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Student fee raises to 'Invest in Success'

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University's Invest in Success program is going as planned, according to university officials.

Gerald Hunter, director of the budget, explained that the program only increased the student fees by \$1 per credit hour, which will make student fees \$11 per credit hour.

"What we wanted to do was make the biggest impact to student support while at the same time minimizing impact on student cost," Hunter said. The student fees have been uncapped. That means where a stu-

dent taking twelve credit hours would have paid only \$120 last year, they are paying \$132 this year.

Students who are taking more hours will notice a more significant increase in their fees. A student taking 18 credit hours will have to pay \$198 in student fees, where the total had previously been capped at \$120.

According to Hunter, students will see an additional increase next year. He said that student fees will increase \$1 per credit hour again next year, making fees total \$12 per credit hour.

Hunter said that "the more hours you take the more resources you need to support success."

"You're basically paying for what you get," Hunter said.

President James Votrubia said that the money that goes to Invest for Success will not be used for anything other than student retention. He said that a lot of improvements have been made to improve first-year retention.

An example Votrubia said that last year it could take two to three weeks for a first-year student to see an adviser.

"Now, an undeclared student can usually see an adviser within 24 hours," Votrubia said.

According to Baker, several new positions were added to help increase student retention, including more

advisers, tutors and a University 101 director.

"With this investment, we will lower per student to adviser ratio," he said.

Baker said that student money is responsible for 55 percent of NKU's budget. Despite that, NKU has one of the lowest tuition rates in the area. NKU's tuition rate per year is less than half of that of the University of Cincinnati and over five times less than Thomas More College.

"One thing that is very clear is we have to do more with less," Baker said.

Votrubia said that he is "pleased that the university and the students

have chosen to join hands on this."

"What I will be most pleased with is several years down the road when we see a larger percentage of our students graduating," Votrubia said.

Student Government Association President Chris Boggs said that he would have liked to have seen more of the Invest in Success given to improving student life and student activities.

"This year, Invest in Success should focus on campus and student life to assist in the retention of students," Boggs said.

According to Baker, the money

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Freshfusion fun on 9-9-99

By Nikki Marksherry
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University campus was filled with smiling students on Sept. 9 when Freshfusion brought new students, staff, campus organizations, food, a comedian and live music together for a night of fun. For the fifth year, Freshfusion welcomed the freshman class to NKU.

The freshmen gathered outside of Regents Hall to wait for the doors to open. The cheerleaders began to pump up the crowd and the University 101 professors scanned the crowd looking for their class members. Once inside, both the energy level and noise level rose.

The purpose of Freshfusion is to introduce new students to the campus. That includes not only the organizations available but also introducing them to each other. The activities in Regents Hall included an ice-breaker activity. This year students stood in a circle holding hands and tried to get a Hula-Hoop around the circle without letting go of each other's hands.

Ice-breaker activities seem to make people more comfortable because everyone is struggling together. Jackie McKinney attended Freshfusion with her University 101 class. "It's a good idea. I didn't know half the people. Then you had to get in this circle and now I know everyone who was there," said McKinney.

Freshfusion also allowed

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Photos by Kelly Castleberry, Anna Weaver and Jennifer Martin

Student Government President Chris Boggs and men's basketball coach Ken Shields participate in the fun of Freshfusion along with freshmen and upper classmen.



Experiment explores retention

By Scott Wartman
Staff Reporter

According to the Associate Vice-President of Admissions and Enrollment Dr. Gregory Stewart, only 63 percent of the freshman students will come back for the fall semester next year.

Figures like these prompted Northern Kentucky University psychology professors Dr. Perilou Goddard and Dr. Jim Thomas, along with academic adviser Jennifer Hodges, to conduct a unique experiment that found that a therapy technique used to rehabilitate drug addicts and alcoholics known as motivational enhancement also has a positive effect on encouraging freshmen to stay in school.

Goddard and Thomas spent over 200 hours last spring conducting the experiment which is the first of its kind. Goddard said that they felt that if motivational enhancement can reduce destructive behavior in alcoholics, then it might be able to get disenchanted students on the right path.

"Dr. Thomas and I saw students who weren't doing well academically but were capable of it, and we thought motivational enhancement was a way of helping," said Goddard.

Goddard said motivational enhancement is based on feedback. An individual talks to and interviews to work out a solution to a problem. "It's a non-directive approach to encourage students," Goddard said.

"The technique helps individuals actively solve their problems."

Jennifer Hodges, an academic adviser who aided the study, supports motivational enhancement.

"Motivational enhancement attacks academics, helping students to improve by giving them confidence," said Hodges.

Sixty-eight people took part in the experiment and they were divided into three groups. The first was the control group which did not receive any treatment while the other two groups, known as the interview group and feedback group, receive a form of the motivational enhancement treatment. The participating students' progress were then tracked and the results recorded.

Because she could only get 68 people to participate, Dr. Goddard said that the results aren't as conclusive as she had hoped, but there is still evidence that indicates motivational enhancement is effective.

The control group saw only 67 percent of its participants enroll for the fall 1999 semester. In addition, the average GPA of the interview and feedback group was higher, around 2.0, while the control group was 1.5. Goddard said the most rewarding part of the experiment was the reac-

tion of the participating students.

"Virtually every student had a positive reaction," Goddard said. "They felt they were treated with respect and that they were made to think about things that hadn't considered before."

Hodges said she finds the results encouraging and some of the aspects of the study can be used to improve NKU's academic advising department. Hodges said that surveys which were used in the study to better familiarize and advise with and individual might now be sent out to students who are on academic probation to help them get back on track.

"By sending out these surveys, it would give us a chance to know more about the student and give us a starting point on helping them," Hodges said.

Goddard said she is not sure whether another follow-up study will be conducted for more conclusive results.

"The techniques of motivational enhancement are hard to teach to instructors but it is worthwhile if it helps give direction to students," said Goddard. "It's normal for a student to be ambivalent about class and to get discouraged. There's a lot of pressure and people need to be given confidence."

Community care day aimed to rehabilitate orphanage

By James Proffitt
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Sept. 18, Northern Kentucky University will be uniting to help the Redwood Rehabilitation Center on Orphanage Road clean up a bit.

The project entitled Community Care Day, is directed by the National Leadership Society. However, they are not the only ones who will be involved with the project. The entire NKU family, from students to teachers to faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved in helping out.

Claire Newman, one of the coordinators for the project said people were interested in doing a project at NKU where "all the community (of NKU) could come together" and lend a helping hand...or sponge...or rag.

"We need bodies to get there and help us," Newman said.

Newman said the NKU members will be cleaning up the center. She said the center gets used so much that it has gotten run down. She described what NKU will be doing by comparing it to spring cleaning: mopping, cleaning windows and things of that sort, she said.

Sara M. Clark, a communica-

tions associate said the project is, "a fall housekeeping project consisting of a thorough deep-cleaning of several high traffic areas in a rehabilitation center."

She said the reason this particular project was chosen was that lay people can manage it. It doesn't take any special skills. Just showing up and being willing.

NLS member Drew Taylor described the project as, "A day where we try and get all of NKU to go out and help with the community." He described the center as a good place where kids need to be and are taken care of.

Taylor also said helping on the project is a good place to meet new people and just to hang out. He has done projects like this before and said that they're fun. He said it is also a good chance to look at a different atmosphere in life.

RRC, through contributions, will be providing a free continental breakfast and complimentary lunch for the people who come to help out. Newman said that people who want to participate need to get the sign up sheets turned in. The sheets are in the University Center. The project day will last from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. by Newman

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Greek organizations linked to retention, student success

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

According to the Office of Student Life, the retention rate for first-year students that are Greek is 98 percent. In comparison, the retention rate for all first-year freshmen during the 1997-1998 year was 68 percent.

Betty Mulkey, Interim Director of Student Life, said Greeks are average students.

"The average GPA for Greeks were very similar to the average student body," Mulkey said.

Mulkey said that the retention rate for all Greeks at NKU is 96.7 percent. She said that she believes that when students make a connection with other students on campus they are more likely to stay in school.

Kelly Ramsey, a Phi Sigma Sigma, was a part of the retention task force. She said she has first-hand proof that Greek life has a direct impact on student retention.

"I [have] several sisters that have gone through troubles in school and personally, but since they have found a second family in the sorority, they stayed and succeeded in the long run," Ramsey said.

She thinks that being Greek motivates students to work harder in school.

"If you put a group of people together, there are going to be some that aren't exactly succeeding, but they are still trying. That's due to being involved in Greek Life," Ramsey said.

She attributes the sorority to her success as well.

"This past year I achieved the Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award and I think that the sorority helped me achieve that goal through their support."

Dale Pontz, a Phi Sigma Sigma's rush chair. She believes sororities play a crucial role in the retention of students. "Probably 20 percent of the Phi Sigs stay in school because of the Phi Sigs," Pontz said.

Misty Steen, a Theta Phi Alpha, is someone who had the opportunity to go to school in another state, but decided to stay at NKU.

"Being Greek is the reason I still attend this college," Steen said.

Steen said "the priority is school." She said that a member must maintain a 2.2 GPA. However, members must have a 2.5 GPA to pledge and to hold office.

"If you don't pull the grades, you are on social probation," Steen said.

If a student falls below a 2.0 GPA, they are put on academic probation by the university.

"Every sorority and every fratern-

nity has people that do not pull the grades, but very few are put on academic probation to my knowledge," Steen said.

Gavin Ellis, president of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, said being involved with campus motivates students to go to class.

Fraternities and sororities have a number of social events throughout the year. These are times for the individual Greek chapters to have fun, as well as socializing with other Greek chapters.

In addition to these activities, each Greek organization participates in a number of philanthropy events throughout the year.

Emily Klopp is the philanthropy chair of Delta Zeta. According to Klopp, they cleaned a half mile section of US 27 by McDonalds as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program last Saturday.

They will be cooking and serving food at the Ronald McDonald House on Sept. 23.

In addition, they will be holding their annual Pink and Green Auction on Oct. 23, Delta Zeta's Founder's Day. At this event, items and services that were donated by local businesses will be auctioned off and the proceeds will be donated to Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

Delta Zeta and Phi Kappa Tau

fraternity will be donating time to work at booths during the "Run Like Hell" marathon.

The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority participates in the "Rock-A-Thon". The money raised is donated to the National Kidney Foundation.

Kelly Ramsy, a Phi Sigma Sigma, said that they took candy to children in hospitals at Halloween last year.

Misty Steen, a member of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority said that she "served" in the Appalachian Mountains over Christmas vacation and organizing Project Merry Christmas.

Each Greek organization has at least one organization that they annually donate money to.

According to the Student Life office, being Greek will help a student after graduating college by giving the members leadership skills that are needed in the workplace. Fraternity rush information indicates that job placement for Greeks is almost 100 percent.

Elizabeth Spencer, executive vice-president of Student Government Association, said that the most important thing is to make a connection with any organization on campus.

"I am not Greek, but I have made a connection and that's why I will graduate from NKU," Spencer said.



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GREEK PRIDE: Sorority girls rest on the Delta Gamma bench between classes.



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A banner in the University Center promotes rushing in the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Meeting time



Rick Amburgey/The Northern

Baptist Student Union Campus Minister Bill Ellis confers with BSU President Alicia Kleid.

More time, less credit

By Susan Schumacher
Staff Reporter

Suppose a student takes a science class with a required lab. They only get one hour of credit for the lab, but spend three hours in the lab classroom. This scenario sounds very familiar to many on campus.

Denise Bevins, a senior majoring in biology at Northern Kentucky University, is frustrated that she spends three hours in one lab, one day a week and only receives one credit hour, instead of three.

"Being in one lab for three hours is a long time, not to mention the time it takes for me to prepare for lab, learn as I go, and study the outcome outside of class on my own time," She added, "I feel I spend the same amount of time studying for my lecture classes as I do for my labs," Bevins said.

This affects anyone who is earn-

ing a bachelor degree at NKU. The general studies requirements are that one must take two science classes. One class with a lab and one math class, or two math classes and one science class with a lab. Whichever choice the student chooses, he/she spends at least six hours a week for the lecture and lab classes combined, yet only earns four credit hours.

According to Debra Pearce, a faculty member for the Biological Sciences Department at NKU, a lot of the time is allotted for labs due to the hands-on experiments students must perform in order to observe and learn. Pearce said, "When you're in lab it is less intense. Lab is a practical experience."

When Pearce was asked about the time the student spends in lab, she concluded by saying, "We don't give grades for them, we give grades for learning."

Grades pay

Katie Kerth
Business Manager

The Distinguished Scholar Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship will be awarded to 20 students, paying tuition, room and board, for the second year in a row.

Northern Kentucky University is offering The Northern Kentucky University Distinguished Scholars Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship to first-time freshmen. Twenty freshmen are picked yearly for these scholarships by grade point average and ACT composite scores, said Robert F. Sprague, the director of student financial assistance.

The Scholarship/Award Information Booklet 2000-2001 states Distinguished Scholars as first-time freshmen who demonstrate leadership abilities, have concerns about the community and have a composite score of 29 on the ACT test.

The information booklet also states Presidential Scholarship winners as first-time freshmen with an ACT score of 26 or higher, enrolled as a full time student and have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Students will receive tuition, room and board totaling \$5,888 per student every fiscal year, according to Robert Sprague.

Penny Parsons, the assistant director and scholarship coordinator said "There are no academic scholarships where students will receive tuition, room and board and books."

Students may renew their scholarships for an additional three years, with the maintenance of a GPA of 3.25 or higher, and remain a full time student at the university.

Bid for new science center selected

By Sarah Baker
Staff Reporter

Monarch Construction Company of Cincinnati was selected as the general contractor for the new science center, after bidding lower than seven competitors. Monarch's bid, \$28.7 million was the lowest and the highest bid was \$31 million.

State law requires the university to take the lowest bid as long as the company is acceptable. The specifications for the building are so tight that anyone able to submit a bid is a qualified contractor, making price the deciding factor in choosing, according to Mike Baker, vice-president for administration and finance.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning, said that not having to subcontract concrete work and

having a longer period of time to complete the project probably helped Monarch keep their bid low.

\$29.7 million of the \$38 million budget is for the construction of the building. Other sections of the budget include \$2.5 million for lab equipment and furnishings, \$2.8 million for the designing, and \$2.9 million for any unexpected problems.

Northern Kentucky University's campus is familiar territory to Monarch.

It was the construction manager for the library expansion and the general contractor for the Applied Science and Technology building and Albright Health Center.

According to the Facilities Management Presidential Report, the new science center should be ready for occupancy in spring 2002.

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that was directed toward student organizations is to "support the existing organizations that need funding..."

According to SGA vice-president of public relations, Kara Clark, said that there have been improvements. She said that there have been some increases in budgets that have been stagnant for years.

Boggs believes that NKU needs a better campus-life program.

"We need an outdoor facility to give everybody a chance to get together whenever they want and anytime they want," Boggs said.

Votruba said that there may be more money appropriated to student activities if it proves to be directly related to student retention.

An officer was dispatched to a Norse room for a missing person report. The subject was a male, 19 and no one had seen him since the previous Friday afternoon. One of the roommates of the missing person stated that a message was left on their answering machine from a Northern Kentucky cab company saying they would meet him at the Skyline Tavern to take him to the airport. The officer attempted to contact all of the Northern Kentucky cab compa-

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nies. The subject later returned to his room.

A DPS officer approached two students crossing Kenton drive carrying a large back pack which appeared to be very heavy. As the two subjects were walking into Norse Hall an officer asked one of them what he was carrying, he responded "my brew"

The subject was only 20 years old, and the beer was taken from him and destroyed.

A student arrives at her vehicle to find another vehicle resting against her bumper. Both of the owners were in class at the time and the second vehicle was left in neutral by accident. However, the emergency brake was on. The second vehicle apparently rolled back and bumped the other vehicle. Scratches were left on the vehicle but no major damage occurred.

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Thrilling theater at NKU

By Phillip Solomon
Photo Editor

Many people at Northern Kentucky University don't realize it, but the Theatre Department is considered one of the strongest and best in the region. And surprisingly, even with such a good reputation, few faculty, staff and students take full advantage of the numerous productions offered each year.

The Theatre Department hopes that will change this fall. This fall season promises to be rich in talent, humor, drama, and suspense. The season gets kicked off on Sept. 30, with the opening of "Noises Off." A fairly well known modern day farce, "Noises Off" is sure to be popular with audiences, as has been known to cause some people to laugh so hard that, well, let's just say that you should make a trip to the restroom before going to your seat.

For those of you not familiar with the play, scan your minds and try to remember if you've seen the movie starring Christopher Reeves, Carol Burnett and John Ritter. If you go to Blockbuster on Saturday nights occasionally, when all the new releases are checked out, chances are the movie has passed through your hands. Don't ask why, it's just one of those unanswerable universal laws. The same kind that dictates when you were in high school, you watched a Monte Python movie at someone else's house. NKU's production of "Noises Off" is directed by the returning veteran of theater and

NKU, Ken Jones. It stars a unique ensemble of nine and runs in the Corbett Theatre through Oct. 10.

If comedy isn't your thing, don't fret. Less than two weeks after "Noises Off" closes, the highly theatrical "Rashomon," which is directed by another veteran of the theater and NKU, Dr. Sam Zachary. It opens on Oct. 21. "Rashomon" is an exciting Japanese folk story and while it promises to be full of technical surprises, it guarantees to tell a good old-fashioned story. From combat to live sound effects, this show is not to be missed. Arrive early and pick out the best seats you can find in the cozy Black Box Theatre, where it will run until Oct. 31.

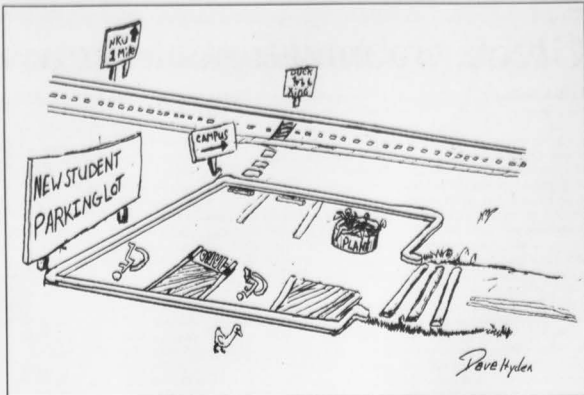
Of course after seeing these two shows, the third in line is going to have to do a lot of work to measure up. Enter, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," a fun, interactive, murder mystery musical. And to top that off, the cast of the play will be selecting the ending of the play. Talk about an original concept. This will definitely not be your standard, average, run of the mill musical. Not that there is such a thing as an average musical, but this production is sure to have audiences talking for quite some time. "Drood," is directed by, you guessed it, another veteran of the theater and NKU (if you're starting to wonder if all the theater faculty are veterans, you have wondered correctly), Joe Conger, the chair of the department. It opens Dec. 2 and runs through Dec. 12.

So all in all, a rich, intense and

diverse season of quality, fun theater awaits you. Do not, I repeat, do not allow this semester to pass without checking out some of the entertainment available to you from the hard working theater students, faculty and staff. Especially if you've never been to a play here before, and have been putting it off or putting it down, just give it a try! Go see a show, or two, or heck, why not three? Some more good news is that tickets will not set you back at all. Students can go digging in their messy rooms, and likely find the \$5 admission fee in pennies and nickels. (My apologies to whoever will be selling the tickets this fall.) Staff and faculty, you get a paycheck, so you can afford the extra cost, and shell out the measly \$8. And for those of you folks considered the general public, you're still getting a bargain at just \$9. There are also season tickets, and different subscription packages if you're interested in saving a few dollars and not missing any of the action this year.

In closing, I leave a little advice to all the first-year freshmen. My dear freshmen, if you're still not convinced to go and see a play remember this: Many English 101 professors on campus will give extra credit for seeing a show and writing a little evaluation on it. Not a bad deal, eh? (No, I'm not Canadian, but I was born next door in Minnesota.)

For more information on these, or other NKU productions and events, ticket information, and show times, call the Fine Arts Box Office at 572-5464.



Fed up with parking problems

Dear Editor,

I can not believe what I read in *The Northerner*, Volume 29, No. 3, Sept. 8, 1999. I strongly disagree with the opinion of the article.

It points to student safety for the reason of parking lots. What does student safety have to do with finding a place to park? I call it poor planning. When you have 12,000 students coming in for a 8 a.m. class you do not put a stop sign in the way. I think with all the educated leaders we have at Northern Kentucky University, there should have been a better solution.

I am a senior and have been attend-

ing NKU since 1996. This is the worst I have seen parking. I wish they could have took that \$4,500 they used to make a speed bump to add some parking places. I think NKU should consult the help of a professional street coordinator to help fix the problems. NKU has. Putting a stop sign up took minimal thought.

I was deciding to take my masters at NKU, but since it takes 40 minutes to park once you get off the NKU exit, I will go to another school. NKU's lost a customer. NKU is creating a demand on parking. They are building a parking lot that will charge extra to park there.

I may be wrong, but in economics, I believe they call this a monopoly. I am not sure if the article was written the way it was due to administrative pressure. I know few students who are happy with the access, exit, and parking at NKU. The only students I know who don't have a problem with parking are students who, have classes before 8 a.m., students that come after 1 p.m., and students who have classes only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am disappointed in the stand *The Northerner* took in the article.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Hoffman

Hats off at NKU: Classrooms should be a place for freedom of expression

Dear Editor,

Basking in the afterglow of a sculpture being moved out of direct sight for various reasons, I am forced to reflect on the amount of diversity allowed at Northern Kentucky University.

My day started like many other college students. I woke up, took a shower, and started my day. I threw on a pair of shorts, a shirt and my favorite hat. Later I would find my favorite hat would become the focus of attention in an NKU classroom.

My hat is tan with a green bill and carries the name of a popular Cincinnati based pizza restaurant. This restaurant happens to employ me, thus putting a roof over my head, food on the table and a nice car in the driveway.

I happen to wear this particular hat with pride, and consider it an extension of my person.

Getting to the point, on an early evening I walked into my classroom and sat in my usual seat (the last row in the back corner). My professor walked in giving a usual greeting to the class and began to lecture. After some time, the professor looked into the back corner and focused both eyes on me. Following this focus, I was asked to "remove my cap." Noticing it was myself being spoken to, I looked at the professor in amazement and the words to remove my cap were repeated. In an effort not to ignite a classroom argument I removed my cap completely unfounded by what had just occurred. The professor proceeded to make the statement (in a joking manner), students who don't wear caps tend to do better in my class. By this time I gripped the hat in my hand shaking from disbelief, anger and embarrassment.

The lecture continued and eventually class ended. As I packed my things to leave, the

professor looked in my direction uttering the words, "He puts his hat back on." Again I said nothing. Walking out of the classroom the professor again speaks to me in front of the lingering class, "I guess you have not heard?" My reply was simple; "Heard there was a dress code?" The professor stated in a curt manner, there is no dress code however taking your hat off is a show of respect. Saying nothing more I left the room and went home.

My mother taught me lessons of etiquette at a young age. Most know when you enter a host's house, a church or sit down to dinner, it is common courtesy to remove your hat. Last year I strolled into St. Peter's Cathedral, forgetting a hat was on my head and was promptly reminded by a guard to remove it. With the understanding I was in a "sacred" place, I removed it without hesitation.

However, I was not taught I violate eti-

quette by wearing my hat on or in the property of a public institution in which I pay a large amount to attend, namely NKU. I was also taught respect is mutual. Along the same lines, I was taught a greater violation of respect is offense. On that day, in that classroom I was not only offended, but I was angered and embarrassed in front of my peers.

I wear my hat for two reasons, to cover up a bad hair day and pride, not disrespect. I am proud enough to display an article on my body. I see it disrespectful to be asked to remove it. This hat has no effect on academic matters, nor do I feel it would be offensive to anyone, or cause a distraction in the classroom. Imagine the repercussions if the hat had carried a symbol of ethnicity or other meaning protected by civil code. A professor asking me to remove my hat is the same as asking another to remove a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing, just because it

does not follow the professors value system (vulgarity and pornography aside).

In an effort to take heed to the advice I was given in class, "I will not wear a hat." As a matter of fact, I will not wear a hat on or near the campus in a concerted effort to please other people at a disregard to my own value system. My argument may seem small as compared to other problems on campus. The only question which remains, as I finish my bachelors degree is, "Why do I now have to worry about what I wear each time I step into a classroom?" In the very same class we are taught to be empiricists, but asking for respect is normative. My own idle thoughts leave knowing one last thing, "Success in a classroom should be determined by what is in my head, not on it!"

Tom Lang
Political Science
Senior

NORTH POLL

What on campus could encourage better student retention?

Diane Klug
Theatre
Cincinnati

"We need more life on campus, and more 20-minute parking."



Elizabeth Barth
RTV
Erlanger

"More information to students on available services."

Michael Zos
Undersland
Covington

"We need a better work-study program."



Jamie Solomon
Lexington

"To [improve] retention, I encourage students to get involved in campus life and organizations."

Karyn Mize
Education
Louisville

"A better student-faculty interaction would be good. Also, more social activities."



Brian Kash
Theatre
Cincinnati

"Better parking, because I know it has made me think about dropping out. Pizza delivery is faster than parking here."

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NKU's Golden Key Chapter wins international award

By Tandi DePaz
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society was presented in August with its first international award at the 1999 International Convention in Orlando, Fla.

The "Most Improved Chapter" award is presented to chapters with more than one full school year of active participation. The winning chapter must also have shown tremendous improvements with their leadership and involvement in Golden Key, according to Shannon Proctor, associate director of public relations, at the Golden Key international headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Eight representatives of the NKU chapter attended the convention including Graduate Adviser Gene Zackerman. Zackerman said the purpose of the Convention is to bring students together from all regions.

Zackerman said Golden Key has chapters on 285 campuses worldwide, including all 50 United States, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand and the Territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

This year the NKU chapter presented a workshop at the convention. The topic of the workshop was "Conducting a Successful New Advisor Search."

Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, faculty adviser to Golden Key said, "I heard that their workshop was well attended and well received. Chapters sometimes have problems finding and keeping good advisors."

In March NKU served as the host chapter of the Southern Regional Conference, which was a huge undertaking, according to Short-Thompson. She said Zackerman served as the first Southern Regional Student Representative at the conference.

Spring will mark the fifth anniversary of the NKU chapter, which was chartered April 1995. The chapter has many things planned for the new school year.

Among activities planned is a trip to a Cincinnati Reds game with other local college chapters, an NKU basketball game and various service projects, such as helping out in soup kitchens and conducting fundraisers.

Zackerman said, "Among the things we intend to do is to actively go out and share with the university student body."

Dr. Short-Thompson said, "We usually do just about whatever our members are interested in doing."

Members who are interested in getting more involved with Golden Key or would like to get meeting information from the chapter may e-mail Short-Thompson at shortthomp@nku.edu or go to her office at 116 Landrum on campus.



(Photo Contributed)

Golden Key founder James W. Lewis presents the "Most Improved Chapter Award" to NKU's 1999 Chapter in Orlando, Florida.

Students reap benefits of a growing department with a growing reputation

Theatre Department a major player

By Jason R. Crisler
Staff Reporter

Area high school seniors seeking a degree in theater want a college that responds to all their needs. One college in Kentucky provides this. It has the largest undergraduate theater department in the state. It has facilities that rival any university across the country. The school has gained national recognition while growing larger every year.

Dr. Joe Conger, chairman of Northern Kentucky University's Theatre Department said all of these can be found at NKU.

"At NKU we have the largest facilities we've ever had. Just as importantly, the school is still growing," Conger said.

Professor Samuel Zachary said, "Our facilities are comparable to any of the best theater facilities you'll find in any university."

Shelly Halter, a theatre major, said she plans on doing an internship in the area and hopefully move on to graduate school after graduation. Halter said she chose NKU because of its reputation.

"They have the best Theatre Department and faculty of any state school," she said. "The faculty encourages you to look toward the future and helps you to be prepared for auditions."

Halter said she is a transfer student from Centre College and said she believes NKU's Theatre Department to be superior to Centre's.

Brian Whitehead, another theatre major, chose NKU because of a performance he saw.

"Some of my friends went here and I saw 'Pippin,'" he said. "I loved it."

Whitehead said he plans to gain a masters in fine arts in directing.

Halter and Whitehead are presently working on NKU's production of "Noises Off" which will be showing Sept. 30 to Oct. 10 at the Corbett Theatre on campus.

Many factors have made this small school in northern Kentucky such a major player in the undergraduate theater world, Conger said.

He said he feels NKU's Theatre department has grown up. "It is no longer an adolescent department."



(Photo Contributed)

NKU Theatrical students in an Oct. 1998 production of "On The Verge" in the Black Box Theater on campus. Right to left: Brian Cash, Heather Burns, Michelle Dunne and Jodi Schwegman.

NKU also is never self-satisfied," he said.

Zachary said that having excellent part-time teachers from Cincinnati who are professionals have also helped to make NKU theater students better actors.

Both Conger and Zachary agree that the YES Festival is one of the reasons NKU has gained its reputation. Conger said the YES festival was started by Theatre Chair Jack Wann and professor Jim Stacey in 1983.

The Theatre Department picks

three original plays from hundreds submitted around the world. The department then prepares each play and performs them during a ten day period.

Zachary said, "There is no other school or professional theater where you can see three original plays performed for the first time ever over such a short period of time."

He said some actors wait years to prepare and perform original plays. "Our students are a part of one every other year," he said.

Conger said he first heard of

NKU when he was hiring employees for professional theaters. He said he kept hearing about theater students from a small school called Northern Kentucky University.

Both Conger and Zachary said they believe that having Cincinnati so close is an advantage. Whether it's Playhouse in the Park, the Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati or the Cincinnati Art Museum, they said Cincinnati has embraced the arts and NKU's students can enjoy them and learn from them.

Conger said NKU's theater is applying for accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. If NKU becomes accredited it will be the only theater department in Kentucky schools to be accredited.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

- Baptist Student Union: Lunch for \$1 Noon BSU
- Catholic Newman Center: free spaghetti dinner 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. CNC

Thursday, Sept. 16:

- Women in Transition: 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. UC 232
- AA meeting: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. UC 232
- CH Alpha Campus Ministries meeting: free food 7 p.m. UC Theater
- PBL meeting: 3:15 p.m. BEP 111

Friday, Sept. 17:

- Campus Recreation: University 101 volleyball tournament sign-up deadline AHC 129

Monday, Sept. 20:

- Safer Dating Relationships Week begins

Tuesday, Sept. 21:

- Military History Lecture "An Unmilitary History": 3 p.m. LAC 506
- Common Ground meeting: 3 p.m.-5 p.m. UC 303

Wednesday, Sept. 22:

- NLS fall workshop

Thursday, Sept. 23:

- Students Together Against Racism meeting: 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons
- Golden Key meeting: UC 116

Friday, Sept. 24:

- Student government retreat begins

CARE DAY:

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said that you are not required to stay the whole day. She said many people have to leave by certain times, or didn't want to get up that early on a Saturday, and that was perfectly OK. Newman said it was better to have the help for part of the day than to not have it at all.

Overall, Newman said she's hoping to have at least 200 people to help out on Saturday and 200 T-shirts have been ordered. "Community Care Day" will be written on one side and the NKU logo on the other. The shirts will be freely distributed to the folks who attend.

Newman said if you can attend part or all of the day, fill out one of the "Community Care Day" sheets and turn it in to Andy Listerman in Human Resources, AC 709 on campus. Directions will be given or transportation arranged for those who need it.

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Plants and trees break up cement jungle at NKU

By Mary Ann Haverlack
Staff Writer

Clione. The name sounds exotic, maybe even a bit mysterious. Let the sound of it swirl decisively around your brain while you try to envision where you may have seen her on campus. Or, have you ignored her?

Clione, is tall when compared to university counterparts. Her only adornment is an expanse of pale green fringe that covers her spine like a shawl. The muted pink shades of her headpiece attract the attention of some students, while the frenzied paces of those late for classes offer little time for observation.

Clione, is a plant commonly known as spiderwort. According to Latin studies, it is acceptable to cite the feminine gender when referring to flora. Her presence on campus is the latest effort of the horticulture department to bring some much needed color to Northern Kentucky University.

Ron Young, superintendent of grounds and transportation and his full-time staff of three have the responsibility of softening the student's perceived hardness of the campus architecture through creative landscaping.

"We plant over 6000 annuals each year," Young said. "Half of those are grown from seed on campus."

He said local growing offers more flexibility of specific plants as well as a wider range of planting times. Local growing also reduces costs, which is a main factor in his plant design.

Young said his major consideration in planning is color. He rarely uses white due to the expanse of concrete walls. He incorporates color through flower-bearing plants as well as ornamental plantings such as the purple-hued sweet potato vine in the planter on the plaza level outside the Fine Arts Center.

"I am very pleased with the Dramatica series petunias in front of the lower level of Landrum," Young said.

He said the unique hybrid was developed locally by Nelson's Garden Center in Grants Lick, Ky. The profusion of fuchsia blooms serves a dual purpose. They provide dense ground cover and offer a mild, sweet fragrance that is best appreciated in late afternoon on sunny days.

Young said some plants are chosen for reasons that have little to do with aesthetics. Trees that bear small fruit feed the birds and are equally important.

Young's department is not alone in their quest to help local species while improving the appearance of the university. NKU's biology honor society established the Tri Beta butterfly garden in 1997. The garden is located on the plaza level between the Natural Science Building and Nunn Hall.

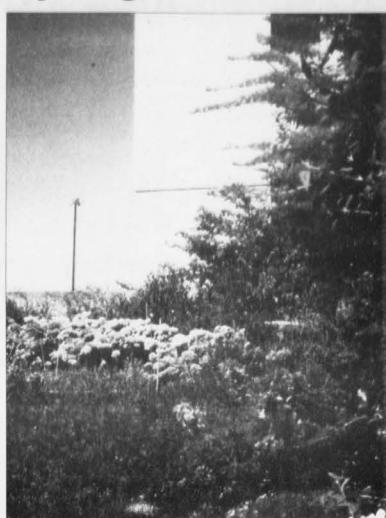
Junior biology major and lab technician Angela Newth said, "The garden was funded and is maintained solely by Tri Beta students."

Cynthia Cain, biology lab manager said the garden is a natural habitat free of pesticides. Flowers provide nectar for butterflies while host plants offer a lost habitat for caterpillars. The garden is also utilized by students in Biology 120 as the first stop on their nature trail.

Young said, "The fact that Tri Beta maintains the Butterfly Garden is a plus for us and the students. It reduces our workload and allows us to concentrate our attention on other areas of landscaping." He said the hardest part of maintaining the plants on campus is lack of manpower.

Young would like to see more perennial plantings comparable to the area on the south wall of the University Center facing the Lucas Administrative Center. The planting project was privately funded and developed in coordination with campus planning.

Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh said she is adamant on the importance of landscaping at NKU. She is a firm



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NKU student Chris McNay reads beside the Tri Beta butterfly garden. "It's quiet," said McNay. "It's nice."

believer of place making, the development of spaces between buildings into areas of comfort.

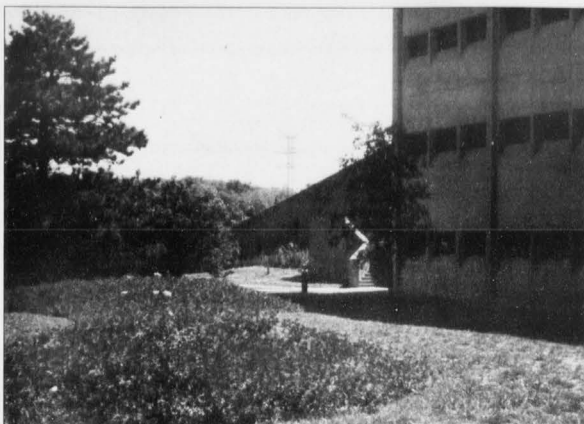
She said, "Appearance is important to the success of the university for recruitment and retention but just as valuable to overall campus life. We are trying to develop a well rounded campus."

Schuh believes the green areas outside are just as valuable as the square feet of space inside each building. "The goal is attractive landscaping with welcoming outside areas. We hope to achieve this with the new science center."

According to blueprints for the new science center, planned features that will promote place setting include an amphitheater, a

round plaza for students to gravitate to, pergolas that will create shade, and thousands of trees and plants. Landscaping slated to surround the science building include 150 trees, with an emphasis on native species for a better chance at long term success, 1880 ivy plants, and nearly 5000 perennials said Schuh.

Sight clearing for the science center will begin mid to late October. Schuh said the number of trees removed will be minimal compared to the number of new trees that will be planted. This is a direct result of the significant investment being made by the university toward new landscaping, she said.



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Dramatica series petunias add color and fragrance to NKU's grounds in front of the Landrum Academic Center.

'Stir of Echoes' a mediocre movie

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Features Editor

A "Stir of Echoes" resounded through the Showcase Cinema in Springdale and mesmerized an audience of about 200 on Sept. 9.

When I say mesmerized, I don't mean the audience sat on the edge of their seats captivated to the point of thinking about nothing but the film, I mean rather, mesmerized by the hypnotic mediocrity of the film.

The film stars Kevin Bacon as Tom Witky, a Chicago telephone linesman, Kathryn Erbe as his wife Maggie, and newcomer Zachary David Cope as their 5-year-old son Jake.

The movie begins well. "How does it feel to be dead?" Jake looked directly into the audience when he asked the question. The opening line was eerie and I looked around in vane for the apparition. But Jake was the only one who could see the ghost for the first 30 minutes of the movie and he talked to her regularly. The boy talked to the ghost so regularly, by the time Tom and I saw her for the first time I didn't fear her.

According to an Artisan Pictures,

Inc. press release, the ghost, portrayed by Jenny Morrison, was not supposed to be bad or mean.

"She is just disturbed, unable to rest," said director David Koepf.

Koepf said he read the 1958 novel "Stir of Echoes" by Richard Matheson upon which the movie was based and he wanted to do the movie. Matheson also wrote the screenplay "The Incredible Shrinking Man" and the novel "Duel" was the feature film that, according to the release, launched Steven Spielberg's directorial career.

Koepf said, "I had read several other books by Richard Matheson, but I had never seen 'Stir of Echoes' until I came across it in a used bookstore a couple of years ago. As soon as I read it, I fell in love with it."

The original "Stir of Echoes" was set in southern California but Koepf set the movie in Chicago.

"The movie Richard wrote about in the book doesn't really exist anymore," Koepf said. "I wanted to put the story into a different working-class environment, one I had knowledge of."

According to the release, Erbe

said the city fit the theme of the movie for different reasons.

"I've heard stories for years that Chicago is a big ghost town and that you can even take a ghost tour around the city," said Erbe.

She said bringing a supernatural occurrence to the middle-class neighborhood of the city clashed between the ordinary and something very unreal and frightening and this enhanced the picture's compelling horror aspect.

I disagree. Nothing about this film was horrific. After Jake opened the film with his "How does it feel..." line, the story became more and more predictable. My friends and I yawned, then began to predict correctly in whispers the next scenes in the story-line.

"Stir of Echoes" is about a murdered girl whose ghost haunts a father and son until her bones are found and her killers brought to justice. Perhaps this story-line was something new when the book was written 41 years ago, but it has been played out in the present. Stir of Echoes was predictable from the beginning and at best mediocre. I give it 1 1/2 stars out of four.

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Renaissance Festival takes professor to England

By Tandi DePaz
Staff Reporter

Ever wonder what it was like to live in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I? Attending the Ohio Renaissance Festival is one way to find out.

Northern Kentucky University Professor Margo Jang performs two roles in this year's festival. One role is that of Lady Margaret Featherby, one of the

Queen's ladies in waiting. Lady Featherby's main duty is to take care of the royal bird, a Macaw named "Melville."

Jang said, "Early in the year I mostly play the role of Lady Featherby because the kids really seem to like Melville."

Her other role is Bess of Hardwick, the Countess of Shrewsbury. Unlike Lady Featherby, Bess is a true historical figure. Bess's husband, the Earl of Shrewsbury, was the official keeper of the imprisoned

Mary, Queen of Scots.

This is Jang's seventh year participating in the festival. She said that she enjoys it tremendously.

Jang said, "The constant atmosphere of music and food is the thing that pleases me the most."

Festival merchant Amy Landes said it's the people she likes most about the festival. This is Amy's first year with the festival and she said the friendly atmosphere is what attracted her to the job.

Centrally located in Harveysburg, the Ohio Renaissance Festival offers something for all age groups. For smaller children, there are many games and attractions.

This is games worker Jeramey Robert's second year with the festival.

Roberts said there are a lot more games this year than last year.

The festival offers "Student Days" where elementary and high school students receive discount admission and a complimentary return ticket for another day at the festival.

These specially designed show-days focus on the historical and educational aspects of the Elizabethan England. Some of the features include interviews with Queen Elizabeth and her court, combat demonstrations, and knighthood and chivalry discussions.

Of course, there are many attractions focused towards the older crowd as well. Jang said some of the most popular



Tandi DePaz/The Northerner

Ohio Renaissance Festival games worker Jennifer Bowen playing the "Jousting Log" game with a young patron.

comedic acts are the Swordsmen, the Mud Shows and Christopher the Insulter, which are all comprised of actors from National Touring Groups.

Jang said one thing that sets the Renaissance Festival apart from other festivals that are going on this time of year is that the audience participates in the festival.

Jang said, "The patrons like to get involved. Many will come to the festival dressed in Elizabethan England attire."

One of the main reasons Jang said she

continues to return to the Festival is the family-like atmosphere between the cast members.

She said, "They are very supportive of each other. Everybody watches out for each other. The cast is like an extended family."

The Festival runs from Aug. 28 to Oct. 17, and is open weekends only. The operating hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. For more information visit the Festival's website at www.renfestival.com, or call 897-7000.



Tandi DePaz/The Northerner

The Renaissance Festival's main gate complete with Elizabethan era watchtowers.

Four fraternities rush to attract freshmen

By Stephanie Densler
Staff Reporter

Two weeks after sorority rush, Northern Kentucky University's fraternities have begun to hang their posters and banners around campus to show their pride and determination to gain freshmen's attention.

The four fraternities participating in this year's Rush are Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Kappa Tau. The dates for Fraternity Rush are Sept. 13 through Sept. 17.

Rushes should meet in the University Center at 7 p.m. on the opening day for a welcome. They will then be taken to all four fraternities to meet the members. The rest of the week, the rushes can choose what fraternity parties they will attend.

Tau Kappa Epsilon will feature a M-rdi Gras type theme for their Wednesday party. TKE President Josh Jett said, "Tau Kappa Epsilon welcomes men who wish to pursue academics and an exciting college experience."

Alpha Tau Omega will feature a Root Beer Keg

Party for their Wednesday party, since alcohol is not permitted during formal rush.

"Alpha Tau Omega soundly exemplifies what it means to have brotherhood," said Ben Stewart, president of ATO fraternity.

Pi Kappa Alpha on Tuesday afternoon will play paintball with their prospective new members.

PIKE President Paul Fridge said, "We seek men who are willing and capable of taking on both leadership roles and responsibilities inside and outside our chapter."

A "dive-in" movie night is planned at the Albright health center pool for the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau. Phi Tau President Gavin Ellis said, "We believe in the development of the individual, which is why we offer programs of the highest caliber."

There are presently over 80 students signed up for formal rush which is close to the number from last year's rush.

There is also no fee to participate and any questions concerning rush should be directed to the Student Life Office at 572-6514.

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'Capture the fun of Freshfusion'

Staff Report

Since the beginning of Freshfusion at NKU, the Student Life Office has been trying to capture the fun of campus life and stuff it into one night for freshmen.

This year, *The Northerner* decided that it would try to get students to capture the fun of NKU during Freshfusion. We wanted to find out what was the most exciting and

fun for the students at 1999's Freshfusion, so we held a contest. Eight disposable cameras were available at our booth for anyone who wanted to be a photojournalist for a day. The only two rules were: bring the camera back to get a free CD, and make sure you have fun.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in or helped organize the contest.



Photo by Carla Smith

Carla Smith gets first runner up for capturing this lovely but rare moment of Student Government President Chris Boggs and men's basketball coach Ken Shields letting their guards down.

And the winner is...



Photo by Jennifer Martin

Congratulations to Jennifer Martin for capturing the fun of Freshfusion by showing members of Delta Zeta sorority getting messy at their cotton candy booth.



Photo by Jonathan Hall (Left)

Photo by Genecy Hall (Above)

Second runner up goes to Jonathan Hall for getting dangerously close to Ron Gallagher during his comedy act. Gallagher smashed a variety of pies during freshfusion including Chinese surprise, peanut butter and jelly and diaper surprise. The crowd got to "eat" his act. Gallagher also ran out in the crowd with the elephant seen above, making sure to drench all innocent bystanders.

Kudos to Genecy Cloyd for getting this "sweet" picture of her friends eating cotton candy at Freshfusion and earning third runner up.

Eagle Eyes

These budding photographers also did a great job of making a picture say a thousand words.



Photo by Rachel Ward



Photo by Jennifer Martin



Photo by Elea Mihou



Photo by Sagan Johnson



Photo by Shannon Bray



Photo by Danny Miller



Photo by Kevin Miller

The Northerner Athlete of the Week



Photos by Jeff McCurry

Jamie O'Hara

O'Hara has been unstoppable ever since coming to NKU. She remains undefeated in singles competition while forming a solid tandem with doubles partner Claudia Ruel. The Norse are 4-0 this year. O'Hara puts her winning streak on the line this week at home against Indianapolis.

NCAA Div. II women's volleyball poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. Hawaii-Pacific(22)	597	1
2. BYU-Hawaii(3)	578	2
3. Northern Kentucky	519	11
4. West Texas A&M	512	13
5. North Dakota State	500	4
6. Augusta College	475	8
7. North Alabama	474	6
8. University of Tampa	424	3
9. Florida Southern	336	14
10. Northern Michigan	329	10
11. Regis	326	10
12. Cal State-Bakersfield	301	12
13. Central Missouri State	289	9
14. Nebraska-Omaha	273	17
15. Colorado-Christian	257	18
16. South Dakota State	248	15
17. Nebraska-Kearney	207	21
18. Minnesota-Duluth	182	25
19. Barry	179	7
20. North Florida	173	16
21. Cal St.-San Bernardino	126	22
22. Northern Colorado	105	NR
23. Rockhurst	92	23
24. Cal State-Los Angeles	76	23
25. Ind.-Purdue, Ft. Wayne	56	NR

Winning keeps Norse focused

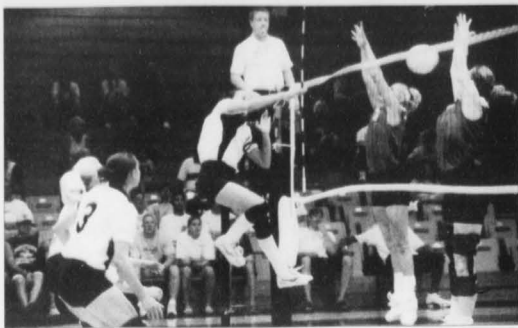
Tim Banks
Sports Editor

The speeding train that is the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team continued to pick up steam as it completed a week of incredible play.

The Norse made a huge jump in the Division II volleyball poll, catapulting from number 11 to number three after upsetting the third and fourth-ranked teams in the country, at the University of North Florida Labor Day National Classic. "These were probably two of the biggest wins ever for this program," said head coach Mary Biermann. "Those teams are continually in the top five every year so they were big matches."

NKU knew going into the tournament that a big challenge waited for them. "Three and four were very big. We were in thinking just do our best and get a set or something but we have been training really hard and it paid off," said sophomore Luisa Gomez.

The Norse had to play two matches on Saturday and there was a fear that fatigue would set in. After the upset of North Dakota State, the team was salivating at the chance to match up with Tampa. "We have a married fight with Tampa because they are the one's who beat us in the tournament last year," said Gomez. "North Dakota was just the team to beat because they were in the finals last year so both of those teams had a big target on their backs."



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GOT AIR?: Sophomore outside/middle hitter Bethany Gastright spikes the ball between two Thomas More defenders during Wednesday's match.

Finally getting a chance to play at home was a factor in why the Norse were seemingly unstoppable against Thomas More. "We were very pumped about playing our first home game," said Gomez. "After three weeks of games on the road it was nice to come home and play this well."

After the match against Thomas More, NKU traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana Sept. 10-11 to take on Grand Valley State, Northwood, and Wayne State.

Friday's match saw the Norse lose for the first time this year, as they were upset by Grand Valley State, 13-15, 8-15, 15-10, and 13-15. The team however rebounded on Saturday by beating Northwood and Wayne State to improve their overall record to 9-1.

The NCAA Division II volleyball season is a long one and this years Norse team is already ranked higher than any other previous team. With only one loss so far and the respect earned from beating quality teams expectations are high. "We feel like we can play with anyone, but we just continue to take it one match at a time and try not to look too far ahead," said Biermann.

Buroker supported the coaches statement by saying "Anything is possible."



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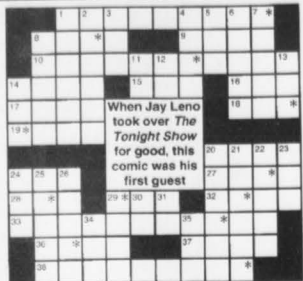
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TV-CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. ER actress
2. Brainy kid's report card
3. Sworn statement
4. Hill (1981-87)
5. Duane Martin's role on 1998's *Getting Personal*
6. of Destruction; 1990 Gregory Hines film
7. Ruby or Sandra
8. 1993-97 Superman portrayer
9. Suffix for differ or depend
10. Lodges
11. The (1976 Gregory Peck movie)
12. The (1947 Fred MacMurray film)
13. Theda (pitch softball)
14. Star of *Ali-American Girl* (1994-95)
15. Actor Ken
16. Angel
17. Part of the title of Turturlo's series
18. Automobile pioneer
19. 60 Minutes personality (2)

DOWN

1. Reasonable Doubts star (1991-93)
2. Way '88 Merin Olsen series
3. Dawn Chong
4. Ear part

ACROSS

5. Ending for part or editor
6. Piano piece
7. Host of *Life Is Worth Living* (1952-57)
8. Flu type
9. Suffix for pay or boot
10. She '94 comedy-variety series
11. Desk (1975 Tracy-Hepburn film)
12. Spinal rival
13. Maureen, once of *A Current Affair*
14. Sickness
15. Gray and Moran
16. One of the Bobbsey twins
17. Ending for wild or bold
18. World
19. Actor Elliott
20. 1975-76 musical variety series
21. She (1967-68)
22. Drug tragedy, for short
23. Boo Boo, perhaps?
24. S.A. nation



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OFFICE MOVES: UC offices shifted around

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Viki Kimball, coordinator of International Student Affairs, is also excited about moving into the office she will share with the Women's Center.

"I think students will feel more comfortable coming in and sitting down," Kimball said.

"The configuration will be more friendly," she said. "Here it is like a doctor's office."

The space on the second floor became available after last year's plans to move the African American Student Affairs Office next to the Women's Center and International Student Affairs Office was re-assessed. Shanley said one of the reasons for the change was the increasing demand on Dale Adams, coordinator of Disability Services.

"It was presented and approved that their needs had outweighed the [current] position," said Shanley.

Because of this, it was necessary

to include Disability Services under Health, Counseling and Testing Services. He said there was no space for Adams where the Health, Counseling and Testing offices are now, which forced the offices to re-examine their space.

Along with a new position, the office has added a clinic three days a week, said Stephanie Baker, director of Health, Counseling and Testing.

"We're really, really cramped," said Baker. "We use our bathroom for storage."

Baker said she was ready to move as soon as she got the word from Shanley's office.

"We're very motivated to get this moving," she said.

Mike Baker, vice-president for Administration and Finance, said that Physical Plant is completely backed up with campus construction. Right now he said there are 61 projects on the construction priority

list.

"With the dynamic changes in this campus age there is a high demand renovations," he said.

Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh said that plans were under way to renovate to the empty second floor office for the Career Development Office.

"We're still in the process of making an assessment," Schuh said. "We understand that this project is a high priority for student affairs."

She said once the plans for all the renovations needed on the second-floor office were drawn up, then Physical Plant could judge the extent of work needed and give a time and cost estimate. Based on the information from Physical Plant, the Campus Planning office would decide whether to hire an outside contractor to do the work.

FRESHFUSION: Fresh fun for freshmen

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students to eat a free meal and learn a little more about on-campus organizations. Many campus organizations set up tables to inform new students of their existence and purpose.

There were traditional games such as a dunking booth and a basketball hoop, along with inflatable games, the bouncing buck-a-roo and the new-come to Freshfusion, the bungee run. The bouncing buck-a-roo is an inflatable room where students could box with giant boxing gloves. The bungee run was a form of racing competition where the competitors were strapped in with a bungee cord. The object of the game was to run down your own inflatable ally, once you reached the end, you had to try to throw a football in a hole at the starting point of your competitor.

There were varying degrees of

excitement among the students. "The free food is all right," said Freshman Aaron Jefferson who attended the event with his friend Clint Gilkey. Gilkey attended Freshfusion as a requirement for his University 101 class. "I just usually don't dig on stuff like this," said Gilkey. Both agreed because it allows freshmen to meet their peers.

Josh Miller also attended because of a University 101 requirement. "It [Freshfusion] allows people to get together and communicate, to make new friends," said Miller. There were plenty of activities at Freshfusion, but Miller said he was most excited about Gallagher.

Miller was not alone. Ron Gallagher, also known as "Gallagher II, The Living Sequel," was the head-

lining performer at Freshfusion. And NKU students were Gallagherized; water went flying, melons went splattering and the students were ducking. Gallagher has been on the road for ten years entertaining people with his impersonation of his well-known brother. Gallagher performs at five to six universities a year and feels it is a great way to welcome freshmen. "It's a wonderful way to say what this school is all about," said Gallagher. He said his show is about learning and having fun. His advice to the freshmen class was simple. "Bring plastic." No he was not talking about credit cards.

The night ended with the local band Denial playing. The music could be heard all through the UC plaza, and as students walked to their cars, there was a little dance in their step.



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- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Stop being so tough on yourself. Everyone makes mistakes, but the successful people learn from them. Let go of past hurts.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Try to open communication lines with loved ones. A new business venture is on the way, and you need to be prepared.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
You have to learn to take time out and enjoy the life you have. Help a friend understand the meaning of giving.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
Keep a low profile and don't toot your horn quite yet. Stay close to home and have a quiet dinner with friends.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
There is a possibility your mood swings might be related to food allergies or low blood sugar. Seek help from a professional.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Use caution with heavy machinery. Be very conservative with your finances. Focus on practical concerns.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
You'll meet someone who is down to earth and happy with life. Listen closely; you might learn something.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
It is easy to lose sight of goals, so you may need to commit your plan to pen and paper. Once you do, you'll have a clearer vision of the road ahead.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
There's a cosmic cloud hanging over your head, and it isn't helping you make some tough decisions. Take health concerns seriously.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
A relationship isn't going quite the way you had hoped, and there is uncertainty about the future. Be honest with yourself and the other person.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Play a good round of cards with friends and enjoy their company. It may be better to postpone travel plans temporarily.

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