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## Area businesses invest in NKU's future

By Forrest Berkshire  
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University and the Tri-County Economic Development foundation announced their partnership in the newly developed Workforce Development Collaborative on Wednesday, September 23.

The goal of the WDC is the advancement of the area's workforce by increasing the pool of available workers, training and retention of workers and strengthening the relationship between the business community and area schools.

NKU will act as the educational component for the WDC.

"Education is what NKU is about," President James Votruba said at a press conference in the River Center Towers in Covington.

"With the generous support of Delta Airlines, NKU will create the Metropolitan Education and Training Services unit designed to

address the education and training needs of our metropolitan area."

"Our role will be to help facilitate quick responses using the resources available regionally and beyond," Votruba said.

Barbra Holland, associate provost for strategic planning and outreach, explained that NKU would act "like a catalog or brokering service." It will be a filter for arranging the instruction that area businesses need.

The education provided by the unit will not be traditional college courses, nor is it likely that most of the classes will even take place at NKU's main campus. The unit will be agile, customer focused, outcome-driven and able to bring programs to employees quickly, Votruba said. The education will focus on non-credit, non-degree education for performance.

Holland said there may be some instruction that takes place at NKU, but that the majority of the educational instruction will take

place on the job site.

The cost of the program is stated at \$1.5 million, which will be provided by the partners in the collaborative. For NKU's part, Holland said its largest contribution is the educational unit, but that there "may be some internal investment."

According to Votruba, this is an investment in NKU's future.

"What benefits this region benefits the university. We will stand shoulder to shoulder with this metropolitan region on work force education, and we will in turn ask the community to stand shoulder to shoulder with us as we build this university," he said.

Bill Robinson, representing TRI-ED, said, "TRI-ED has budgeted \$105,000 for 1998-99, a substantial portion of its annual funding, to support the work force development program for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce."

The program was invented in response to the problem of finding

qualified workers, according to Joe Von Lehman, Jr. of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

"Northern Kentucky's robust economy and its 3.2% unemployment rate continues to challenge our region's expansion," Lehman said.

He also said that Northern Kentucky's economic growth has been three times that of the rest of the nation, and over the next eight years, expansion will add 56,000 new jobs. A maturing work force, combined with fewer young workers to replace the existing work base, have added to the problems.

This is the reason that education in a "just-in-time" basis is a key to competitiveness, Votruba said.

Now that the collaboration has been announced, the real planning begins, Holland said. This was merely the unveiling. The next step is the search for a director, which is far from finished. Holland said that should be completed by this winter, when the collaborative will get into full swing.



President Votruba announces NKU's commitment in the Workforce Development Collaborative, in conjunction with area business leaders.

## Snakey Situation



Misty Tomlinson, a freshman communication major, holds a Burmese python brought to campus by Dr. Jerry Carpenter. Dr. Carpenter brought the snake to the plaza to get students more interested in the animal world, and to help them overcome their fear. The snake, who travels in a suite case, is sometimes used in Dr. Carpenter's classes.

## Money made available

By Margie Wise  
Production Manager

The Kentucky Council For Post Secondary Education is offering \$750,000 to any school who can raise equal funds, said Paul Gaston, vice president of academic affairs at Northern Kentucky University.

He said it will be used to supplement some of the departments and to help recruit faculty by increasing some salaries. This would also help encourage faculty to stay at NKU. The most important function for the money, he said, would be to help make overall improvements to NKU's academic programs.

Ken Walker, the deputy executive director for finances of CPE, said the funds are coming out of CPE's year-end surplus.

They have offered to divide \$10 million between six Kentucky regional colleges. These colleges are Morehead College, Murray College, Kentucky State College, Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University and NKU, said Walker.

Walker said \$100 million dollars has been taken from the surplus and is avail-

able for the two research schools in Kentucky, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

"The intent behind the council's recommendation was to make money available that would help give universities some leverage in private fund-raising," he said.

Abby Schlapher, an English major and art minor from Cincinnati, said she thought the art department could use some of the money for art tools. She said the money could also be used to buy more art on campus, especially now that the D.W. Griffith sculpture has been moved.

Schlapher said she also likes the idea of increasing some faculty salaries. "The English department has a lot of part time faculty that work for little or nothing, and we've lost so many professors," she said.

"If President [James] Votruba were to call us tomorrow and say, 'I've got your match money, give us the funds', we couldn't do that," said Walker. This is because some of the policies regarding how the money is to be used are still being discussed by CPE.

"The money is available for the first time beginning in October," said Gaston.

## Growth poses possibilities for new arena

By Tony Casnellie  
Copy Editor

An arena and convocation center at Northern Kentucky University may become a reality.

NKU administration is preparing to create a proposal and feasibility study in order to determine the facilities potential for success. The study will also specify what steps the university needs to take in order to make the facility a reality. The university intends to hire a consultant to determine market characteristics and to define a facility program to best serve these markets.

"We are beginning to think about how we go about funding the feasibility study. We'll first do a market analysis. The marketer will go out in the community and talk with the business community about potential support for the arena," said Vice President Carla Chance.

The study will eventually include the recommended numbers of seats for athletic events, revenue potential for the facility, the assessment of naming rights and the final review.

Chance said the arena would not only have an impact on the university, it would also serve the entire Northern Kentucky community. The arena could be used for high school commencements, cultural events, and regional and statewide meetings.

Steven Niehaus, a sophomore psychology major, said, "I think a new arena would be good for the university's growth and it would be a good opportunity to bring the student body together."

Ken Shields, coach of the men's basketball team would like to see an arena built at NKU. "We have the least attendance facilities here in Northern Kentucky than any other region in the state of

Kentucky. They need it for graduations. They need it for concerts. So there's a multitude of reasons why it would be beneficial," he said.

Shields said the current facility does not hold enough people for the basketball games and other events. He said, "Our program has had enough success where we're having trouble getting people into the game which creates some problems."

Regents Hall, the current home of NKU basketball, volleyball, commencement and convocation, seats 1,800-2,000 in a bleacher seating format.

Basketball player Kevin Listerman, a senior biology education major, would like to see an arena as long as it is done right.

"We have to have the right kind of atmosphere. It's very important that it ends up on campus because it's a natural recruiting tool not

only for the basketball team and other athletic departments but just the students. How many people go to Duke and know about Cameron Stadium or go to North Carolina and know about the Smith Center? Everybody knows about Rupp Arena. Well, that's the type of thing we need here," Listerman said.

Chance says if the market analysis determines that there is enough potential for the facility to succeed then they will follow through with the feasibility study. She also says NKU will likely need outside support to follow through with this project.

"The potential to fund an arena and the ability to go forward with this project is probably dependent upon some support out of the 2000 General Session. We are probably going to need to go to Frankfort and see if we can get some support out of Frankfort," she said.

## Future parking plans

By Rob Howard  
Staff Reporter

The new parking garage will provide students with 300-350 spaces to help ensure accessible parking in the future.

The garage, which is designed to reach four stories high, is to be built south of the Business, Education & Psychology building and lot J area and will stretch to the Science & Technology building. University Dr. will actually run underneath the garage. Students wishing to enter the garage will need to pass under the garage and then make a small loop around to reach the entrance. The cost of this structure is estimated at \$3.1 million.

Finance for the garage has come from several sources. One being from student and faculty parking fees. Several years back the student fee was raised from \$27 per semester

to the current rate of \$48. The faculty fee was doubled at that time from \$48 to \$96. Mary Schuh, director of Campus Planning, also stated the university will sell bonds to cover the debt. Any additional funds left over will support the university's general fund.

According to the presentation to Student Government on September 21, ground breaking for the garage is set to take place in early spring (February or March) 1999. There has been, however, several factors still holding up the process.

The original garage layout was denied by C.G.A.E. because it was going to be built under the power lines near the dorm. Once the present location was determined, the construction company still had to wait for the results of a soil analysis that was performed. Nevertheless,

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# NKU expects three percent growth over next five years

By Jocelyn Drake  
Staff Reporter

As the student population grows, various campus institutions are preparing for larger numbers of students.

According to the office of the registrar, Northern Kentucky University saw a five-year high in enrollment when classes began for the fall semester of 1993, with more than 12,000 students.

Yet there was a gradual decrease in the number of students until fall 1997 when the enrollment topped 11,785, an increase of three percent.

President James Votruba expressed his desire for the student population to grow when he gave his State of the University Address, explaining his "Visions, Values and Voices" plan. He intends for the campus to grow by three percent every year for the next five years.

"The growth in this area is phenomenal," said Dr. Mark Shanley, the new vice president of student affairs and enrollment management. "If we are to remain an institute of choice in the growing area, we must grow with it."

Shanley explained that six different task forces have been designed to study the various aspects of the "Visions, Values, and Voices" plan. One will be concerned with the implementation of recruitment and retention.

Associate Provost Paul Reichardt will be co-chairing the task force with Shanley. The committee will have 15 faculty members along with students and staff.

Promoting access and making sure that students, once enrolled, have the opportunity to succeed is key to not only recruiting students, but making sure that they stay in school.

Another way the school is preparing for new students is by enhancing its advising systems, which will offer accurate and consistent information to both the student and the advisor. Shanley would also like to make support systems more convenient to students.

While many of the houses and the whens for these changes still needs to be determined by the task force, Shanley is confident about what is ahead.

Areas of growth that will be showing up on campus are the new parking garage, the new science building, for which there will be a ground breaking in June of 1999 and the 12 new full-time faculty members.

"These are 12 new spots that will allow the institution to catch up with the enrollment growth," Shanley explained.

Patty Hayden, director of Residential Life says that the growing number of students will have an impact on the availability of rooms in the dorms. While there is an increase this year in

the number of people being housed in the dorms, there is still room.

"As of Friday, Sept. 18, there were 859 people being housed in the dorms," Hayden said. Housing capacity is 997.

As the number of students moving into the dorms increases, the first step will be the reduction and eventual elimination of private rooms.

The increase in the number of people living in the dorms may also bring about a change in the assignment policy.

Hayden explained that when she first started working for Residential Life at NKU, priority was given to those students who lived outside the commuting area.

"This commuting area was defined by the surrounding counties: Hamilton and Clermont in Ohio and Boone, Kenton and Campbell in Kentucky," Hayden said.

"This growth in student population is going to be subtle," Shanley said.

This gradual growth in student population includes this year's increase in student enrollment.

According to Institutional Research, the head count for Fall 1998 is 11,814 as of Sept. 21. This is only an increase of 29 students over last fall.

Even though the growth of student population was a small one, the campus stands ready, eagerly waiting to greet both new and returning students.



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

Expect to see more crowds around NKU's campus in the future. It is estimated that the student population will grow by three percent over the next five years.

## D.P.S. REPORTS

A subject was found sleeping in the back seat of a vehicle. The officer found the subject to intoxicated with alcohol. The officer issued a citation for alcohol intoxication and warned the subject not to return to campus or else be charged with criminal trespassing.

Officers discovered students under the age of 21 drinking alcohol in a dorm room. One student was arrested for possessing a fake identification.

A student was found who was struck on the side of the head and also struck the back of the head, when she fell backwards. The student was unconscious for a short time, but later complained of a bad headache, vertigo and dizziness.

The student was transferred to St. Luke East.

Officers observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver swerved around the speed bumps at pedestrians in the cross walk. The driver was issued a state citation for "disregarding a traffic control device."

Officers responded to a student who complained of neighbors throwing dough balls at her door. Officers talked to the neighbors and found them to be

intoxicated. The neighbors were referred to the University.

Officers responded to a student who complained of another student throwing rocks at his car. The student admitted to the charge. When the officers checked the student's name with local authorities, they found the student to have three arrest warrants, two in Campbell County and one in Hamilton County. The student was arrested.

An ATM machine got jammed with a man's card in it. The man went to the DPS office to report it. When he returned to the machine, his ATM card was gone.

## Ten car wrecks this year

"Best year so far for NKU"

By Amanda Huffman  
Staff Reporter

How safe are students when driving or walking across campus?

According to Donald McKenzie, DPS director, there have been no reported accidents involving pedestrians so far this year, or even any complaints from pedestrians.

McKenzie said, "This has been one of our best years so far." McKenzie stated that the only time there are traffic back-ups is when students are using the crosswalks.

The DPS has on record at least ten accidents involving vehicles, all of which happened on campus and caused no personal injury. The accidents were minor, such as people being rear-ended. Students like senior Heather Blom are not worried about their safety on campus. Blom said, "I always look when crossing the street," but she has no questions about her safety.

Other students like senior Brent

Ionna, however, are not so confident while traveling on campus. Ionna said that he always checks the cross walks to see that people will stop.

"It's really bad, it's like road rage, everyone is in such a hurry," he said.

He said people can not always be sure someone will stop for you, or even slow down.

The speed limit on campus is posted at 20 mph, however that speed is not always followed. When asked about the number of speeders on campus, a DPS officer replied, "Too many."

The DPS officers have cited students for speeding, weaving, driving under the influence, careless driving, and many other offenses.

The Department of Public Safety can be reached for an emergency at 572-7777, or for non-emergency at 572-5500. Complaints can also be filed on-line at <http://access.nku.edu/dps/complaint.htm>.

## PARKING

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construction should come to a close by fall of 1999.

"Parking is predominantly on the west side of the campus. When the garage and terrace lots are added, parking will be distributed to the south and east," said Schuch.

Schuch also added, "I think it's a plus in terms of traffic control, as well as improving the university's appearance."

The new terrace parking lot will be placed on the hill behind the three houses NKU owns on John's Hill Dr. This lot, the current expansion of lot M, and the garage should give the university over 600 new parking spaces/150 spots in lot D will be lost due to the new science center.

Paul Richardson, an aviation administration major, is excited about the addition. He said, "The parking garage and extending the current lots are a great idea. I even pay a small fee each day to park there so we could raise more money for parking. We have too many students and not enough good spots as it is."

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Prison system questioned

By Forrest Berkshire  
News Editor

We've been told we live in the land of the free, and the home of the brave. We've endured the propaganda that we are the freest people in the world, that the US government stands for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Well that may be true for the majority of the population. You know, the white middle class family with 2.4 kids and a white picket fence. But there is another segment of the population who for them freedom is only a word. And it's growing, at an alarming rate, by over 89,000 people a year.

That's how many American citizens were locked up in our state and federal prisons last year, the largest annual increase in history, and enough to push our prison population over that of Russia's. That means that the United States is by far the leading country, (with an incarceration rate ten times that of other industrialized countries), when it comes to locking up it's people.

Here's a nice thought, as of June 30, according to the Bureau of Justice Studies, there are over one-and-a-half million inmates in state and federal prisons. That means that there are 565 inmates for every 100,000 citizens.

And do you want to know how much this costs the American people? Fifty four billion dollars annually.

So there you have it. And now you're saying to yourself "Well, they shouldn't have broken the law," and sure, you have a point.

But then you need to look at the trends in the sentencing and the types of convictions.

In 1970 the percentage of drug offenders in the US prison system was right around ten percent. It grew steadily through the seventies and early eighties, until in the late eighties when you suddenly see a steady increase. In 1998, it is now estimated that over 60 percent of prison inmates are now in jail due to drug related charges

according to the Bureau of Justice. That's over 750,000 people my friend.

There are several reasons for this. We've all heard the politicians in election years say they're going to "get tough on crime." Then the voters all scream out "Yahoo! This guy's really serious, let's get him in here to protect us and keep the crazies off the street."

Maybe that's why between 1984 and 1992, the average sentence for a drug related crime without the use of a weapon increased from three years with a possibility of probation to five years with no parole.

So the politicians and the judicial system say don't break the law, or you're going to go to jail, because we're serious about this, it's what is good for the American people.

Have you ever known an addict? They're everywhere. I'm not talking about that dirty old guy wearing three coats and pushing a shopping cart full of stuff up Vine street, I'm just asking about someone addicted to something. I'm addicted to cigarettes. I've been told to stop, they're going to kill me. And they will eventually, but there's nothing anyone can say that will make me stop. That's the way addiction is.

According to the Los Angeles Times over 100,000 of the state inmates have a history of chronic drug and/or alcohol abuse. The prison system's care clinics have places for only 400 of them. So for the other 99,600 addicts serving time I guess the government will just tell them to stop, and they'll listen (or at least that's their philosophy).

A good example of the administration's policy and philosophy on crime can be summed up by a quote from William Barr, former attorney general of the Bush administration.

"The price of putting these people in prison is lower than the price of leaving them out on the streets where they would commit



more crime," Barr said.

So lock 'em up! Get "those people" off the street, put them in prison, house them for a couple of years, and send them back out in the in the same condition they arrived in so that maybe a year after their release they can come back, because that's what happens, at an estimate of 8,000 second time offenders per month.

The concept of rehabilitation has been abandoned. It's the current philosophy that prisons are a warehouse for the miscreants of society, those that can not conform, to be hidden from the public eye.

Nancy Cole, president of the Educational Testing Service which studies inmates and their education level, said "While studies show that training and education in prisons lead to increased post-release success in the job

market, at least one half of all state correctional institutions have cut their inmate education programs during the last five years."

So, if I understand this correctly, that means that while the prison population continues to grow by leaps and bounds, the one thing that really helps keep people out of jail is being cut.

I guess they need the money in other places, like for the construction of more prisons, to house more people, to create more criminals, so we can build more jails, to lock up more people, and create more criminals, I've got to stop, thinking in this circular manner is making my head spin.

According to ETS one third of inmates are likely to fail simple tasks such as reading a map, and two thirds would have difficulty writing a letter to explain a billing

error. There seems to be a strong correlation then between low education levels and criminal behavior.

The solution? Well there is no solution to crime, it's always been with us and always will be, no matter how many people we lock up.

But it seems to me that a good chunk of the class of people we have labeled prisoners could be helped out by being taught just a few simple skills to help them exist in society. And if you're not interested in helping people, trying to make everyone's lives a little better, then maybe you care about the price that this is costing all of us taxpayers supporting a system that has no chance of ever improving or getting cheaper until something serious is done about it.

Fair Treatment?

By D. Gall

Dear Northerner,

I am writing to inquire as to why the night students are treated as second class students?

Having returned to Northern after a five year absence due to work requirements I have found that nothing has changed.

While working out at the health center after work I was leaving the gym when I noticed several students packing plastic bags with goodies (free razors and other advertisements) and I asked what they were for and I was told the open house. I asked when was the open house and was told from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. So I said what about the night students, the reply was they'll probably be gone by then.

Just glad to hear that nothing has changed in five years except the tuition.

North Poll

What is your opinion on the new substance abuse program?

Shelie Snowball

Alexandria  
Education  
"I don't agree with that. It infringes on your personal life. Just because you have one drink does not mean you have a problem."



Adam Pleiman

Cold Spring  
Undeclared

"Just because you get caught once doesn't mean that you abuse the substance."

Cherie Ilg

Alexandria  
English

"It's terrible. This should not be a dry campus."



Tanesha Keene

Frankfort  
Biology

"I disagree with that. It should be someone's own choice to go to a substance abuse program."

Jodi Glass

Florence  
Social work

"If you can get treatment for substance abuse for \$75, that is reasonable."



Walecia Larkin

Cincinnati  
Media Production

"I think they are dealing with the problem incorrectly."

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# Phi Alpha Theta wins best chapter award

By Jeff Williams  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, last week, won the 1998 Best Chapter Award. Alpha Beta Phi has won the Best Chapter Award of Phi Alpha Theta's national organization six out of the last seven years.

According to a press release from the department of history and geography dated Sept. 18, Phi Alpha Theta headquarters in Allentown, Pa., announced that Northern Kentucky University's chapter won Phi Alpha Theta's national 1998 Best Chapter Award. The release cites Alpha Beta Phi, the local chapter of the national honor society in history at NKU, as winner of the award in Division III - universities with between 6,000 and 10,000 students. The award includes a plaque and a check for \$250 for the purchase of books for Steely Library.

Rick Trump, Alpha Beta Phi president, said winning the Best Chapter Award is not an uncommon honor for NKU Alpha Beta Phi members, but winning is still very prestigious.

"There is a lot of glory to being recognized by our peers on the national level. Also, I believe we got runner-up in the 1992-1993 academic year so winning has become almost a tradition," Trump said.

Trump said \$250 was awarded to the chapter. The chapter will use the money to buy historical reference materials, historical books for the archives, Kentucky area history books and rare books for the Steely Library. "The money and the plaque are nice additions to the award but 'It's more of a prestige thing," said Trump.

Trump said Alpha Beta Phi won the 1998 award because of the quality and the high participation in the activities the chapter sponsored during the preceding year and because of the quality of the chapter's scholarly journal "Perspectives in History."

"We try to be very active," Trump explained. He said it is unusually difficult for most of the 15 to 20 Alpha Beta Phi members to actively participate in the chapter's activities.

"Most of the members are scholarship students or non-traditional students. All but two of our officers are non-traditional students with families and with many years behind us since high school," Trump said. He also said most of Phi Alpha Theta chapters nationwide also consist of non-traditional students. "It is our higher degree of participation that sets us apart," Stanley Malina, spokesman for the national headquarters, said it is Phi Alpha Theta's goal to promote the study of history through research, publication, and an exchange of ideas by way of group and individual contact.

"We are surrounded by all kinds of history. Phi Alpha Theta's mission is to perpetuate the field and promote the study of history," said Malina.

Malina said there are six national

award divisions in Phi Alpha Theta, and university chapters are compared with universities who have similar overall student attendance.

"We look at their (local chapter members) activities and compare the quality of work and the end results with similar sized universities," Malina said.

He also said the quality of local programs sponsored by the chapter, public and chapter attendance at those activities, and presentation of papers at Phi Alpha Theta's national and regional conferences are major considerations for comparison when deciding prize winners.

Malina said the NKU chapter certainly has surpassed other universities in Division III during the last six years. He said Alpha Beta Phi continues to win because it continues to outperform other universities in Division III.



Volunteers work to restore a Civil War battery off of Sleepy Hollow Road in Fort Wright. Photo Contributed

the historical importance of the sites and the sites are being destroyed.

Heringer said the Battery Bates site is one-fourth of a mile into the woods, behind Devou Apartments off Sleepy Hollow Road in Fort Wright. He said people have been using the rifle pits as jump-ramps for motor cycles and ATV's (small all-terrain vehicles). Heringer said treasure hunters have also dug up a lot of the area in search of Civil War memorabilia.

Heringer said Battery Bates required a lot of work from the different groups that showed up for the restoration project. Members from Alpha Beta Phi and the Behringer/Crawford Museum were among the groups that shared in the work.

One of the workers, Shawn Haugen, is a Boy Scout working toward his Eagle's Badge. "We had about 20 people. We cleared brush and logs away from the battery, and we built a split-rail fence around it to keep the bikes out. We want to keep it (the Battery Bates) around for posterity," Heringer said.

Heringer said projects like Battery Bates is what Alpha Beta Phi is all about.

"It shows our national chapter that our members get involved and we have an impact on the community. We do things together and our membership is not just in name only," he said.

"Winning the award six out of the last seven years is quite amazing to me," Heringer commented.

"There are literally thousands of universities our size out there. But what really counts is the caliber of the people and their willingness to pull together - teamwork. Even if we didn't win the award it would be worth it because of the fellowship."

## Campus Calendar

### Thursday, Oct. 1:

- "Thorn Shaw: The First 27 Years"—Exhibit. Reception 5-8 p.m. Fine Arts Center. Main and Third Floor Galleries. Exhibit runs through November 6.

- "Merrily We Roll Along" Corbett Theatre. Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m. Call 572-5435 for ticket information.

### Saturday, Oct. 3:

- Soccer. NKU vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Men's game, 12:30 p.m.; women's game, 3 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 4:

- Soccer. NKU vs. Southern Indiana. Men's game, 12:30 p.m.; women's game, 3 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 5:

- "Les Causeries du Lundi", informal French conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- "The Grants Process" workshop. 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lucas Administrative Center 722.

### Tuesday, Oct. 6:

- Survivors Support Group. 3 p.m. UC 232.
- "Deutsche Kaffeestunde", informal German conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- "Humor Your Stress" Wellness Retreat. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. UC 303.

### Wednesday, Oct. 7:

- AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12 noon and 3-4 p.m. UC 232.
- "Hora de conversacion", informal Spanish conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
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# Non-traditional women unite to be more involved on campus



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At the Women in Transition meeting, Golda Hampton, Alice Aiken, Marlene Gerding and Rita Brooks discuss issues relevant to non-traditional students, such as balancing home, family, work and school.

## New faces act backwards

By James Proffitt  
Staff Reporter

From Oct. 1 through through Oct. 11 the Northern Kentucky University drama department will be putting their vocal and acting talents to work in the musical "Merrily We Roll Along."

"Merrily We Roll Along" was originally written and later rewritten by Stephen Sondheim. It tells the story of the lives and relationships of three young friends who are studying musical theatre in New York. The play itself is different in the fact that it is told in reverse chronological order. It starts in the 1970s and shows the lives of the characters back through the 1950s.

Though the play itself never had a big run on Broadway, it has been performed numerous times in regional theatres. Director Joseph Conger said "Critics have always felt that the play had a certain element to it that made it (special). It starts out showing the characters where they are, and then goes back to show how they got there."

The music itself is also unique, Conger describes it as "difficult" and "non-traditional." The musical portion of the program will be handled by Dr. Dennis Davenport.

The cast for this play, along with the story and the music is a bit unusual. "It's a really interesting cast," Conger remarked. "In addition to some of the students that have been in our plays before, we have lots of new faces, some of which have very prominent roles." He added that these freshmen are "very talented, nice, and experienced performers."

Freshman Julie Pasikowski, who will be part of the vocal ensemble, said "I love it" when asked about the play. "It's so exciting. The show itself is ingenious. It's a really well written play."

"Merrily We Roll Along" will be performed at 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased in the Bursar's office. Ticket prices are \$5 for students, \$6 for senior citizens, \$7 for staff and \$8 for anyone else.

By Kelly Carlson  
Features Editor

Fact: 38 percent of Northern Kentucky University students are non-traditional (age 25 and over), and 60 percent of those are women, according to the NKU Office of Institutional Research.

This is the second in a series of stories describing the various support groups offered by the Women's Center.

Women In Transition is a support group for non-traditional female students who are returning to school. Ann Richards, counselor and co-facilitator of the group, said, "The group is primarily for social connection and peer support."

The students in this group deal with issues relevant to them such as the difficulties of balancing home,

family, work and school.

"The students talk about maintaining balance and stress in their lives," Richards explained, "and the group focuses on the unique needs of non-traditional women."

Richards said topics of interest discussed at previous meetings included "being over 30 on an under 30 campus, balancing home and school, parenting, creating healthy partnered relationships, and exploring women's spirituality."

Marlene Wilmet Gerding, a senior psychiatric social work major, has been attending WIT meetings regularly for two years.

"The group is a source of networking, so we don't feel so isolated on campus," Gerding said. "It is nice to see a familiar face."

Gerding explained that the group members motivate each other to get

more involved in campus life. Gerding set an example for other non-traditional women by running for Student Government Association President in 1998.

She has also served as a senator for SGA for four years and has been a member of the Norse Leadership Society for three years.

"We are very supportive of each other," Gerding added.

Women In Transition meetings take place on Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Center in room 232.

Katherine Meyer, Women's Center coordinator and co-facilitator of WIT, said four new members have joined the group this semester and anyone is welcome to attend a meeting.

Meyer also said the students in the

group recently decided to open each meeting with a poem or a significant reading.

"Literature is very important to this group," Meyer stated. "The group is interested in connecting different parts of its world together."

In addition to conducting meetings every week, WIT is planning a trip to the Crazy Ladies Bookstore in Cincinnati this semester.

Gerding said the group might be planning a camping trip this spring as well.

This is the second year for WIT, but Richards feels the group has been very successful thus far, saying "The fact that women know this group exists is really important."

For more information regarding WIT, contact Katherine Meyer at 572-6498 or Ann Richards at 572-5769.

## Hometown-style music links different artists

By Justin Lynch  
Music Review

Wes Cunningham  
12 Ways To Win People To Your Way Of Thinking - Warner Brothers, 1998

Jude No One Is Really Beautiful  
Maverick/Reprise, 1998

Of late the contemporary singer-songwriter genre has been all but dominated by Lilith Fair fare. The acoustic-guitar-soulful-males have all been resigned to playing bus terminals and, god forbid, wedding gigs. Or have they?

Here are two debut albums by two singing-song writing guys, Jude, based in Los Angeles and Wes Cunningham, from Nashville by way of Texas.

Where they hail from is significant in that both of the CDs are produced within the context of their respective "hometown sounds."

In Jude's case, several stalwarts of the L.A. studio glitterati lend a hand on his first effort. George Drakoula and Mickey Petralia take turns pro-

ducing with a handful of others, and Bentmont Tench, (who has played on every album ever recorded in the greater L.A. area—no kidding) the Wallflower's Rami Jaffe, and Grant Lee Buffalo's Paul Kimble are among the musicians that played.

But enough about the cast, Jude himself offers a pretty eclectic style that ranges from the melodious whiney of "You Mama You" to the trippy Lou Reed by way of Beck sounding "Brad and Suzi."

Jude's individuality shines through in both his soaring vocal range and rapid fire delivery. The emotion inflected in his songs makes for a crystal clear connection between singer and listener.

Wes Cunningham is an apple of a different orchard.

His CD sounds homemade, almost kitchen brewed in it's potluck character and last night's leftovers production quality. Cunningham constructs thick soundscapes behind his bare bones rock songs that are never cluttered and rarely upstage the songs' intents.

The background crowd sounds in

"Magazine" gives the song a sort of being-discretely-dumped-by-your-girlfriend-in-a-crowded-bar-atmosphere. The playful desperation of "Say My Name" is loaned an earthy tone by its garage band arrangement.

The only time the soup gets the best of the chef is on "Car Wreck" which is a campy rewrite of "The Girl From Ipanema" and no more need be said on that.

Peripheral listening might bring comparisons to Paul Westerberg, but for the most part Cunningham offers an honest collection of good rock songs.

Both Jude's and Cunningham's styles are informed by contemporary music, more so than drawing from the classic rock past (Although Jude does sample Buffalo Springfield's "For What Its Worth" on "Brad and Suzi.") There is a definite hip-hop flavor in the way each of them sing. Both artists are credible in their presentation relying on their craft rather than a clever marketing scheme.

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Top: Wes Cunningham  
Bottom: Jude



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# Molly Donovan extends upward



Molly Donovan is set to assist in a match against Georgetown. Donovan, who has over 4,000 assists at NKU, compiled 57 in the winning effort.

By Chad Aulick  
Sports Editor

"I was really burnt out my senior year of high school when I was being recruited by NKU and I was thinking about not playing."

Molly Donovan's mixed feelings about collegiate volleyball came just one year after she helped lead Notre Dame Academy to a state championship. Northern Kentucky University assistant coach Carlos Chia sat her down and explained what would happen if she came to NKU.

"He told me that he really wanted me to play here, he told me all of the accomplishments I'd obtain through the team, and so far he's been right about everything," Donovan said. "I give a big credit to him."

The senior setter, who started playing volleyball in the sixth grade also attributes her family for her success. She has five older sisters who helped her get started.

"They taught me when I was

young. We'd always go outside and they'd teach me how to play. They always love to see stuff in the paper about me because they know that it was from them that I started playing. They would always say, 'Don't forget us. We were the ones that got you into this thing.'"

If getting used to playing for the Norse was a hard adjustment for Donovan, she didn't let it show. At the end of 1995 she received Freshman of the Year honors and NKU won the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship. By the end of 1997 NKU had won another GLVC title and Donovan was Northern Kentucky University's all-time assist leader.

"It's not a record you can set by yourself. Obviously I've broken the record because I have good hitters. If I didn't have good hitters or passers then I would never have that many assists. It's not a record I have broken myself, it's a record broken with the participation of my teammates," Donovan said.

There is one award that the All-GLVC player can still acquire: to be an All-American.

"That's my ultimate goal. I could sit back after my senior year of college and say, 'that's what I worked for'. To be All-American, gosh, that would be the ultimate satisfaction."

Being All-American derives from leadership. NKU coach Mary Biernmann stated in a press release that the key to her team's success is Molly Donovan, and she makes everyone around her a better player. When NKU was facing a 2-0 deficit against Georgetown on Sept. 22, Donovan stepped up to lead the team.

"I got them charged. I told them, 'Let's not lose in our own gym, we're one of the top teams in the country for a reason, let's just have fun with it.' When they see the smile on my face that definitely makes us play better."

NKU came from behind, shutting out Georgetown in game five to win the match 3-2. It would be

the last home game for the Norse until Oct. 20, with an eight game road trip sandwiched in between.

When NKU is on the road they come up with different things to muffle stress. They play music, have gift exchanges and occasionally strike blows to pinatas. Donovan laughed when recollecting times when they would get a pinata of their opponent's mascot and relieve some energy.

"It gets really tired on the road. We're going to be away for a month. It's the same thing as getting burnt out, you try to do some fun things," Donovan said.

Off the court Donovan comes up with different ideas to keep the team entertained when they away from home. On the court she comes up with different ways of keeping her opponents entertained with losing points.

In the game against Georgetown several of Donovan's nine kills were tough shots placed just out of reach of her opponents' outstretched hands.

"The play before a point I'll look over to see where the defense is set up. A lot of times when the ball is passed to me I can see out of the corner of my eye where opposition is set. Mostly what it is, well, I can feel them. I can feel if they are there or not. It's just...I can feel it," Donovan said.

Aside from anticipating where players are positioned on the court, Donovan has another sense of where things should be.

Going into a long stretch on the road, NKU stands at 12-2, and Molly Donovan stands firm on believing the team has limitless bounds.

"I expect us to win conference, and advance in regionals. That would be great," Donovan said.

## Volleyball team rallies to win

By Chad Aulick  
Sports Editor

What do you do when you're down 2-0 in your home court to one of the top teams in the region?

You get a little patience. "We learned to be patient with ourselves. We remembered that our team would come through in the end if we were patient," Molly Donovan said about Northern Kentucky University's come back win against Georgetown.

NKU won games three and four 15-8, 15-7 before shutting them out in game five.

Liz Lamping started the game at serve for the Norse.

"We wanted to finish the game quick and get out of there. We wanted to finish off the best way we could

because they are a big rivalry, and sure enough, we did, Lamping said.

NKU won 15 straight points under Lamping's serve, and clinched the match 3-2.

"It was a big win. We've been playing them for years and years. They've beaten some big teams this season. We started off slow, which happens sometimes when you come off an emotional conference match. It can get tough, but we came through," coach Mary Biernmann said.

NKU started their road games last weekend losing to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Sept. 25 in a five game match. They picked it back up on Sept. 26 when they defeated Indianapolis improving their record to 12-2.

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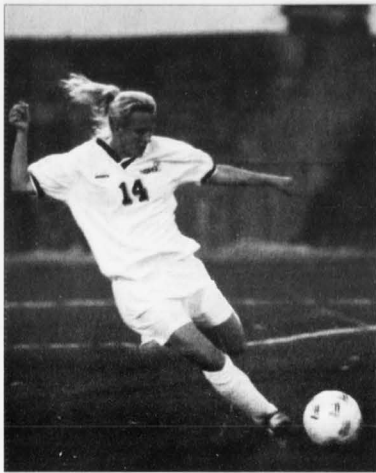
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# NKU soccer upset Truman St.



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Junior Lindsay Smith kicks the ball downfield in the game against Bellarmine college.

By Elden May  
and Bruce Reller  
Staff Reporters

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team beat 12th ranked Truman State 2-0 on Saturday.

So far, the NKU women's soccer team has recorded shutouts in six of their seven games. They've outscored opposition 31-1. They've beaten the 12th ranked team in the country. The NKU women's soccer team,

did a good job of picking it up in the second half of the game.

"We're coming together as a team," Lori Kevill said.

She also said that the team is really pulling together and expects to win a lot more games down the road.

In NKU's game against Truman State both teams were scoreless in the first half. The Norse got on board first when freshman forward Betsy Moore took a pass and raced downfield putting a shot past TSU goalie Jenny Miller. Moore struck again at the 65:55 mark when she put in a rebound shot past Miller to put NKU up 2-0.

NKU had to play the final 23 minutes short-handed after a red card was thrown, resulting in Tricia Ruark's ejection. Norse goalie Lauren Piening took over from there and shut down the Truman State attack.

"This win is important for our program because it gives us confidence," NKU coach Bob Sheehan said. "Since we are so young, we are looking for positives to build on. We'll see if we're for real when we play SIU and Southern Indiana next week."

who have only been around for two seasons, are undefeated at 7-0.

NKU defeated Bellarmine college 3-1 on Sept. 23. Goals were scored by Jeanna Martin, Betsy Moore and Lori Kevill. Both Martin and Tricia Ruark had an assist in the game.

"We attacked real well. We were really successful," Ruark said.

Ruark went on to say the defense and the intensity were really good and that the team

this weekend NKU has two home matches. They will face GLVC opponents Southern Illinois Edwardsville on Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Southern Indiana on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. Both teams are ranked high in the region.

Coach Bob Sheehan hopes to be ready for the tough competition that awaits them.

"We've worked really hard in practice," Sheehan said.

Tricia Ruark summed it up by saying, "I think we'll step up and do what we have to do."

## Elden's editorial

By Elden May  
Staff Reporter

With the death of the football issue at Northern Kentucky University, the discussion has now turned to a proposed Convocation/Athletic Center on the NKU campus. The building would seat 9,000 and would host numerous events, including NKU graduation and sporting events. What does this mean to the future of the NKU Athletics Department? A lot.

First, it would mean NKU could host preseason and post-season tournaments, something NKU currently cannot do.

The question has not been raised, but a new arena could eventually mean a move to Division I. From a numbers standpoint, it simply does not make sense to build a 9,000 seat arena for a Division II school that draws an average of 1,200 fans per game. But an eventual move to Division I with bigger schools, geographical rivalries, and better facilities would then start to make sense.

Regardless of a move, the facility would help nearly every sport. The larger arena capacity would mean more revenue for the nationally ranked basketball and volleyball teams. NKU would no longer have to turn away fans, like they did for the Ky. Wesleyan game last season.

The building would also be a public relations lifeline for the university. NKU officials are always looking for ways to market our school and what a better way to do it than by hosting community events? The mass of people attending the 9th region basketball tournament at NKU would give the school a great chance to showcase our well kept secret to the Northern Kentucky region.

This new arena could determine the difference between a bright future with a tight community supporting up-and-coming Division I programs or a large Division II school that manages to make itself invisible in the community, regardless of market size.

## NKU tennis 10-0 in GLVC

By Chad Aulick  
Sports Editor

What does it mean for a tennis team to beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville to wrap up their regular season Great Lakes Valley Conference play?

Well, for Northern Kentucky University it means they're regular season GLVC champions.

The NKU women's tennis team

ended GLVC play at 10-0 after beating SIU on Sunday. Jamie O'Hara smoked Sarah Hardimon 6-0, 6-1 at number one singles.

Both players were undefeated in the GLVC going into the match. The Norse held into the GLVC tournament with a number one seed.

It's the first time NKU women's tennis has been seeded first for the tournament, which will be held on Oct. 9-10 in Indianapolis.

## NKU places first at Thomas More

By Scott Wartman  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University cross country squad had a meet at Thomas More College Saturday in which both the men and women saw their first team victory at an invitational since 1991.

Leading the NKU pack were runners Tabitha Smith, who finished second overall and Joe Zinner, who led the men. The Norse had a total of ten runners finish in the top ten, seven in the women's race and three in the men's, giving them the meet title.

"Some runners exceeded my expectations, others disappointed me, but we held together as a team real well," coach Steve Krusy said.

Almost all the cross country runners agreed that Thomas Moore is one of the more rigorous courses they have faced.

"This course is hard to prepare for; you can practice all you want, but once you get out there and tackle all the slopes and hills, there is no telling how well you will fare," Krusy said.

The Norse have a formidable task ahead of them though, since their conference contains five schools ranked in the top 25 in

the nation.

With the win at Thomas Moore, the cross country team picks up some much-needed momentum going into the upcoming meets.

"We will be happy with a fourth or fifth place in our conference. We're up against some steep competition. There are teams ranging in grades from an A to D and I would say that we are a C+ team right now. There is always room for improvement," Krusy said.

The Norse runners are facing conference meets in which NKU will be the only Division II school present. Some of the Division I schools they will face are ranked at the top in the country.

With the Queen City invitational coming up, Tabitha Smith will have the chance to break her own school record of 19:39.

The NKU cross country team wants to prove that they can compete with some of the best schools in the country this season.

"This has been a rebuilding year for us. Last year we finished seventh and we hope to greatly improve upon that. We have a lot of excellent recruits and transfers who have been remarkable this year," runner Kevin Alessandro said.

Steve Krusy believes that his players want to reach the next level and with a win at Thomas Moore the players have proved him right.

"They're good hard workers," Krusy said.

### Men's soccer results:

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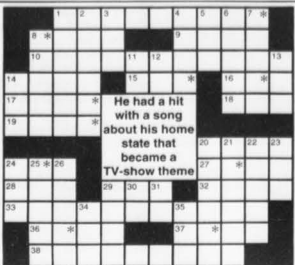
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  17. See 38 Across
  18. Alphabetic trio
  19. Foreign leader
  20. Wild \_\_\_\_ 1994 Tim Conlon sitcom
  21. Role on *Profiler*
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  33. *Goodtime Hour* (1969-72)
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  35. Empty \_\_\_\_ (1988-95)
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  22. *Home Improvement* kids
  23. Kennedy, abbr.
  24. Fluid-filled pouch
  25. Sling \_\_\_\_ With Mitch (1961-64)
  26. \_\_\_\_
  29. Feed the kitty
  30. Hart \_\_\_\_ Hart (1979-84)
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Think things through carefully before making an important decision. Patience is necessary when dealing with forgetful friends and relatives.
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- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
Do not give up on what is most important to you. Dreams are not always easy to achieve. There is no need to be depressed.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
Acknowledge your insecurities and get over them. This is no time to let your fears keep you from greatness.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
Look beyond your present situation. There is a lot going on right under your nose. A life-changing event is on the horizon.

Born this week:

- Sept. 27 - Meat Loaf  
Sept. 28 - Greyhound Palace  
Sept. 29 - Bryan Cranston, Madonna  
Sept. 30 - Angie Dickinson, Johnny Mathis
- Sept. 30 (cont.) - Fran Drescher  
Oct. 1 - Julie Andrews, Jimmy Carter, Water Mattias, Randy Quaid  
Oct. 2 - Donna Karan, Sting  
Oct. 3 - Jack Wagner

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Wednesday



High 80  
Low 59  
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Thursday



High 74  
Low 59  
Increasing clouds. Chance of rain is 57 percent.

Friday



High 67  
Low 48  
Partly sunny today. Chance of rain is 32 percent.

Saturday



High 68  
Low 50  
Partly sunny today. Chance of rain is 36 percent.

Sunday



High 68  
Low 50  
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