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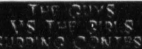
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Grad student recovering after shooting

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

Demarcus Phillips, a graduate technology major at Northern Kentucky University, remains in University Hospital in stable condition after being shot in the chest Sept. 30.

Phillips was shot after a party hosted by the National Panhellenic Council at the Mt. Auburn Community Center in Cincinnati.

Witnesses at the scene told police a fight started inside the community center and police say they believe this is what provoked the shooting. According to the Cincinnati Police incident report an unknown assailant shot Phillips while he sat in a car in the parking lot.

The shooter fled on foot before police arrived and the case remains under investigation.

"It's up in the air right now," Officer Ficker,

the investigating officer from Cincinnati's fourth district, said.

At the time Phillips was still on a respirator because of the bullet striking his lung, and Ficker said he did not interview him.

Ficker said he is still trying to contact three witnesses, one from NKU, one from University of Cincinnati and one from Miami University in Oxford.

"I'm not real sure what is going on there," he said.

"Nobody really knows clearly how the fight started," Greg Walker, a friend of Phillips and an NKU student, said. He said he was not at the party, but has heard from others that were present that it was very confusing.

Ficker said when police arrived on the scene Phillips was still conscious and being treated by the EMT's.

Doctors at University Hospital performed

surgery right away, and Phillips remained in intensive care for several days.

"They had just moved him from ICU when we visited him," Dean of Students Kent Kelso said. Kelso and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Mark Shanley visited Phillips the Tuesday after the shooting.

Kelso said his condition has improved to stable and he is in recovery.

"We told him to let us know if he needed anything," Kelso said. He said they also asked if they could do anything for his family who are in town from Newport News, Va.

His family declined, saying they have found appropriate housing arrangements while they stay with him in the hospital. His mother, Claudia Phillips Johnson, said she appreciated the support. "I would like to thank all the students and faculty for their concern," she said.

"I feel I would not have made it through this

without the support of everyone at NKU," Phillips said from his hospital bed. "I now know who my real friends are."

Kelso said the university will work with Phillips on what to do about his studies while he is in the hospital and while he recovers.

"The university looks empathetically on these issues," he said.

Dr. Charles Pinder, chairman of the technology department, also visited him in the hospital.

"I told him 'let's put things on hold,'" Pinder said. "He is still extremely weak."

Pinder said Phillips has worked in his department as a graduate assistant and Pinder is the one who recruited Phillips from Virginia State University to come to NKU.

"He is in his final classes and is scheduled to graduate in December," he said.

Hesanti Bairos contributed to this story

Jamming



Dan Mecher/The Northerner

The World Jam Festival was held at Sawyer Point in Cincinnati last week. The free event featured artists as diverse as Bitch Skaggs, Angelique Kidjo, and jam band Ekoostik Hookah. A festival vendor is shown here displaying her wares.

Former NKU Basketball player arrested on charges of receiving club drug X

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

Former Northern Kentucky University men's basketball player Todd Clark and three other men, including Clark's brother, are accused of possession with intent to distribute the drug Ecstasy.

The club drug Ecstasy, a stimulant, is a popular drug with young adults and teenagers who frequent dance clubs and "raves," according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health. For more information on Ecstasy, see page 10.

Clark, his brother Anthony Clark, Louis Brockhoff and Jason Merrill are the four men involved.

According to a criminal complaint filed at the U.S. District Court of Covington Sept. 29, Officer Doug Eldridge, a K-9 officer at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, found a box at 1430 Jamike Dr., Erlanger, addressed to Clark that was suspicious.

The complaint gives the following account:

"The box smelled strongly of coffee, and when shaken, sounded like pills were inside. The sender's contact number on the shipping label seemed bogus to authorities as well because the area code was the same as Erlanger's."

A Randy Shector of Clearwater, Fla. sent the package.

Authorities told the package to Clark, who said he didn't know what was inside, but they say Clark admitted he was expecting a package from his brother in Florida.

Clark allowed authorities to open the package and they found about 500 tablets of Ecstasy inside.

Clark told the police that Brockhoff was going to pick up the package from Clark.

When Brockhoff arrived to pick up the tablets, he was also arrested.

Brockhoff told authorities he knew what was in the box, that Anthony Clark had sent him the package and that he was going to sell about 300 of the tablets to Merrill.

Merrill arrived later that day and, with authorities watching, bought the 300 pills from Brockhoff for \$4,465 and was arrested.

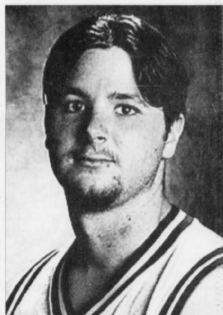
The complaint stated that Clark was to receive a small number of the pills for accepting the package.

Clark's attorney, Burr Travis, said that there will be a grand jury meeting at the U.S. District Court of Covington Oct. 11, at which time government officials may present evidence on the four men.

If convicted the four men could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and/or a \$1 million fine.

"Hopefully, between now and then we will have a conference with the Assistant U.S. Attorney in order to resolve the issues surrounding Clark so he can continue his athletic career at NKU," Travis said.

The 6-foot-6-inch Clark, a graduate of Holy Cross, hasn't played for the Norse in two seasons and was looking to make a return this season.



Above: Former NKU Basketball player Todd Clark was arrested for allegedly receiving the club drug Ecstasy.

Below: A "Fish" pill, one form of Ecstasy, that was seized by police in Cincinnati last November



FDA Approves abortion pill

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

The Food and Drug Administration, on Sept. 28, approved RU-486 (mifepristone) for the early termination of pregnancies, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"Early" is defined as 49 or fewer days after the last menstrual cycle.

Michele Kay, campus health nurse at Northern Kentucky University, said the pill will not be available at NKU. She said students who become unintentionally pregnant do come to the Student Health Office, located on the third floor of the University Center for advice.

"We discuss all of their options with them," Kay said. "Most choose to continue the pregnancy or have an early termination."

"It (mifepristone) will give students another option."

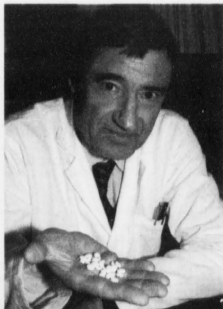
Margie Montgomery, Executive Director of Kentucky Right to Life, said the need for having a physician nearby shows that it's not as simple and safe as some think.

"We don't know the long-term effects it will have on fertility," she said.

Amanda Jackson, co-chair of Feminists at Northern (FAN), which doesn't represent feminists as a whole, said, "I don't think there is any way abortion will go away."

She said that RU-486 will not be as emotionally stressful as having a surgical abortion and that the pill helps a woman keep the termination more private.

Kay said she doesn't know how the pill will affect how guilty a woman feels. "Some will feel no guilt and others will feel very guilty," she said.



Inventor of the RU-486 drug, French professor Emile-Etienne Beaulieu, holds the pills in January, 1995

it depends on the person.

Sarah Boonin, director of the Feminist Majority Foundation's National Campus Program, said RU-486 will have a "tremendous impact in college students. It's a tremendous victory for women's health and rights."

Al Cucchetti, director of campus ministry at the Catholic Newman Center said, "We do not have the right to decide who lives and dies. Life is sacred."

Cucchetti said he is worried that RU-486 will be abused and used as a contraceptive.

According to HHS, RU-486 can only be prescribed by a physician who can accurately determine the duration of the pregnancy and be able

to provide, in case of an incomplete abortion or excessive bleeding, surgical intervention.

According to the FDA, mifepristone blocks a hormone that allows pregnancy to continue.

After two days a woman then takes a dose of misoprostol which causes the uterus to contract and expel the fetus.

After about 14 days the woman is supposed to return to the doctor for a follow-up visit.

According to the FDA, each woman receiving mifepristone is given a Medication Guide that clearly explains these steps and side effects that may occur.

Montgomery said she wonders if the instructions will always be followed.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, the law authorizes the FDA to only approve new drugs that have shown to be safe and effective under the restrictions and guidelines specified in the label.

According to the Feminist Majority Foundation Online, some insurance companies, including Aetna and Cigna will cover RU-486. It will be sold as Mifeprex and will be a part of insurance companies' standard medical benefits.

States set their own laws, according to the FDA, as to whether there are any age restrictions on minors having surgical or medical abortions.

The studies to evaluate RU-486 included only women ages 18-45.

Leak in Landrum ceiling causes tile to collapse

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

The Landrum Academic Center needed some minor maintenance repairs when the ceiling collapsed two weeks ago.

A sprinkler system leak caused a ceiling tile in the renovated wing of the building to cave in and fall to the hallway floor, according to Henry Keene, staff architect at Northern Kentucky University.

"The tile was saturated by water leaking from a sprinkler valve," Keene said. "Operation of the valve for construction allowed the packing at the valve stem to leak," he explained.

Physical Plant Director Dan Drake

said the valve was 24 years old. "Our guess is this happened due to age," Drake said. "The valve was replaced on Friday."

Drake added that the drip had probably continued for a few days before being reported Sept. 25.

Speech professor Dr. Ann Taylor first noticed the problem while walking into her office in room 102, right beside where the collapse occurred. "There was a stain in the tile, and you could tell with the discoloration that something was leaking," she said. "I walked into the office to do some work, then came back out and the ceiling was on the floor."

Taylor said she notified Academic Secretary Julie Hess, who then informed Keene of the situation.

Taylor said, chairs were arranged to keep students clear of the area. "We didn't want anybody to walk through and still have things falling down."

Maintenance workers had responded within 15 minutes of the report, Taylor added. "They took the rest of the ceiling down, and cleaned up what was left," she said.

Keene stressed that the circumstance was not anything serious, and strictly routine. "The connection has been tightened and is no longer leaking," he explained.

Drake's words echoed those of Keene. "There was no outlay of money since we have ceiling tile remaining from the construction, Drake said. "This is as routine as maintenance can be."



Dan Mecher/The Northern
A ceiling tile in the new wing of Landrum fell last week because of a leak in the sprinkler system. Officials from physical plant said it was a routine repair.

Pi Kappa Alpha placed on two-year probation

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

The Dean of Students placed Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on two-year probation in response Sept. 16 following a party at the Lookout Heights Civic Center.

"There have been some limitations to their activities," Dean of Students Kent Kelso said.

Most of the sanctions involve the fraternity's social activities. According to a letter from former Dean of Students Bill Lamb the fraternity is placed on probation with the dean of students office for two years.

The letter states probation as a period of time when all actions of Pi Kappa Alpha will be closely monitored.

"Any inappropriate conduct, actions or incidents may result in more serious sanctions up to, and possibly including recommendation to deny the right for Pi Kappa Alpha to exist on Northern Kentucky University's campus," it states.

Several other shorter limitations have also been placed on Pi Kappa Alpha.

They have been put on social probation for one year. This means, according to the letter, they are not permitted to host any events where any alcoholic beverages are present, and are not permitted to co-host

other events with other student groups where alcohol is present, including social mixers with sororities.

Individual members are also not allowed to attend other Greek organization parties as dates or invited guests through Nov. 30, 2000.

They are also not permitted to participate in Fall 2000 Greek Week activities, including Greek Formal, and can not enter into intramural activities, fundraising or philanthropic activities.

But while many of the sanctions are punitive in nature, there are also some educational aspects.

One condition is officers of the fraterni-

ty are required to read Hank Nuwer's book "Wrongs of Passage-Fraternities, Sororities, Hazing and Binge Drinking," and develop an educational program to present to the entire Greek community.

They must also develop and administer a risk management test for the entire Greek system which informs about the dangers and legal ramifications surrounding hazing, alcohol and event sponsorship.

"Risk management typically involves alcohol," Kelso said. "It means they need to educate Greeks about issues that are dangerous."

Kelso, who took over Dean of Students

the day these sanctions took effect, said he is disappointed this had to be his first dealing with the fraternity.

"I'm looking forward to working with Pi Kappa Alpha to fulfill the terms of their sanctions and then go on with some positive aspects," he said.

"I am going to help them get through this," he said.

Chad Schallick, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, declined to comment on the sanctions, saying he preferred to keep the discussion within the fraternity.

Betsy Mulkey, director of student life, also declined to comment, referring all questions to Dean Kelso.

Students know what they want in design of new student union

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Northern Kentucky University administrators recently held a number of student input sessions with lead consultant Jim Carruthers to determine what facilities students want the new student union to include.

Mark Shanley, vice-president of Student Affairs, said a new student union is necessary because the current student union was built to accommodate 5,000 students. He said NKU currently has about 2,000 students.

Carruthers said many students have attended the sessions and given their input.

"Students on this campus clearly know what they like and what they don't like, and what they need and what they don't need. It's been a revealing process," he said.

One thing Carruthers discussed was the need for a wing to accommodate the university's student

leaders that require after-hours access to the building. He said one possibility could be having one wing open 24 hours a day to house the radio station, student newspaper and student government.

Another issue raised was the need for more meeting rooms and areas to hold events.

Carruthers described the problem as "gap analysis." He said a crowd of about a thousand people would not fit in Greaves Concert Hall, which holds 640, but would feel lost in Regents Hall, which holds about 2,000 people.

Former NKU President Leon Boothe said NKU is the only public university in the state of Kentucky that does not have a special events center.

"Keep the community in mind. They pay the taxes that keep us open and we need to be responsive to their needs too," Boothe said.

Carruthers said the input sessions have been very useful in helping him create his evaluation.

His priority is catering to the students because they "will finance the majority of this building."

Shanley said part of the student fee is helping finance the cost of the building. He said \$20 from each student's fees has been allocated to the cost of the new student union since 1991.

Shanley said NKU is hoping to appeal the Kentucky legislature in 2002 to match the funds raised from the student fees.

Carruthers is a 20 year veteran of providing consultation for the building of University Centers. Carruthers' experience includes consultation on projects at the University of Cincinnati.

UC sophomore Meredith Renner said she is very happy with their student union. She said there are a lot of restaurants and hangouts, such as McDonald's and TCBY Yogurt.

"I like it. There's a lot of places where you can just sit and chill," Renner said.

A caller reported that, while walking to his vehicle in the gravel lot, a white male sitting in a Ford Explorer exposed himself and began masturbating in front of him. Upon the officer's arrival, the male was asked to step out of his truck. He said he was waiting for a friend. According to the report, however, "It was obvious what he had been doing." Unit 11 told the individual to leave immediately. The officer also warned him that, if he was ever observed sitting in the lot again after dark, he would be arrested for trespassing.

DPS officers were dispatched to the Residential Village in reply to a theft report. A Dell Tower Dimension Personal Computer Unit, usually located in the Commonwealth Lobby Residence Hall Association Office, was missing. Upon further investigation, Jerry Wallace advised that the PC was stolen Thursday, Sept. 28 at 2:00 pm. After checking around to locate the PCU, Wallace was unsuccessful in locating it. He added that the directors have a key to the office, and the on-duty RA has a sub-master key. The PC is valued at \$1000.

D.P.S. REPORTS

An unknown male complained that the parking garage dollarcoin gate mechanism is not working. The individual said that he left the garage entrance and parked in a surface lot. He received a \$20 citation for illegally parking. He said he was going to complain to the president about the new parking garage. The man was told the entrance gate will be checked as soon as possible. Sgt. Brown was sent to the garage and found that the mechanisms at both entrances were working properly, with no problems.

An officer was sent to the Albright Health Center gravel lot in response to a girl who said another vehicle struck her own vehicle. The report said she had parked in the lot at approximately 8:30 a.m. and returned at about 12:15 p.m. She said the other vehicle was parked in front of hers, and made contact, which produced a small dent on her car's front bumper. Upon the officer's arrival, the driver had already moved her vehicle. She was advised that,

because there was no witness and that the vehicle was already moved prior to the officer's arrival, only a miscellaneous incident report could be taken. The officer said a note would be left on the other car.

An officer arrived at the Woodcrest fire gates, reporting to an individual who responded that he and two friends had an argument with a Newport Yellow Cab driver. He said he was upset that the driver did not take them on a direct route to the bar and charged them \$14.55. On the return trip from the bar to campus, a different driver said he sells marijuana out of the cab. The individual said he felt unsafe and requested to be let out of the car at the old school house on Nunn Drive. The driver wanted his fare first. An argument started when the individuals got out of the car. The driver said, "You know what I got under my seat?" The individual said the driver was referring to a gun. He was directed to the Commonwealth's Attorney's office for the gun complaint. He said he was concerned for the safety of other students and just wanted a report on file in the DPS office.

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Butts piling up on campus

By Hecvani Baloy
Managing Editor

The butts of smokers are a growing issue for some environmentally aware students and faculty. The group Environmentally Concerned Students (ECOS) held a campaign last year called "The Butt Stops Here." This campaign was to encourage students to dispose of their cigarette butts in the ashtray urns rather than on the ground.

Heather Millison, former coordinator for ECOS, said "We had the campaign during Earth week in August last year to bring awareness about how cigarette butts accumulate and can be bad for the environment." The campaign also focused on educating students about the risk of smoking and how it affects the environment.

Members of ECOS and volunteers spent the day picking up butts and to encourage students to do the same; they placed marked butts on campus for students to find and turn in for a prize. Unfortunately, the campaign was not welcomed by stu-

dents who smoke. Millison said students threw more butts on the ground for the volunteers to pick up and made no efforts to respect their campaign. Biology professor Miriam Kannan said, "It seemed that smokers took it as a personal threat and felt as if their rights were being violated."

Associate Director of Physical Plant Bob Bolce said the school does not have a policy of where ashtray urns can be placed outside of a building. "There is no policy that says that physical plant must put ashtray urns in designated areas," he said.

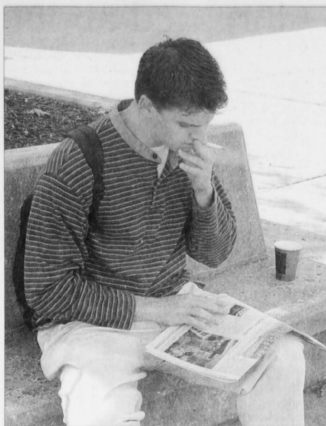
A taskforce was established to discuss environmental and facility concerns on Northern Kentucky University's campus. Chairwoman of the environmental and facilities taskforce Mary Kirk said, "The taskforce has talked about putting up shelters for smokers. However, this would be expensive and funds would have to be found to build these shelters." Kirk added that these designated areas would allow smokers to be sheltered in the win-

ter and these shelters will minimize the second-hand smoke for people walking into a building. Furthermore, Kirk said, "I think it would be beneficial to promote non-smoking through campaigns and programs on campus."

Administrators are also concerned about smoking outside building entrances. Administrator Renal Castleman said, "People visiting campus have to walk through a cloud of smoke to enter each building. This could give NKU a bad image and it takes away from the beauty of the campus."

Castleman said Student Government Association can make a proposal to the president to relocate smoking sections if this is a student concern.

SGA Vice President of Public Relations Jennifer Surgalski said, "We haven't had any complaint brought to our attention about problems with smokers." Surgalski added that SGA has a box located outside their office in UC 208 for any gripe that students have about any issue.



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Some students are concerned about the piles of cigarette butts accumulating all over campus.

Associate Degree in Liberal Arts approved

By Cheryl Ritchie
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University's proposal for the Associate Degree in Liberal Studies was approved Sept. 18 by the Council on the Postsecondary Education in Bowling Green, Ky.

This two-year degree requires a minimum of 64 semester hours total, the last 20 must be taken at NKU; the largest percent of credit hours and three hours from two different disciplines within a chosen area in Natural Science, Fine Arts, Humanities, Behavioral/Social Science or Mathematics/Computer Science.

This degree can not be used as a minor. A 2.00 is the minimum GPA that can be earned during the two years. You can earn credits by telecourses, web-based courses, at the off-campus center of NKU; and transfer credit from other institutions are also accepted.

Janis M. Cassiere, assistant dean of arts and sciences, said there are three main reasons NKU has the degree. First, employers are demanding some basic education. Another reason is for students with a lack of motivation or who don't know what they want. Finally, it gives people the chance to come back to college in a year and get a Bachelor's Degree.

Graduates from this degree will acquire communication skills, critical thinking skills, decision-making skills and preparation to continue their education.

Cassiere said she thinks this degree will increase the enrollment and retain the students NKU already has.

"Sometimes putting students first is sitting down and listening to them. We didn't have anything like this," said Cassiere.

Beth Noblith, a mathematics lecturer, Michele Peers, a Literature and Language lecturer and Amy Rakke, a Biology lecturer, have been trained to be advisers for the Arts and Sciences Department.

Cassiere said, "We do a lot of advising." For further information call the Academic Advising Office at 572-5860.

Votruba extends contract four more years

By Scott Wartman
Staff Writer

While the nation will switch presidents this upcoming January, Northern Kentucky University is assured its president will remain for at least another four years. On September 27 the Board of Regents approved the four-year contract extension for Dr. James Votruba that will also give him an eight percent salary increase.

Lobbying for more funds and recruiting students are two activities among many Votruba said will occupy his upcoming years in office. Votruba said he is excited about the next four years and is confident in accomplishing his goals.

"I don't tend to see obstacles," Votruba said. "We have to be successful in Frankfurt

in acquiring more funds, and we have to be successful in recruiting more students. We have the energy and ability to accomplish this."

Various members of the Board of Regents voiced other issues they would like to see taken care of before the end of Votruba's contract in 2004. Kara Clark, Student Government president and Regent, said she would like to see more of a focus on student organizations. "I would like to see a student union get funded. I really think student organizations need more funding and space to be able to operate."

Regent Chuck Pettit mentioned another goal for the next four years is drafting a plan of a new University Center for students. Pettit, who is NKU's superintendent of building services, said the current center is

too small to accommodate the increasing enrollment.

Board of Regents members said they are confident of Votruba's ability to accomplish these goals because of his prior accomplishments.

"He says it, he does it," Pettit said while remarking on Votruba's effectiveness as an administrator.

Among the improvements at NKU under Votruba's tenure are increasing enrollment to over 12,000 students, receiving a university record of \$5 million in contributions last year, giving a market adjustment for faculty wages, establishing partnerships with business in the community such as Delta and Fidelity Investments and the creation of satellite campuses in Grant county and Maysville.

Faculty Regent Dr. Prince Brown said Votruba's greatest achievement is establishing a rapport with students and faculty. "One of his strengths is that he has opened up lines of communication with people," Brown said.

"He talks to everyone and has a better sense of what factors in a given situation are," Brown said since Votruba has taken office, the reputation of NKU in the community has vastly improved and has garnered the respect of the local legislature. "There is a very good perception by local officials that we are on the right track," Brown explained.

Votruba said he appreciates the support he has been given by the Regents, faculty and staff. "The extension of the contract represents their (Regents) support of the way the university is heading," Votruba said.



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Bush claims Gore lied about his numbers in debate

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — George W. Bush seized on statements made by Al Gore in their first debate to ratchet up his attacks on Gore's credibility on Wednesday, suggesting Gore exaggerated his account of a disaster-relief visit to Texas. Gore scolded Bush for trying to paint him as "a bad person."

A day after the first of their three nationally televised debates, both the Texas governor and the vice president spoke in battleground states before large, supportive crowds.

"America got to see a difference in philosophy," Bush told several thousands supporters at a noisy rally in a college gymnasium in this Philadelphia suburb. Members of the audience chanted back "no fuzzy math, no fuzzy math," reprising a debate line Bush used to characterize Gore's criticism of GOP tax-cut plans.

While both candidates followed through on issues raised at Tuesday night's debate in Boston, Bush hardened his stance, while Gore

sounded a more conciliatory note.

"Even though Governor Bush and I have a lot of differences personally, I think it's better to spend time attacking America's problems than attacking people personally," Gore told about 5,000 supporters at a rally in Warren, Ohio.

Bush campaign officials challenged several debate statements made by Gore, calling them fresh signs of what they called "embellishments and exaggerations."

One involved Gore's remarks during the debate on his role in the federal response to floods and fires in Texas.

Bush had praised James Lee Witt, Clinton's director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Gore echoed that praise.

"I accompanied James Lee Witt down to Texas when those fires broke out. And FEMA has been a major flagship of our reinventing government efforts," Gore said.

The Bush campaign said such a trip never took place, and Gore himself conceded that he

might have misstated his role — although he said he had been in Texas and had been briefed on the disaster response by associates of Witt. "I traveled with James Lee Witt and so did the governor. And the vice president was nowhere to be seen," said Bush's communications director, Karen Hughes.

Bush, in an interview with Fox TV, said, "I thought for a minute I was going to challenge him on it, because I don't remember him being in Parker County," scene of the fires. "I would have remembered it."

"But I took the man at his word," Bush added. "Of course, it turned out he didn't (make the trip with Witt). This is a man — he's got a record, you know, of sometimes exaggerating to make a point."

Gore, asked about the incident on ABC, said, "I was there in Texas, in Houston, with the head of the Texas emergency management folks and with all the federal emergency management folks. If James Lee was there before or after, then, you know, I got that wrong then."

Gore spokeswoman Kym Spell said Gore had attended a round table meeting with state and regional disaster officials but not with Witt in Houston on June 25, 1998. She criticized Bush for turning to "personal attacks" in the aftermath of what she called a losing debate performance.

Bush campaign officials also challenged Gore's story about a 15-year-old girl in Sarasota, Fla., Kelley Ellis. Gore said she "has to stand" in science class because it was so overcrowded there weren't enough seats.

Sarasota High School principal Dan Kennedy said the student whose father wrote Gore about her crowded science class was without a desk only one day and could have sat on a lab stool.

"It's another in a disturbing pattern of the vice president simply making things up," said Bush spokeswoman Hughes.

Gore has recently found himself challenged on the numbers he used on the relative costs of arthritis medicine for his mother-in-law and his dog and on his claiming a lion song was

a childhood lullaby when it wasn't written until he was 27.

The vice president, rallying a crowd in Warren, Ohio, a Democratic stronghold, scolded Bush for "attacking people personally."

"I think it's time to make our country an even better country instead of trying to make another candidate out to be a bad person," Gore said.

"I think we need to build our country up instead of tearing somebody else down."

Gore mentioned Bush by name just once as he road-tested the positive tack he used in Tuesday's debate — and that aides said he would stick to in the two forums upcoming in the next two weeks.

Hughes, meanwhile, said that Bush was pleased with the outcome of the first debate, and might incorporate some of Gore's responses into his preparation for next week's second debate.

Gore's comments on the Texas trip and the Sarasota science student are "fair game" to be brought up again, she said.

Bush attacks current U.S. drug policy

By Eun-Kyung Kim
Associated Press Writer

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — George W. Bush blamed what he said were the past decade's record-high teen-age drug abuse rates on the Clinton administration, calling it "one of the worst public policy failures of the 1990s."

Addressing a gathering at a community center Friday morning, Bush acknowledged that teen drug use has leveled off in the last two years. But he said many indicators still show teen drug use at its highest levels in more than a decade.

The Texas governor prepared for a two-day swing through Florida after outlining new initiatives to curb drug abuse, particularly among teen-agers.

Bush said the issue is an area "in which parents badly need an ally."

He cited drug use as a major factor in rising health costs, the spread of disease, the quality of public housing and the decline of families and education.

Bush criticized the Clinton administration for undermining efforts in trying to control drug abuse. While he praised White House drug policy advisor Barry McCaffrey for supporting "important initiatives in a bipartisan fashion," Bush said Clinton consistently has undermined McCaffrey's efforts. He said one of the president's first acts in office was to slash the staff of the White House drug policy adviser's office by 80 percent.

Since then, Bush said, the percentage of high school seniors who smoke marijuana daily has grown to its highest level in more than 20 years, increasing by more

than 300 percent since 1992. He added that daily use of marijuana by eighth graders increased by 700 percent in that period.

"There is no substitute for presidential leadership," Bush said. "More than any other person in America, the President can set a tone, deliver a message, lead a cause. This is a cause I will lead."

Bob Weiner, a spokesman for McCaffrey, criticized Bush's numbers as outdated, saying he was "making nonsense" out of the figures.

"We have to have accuracy in the statements," he said. "The numbers that Mr. Bush used are out-of-date numbers."

Weiner said Clinton "streamlined" executive branch staff when he first took office, including the drug control policy office. But since then, Clinton and McCaffrey expanded it, he said. "They re-upped the staff to a level that was competent to do the job. Bush forgot that point."

During his campaign stop, Bush pushed several initiatives, including one that would pay \$25 million to support nonprofit agencies working to help parents curb drug abuse by their children. He also said he would push for efforts to promote drug-free workplaces, saying that drug abuse costs companies about \$98 billion a year in lost productivity.

If elected, Bush said, he would "direct our government to assess, state-by-state, where people in need of drug treatment aren't being treated. By some estimates, there are 3 million Americans in this category," he said.

Overall, the Texas governor said, he would increase federal funding by \$1 billion to address the problem.



Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader, right, rides the subway in Boston heading for the first presidential debate. Nader, shunned by the debate commission, scored a ticket for the debate but was turned away at the door and informed he was definitely persona non grata.

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

*This is the end.
My only friend,
The end.*

Jim Morrison said it best with those opening lines for The End. A song bereft of any hope for what the future may hold, just relief that the torture is about to end.

I have not listened to the Doors for years, but while watching the first Presidential debate suddenly the song started playing way back in my head, and wouldn't go away.

I can relate to how Jim must have

felt. Those same feelings of utter despair and dread of what the future holds gripped me by the spine that night, and I have yet to shake the fear.

One of those two buffoons that was up on that stage is actually going to be running this country, and it scares me. The first thing both of

them proved was that they couldn't even stick to the rules they themselves helped devise. By the first question each of them had either gone on longer than their allotted time or had interrupted the other.

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Debates: Round One. So, who was the big winner? Truthfully, neither. The opening Presidential debate ended basically as billed.

Bush needed to avoid any major screw-ups, which he did. Save, of course, his misuse of the word criterion, when criteria was the appropriate term.

Gore, his political prowess as a debater well-known, needed to hit a home run. He did not. The closest he may have come would be his pronouncements on the McCain-Feingold bill, an issue which he has floundered around on for some time, and although sounded good at the time, did not carry the weight one may have thought it would when considering Gore's spotty fundraising history.

Gore did, however, win some nice points with female voters on the abortion subject. His statement of trust in women to make decisions that affect their lives was as big a home run as he could possibly muster. It wasn't a home run, perhaps an RBI double

worth two or three points among the female voting population.

Bush's avoidance of this issue reflected his desire to steer clear of statements that those in the far right of the Republican electorate were likely to hear, an out and out pledge to outlaw abortion. He did avoid it, reinforcing his "compassionate conservative" (isn't that an oxymoron) campaign slogan. To his defense, he showed good command of the issues and did not cover to Gore's bullying. He may not have looked totally in command, as Gore tried to present himself, but he didn't crack once the lights got hot and the debate wore on into the 60-minute range. I predicted he would crack and start getting angry with Gore at around this point. He held himself impressively.

The Veep debates didn't shine much light on the tight race either. Lieberman and Cheney were more than cordial. They were both cool and collected, in command the whole time and addressing one another as old friends.

The theatrics of Veep debates past were nowhere to be seen, only an overload of information from a pair of policy wonks.

Score round one a toss-up.

This is the end, my only friend, the end

**Political
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On the left we had Al, stiff as a board spewing forth numbers left and right like some human adding machine on too much coffee, describing Dubya's plans better than he explained his own.

And what was Dubya's response? "Then go home with that fuzzy math again."

So then Al goes through a fit of sighing, as if he hadn't gotten enough sleep the night before.

Task you, is this the best our country has to offer? It seemed more like two five-year-olds bickering rather than an intelligent debate. I was waiting for the classic "I know you are but what am I?"

My mind thrashes like a drowning man between emotions ranging from emptiness and despair to the need to satisfy myself with some mindless act of destruction.

I've heard all of the pundits say it is a toss-up who the winner was, I agree there was no winner, only two fat-cat losers without a single line to say that hadn't been scripted out by some faceless nobody adviser weeks before.

So this is it. The end of politics, there is no hope for this country. From now until Nov. 7 I will wait for the end. The end of this tortured, malformed hunchback Presidential campaign as it staggers towards the polls.

Holly Inear & Muse

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Demand more: Go Left of the Dial

By Peter W. Zabaty
Executive Editor

Don't you just love hearing the same songs over and over again? Many of you must, because you are the ones who feed 800-pound gorilla that is commercial, corporate radio.

Every now and then I will stray away from the left of the dial to hear what kind of noise is proffered from the commercial giants. You know what I generally find? Commercials. Lots of them. I turned on a Cincinnati Reds broadcast once not long ago and during the between inning break I met a barrage of four car commercials in a three-minute period. Marys and Joe are great, but I can't stand to be pandered to.

It isn't much different on the 'music' stations, either. It seems to me that every time I turn on a commercial station to try and hear a song, all I get is bought and sold by my 'favorite' corporations.

It's almost as bad when an actual real-life song is played. Take for instance the classic-rock format. A solid rotation every hour of classic-rock staples "Hotel California," "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Stairway to Heaven" are great and all, they are good songs, but let's try for some different songs by those groups.

Oh, I know the reasoning. "Market studies have shown that the average radio listener listens for about 15 minutes each day, and during that time, they want to hear what's popular or what they are familiar with." That is the usual line you hear when griping about how a station's playlist isn't varied enough or is too repetitive.

What it really comes down to is money. Your friends in corporate America have seen to it that the airwaves are "free," so to speak; so you have waived your right to dictate what is thrown at you from right end of the dial. For most people, that's fine and dandy. Most people are not very discerning critics when it comes to the quality and variety of music that they hear on the radio. For those who enjoy dumbbed-down music, by all means, stay with Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys every hour on the hour.

Me, I require a bit more. When I was a child, my twenty-something uncle lived with us. He brought with him his love of rock'n'roll music, as well as an outstanding album collection that I perused often.

I was hooked as a music fan from early

on. I would sit around the house listening to those great records, all the while doing DJ intros to the songs I played. A regular 8-year-old Alan Freed, if you will, I developed a deep critical love of music and the album as an artwork. But I still listened to commercial radio, for if no other reason than the fact that I wasn't aware of any other alternative. I would search from station to station looking for a mix of good music, where the station was willing to go a little more in depth on an album to let me know how the album sounded. I would hear one or two songs that I liked, but then would hear something I hated, or even worse, that had been played incessantly until I absolutely couldn't stand it anymore.

I eventually said "to hell with commercial radio" and did some searching for something to feed my head and tastes.

And just like the old Replacements song, you can now find me "Left of the Dial." Left of the dial is where you find the wonderful world of non-commercial, public radio. In the past, public radio was usually confined to the classical format and college radio.

But if you look really hard, you just may find something to fit your finicky tastes. I found that in 89.7 WKNU, Northern's public radio outlet.

I found a station willing to not be confined to a particular, narrow format; one that would play most of the tracks off an album to really let its listener know what the album sounds like. It is a station that relies heavily, but is by no means restricted to, the singer-songwriter type of artist such as Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell. Admit it, most of you out there probably thought Willie Nelson and Neil Young were dead. Based on what you hear of these artists from what would be considered their traditional formats, you may think that neither artist has made a new record in 30 years. Fact is, both artists have made some outstanding albums in the last year, and guess where the only place to hear them is? WKNU.

WKNU plays many of the country stars from the '60s and '70s that the current version of country radio completely ignores. They play many vital artists whose material is too edgy, too smart or



Politics. EVERYONE has an opinion!

too difficult to categorize for commercial radio to play.

The music is challenging, the songs are intelligent. You won't hear those kind of descriptors when talking about the latest AC/D/ or Aerosmith album.

Another tragedy of commercial radio is the fact that hard news is nonexistent. Public radio, and WKNU in particular, is the last bastion for real news on the dial. WKNU carries National Public Radio programming, giving its listeners access to important national and international news that is nowhere to be found on the right of the dial. For that matter, the coverage is miles better than what is found on the nightly TV news, local or national. The TV news generally only gives you silly fluff "n' puff stories, calling them "Human Interest" stories; when in all actuality all you get is some sickeningly heart-warming story about getting the damned neighbor's cat out of a tree. Please tell me, why is this news?

I would much rather hear about the economic problems facing Putin's Russia or whether Milosevic actually steps down. But that's me, I guess. Most people would rather numb themselves to the real world, escaping into the fantasyland of a show like "Friends," which shows that version of New York City where no ethnic minorities exist.

I demand more. I refuse to be insulted

by the blither present in commercial radio (and TV). That is why I have had no problem in the past paying the membership fees to WKNU. I know that I am getting a quality product, a varied product, an intelligent product.

WKNU is a source of pride for this campus, it's just sad that the student body doesn't realize the wonderful source of information they have at the ready down at the left of the dial.

Demand more. Tell corporate radio that you don't want their miserable, garish advertisements anymore. Tell them by heading down to the left of the dial for award-winning programming and news. And you know what's best about it? NO COMMERCIALS!

To get good radio, without commercials, the funds have to come from somewhere. A large portion of WKNU's operating budget comes from private donations; regular listeners such as myself.

Now is a crucial time of the year for WKNU, its annual fall fund drive. The fund drive begins Thursday, Oct. 12 and ends Wednesday, Oct. 18. I would admonish all of you who feel that your commercial radio just isn't giving you enough worthwhile music and information to call up WKNU and make your stand for quality radio by becoming a member.

Letter to the Editor

I want to thank all of the Student Ambassadors who gave their time and represented Northern with true professionalism during the Alumni Lecture Series that brought George Will and George Stephanopoulos to NKU on Sept. 20. The Ambassadors assisted us with the dinner, book signing, ushering and other critical tasks during this event. Without their support, we could not have been successful.

I also want to thank all of the students on campus who joined us for the question and answer session in Greaves Hall and for the public lecture in Regents Hall. The speakers were extremely liberal with their time as they signed hundreds of autographs and answered questions at both events. They enjoyed their visit and were impressed with the reception and the enthusiasm the students showed. The students' involvement helped make this a great success. We are already planning the event for next year and thanks to your support, we now have a high standard to follow.

Christopher Burns Chairman - NKU Alumni Lecture Series
Class of 1986

NORTH POLL

What do you think of the new RU-486 abortion pill?

Sara Viehoff
Undeclared
Florence

"I think that women should have the right to choose for themselves, but it wouldn't be something that I would believe was right for me to do."



Gary Holland

Speech Communication
Independence
"I think that a lot of Americans' beliefs and morals have changed to where they accept irresponsibility."



Rhonda Studer

Elementary Education
Taylor Mill

"It's more of a personal issue. It would be better because you can go to your family doctor instead of walking through picketers and making yourself open to negative comments from the public."



Brian Harrison
Marketing
Cincinnati

"My biggest concern about the pill is safety and if women will have any immediate side effects down the road. It's obviously more convenient to just take the pill."



Heather Blaker
Music Education
Elmore

"I think the woman has her own right to choose what she wants to do, but personally I wouldn't take advantage of it."



Jennifer Glaser

Undeclared
Independence

"It's going to cause more abortions because women will think they have an easy way out."



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Students get advice on GRE

By Sarah Baker
General Manager

Dr. JoEllen Burkholder asked a group of students to close their eyes and imagine their work environment 20 years from now. They answered with smiles and nods as she asked, "Are you a professional? Are you in charge? Do you require advanced skills? Do you want career advancement?"

Last Friday, the anthropology department presented a lecture style workshop, "How do I get to Grad School?" The workshop helped students learn if they should go to graduate school, how to prepare for admissions and how to choose a school.

"I remember sitting around with other students and wondering how we got ourselves into this mess. My goal, now figuring out where I went wrong, is to keep you from making the same mistakes," Burkholder told the audience.

With respect to deciding to go to graduate school, Burkholder said, "It's not 'what am I doing next year?' It's 'what am I doing for the rest of my life?'" She used the questions from the closed-eyes exercise as prompts to consider graduate school.

Graduate school admission primarily depends on undergraduate grade point average and Graduate Records Examinations (GRE) score, Burkholder said.

In general, a minimum 3.0 GPA is required for most programs. Some programs only consider the GPA within the major, which is generally higher, she said.

The general test of the GRE measures verbal, quantitative and analytical skills, according to the GRE Information and Registration Bulletin. The general test is now computer-based. The test first asks a question of medium difficulty. If answered correctly, the test presents a more difficult question. If answered incorrectly, an easier question will be asked.

Dr. Burkholder explained the verbal section is basically a

vocabulary exam, the quantitative section is about as difficult as the math section of the ACT or SAT exam and the analytical section concentrates on problem solving. "The analytical is the only section of the test that has any predictive quality of how well you'll do in grad school," she added.

Some programs require subject tests in addition to the general test. The 12 subject tests are not computer adapted, according to the Information and Registration Bulletin.

To prepare for the GRE, Burkholder suggested buying a test preparation book at the minimum. The Princeton Review, which focuses on how to read the test, and Kaplan, which focuses on actual skills, publish these books, she said. "Use it. Having it and sleeping with it under your pillow won't do," she said.

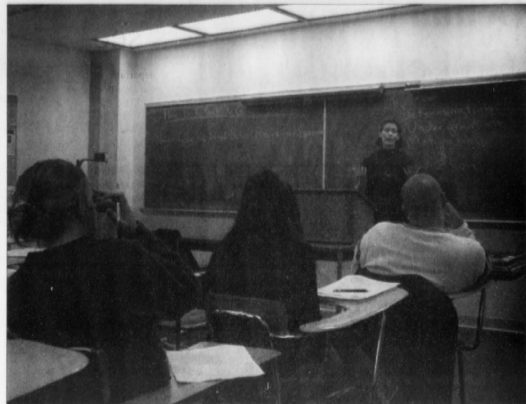
Students can also enroll in a GRE test review course. Courses offered by The Princeton Review or Kaplan can cost \$500 or more, Burkholder said. According to literature published by the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities, Northern Kentucky University offers a test review course consisting of seven three-hour Saturday sessions. The cost is \$219. Call 392-2400 to register. The University of Cincinnati offers six four-hour Saturday sessions for \$189. Call 556-6932 to register.

In addition to grade point average and test scores applicants should include information about their involvement in special research and extracurricular activities, Burkholder said.

When choosing a program to apply to, Burkholder offered several aspects to consider.

"Many fall out of grad school not because they can't do the work or don't want to do the work but because they haven't made a good fit between themselves and the program they've applied to," she said.

Applicants should compare the number of faculty to the number of students in the department and find out if the faculty is active and respected in its field. She said a student



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Dr. JoEllen Burkholder gives students some practical advice on how to choose and be accepted to graduate school. Burkholder said one of the most important factors is finding a place where a student makes a good fit.

should consider the background of individuals to find a program with a faculty members whose interests and careers overlap with the student's own goals.

Students should also ask what are the sources of funding, how long does it take to complete the program, and what is the total cost for the degree, Burkholder said.

Consider atmosphere and location, Burkholder said. "The best way to get a feel for a school is to visit it," she added.

Burkholder told students to ask how selective the admissions process was. A selective program accepts few students each year but doesn't cause as much competition

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Students voice need for multi-cultural room

By Hleviana Baloyi
Managing Editor

Muslim students made a request for a multi-cultural room for the new student union at an input session held Oct. 4. An increase in Muslim students at Northern Kentucky University in fall 2000 has raised the question of why there is not a room reserved for Ramadan. Ramadan is the Muslim holy month, a period of daily fasting from sunrise to sunset, ending with the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Robyn Granger, chairwoman of Grievance and Affirmative Action Committee for Student Government Association said, "The International

Student Affairs office has tried to reserve a room for Ramadan and have only been able to get a room for a week in the past, but this year there weren't any more rooms available."

Granger said a multi-cultural room would be a solution for Muslim students, because they will have somewhere to pray throughout the day. "The campus is becoming more diverse and a multicultural area will bring students together," Granger said.

Granger, who is also secretary for Students Together Against Racism, said that S.T.A.R. is supportive of this idea. "S.T.A.R. has the tools to teach students how to write letters to further

their movement."

Burhan Mohamed Ali, a Muslim student, is concerned about the importance of cultural diversity on NKU's campus. "I think it is important for all religions to be represented. Islam is a culture and a religion, just like Hinduism and Buddhism," Mohamed Ali said.

Committee member for Governmental Affairs in SGA Eugene Norman said that Student Life has designated rooms and organizations and students can fill a form out to reserve a room. Norman said the benefits of a multi-cultural room would promote tolerance and provide a place for students of all religions to

worship freely and equally.

A Muslim student, Shaheeda Abdul-Rahim said, "I think if NKU can have a Baptist Student Union, they can at least have a room for Ramadan." Abdul-Rahim said that if NKU is embracing diversity and embracing all people from all walks of life, it should respect a student's right to pray. She said, "Being a freshman, I had no idea you have to reserve a room for an occasion as Ramadan. That should be one of NKU's goals for diversifying the campus."

Mohamed Ali added that if there were a multi-cultural room on campus, there would not be all these problems.

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and fills my vision
the void you filled
was once so great
I'll love you forever
my eternal mate
the curvy road
upon which I was lost
has straightened out
but at great cost
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By Peter W. Zubaty

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Dulli's Twilight Singers see light

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Mellow Moods. The Love Zone. The Quiet Storm. The sweet, sensual, soulful sounds of late-night urban contemporary radio that fill many a warm night.

Hamilton, Ohio, native Greg Dulli, front man for the local band Afghan Whigs, must have many of these same memories. These memories have manifested themselves in many of the songs Dulli has written for the Whigs over the years.

Dulli went a step further than one or two songs with his side project, The Twilight Singers, and an album of romantic soulful ballads that allows him more freedom to explore his love of soul music.



Afghan Whigs front man Greg Dulli gets smoothly with his side project "twilight as played by the twilight singers."

Mickey Mouse needs interns

Staff Report

Representatives from Walt Disney World College Program will be on campus Oct. 17 in UC 108 to speak with students interested in learning more about Disney's operation.

There are seven courses available for internship credit through the pro-

gram. According to a Disney press release, "Students in the College Program gain crucial real-world experience through a variety of jobs in attractions, culinary, custodial, food and beverage, hospitality, housekeeping, life-guarding, merchandise, park greeter, quick service restaurants, recreation and transportation."

Interested students must attend a presentation hosted by a Walt Disney World College Recruiter to interview for the program. The program is open to all undergraduate students in any major who have completed at least one semester of school. For internship credit, students must seek approval from their adviser.

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By James Proffitt
Assistant Features Editor

First off, I want to apologize to the reader, just in case this story comes off as a little too personal. To read about something is one thing. But to be right in the middle of a news story is quite another.

On the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 6th, I met a man outside of the University Center. He was masked, and had both hands full. One with a pumpkin full of pumpkins. The other with a sword.

It was innocent enough at first. I was walking by when I saw the peculiar figure reach into a nearby pumpkin he had with him, and pull out a pamphlet. He said "Come, I have something I would like you to look over."

"I was in a hurry, and in my best manners, I apologized to the man, telling him I had to run into the University Center temporarily, also adding that I would stop and talk to him on my way out. Apparently, my way out wasn't what the man wanted. He wanted someone to talk to. And he wanted it immediately.

So he drew his sword. And my hands flew up in defense.

"Read the literature!" he demanded. "READ IT!!!" I tried my best to concentrate, but such a thing is hard to do with a sword pointed at one's neck. The only thing I can remember is that the literature said something about

Prof runs amok

"The Scarlet Letter." And how it wasn't actually an A, but that it was. I believe it said, K and B.

"I thought I said read!" he shouted. "Don't you understand? I'm tired of all these chickens around campus."

running. Somebody must step forward! Don't you understand!!?

"Yes sir!" I lied.

"I'm glad you understand. But what you don't understand is that for everyone one of us who does, there are at least 500 others who don't. This campus is not at its best of times, but at its worst of times. It is not the age of wisdom; only the age of stupidity. So now it's up to us. We have to be the Holden Caulfields. We have to protect the students on the campus from this travesty. Soon it will be too late, so we must act now!"

After hearing this, my interest piqued as to what he might be talking about. Against my better judgement, I decided to ask.

He then placed the tip of his mighty blade directly against my neck.

"So you don't understand. None of you understand!!? That's okay though, because there are those of

us who do. There are those of us who don't! AND OUR VOICE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE HEARD!! You may think me vile, but this is a far better thing that I do, than I have ever done before. Tis a far better thing that I do, than I have ever done before!! With that statement, he withdrew his sword and walked away.

The identity of this man is unknown. Luckily however, we are not without clues. Though we are unsure of the man's intent, we know that he is not a lone warrior, but apparently part of a group; even possibly an entire organization. We know that the letters, "K" and "B" have some kind of special significance to this man's plight, and we know that he has a working knowledge of classic literature. And apparently, if this man is threat proves true, then we know that we haven't heard the last from this man or his organization.

Luckily, while this event was occurring, a photographer friend of mine named Tommy Jewell was passing by from the side of the building. Hiding in the bushes, he snapped some shots of the unfolding events. We share these photos with you in an attempt to discover who this mysterious caped crusader was.



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NKU women prevail over Southern Indiana

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU women's soccer team scored goals early and late in the game en route to its 2-0 victory over Southern Indiana Friday at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

Junior Amanda Trout poked a ball in 15 minutes into the game to give the Norse an early 1-0 lead. NKU used plenty of defense and intensity to hold a one-goal lead at halftime.

"We shifted well," NKU junior Lori Kevill said. "Our defense was excellent."

In the second half of the game, the Norse had many opportunities to score - 29 shots on goal - but failed to make anything happen most of the half.

However, with nine minutes left in the game, NKU junior Jeanne Martin got past the other team's goalkeeper to sneak in another goal for the Norse. Junior Eva Broeg helped out with the assist.

The goal provided enough insurance for the soccer team as NKU held on to the 2-0 win.

The win by the women's soccer team was its 10th straight and was its first victory against Southern Indiana in the regular season. "It's wonderful!" Kevill said. "It's a great tribute to the team. It shows how much better we are."

"It was a really big win for us," NKU coach Bob

Sheehan said.

The Norse also improved to 6-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The fast start in the conference is always good, especially if the team can keep it up throughout the rest of the season, Sheehan said. "We have never hosted the GLVC Tournament," he said. "We would love to have the opportunity."

NKU finished up an interesting weekend as they played host to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Sunday. Both teams were sporting perfect conference records going into the game.

All of the scoring came in the first half. The Norse scored first at the 17:41 mark in the game. Kevill head-butted the ball in the goal to give NKU a 1-0 lead. Trout picked up the assist.

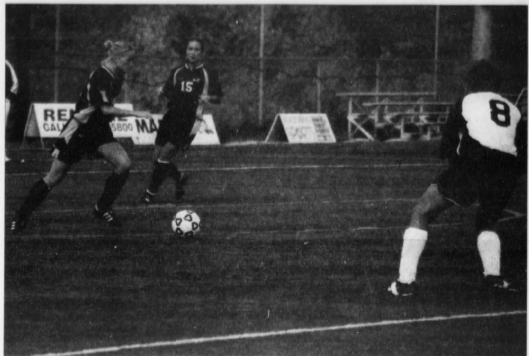
Two minutes later, Emily Anderson just got past NKU's goalkeeper to tie the game at one apiece.

Neither team threatening in the first half as SIU-Edwardsville held the 5-4 edge in shots on goal.

In the second half, it was pretty much the same. There was not many scoring opportunities by either team, and both teams played very defensively.

The game went through two overtimes, but no one scored, and the game ended in a one all tie.

After the two home games, the Norse are now 6-0-1 in the conference and are 11-1-1 overall this season.



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NKU women's soccer player Bessie Black hustles past Southern Illinois-Edwardsville defenders trying to get the Norse a score.

Men's soccer wins fourth conference game

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU men's soccer team overcame a scoreless first half by providing plenty of offense in the second in pulling out a 3-2 win against Southern Indiana Friday.

Trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Norse came out strong in the second half. NKU sophomore Mohamed Janah scored his team-leading eighth goal 10 minutes into the half to tie the game at one apiece. Sophomore Jeff Anderson provided the assist.

Five minutes later, the Norse struck again. Freshman Kyle Winkler got free and scored another

goal for NKU for the team's first lead at 2-1. The assist went to sophomore Kevin Morath.

The goal by Winkler was his first for NKU. "It feels great," he said. "It gave us the lead."

Later on, Southern Indiana would tie the game up again with a goal by Tom Peroutka.

However, with less than 15 minutes to go in the game, NKU sophomore Jeff Anderson converted on a scoring opportunity to give the Norse the lead back for good at 3-2.

The winning goal also proved to be the turning point of the game. Winkler said. "It pumped us up. It gave us momentum," he said. "They

let down and got tired."

The men's soccer team took advantage of most of its opportunities in the second half in coming away with the win. "In the first half, we wasted chances," Janah said. "In the second half, we scored three goals. We came out strong; we played tough."

The win was the fifth straight for the Norse after starting the season at 0-7. NKU is starting to work as a team and is finally getting victories, Janah said. "We are starting to understand each other," he said. "We are focusing more. We are making up for the losses."

Winkler agreed that the team was

working as a unit which accounted for most of its losses in the beginning. "We weren't really concentrating," he said. "The chemistry wasn't there. We have picked it up after the first seven games."

With the victory, the Norse improved to 4-2 in the conference.

The winning streak, however, ended on Sunday when the Norse played host to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in Wilder.

NKU got off to a good start when Anderson scored his second goal in two games early in the first half to give his team a 1-0 lead.

That lead held up until the second half when Edwardsville got on the

board with 20 minutes to go in the game.

Both teams battled hard in the half, and both just missed some scoring opportunities. At the end of regulation, the game was tied up at one apiece.

NKU could not find a way to get another goal in the game as Edwardsville scored the winning goal in overtime.

Brandon Gibbs scored the goal with 1:55 left in the overtime period to give his team a 2-1 win.

Anderson said. "We should have won the game. We had more chances than they did in the second half, but we didn't finish."

The game was important for the Norse as they were trying to improve on their 4-2 conference record.

"If we would have won this, it would have bumped us up to first place," Anderson said. "If we do well next weekend, we will be one of the top in the conference."

With their win and loss, NKU's record is 5-8 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

The men's soccer team next travel on the road for a couple of games.

The play Wisconsin-Parkside Friday at 2 p.m. and Lewis Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Men's golf takes control of GLVC Championship

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU men's golf team continued its dominant ways over its opponents last Tuesday.

The golf team won the program's first ever conference title at the GLVC Championship at the Kampen Golf Course at Purdue University last Tuesday.

"It was a great team effort," said NKU head coach Darryl Landrum. "All five players contributed well."

The Norse won the event by a final score of 903. They beat the second-place team, Missouri-St. Louis, by three strokes.

NKU junior Steve Landrum helped contribute to the Norse victory by firing a 5-over-par 221 to earn first place medalist honors. Landrum

was also named GLVC Player of the Year for his finish in the tournament.

"It was fantastic that he was named GLVC Player of the Year," coach Landrum said. "He's an outstanding player."

NKU freshman Brandon Brown capped off another strong performance by firing a 7-over-par 223 in the three-day event to post a second-place finish.

Brown was named All-GLVC after the event. "He is capable of that," coach Landrum said.

The men's golf team next travel to Knoxville, Tenn. to play in a tournament at Carson Newman College at the end of this month.

"We need to keep working to get better," coach Landrum said. "We need to do what we're supposed to do."

This Week in NKU Sports

Norse volleyball loses fourth game

The NKU volleyball team dropped its second straight game on the road as it lost to Georgetown College in three sets, 15-10, 15-7, 15-13, Tuesday.

NKU senior Jessica Buraker led the Norse with 10 kills and had a 471 hitting percentage in the tough loss. Junior Bethany Gastright also had 16 kills in the game.

For Georgetown, Susan Clements contributed 24 kills and 19 digs in the team's win. Beth Vieth had 12 kills and a 476 hitting percentage as Georgetown improved their winning streak to 12 games and also avenged an earlier loss to NKU.

The 14th ranked Norse dropped to 12-4 on the year with the loss.

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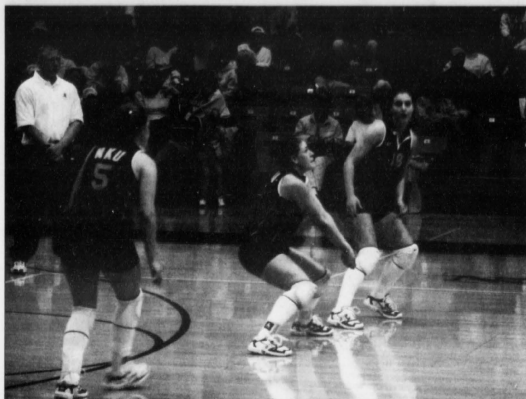
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NKU volleyball team breaks losing skid with home win



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The NKU volleyball team came into Regents Hall riding on a two-game losing streak. The Norse used its homecourt advantage in getting over the skid.

NKU Volleyball continues streak

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

The NKU volleyball team rolled to another GLVC conference win defeating Bellarmine University 15-8, 15-4, 15-6 Saturday at Regents Hall.

The Norse ran its record to 14-4 overall and 8-1 in the GLVC conference. The Norse ran its home winning streak to a very impressive 42 games.

NKU started the match very slowly, as a rotation penalty ended up costing the Norse four points early in the match.

With the score 9-8 Norse, the team was able to regain its form and roll off five straight points to win the match.

Junior Luisa Gomez was the key in that rally. She served four straight points to put the Norse up 14-8. "We messed up the rotation early in the match. We got back in the match and began to focus on our game," said Gomez.

The rest of the match was dominated by the Norse. Freshman Camilla Welter and Sophomore Bethany Gastright each had 14 kills a piece to lead the Norse. Senior Bobbi Casey had 38 set assists to lead the team. Bobbi went 38 for 73 in the assists category which equals out to 52%.

"The passing from our team was great. Bobbi Casey (setter) did a outstanding job getting us the ball at the right time," said Gastright.

Welter felt it was important to begin to show signs of being able to play a good solid match all the way through.

"It's good to have a couple of solid wins after a few bad losses," she said. NKU coach Mary Biernmann was pleased with her teams performance against Bellarmine. "We hit the ball real well, good intensity all match long," she said. "I was very pleased with our team effort."

The Norse had their streak of wins against GLVC opponents snuffed at

39 last week at Lewis University. Since then the Norse have looked very impressive in their conference games against Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine.

Continuing to improve the rest of the season is very important to the players. "Our short game needs to get better, mixing it up for the defense so they don't know what's coming next" Gastright said.

Gomez feels consistency is the key for the Norse down the stretch of the season.

"We have to continue to pass better and our mental intensity has to be more consistent".

The Norse step out of conference play this week with matches Wednesday night against Charleston College (WV) and Friday night against Edinboro College (PA). Both matches will begin at 7 p.m. and will be played at Regents Hall.

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

The NKU volleyball team came into Friday's game with Kentucky Wesleyan on a two-game losing streak. The Norse came out of the match with one of its most dominating performances of the year, beating the Panthers 15-3, 15-2, 15-4 at Regents Hall.

The Norse ran their record to 13-4 overall and 7-1 in the GLVC conference. With the win, the Norse ran its home winning streak to 41 games.

NKU started the opening game on a 8-0 run, to take command of the match. Senior midfielder Jessica Buraker said she felt like everything started to jell during that run. "We hit the ball good, we had great serves and good passes."

The Norse never looked back dominating the Panthers in almost every statistical category.

Junior midfielder Julie Hathorn felt the effort tonight was "one of the best all year." "Our intensity was great, we felt as a team we needed to get out to a lead and put

them away early and that's exactly what we did."

Hathorn led the Norse with nine kills on the night. Buraker was right behind her with eight, while sophomore Bethany Gastright chipped in with seven kills. Senior Bobbi Casey had 30 set assists to lead the Norse to another home win.

The Norse bounced back from two losses earlier in the week at Lewis University and Georgetown College.

Buraker really didn't seem worried about the few setbacks the Norse have had recently. "We hope not to peak to soon. I feel we have done that here in the past," she said. "If we can start to peak at the end of the season, I like our chances going into the tournament."

Norse head coach Mary Biernmann said she feels their is still room for improvement for this team before the tournament. "We still need to work on better blocking and better passing to improve our chances."

Biernmann also said she feels

that they have many strengths going down the stretch as well. "Our offense is playing really well," she said. "We are serving really well and our versatility is good, being able to play different people at different positions."

As the season comes near the end, it will be important for the Norse to win all its conference games.

The GLVC tournament host school will go to the school that has the best overall record and rankings.

Right now the Norse sit at the top of the blue division with a 7-1 record.

"Our goal is to win conference and be able to host the conference tournament. We have to keep winning in order for that to happen," Buraker said.

Hathorn said she feels the biggest thing for the Norse to continue to do the rest of the season is just play together. "We have to keep playing together and communicating as well as we did tonight," she said.

Upcoming Games

(home games in bold)

Volleyball

Wed., Oct. 11

Fri., Oct. 13

Tues., Oct. 17

Charleston (W. Va.)

Edinboro (Pa.)

Wheeling Jesuit

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Fri., Oct. 13

Sun., Oct. 15

UW-Parkside

Lewis

3 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Fri., Oct. 13

Sun., Oct. 15

UW-Parkside

Lewis

5:30 p.m.

3 p.m.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Rachel Dietz
Left: Julie Hathorn
Hathorn helped contribute to the NKU volleyball win over Kentucky Wesleyan College Friday with nine kills in the three set win.



Right: Jeff Anderson
Anderson scored his seventh goal on the year and had an assist in the men's soccer win over Southern Indiana Friday.



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Cross-country teams run in Orlando

By Rachel Dietz
Photo Editor

How does waking up at 7 a.m. and running 3-5 miles sound to you? That is what the cross country teams looked forward to Saturday where it competed in the Disney World Invitational.

At 8 a.m., the women ran 3.1 miles, and at 8:45, the men ran five miles through the woods outside Disney World.

Each team entered seven runners from its varsity team to run in the women's and the men's races. However, only the top five runners are the scoring runners. The other two are displacement runners who are used in the event of a tie. The times of the first five runners are placed on a board and the team totals are added together to decide the winner. The lowest team score wins. Within an hour, three teams and fifteen individuals are awarded.

After the competition in the morning the team was free to tour Disney World. The teams began fundraising last January to earn enough money to fly to the meet.

They worked at Kentucky Speedway selling programs and seating people, and they worked at Kings Island in the picnic area. "This is a very special meet for us because we put so much energy into both fundraising and training so that we could go. It's good to add a little fun once in awhile," said coach Steve Kruse.

This is Kruse's seventh season as the head coach for both the women's and the men's cross country teams.

Kruse said, "The teams have a good chance of doing well in the races. We would be proud to finish in the top 25%."

Men's runner Kevin Alessandros said, "After coming away with the win in North Carolina, we have more confidence going into the Disney meet."



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Kevin Alessandros is one of many cross-country runners who took part in the Disney World Invitational.

