ball for the Norse.

Women's soccer splits first two in tournament

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team began its 2000 season by beating Minnesota State University Saturday, 7-1, in a game played at Rolla, Mo.

The Norse, coached by Bob Sheehan and ranked fourth in the Division II preseason national poll, were led by junior midfielder Tricia Ruark and sophomore midfielder Bessie Black, who had two goals apiece in the win.

Black was playing in her first game for the NKU soccer team. She scored a goal in both halves of the game.

Ruark keeps emerging as one of the leaders of the team as she was second on the team with 14 goals last season and was named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Junior forward Lori Kevill added two assists, and junior midfielder Amanda Trout, sophomore forward Kristen Noakes, and freshman forward Kendra Zinner each had a goal in the game for the Norse.

Trout scored the first goal of the game for the Norse five minutes into the game.

The Norse were upset 5-3 Sunday by the home team, Missouri-Rolla, despite jumping out to a 2-0 lead early.

Missouri-Rolla broke a 3-3 tie at the 73:56 mark and followed it up with the clincher at the 81:45 mark to end the day's scoring at 5-3.

NKU scored on goals by Denise Kutz, Zinner and Ruark.

A couple of days before the game, the NKU women's soccer team received more good news. They found out they were voted the preseason GLVC favorite to capture the 2000 conference championship by league coaches.

The Norse received 132 votes, including 11 of 12 first place votes.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville came in second with 121 votes, and Southern Indiana was third in the voting. The first conference game for NKU will be at Missouri-St. Louis on Sept. 15.

With that in mind, the Norse look to have another strong season, especially in the conference. The team can only hope to use the early upset to Rolla as a learning experience.

NKU only lost twice in the GLVC last season and look to do even better this season.

The high rankings for the team will help them have confidence as the season progresses.

The Norse soccer team, 1-1, will next play a couple of home games at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder, Ky.

The home opener will be Friday against Nebraska-Omaha at 8 p.m. NKU will then play Lincoln Memorial Sunday at noon.

The future is bright for the women's soccer team, and a great start is always a good sign for a successful season. Being in only its fourth season in the NKU athletic program, that is quite an accomplishment for the Norse.

Men's soccer squad drops openers

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Northern Kentucky University's men's soccer team had an early test Friday as it squared off against the 12th-ranked team in the nation, Truman State University.

Truman State, which beat the Norse last season 7-0, would be a measuring stick to help determine how much improved the Norse are this year.

Truman State (1-0) won by only five goals this time, 5-0, on a neutral field at the Missouri-St. Louis Classic.

Going back to last season, NKU (0-2) has been shutout six of the last eight games.

Despite having one of the Great Lakes Valley Conference's best goal scorers last season, Jeff Anderson, and signing A.J. Pitzer, who scored 26 goals for Cincinnati State last season, the Norse couldn't put the ball in the net.

The Bulldog's goalie, T.J. Dube picked up the shutout. NKU forced Dube to make nine saves, though. Last season Truman State's goalies had to make just more than four saves a game in a defense that allowed less than a goal a game.

Truman State's offense was paced by Matt Byers and Ryan Swan. Both scored two goals apiece.

Sunday's game versus Rockhurst (Mo.) University featured a defensive struggle. Neither team scored in the first half.

Rockhurst's Steve Logan broke

the tie with a goal 18 minutes into the second half. The score would hold at 1-0 until the 72:57 mark in the match until NKU's Kevin Crone broke through with a penalty goal to knot the score at one apiece.

The tie would prove to be short-lived, however.

Rockhurst's Mike Gilchrist would send the Norse home in disappointment when he scored off an assist by Bill Lalley. The winning score came with 3:49 remaining to play and would propel Rockhurst to a 1-1 record overall.

Rockhurst outshot the Norse by a 26-7 shots-on-goal margin.

The Norse are next in action Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder. Coming to town to face the Norse will be the University of Findlay in a 7:30 p.m. test.

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Women's Soccer GLVC Poll

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1. Northern Kentucky(11)	132
2. SIU Edwardsville(1)	121
3. Southern Indiana	105
4. Indianapolis	102
5. Saint Joseph's	88
6. Wisconsin-Parkside	79
7. Missouri-St. Louis	65
8. Quincy	60
9. Lewis	55
10. Bellarmine	42
11. Kentucky Wesleyan	30
12. IPFW	17



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TRAFFIC: some suggestions

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dents can turn left onto Rt. 9 and follow it to John's Hill Road. A quick right onto John's Hill and it is only a couple miles to the back entrance of NKU next to Albright Health Center and the softball field.

"It may be a little out of your way," Baker said. "But you will miss the traffic." He said even though it is a longer route, students can still save valuable minutes.

The second major point of traffic identified by Baker and his staff is the main entrance to NKU from U.S. 27. Because of the construction of the new science building Nunn Drive has been closed, and traffic is backing up as students still try to make it through this road.

Many students who know about the closing still try this route. Baker said, in the vain hope of finding a closer parking spot in Lot I, F or E.

"There is no reason to drive on Nunn Drive after 9:00 (a.m.)," Baker said. These lines inevitably are the first to fill, usually with the first classes of the morning.

He said much of the back-up on Kenton Drive is the result of people who are cutting through Lot F after searching for a spot, further impeding the flow of traffic turn-

ing on from Three Mile Road.

Instead of trying Nunn Drive and further adding to the traffic problems, Baker advises students to turn left on University Drive at the traffic light at the intersection of Nunn and University.

University Drive loops around the campus, passing under the new parking garage, and leads to John's Hill Road and the other side of Nunn Drive, which is a good access point for lots A, G, K, and the temporary garage parking behind Albright. The new terrace parking is also close to where University meets the other side of Nunn.

According to Baker, Lots L, K and G are the best spots for students arriving for later classes. He said that students should be able to find a place to park in one of these lots any time of the day.

Baker added that students could bypass the main entrance all together and access John's Hill via Martha Lane Collins Blvd. from U.S. 27 near Krogers and Firststar bank.

Director of Public Safety Don McKenzie offered the advice, "Students have got to give themselves some time."

"Get here a half hour before class starts," Baker said, "Give yourself ample time."

Baker said they have identified Nunn Drive as the biggest problem, and some temporary signs may be added soon to help direct traffic.

McKenzie said he felt the traffic would get better in a few weeks once people get used to the road closings and freshmen become more aware of the other routes. Included in the Master Plan.

which is due to be released this September, is a new access road which will loop around the university, moving more traffic toward the edges of campus and diverting it from the central areas it now cuts

through. Baker said it would be some time before this road would be finished.

Until then students will have to get by on experience (and quick reaction times).

VOTRUBA: looking ahead

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of international students starting classes.

He also said that even though NKU's community is growing more diversified, it still has a way to go, and not only in the student population.

Votruba said NKU has been recruiting for a more diverse faculty, but that "it is a real recruitment battle."

Even though there are more and more each year, he said, there still are not a lot of African-Americans with Ph.D.s out in the work force, and that these individuals are highly sought after by other universities.

"Many times we are competing against older and more well established schools," he said. "We are winning as many as we are losing, but it is still a challenge." He said building a diverse faculty is important to building a diverse student population. "Students need opportunities for role models and mentors they are comfortable with."

Other areas the administration

is focussing its efforts is outreach into the community.

"Three years ago there were not as many strong partnerships as there should have been," he said. Over the last years NKU has established several new partnerships, such as Fidelity, Delta, and GT Capital.

Votruba said in the future NKU will focus on more outreach. He said there will be more effort to extend non-credit degree programs. NKU will also work on supporting education in the P-12 grades, and will offer more work force education to local companies and businesses.

"Our role is to help and promote learning around the issues important to the community," he said.

Over all, Votruba said he has sensed an excitement that extends from Governor Paul Patton, to the state representatives, to the faculty members on campus, about the future of NKU and its role as a learning resource.

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
Stop blaming everyone else for your troubles. If you are unhappy with a situation, do something about it - in a positive way.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Break down an anxious task into smaller pieces. Do what you know you can handle and ask for help with the rest.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Something major is on the way. A close relationship will either end or deepen into something even more meaningful.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
Your controlling nature is going to get you into trouble soon. Let go and learn to delegate. Make a plan and stick with it.

Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
Good news is on the way, and it is about time. If you've been ignoring health concerns, make an appointment with the necessary professionals.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
Be adventurous, and get out there and explore. Push yourself to the limits of physical endurance and find out what you can do.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Don't worry about changing your plans to accommodate everyone else. If they want to spend time with you, then they will find a way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
The sooner you realize you can't change the past, the better off you will be. Make a new start and do what you enjoy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
Something you have wanted for a long time is on the way. Set up a budget to handle all home and business finances.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
A good attitude and a smile will take you far in the business world. Don't be afraid to take on more responsibility.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You know you have what it takes to get the job done, so don't let your critics talk down to you. Show them what you can do.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Stop beating yourself up over things you can't change. Move on to new and more exciting stages of your life.

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