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Tuition cut for some

Residents of six Indiana counties will receive refunds

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Northern Kentucky University, in a partnership with the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana, has lowered tuition for the residents of six Indiana counties.

In addition to the spring 2005 tuition cuts, more than 320 students will receive a refund of \$300 for the fall semester.

"Anyway that any government can help students to go to

school financially is a good thing," Dearborn, Ind. resident Leesa McFarland said.

When McFarland entered the university she received in-state tuition, a practice which was discontinued until now.

"I think students from Indiana are an important part of Northern's community, because I know a lot of people I went to high school with commute to NKU," she said.

Students who live in Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties will benefit from the

new Indiana Contract Rate.

The contract is only scheduled to last this year, though NKU officials say they hope it will become an annual tuition break.

The program applies to all the Indiana students in the six counties who are full- or part-time students seeking associate or baccalaureate degrees.

Students must also have a Free Application for Federal Student Aide already filed for the 2004-2005 year.

Those Indiana students enrolled in Chase Law School,

certificate, graduate, postbaccalaureate, law and non-degree programs are not eligible for the tuition breaks.

"It is such a pleasure to be able to tell these students, many of whom are working to put themselves through college, that they'll be getting a tuition refund," NKU President James Voruba said.

Full-time Indiana Contract students will pay \$2,784 per semester, and part-time students will pay \$232 per semester hour.



Mike Brennan / Illustrators

Residents of the Indiana counties highlighted in blue will receive a tuition refund of \$300 for the fall 2004 semester.

Lecture draws big names

Dole, McGovern to talk politics at Regents Hall



Dole



McGovern

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Former U.S. Sens. Bob Dole and George McGovern will speak at the fifth annual Northern Kentucky University Alumni Lecture Series Oct. 5.

Both senators have unsuccessfully run for the presidency.

Dole campaigned for office as the Republican presidential nominee in 1996, while McGovern ran as the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972.

"The timing of this (lecture) is great with the presidential election coming up," Dean of Students Kent Kelso said. "They're two men that can talk directly about their experience of running for president of the United States."

Dole and McGovern will discuss the topic "Governing in America: The Patriarchs of Their Parties" in Regents Hall at 7 p.m.

The Alumni Lecture Series has a history of acquiring nationally renowned figures as speakers. Previous lectures have featured former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, political strategist James Carville, The Washington Post Assistant Managing Editor Bob Woodward and former New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

Kelso said the Alumni Lecture Series Committee works hard year-round to get the big names here on campus.

"They have always brought quality people," Kelso said. "It's quite an undertaking."

NKU alumna WXIX television anchor Tricia Mackie will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The Activities Programming Board will also be hosting a student question and answer session before the lecture.

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PEER-TO-PEER HELP



Tony Redell / Photo Editor

Senior writing consultant Robyn Cooper (right) tutors junior Katrina Lauer (left) in the writing center located in BEP 230. The Learning Assistance Program is open to all students and offers free tutoring and writing consultation.

Free tutoring offered on campus

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The Learning Assistance Program offers free tutoring for all students at Northern Kentucky University, a service that benefits students too as well as students.

The LAP is a work study program that allows students extra help on assignments and tutors extra cash.

The program is divided into three sections: the writing center, the math center, and academic tutors.

Students who seek help with writing projects of any kind and

any stage of writing may come to the writing center in the Business Education and Psychology Center, room 320.

Writing consultants work with students on various essays, reports, research papers and letters of recommendation.

Students may visit the writing center for any class.

Likewise, those students seeking help with math may visit the math center located in the Applied Science and Technology Building, room 343.

Academic tutoring can be scheduled in BEP 230 or by TutorTrac. TutorTrac is an online scheduling program that allows students to make appointments with tutors

from any computer with Internet capabilities.

"I don't know of any other unit that you can make appointments online," Paul Ellis, director of the Learning Assistance Program, said.

"It allows us additional convenience and maintenance of records."

Scheduled appointments can be made for 30 minute intervals with an hour maximum. This applies to both the writing center and the math center.

Academic tutoring sessions usually last about one hour, depending on the arrangements made between student and tutor.

It is strongly recommended that

an appointment is made in both the writing center and math center.

Math tutors specialize in particular courses; therefore, drop-in students may not be able to receive help.

Writing consultants may serve drop-ins if no other appointments have been made.

Last fall semester, TutorTrac calculated 959 different students visited some form of the LAP program.

Broken down even further, 136 students had academic tutors, 300 students visited the math center, and 523 students visited the writing center.

The total hours students were

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Budget cuts cause WNTV to sacrifice movies



Nicole Jones / Photographer

Dustin Gardewing (front) and David Jenike (back) work for WNTV.

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University Housing, in an effort to cut back budget expenses, has removed movie programming from WNTV during the fall semester to invest in existing programs and building maintenance.

"The movies were purely entertainment and other programs were more of a necessity," Matt Brown, director of University Housing, said.

WNTV and University Housing have worked together to put movies on the air for student entertainment on campus.

Residence Life Cinema provided the movies previously shown on WNTV. Northern Kentucky University's

three-year contract to broadcast the movies expired last year and has not been renewed.

The contract allowed NKU to show "first-run movies," or movies that were still in theater.

About 40 to 50 titles were released each month. Of those titles, some were given to WNTV. Students then selected

what movies would be broadcast. University Housing would have to pay approximately \$17,000 for eight months of movies.

Instead of running the movies, Brown is looking into other options inside University Housing's existing cable plan.

"I would like to add HBO or Showtime to our current cable plan," Brown said. "That would probably cost half as much as

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dpsreports

Sept. 28 - 1:26 p.m.
Classification: MEDICAL RESPONSE - No Squad
Location: HEP BUILDING
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officers and the Nurse responded to the listed location for a subject who was not feeling well. Subject was evaluated at the scene and refused transportation for further evaluation and treatment.

Sept. 28 - 11:20 a.m.
Classification: TOW - Vehicle Tow
Location: PARKING LOT W - Reserved Parking
Disposition: Closed
Summary: An illegally parked vehicle was towed from the listed location at the request of the space owner.

Sept. 28 - 10:31 a.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop
Location: PARKING LOT A
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and No Insurance.

Sept. 28 - 8:41 a.m.
Classification: THEFT - Theft/Larceny from Motor Vehicle Under \$300
Location: PARKING GARAGE
Disposition: Open
Summary: Subject reported a 2005 NKU Parking Permit was taken from her vehicle while parked at the listed location. Referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS Web site at <http://access.nku.edu/dps>

campusbriebs

Officials, students to voice opinion on NKU state funding

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education will come to Covington on Sept. 29 to listen to Northern Kentuckians.

The meeting, which will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Holmes High School, is open to the public and is the first of nine sessions the council is administering across the state in effort to help officials determine higher education policies in Kentucky.

Community and college leaders will tell the council that more state education money should go to Northern Kentucky University and Gateway Community and Technical College.

NKU has been historically under-funded by the state and has been forced to raise tuition more and more each year. Student Government Association suggested that students interested in carpooling should meet in Lot A at 5:45 p.m.

Voter registration deadline approaching for students

Kentucky residents have less than a week left to register to vote in the Nov. 2 general election.

Any resident who has not voted before or has moved to a new address must register by Oct. 4 to vote in the upcoming election. People wanting to register should contact their county clerk.

Students attending NKU who are unable to get to the polls on Election Day because they live outside of the county of their voter registration may request an application for a paper absentee ballot. These applications must be completed and mailed to the county clerk at least seven days before the election.

The clerk then sends paper ballots to the applicants if approved. The clerk must receive the ballot from voters no later than Election Day.

Students who do not qualify for a paper absentee ballot may vote an absentee ballot on a voting machine in the county clerk's office 12 or more days before the election if they will be absent from the county of their voter registration on Election Day.

Dragon Daze winners announced at Levee

Patrons at Newport on the Levee voted Sept. 25-26 for their favorite decorated dragon. The Levee's Choice Award for the large dragons went to the dragon decorated by Holy Cross School art students for the NKU Foundation. The Levee's Choice Award for small dragons went to the dragon decorated by Phi Kappa Tau.

The NKU Dragon Daze Tour will make its next stop at the Office of Student Life Oct. 25-27, where voting for NKU's Choice will take place.

The NKU Dragon Daze is sponsored by Alumni Programs.

nationalbriefs

Bush's visit to Ohio is largest rally of campaign

President Bush spoke to nearly 50,000 supporters in West Chester Township, Ohio Sept. 27. This was the largest political rally of his campaign. The Cincinnati Post reported.

In response to recent criticism from Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, Bush defended how he has conducted the war in Iraq.

Bush attacked Kerry for voting to give the president authority to go to war and then voting against a bill that included money to give body armor and other equipment to U.S. troops.

Kerry's campaign has argued that it was irresponsible of Bush to send troops into war that were unprepared.

This appearance was Bush's 13th visit to Ohio during the campaign.

Colorized \$50 bill now in circulation

A new colorized \$50 bill will soon be in circulation in effort to prevent future counterfeiting, the Associated Press reported Sept. 28. Touches of red, blue and yellow have been added to the bill.

A new \$10 bill is expected to be unveiled this spring and put into circulation in fall 2005.

The next note to receive a makeover will be the \$100 bill, although no tentative date has been set yet.

The colorization project was designed to make U.S. bills harder to counterfeit in today's age of growing technology.

The \$20 bill was the first to get color, as it went into circulation last fall. This bill is the most counterfeited note in the nation.

Small enrollment increase intentional

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Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba told the faculty senate that NKU is reaching its capacity.

On Sept. 27 at the first faculty senate meeting of the semester, Votruba said enrollment had only increased 1 percent, but that the small increase was intentional.

He said that NKU did not intend not to grow because it did not have the capacity to grow until Kentucky funds it more.

According to Votruba, the new admission standards have received good reviews, especially from high school teachers and counselors.

The admission standards help high school faculty show

the students the importance of doing well in college preparatory classes.

Under the new admission standards, some of which will be implemented through 2006, 30 to 35 students' applications were rejected.

Votruba said NKU is going to focus more on retention than enrollment. He wants to improve the quality of students, not the number. Another increase in student quality is the decrease in the number of undeclared students. Some members of the faculty senate felt that it was important for students to declare their major earlier on. One policy being researched

gives professors the ability to drop non-attending students who do not show up on the first day of class without notifying a member of faculty.

Some of the admissions initiatives for enrollment include increased representation from various geographic regions, such as Indianapolis, Columbus, Cleveland, and southern Kentucky, and also an increase in recruitment from community colleges.

With the recent elementary and high school teacher health-care strikes in Northern Kentucky, the faculty questioned how they would be affected by healthcare rate

increases.

Votruba said that he wants to connect increases in salaries with increases in expenses to counter the change in healthcare.

He also told the senate that it's not fair for employees who are paid \$8 an hour to have to pay as much for parking as a salaried employee.

Steve Weiss, the faculty senate parliamentarian, suggested that, in addition to a merit-based salary increase, faculty and staff should be given a cost of living-based salary increase. Votruba said an across the board increase would be something worth looking into.



Votruba

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Friday, 10 at 2:00 p.m.
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being tutored was 2,626 hours. The numbers are expected to be higher this year.

A concern students may have about the LAP program is how qualified are the tutors who work inside the program?

The writing center is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. The writing consultants are trained and hand-selected by Paul Ellis.

The academic tutors have received an "A" in all the classes they are allowed to tutor.

The math center is applying for certification this year. All students working in these centers have a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Currently, there are 78 academic tutors, 18 writing consultants, and 21 math consultants.

As with any program, the LAP program has positives and negatives.

Right now there are too few academic tutors. There are some classes that students need tutors for, but the LAP cannot accommodate these students.

There are also some space issues, because the writing center shares space with academic tutors and faculty members.

The math center is located in a small classroom, creating some severe space problems.

The LAP has been around in some form since 1978. The program allows students to learn

in an alternative way.

"The center applies a different style of learning, collaborative rather than solo," Ellis said.

"The design is to increase quality and quantity of learning at NKU with an individualized approach."

"It is a comfortable place to be and work. There is art work, plants, and the room is well designed, with cubicles and computers for privacy," Ellis said.

If you're interested in making an appointment, or is you would

like to learn more about the LAP, you can stop by BEP 230 and talk to either Paul Ellis, Michele Halley or a writing consultant.

The office hours of the writing center are Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are also open on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The math center is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The math center also has Saturday hours for the convenience of students, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While in the office, pick up a free piece of flare or buttons to wear around campus – a spinoff of the movie "Office Space" to help promote this program.

Also available in BEP 230 are informational brochures regarding the tutoring services.



Tony Redell / Photo Editor

Freshman Emily Witschger works on a report in the writing center.

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another contract with Residence Life Cinema." Negotiations are underway between the university and the cable company.

The earliest NKU could strike a deal is by the spring semester, maybe fall semester of next year. Brown also said one of the Residential Housing Association's goals is to get the movies back on WNTV.

"I was very shocked to see the cutbacks to WNTV," Josh Gutwiler, a junior sports marketing major, said. "I did watch the movies when I wasn't watching 'SportsCenter.'"

Eric Franz, a sophomore business major, said, "Tuition went up but there is no room in the budget for movies, so where did all the money go?"

University Housing has used the money from the previous movie contract to increase RHA funding and continue to

pay for resident phone, internet and cable bills. Brown said it costs \$5,842 a month, or about \$70,000 a year, to provide cable to the entire village. During the summer, buildings received new carpets and fresh paint with the newly freed money.

"The goal is to not raise housing costs next year, since tuition will go up again," Brown said. "We are trying to give students a break."

WNTV is directly affected by the administration's decision. WNTV plans to fill the former movie time slots with videos sent to them by organizations such as National Lampoon Networks.

The station will show original programming; however, it will take some time to get those shows underway.

"We have a news program that will air Thursday through Tuesday and a sports program

that will appear weekly," C.B. Droege, current webmaster and former general manager, said. There are some other show possibilities, though nothing has been finalized by WNTV.

WNTV has some positions to fill before programs can be aired. Currently, all positions at the station are voluntary. The practicum course for radio and television students was dropped and stipends have been removed.

"It is hard to get students to come here and be a volunteer. The experience is great and students learn a lot," Droege said.

The students working for WNTV produce and write shows and are deeply involved with production.

"Working for WNTV is more involved than interning with Channel 9," Droege said.

"Here you are involved and active. At Channel 9, you might

get a producer a cup of coffee."

"The program was never in danger except for the money issue," Droege said.

"The movie feedback was positive among resident assistants and students, but the cost was too much," Droege said.

Currently WNTV is Channel 15 on the campus cable network. With no programming on yet, the channel has been showing advertisements for campus events coming up. There is also a message from WNTV regarding the movies missing from programming this semester.

"At the moment, Channel 15 and the continuous promotional advertising have not struck the interest of most students," Gutwiler said.

To work for WNTV or to receive information regarding programming, stop by LA 309 or visit the Web site at <http://www.nku.edu/~wntv/>.

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Kelso will serve as the moderator for this event.

The session will be held in room 200 of the Business-Education-Psychology Center and will start at 4 p.m.

Stephanie McGoldrick, the programming coordinator for the Office of Student Life, said that this is a great opportunity for students to see two famous politicians in person and have the chance to ask them pertinent questions.

McGoldrick also said that many local high school students will attend the session.

Kelso said that the Alumni Lecture Series is such an important program because it's one

that allows both members of the campus community and the surrounding Cincinnati area community to participate in.

"I think it's one of the best programs we do at NKU," Kelso said.

"I think it's one of the best programs we do at NKU."

Dean of Students

Kent Kelso

admission to the student question and answer session is free, tickets are still required and can be obtained from the Office of Student Life.

Tickets for the lecture are available at the Office of Alumni Affairs.

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Greedy profit from 9/11

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The power of some people's greed never ceases to amaze me. Take Larry Silverstein, a real estate mogul and World Trade Center leaseholder, for example. Silverstein began a second round of legal proceedings on Monday, Sept. 27 to determine whether or not he's eligible for another \$1.1 billion in damages from insurers for the terror attacks that toppled his property. Silverstein alleges that the attacks were two separate inci-

dents and he therefore deserves twice the money.

Back in May, a jury determined the major insurer Swiss Reinsurance and a dozen other insurance companies did not owe Silverstein double. So far, Silverstein has only received \$3.5 billion of the estimated \$7 billion he originally sought. But that's simply not good enough for him, so he's back in court in Lower Manhattan to fight it out.

To make matters worse, data compiled for the trial is being sealed and classified until the trial is over. The data consists largely of analysis from some of the nation's top engineers as to

exactly how the towers collapsed.

Silverstein's attempt to profit from one of America's greatest tragedies and conceal information from the public is sickening to say the least.

But he's not alone. The National Collectors Mint is pandering death and destruction with a new coin made with silver recovered from a bank vault buried during the collapse of one of the towers.

Yes, that's right, for only \$23.45 you can own a silver dollar tainted with the blood of the WTC employees, firefighters and rescue personnel, moth-

ers and fathers, and actual human beings that lost their lives for your shiny symbol of patriotic capitalism. For another \$3.50 they'll put it in a display case so you can show your family and friends your pride and love for this country.

I wonder if workers at Ground Zero who are now suing for exposure to toxic compounds knew they were mining for silver to make something like this.

So, when will it end? We'll all be wearing necklaces made from the bones of victims as we go riding off into the apocalypse of modern capitalism.

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norse poll responses

Compiled by Nicole Jones

Are you excited about former presidential candidates Bob Dole and George McGovern coming to campus Tuesday?



Josh Fuehrer Junior, photographer
"I didn't even know they were coming to campus."



Federico Barriga Senior, international studies
"Yes because it's an opportunity for students to get a better insight on the upcoming election."



Victor Pierson Junior, business administration
"I didn't know they were coming but I think it's a good idea."



Jenny Kessler Sophomore, pre-business
"No, I haven't paid any what they were doing."



Melissa Davis Freshman, undeclared
"I didn't even know they were coming."



Esie Opate Junior, international studies
"Yes, I really want to see them. I want to hear what they have to say."

Celebrities advocate voting

Marketing strategies may not be enough to mobilize the youth

By Jane Eisner
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

The first time I heard about the latest project of Shockout Your Vote! was about a year ago, at the monthly gathering of a coalition of youth-vote activists in Washington. An official of World Wrestling Entertainment announced to the group his company's new collaboration with hip-hop artists to mobilize "Two Million More in 2004."

Wrestlers and rappers joining to promote something as conventional and old-fashioned as voting was this far real?

In the year since, popular culture has embraced the imperative of youth voting with a passion and a panache that have surprised even some jaded students of electoral politics. From the Christian right to the irreverent left, nonprofit organizations and commercial enterprises have decided it is way cool to help young people fill out voter registration cards and get to the polls on Election Day.

The MTV Video Music Awards last month contained a steady drumbeat of exhortations, complete with personal messages from the Bush and Kerry daughters, trolling for votes for their fathers. P. Diddy Combs sports a "Vote or Die" T-shirt on his Citizen Change Web site. Rock the Vote is partnering with the 7-Eleven chain for a "big gulp" of free registration through in-store registration.

The sheer closeness of this race, the stark contrast between

the presidential candidates, and the massive hype for the new and slick marketing campaign, have focused attention on 18- to 24-year-olds as never before.

So here's the problem. The decline in youth voting, a stubborn, 30-year trend unlike any in American electoral history, will not be arrested by yet another slick marketing campaign. Welcome though these attempts at consciousness-raising are, if voting turns into another exercise to be hawked and sold, then this unique and essential tool of citizenship may be discarded as quickly as last year's sneakers.

Young people aren't staying home on Election Day in record numbers simply because they are lazy or apathetic, or because the hottest celebrity hasn't asked them to vote. Powerful social and political trends have conspired to keep them from the polls, to make other forms of civic engagement more gratifying and rewarding, and to make voting feel like a meaningless exercise.

Only if we welcome them into the political process, and make it clear they have a genuine role in it, will the trend lines reverse for good. Only if we address the structural reasons that young people don't vote can we begin to count on them to infuse our democracy with the ideas and idealism for which Americans have always been prized.

Voting in the United States in 2004 is still subject to a dizzy-

ing hodgepodge of local and state regulations that are difficult to navigate, especially for the first time. If this nation really wanted to eliminate the barriers that have kept eligible citizens, particularly young ones, from the polls, we would build on the best practices of the states.

For instance, a handful of states have laws allowing voters to register on Election Day, which is known to increase voter turnout in general and especially among the young. Whether going off to college, moving for a job, or in the military, young people change residences far more than older Americans. But unless you live in Minnesota, Idaho, Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin or Wyoming, this sensible same-day option is not allowed.

There are other obstacles: Seven states require a first-time voter to cast a ballot in person, making it impossible for an out-of-state college freshman to vote absentee. Many states have restrictive voting hours that especially affect working people and the young, thus depressing turnout. In 2000, turnout in states with early closing times was 3 percent lower than in states where polls stayed open until 8 p.m. or later.

Why, in a world that operates 24/7, do we permit polling places to have earlier than some neighborhood banks?

The chance to reach out and touch the political process is essential nowadays. Since too much of politics has turned into a spectator sport, a trend most damaging to the young. Politics

can become personal again, and it's proof of its magic.

In a landmark 2001 study, Donald P. Green, Alan S. Gerber and David W. Nickerson of all three at Yale University, tested voters in six communities nationwide. Here's what they found: A face-to-face contact with a young voter just before Election Day increased the probability of turnout by 8 to 12 percent.

It's more effective than television ads, direct mail, and those annoying robotic calls that flood telephone answering machines every fall. Which is why we see the personal touch extended in this campaign, through foundation-funded projects, Rock the Vote's "street campaigns," and mobilization efforts on college campuses. Truth is, we know that face-to-face canvassing, especially done by peers, works.

I'm not one for predictions, but I'll venture this: On Nov. 3, no matter who wins the big prize, we will wake up to find dozens of young people cheering for an increase in youth voting. Popular culture's contribution to this upsurge in participation cannot be discounted.

But if we want to make it stick, if we want to ensure that young people come of age in a civic culture that believes voting is a duty and a privilege, then we can't rely on the future of our democratic republic, no time to waste in addressing them.

Students should own education

A lack of motivation may keep students from finding money to pay for tuition

By Anne Kim
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"I'm broke." That's a phrase college students everywhere have uttered when winning or securing at least once since entering the luminous halls of the ivory tower.

This phrase, however, might hold a more dire meaning for students and parents during the coming years as tuition continues to rise.

Tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities increased an average of more than 14 percent nationally last year from the 2002-2003 school year, according to the College Board.

In Washington state in the past 10 years, according to the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board, tuition and fees at public research universities have shot up an astounding 89 percent. Ditto for community colleges.

These shocking numbers should cause students either to revolt with pickets in hand or to

rush to apply for scholarships and grants to help cover rising costs.

Yet, hearing from several other students, they aren't aggressively pursuing these options. Instead, many are taking on more loans, working part-time, or their parents are picking up the slack—all necessary options, yet better alternatives exist.

College students need to take more financial ownership of their education by taking advantage of the many scholarship opportunities out there. They should view applying for scholarships as their annual responsibility, which can reduce some of the burden from parents and their own future budgets.

Higher education is expensive. That's common knowledge. Indeed, students should expect to take out some loans and/or to work part-time to help pay for the rising costs. Yet only a few people I know actually apply for scholarships habitually. Students aren't aggressively pursuing these opportunities as they

For example, the Washington

Promise Scholarship—a merit- and need-based scholarship—alone can dispense more than \$6 million to students in 2004 in Washington state.

But according to Kris Betker at the Higher Education Coordinating Board, out of 10,000 students identified and invited as eligible to apply, only 4,300 actually submitted applications.

Loans are a popular option since they are readily offered and easily accessible. Nationally, the average student loan debt has increased 66 percent since 1997, according to Nellie Mae's 2002 National Student Loan Survey. And, of course, these loans accumulate. The average student at a public college in the U.S. takes out \$16,000 in federal loans by the time he or she graduates from college. Students who attend private colleges take out an average of \$1,000 by graduation.

That's a significant amount of money to repay and not exactly something to look forward to as the limited job opportunities new grads are facing in

today's economy.

So, why are students increasingly inheriting these debts when their sources of funding are available? Are students just lazy?

Hearing from several college students to be, applying for scholarships is just too much work. They're competitive and require essays and paperwork. How time-consuming.

Yet, especially for students who have their eye on post-graduate education, taking out more loans than are absolutely necessary isn't a smart long-term plan.

Forty-two percent of borrowers who opted to attend graduate school said their already existing debt had a significant influence on their decision, according to a Nellie Mae survey.

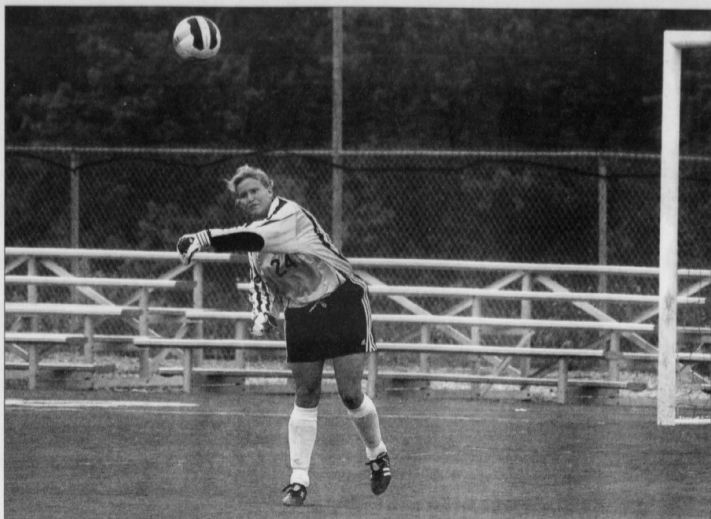
Loans are a necessary and beneficial way to pay for one's education, but students shouldn't depend on them. They need to push themselves to actively pursue grants and scholarships. In doing so, they truly will own their education.

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Blue I Photographer

Lauren Piening recaptures her position as goalkeeper for the Norse women's soccer team where she has already recorded five shutouts in the season.

Piening returns to soccer

Former goalie resumes post after coming back to NKU for degree

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Women's soccer goalkeeper Lauren Piening is back at the two places where she feels most comfortable: on campus at Northern Kentucky University and in front of the goal for the women's soccer team.

Piening was part of the first recruiting class for the Norse in 1998. She played from 1998 to 2000 before leaving.

"I was approached by Coach

(Bob) Sheehan last year at the alumni soccer game and he informed me that I had one year of eligibility left," Piening said.

"I wasn't sure about (coming back), and after talking to Coach Sheehan I decided to return to the women's soccer team."

Piening, a 1998 graduate of Anderson High School in Cincinnati, has a goals against average of 0.49 this season for the women's soccer team.

"This season has started out rough for us but I think we have enough talent to go far in the NCAA tournament," Piening said. "We have an

incredible class of sophomores and juniors who are very good."

Piening owns a 6-3 record and has recorded five shutouts for the Norse women's soccer team this season. The shutouts this season have come against tough competitors, including non-conference foes Concord (W.Va.), and Christian Brothers. Piening has also held conference teams Wisconsin-Parkside, Saint Joseph's and Quincy scoreless.

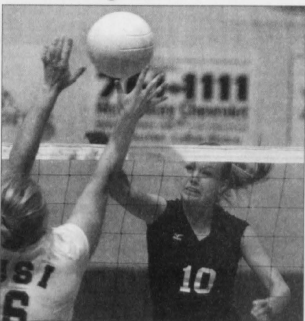
Quincy was one of the hardest fought games of the season. The game went into two overtimes and Piening was able to keep the Hawks out of the net and preserve NKU's

winning streak against Quincy, which dates back to 1997.

Piening has been around the Norse soccer program since its beginning and has witnessed the team evolve into a national power. "Our program continues to grow every year, and Coach Sheehan has done an excellent job building this program in its seven years that it has been around," Piening said.

"One of the main reasons I came back to NKU was to get a degree. I saw all the people that I was recruited with graduate with degrees from here and that made me really want to get mine."

Volleyball team loses 3-1 at home



Blue I Photographer

Tristen Dye was impressive in her debut, recording 13 kills.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Chelsea Doubler and Laura Ellerbusch combined for 35 kills and nine blocks Saturday as the University of Southern Indiana defeated Northern Kentucky University, 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-2.

Doubler finished with 18 kills, eight digs and a .387 hitting percentage as Southern Indiana improved to 10-4 overall, 4-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Ellerbusch added 17 kills, five blocks and a .452 hitting percentage for the taller Screaming Eagles, who attacked at a .354 clip for the match and won the blocking battle by a 21-11 margin.

Southern Indiana cruised to a 30-17 victory in the opening game as Ellerbusch converted eight kills in 10 attempts with no errors for an .800 hitting percentage. NKU (8-6 overall, 1-2 GLVC) was held to a .000 hitting percentage in the first game with six kills and six errors in 34 attempts.

After Southern Indiana took a 2-0 advantage with a 30-21 victory in the second game, the Screaming Eagles boiled out to a 22-17 lead in the third. NKU, however, rallied behind the play of Kristin Koralewski and Tristen Dye. That duo combined for 11 kills in the third

game as NKU rallied for a 30-28 win.

NKU jumped out to a 13-10 lead in the fourth game, but Southern Indiana responded with a 13-7 run to take a 23-20 advantage on a kill by Emily Ryan. The Norse fought back, though, and tied the game at 27-27 on consecutive kills by Dye.

Southern Indiana responded with the final three points, and Doubler ended the match with her 18th kill off an assist from Stephanie Wilson. NKU hit .469 in the fourth game, but Southern Indiana also attacked effectively (.421) and had four service aces in the final stanza.

Southern Indiana has now beaten NKU two straight times in Regents Hall. The Screaming Eagles posted a five-game win against the host Norse in last season's GLVC Tournament semifinals.

Koralewski finished with 17 kills for NKU, and Dye added 13 kills in her collegiate debut.

NKU will travel to Owensboro, Ky., Wednesday, Sept. 29 to meet Kentucky Wesleyan College at 8 p.m.

*Article by Sports Information

hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's hot seat, John interviewed freshman volleyball player Liz Holmes. Holmes received the GLVC player of the week award last week.

John Rasp: What are some of the adjustments you had to make going from playing high school volleyball in Cincinnati to college volleyball?

Liz Holmes: Besides the players being bigger, faster and stronger, I also had to deal with the adjustment of playing with a whole new team.

JR: How influential was having head coach Carlos Chia as your club coach, and you coming to NKU?

LH: It was very influential in me coming to NKU. I knew I would get better by coming to NKU because Carlos got me to where I am now, and I knew I would be that much better by coming here.

JR: What kind of pre-game do you listen to?

LH: I like to listen to Nelly and some of the different mixes that I've made. I also like to listen to MOJO and some oldies.

JR: What kind of personal and team goals have you set for this year?

LH: As far as team goals, we want to win conference. Personally, I would like to pick up my passing and serve receive. My goal is to have as many digs as kills.

JR: Who would you say is the strongest volleyball player in terms of who could lift the most weight?

LH: Probably Julie Lewis.

JR: Have you ever hit someone with the ball really hard?

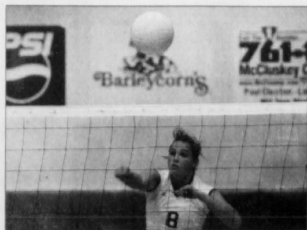
LH: Yeah, I've done it before. Sometimes when I hit the ball real hard I break blood vessels.

JR: I know you were a good basketball player in high school. Do you have any desire to play basketball at NKU?

LH: No.

JR: What would you say is your biggest strength on the volleyball court?

LH: I think hitting was the easiest thing for me to adjust to in college. Andrea is such a great setter so it was easy for me to come here and hit.



Blue I Photographer

Liz Holmes has been a major contributor during her first season.

Baseball practice begins early

Fall workouts allow extra time for team to make adjustments

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While the Major League baseball season is coming to an end, the Northern Kentucky University baseball team is beginning a season that they hope to end with a GLVC Championship in May.

The team has begun fall baseball workouts three days a week with an intersquad game on Saturday mornings.

"It really gives us a chance to put in our reps and evaluate all of our new and returning players," head coach Todd Asalon said.

The NCAA allows you to have 24 scheduled workouts in a 46-day period.

Asalon said breaking the schedule up each week with a game on Saturday is beneficial to his team. "The games give us an opportunity to see live pitching and work on real game situations."

The NCAA also allows you the opportunity to play three games outside of the intersquad games on Saturdays.

The team has one game scheduled for Oct. 2 at NKU against Thomas More College.

"It really gives us a chance to come and get together and start gelling as early as possible," junior catcher Connor McGehean said. "It helps us get rid of the physical and mental mistakes early in the season."

Core players return to NKU from last season's team that finished the season with a 37-25 record and 26-14 in GLVC play.

Returning with McGehean on offense is senior Keith Jackson, who led the team in doubles last year with 20 returns as infielder.

On the mound, they will be anchored by junior closer Justin Seiter, who finished last season with a 5-2 record and recorded nine saves.

Senior pitcher Matt Wiedeman finished last season with a 9-4 record and a 3.50 era, while junior pitcher Derrick Moores had a 7-4 record with a 1.74 era.

After the 24-day period, the team is off until the spring semester when they can begin fall workouts with the team.

Seiter has good reason to enjoy playing fall ball. "It gave us an opportunity to meet the new guys and start to mold our team."

Junior catcher Joe Kendall has personal goals for fall ball. "I want to earn a spot in the starting line-up somewhere," he said. "I just have to keep playing hard everyday."

Another thing that makes fall baseball popular in college is that the weather is usually nice for outdoor sports.

"We get plenty of time outside because of the nice weather," said Asalon. "It's not always like that in the spring."

Fall baseball is also an adjustment to the incoming freshmen for the Norse.

The addition of the wooden bats they use in GLVC makes a freshman have to adjust his approach to hitting.

"The key area for us is our offense right now. We have to continue to get better at the plate," said Kendall. "Our defense is really solid right now with our strong fielding up the middle."

"We will come around and produce runs on offense."

The team will continue to workout through the month of October for two days a week with games on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at NKU.

campuscalendar

wednesday saturday

• Women's Empowerment (WE) meeting at 4 p.m. in UC 107.
• APB hosts Joe and Lefty spray-can art from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC Gameroom.

• Fourth Annual Greater Cincinnati Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Summit will be held in the UC from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The event is free, including a lunch and dinner.

sunday

• The men's soccer team plays Missouri-St. Louis at Town and Country Sports Complex at noon.
• The women's soccer team plays Missouri-St. Louis at Town and Country Sports Complex at 2:30 p.m.

thursday

• "Babes in Arms" opening night. The play starts at 8 p.m. Student tickets are \$6.
• SummerFair Select art exhibit opens. Artist's reception takes place at 5 p.m. The exhibit runs until Oct. 29, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
• Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathan Miller speaks in Budig Theatre from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

monday

• Campbell County Circuit Judge Candidate Forum in the UC Budig Theatre from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
• The NKU Chamber Orchestra performs from 8 to 10 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

friday

• Latino Film "Bread and Roses" from 7 to 10 p.m. at the UC Budig Theatre hosted by LSU y Amigos
• Graduation applications for Spring 2005 graduates are due next week.

tuesday

• Alcohol education program held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in UC 116.
• NKU Alumni Lecture series featuring Bob Dole and George McGovern at 7 p.m. in Regents Hall. Student tickets are \$5.

To place an event contact Josh Blair at 859-572-5859

Cooking class offers food, fun

Students receive college credit for cooking cultural meals

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How would you like to get credit for eating food? Now you have the chance. The idea began in 2000 while teaching a world history class.

As students discussed the Columbian Exchange and other aspects of the food of that time, Dr. Jonathan Reynolds thought, "Well, you could teach an entire class about food."

Thus began the birth of the honors course, "World History, World Food."

The fall semester marks the third time this course has been offered. "Before, it was a freshman course," Reynolds said. "I found it was too demanding for them, things are better now that it is a junior-level course."

Reynolds expected more student participation, once the class was moved to a higher level. "I see this class as a way of doing history beyond political history."

The class consists of 15 students meeting weekly in the Honors House kitchen. Each week a different country or region is chosen.

Reynolds said the class meetings put a lot of responsibility on the students for their own education. "Each week there are different responsibilities and the students are split into pairs. One pair plans the menu, while another shops for the ingredients."

Students present the history behind each geographic region as well as the current

events in that area. Of course, there is a cooking team. Students gain much greater understanding for food when they cook their own food Reynolds said.

Tess Hammons, a sophomore journalism major, took a class with Reynolds last semester and wanted to have him as a professor again.

"He knows so much about everything, and he's enthusiastic," she said.

Hammons likes the class because it gives her time to try new foods that she normally wouldn't have enough time to taste.

"[Students should] take this class if you're ready to get involved and learn a lot about foods and their role in other countries," Hammons said.

Petrizka, an undeclared sophomore, is also enrolled in the class. She said the idea of eating food and earning credit for it interested her in the class.

"I really like the class because of its style, its not a lecture, everyone is talking and contributing," Petrizka said. "After hours of presenting and discussing the students finally get to enjoy the meal. The food has varied from mushroom soup to Caribbean rice and beans - a favorite of the class."

Pita bread with rice and white beans and vegetables were on the menu for last Monday night's class, with Middle Eastern food being the region of choice. "I want students to have a greater and deeper appreciation for the world history culture and cool recipes," Reynolds said.



Photo contributed by Skydive Greene County
R.P. Proctor was one of 15 students to skydive with the Outdoor Adventure group. He described it as an "out-of-body experience."

Students seek thrills, plummet 13,000 feet

Students go skydiving with the Outdoor Adventure group

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The green light flashed as the door to the airplane opened. Everyone began adjusting their goggles and tightening the straps on their parachutes. One by one, they jumped out of the plane, falling 13,000 feet to the ground.

The Outdoor Adventure group at NKU took 16 students to Xenia, Ohio on Sept. 18, where they fell 176 feet per second before opening their parachutes.

Jill Kleiser, assistant director for Recreational Programs, partially organized the trip.

"We've offered two events in the past, but there weren't enough people to go," Kleiser said.

The idea for the class originated from a conference.

"A lot of other schools have skydiving clubs," Kleiser said. "We thought it was something a lot of college students would like to do. It was great to see students so excited about something."

"This was something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

After arriving at the jump site, complications with the plane occurred, delaying the day's adventures by several hours.

"I said to myself, 'Wow, this is pretty awesome looking. I'm about to die.'"

- R.P. Proctor

This problem not only worried the students, but left parents wondering if their children had jumped yet.

R.P. Proctor, a sophomore communication major, participated in the jump. He described the event as unforgettable.

"My favorite part of the entire trip was standing at the edge of the plane," Proctor said. "It was at the peak of the suspense and I said to myself, 'Wow, this is pretty awesome looking. I'm about to die.'"

Each student jumped with a trained diver, whom they were strapped to.

Before getting into the plane, the tandem instructors met with the students giving them directions on how to freefall and what to expect.

"The freefall feels like an out-of-body experience," Proctor said. "While I was doing it, I just wasn't thinking, it felt like it lasted for five seconds."

Actually, each freefall lasted for about 60 seconds before the canopy opened.

Once the parachute deployed, instructors and students floated above the grasp of the earth for a few minutes before reaching the ground.

After the landing, Proctor called his parents.

Dr. Russell Proctor, a communication professor, and his wife Pam had been worried about their son all day.



Photo contributed by Skydive Greene County
The skydivers fall towards the ground at speeds close to 176 feet per second.

"He had been calling us all day giving us updates on the airplane and when he was about to jump," Dr. Proctor said.

"His excitement made us excited."

As for Dr. Proctor skydiving, he said his parents wouldn't let him go when he was his son's age, so now he's glad he could see his son have the experience.

Just in case more students have the urge to jump out of a plane, the Outdoor Adventure group plans to have another skydiving class next year.

Racing is dirty at rallycross

FORCED INDUCTION
NKU's Campus Car Column

by Josh Blair

One of the biggest mistakes a racecar driver can make is going off the track.

Grass, dirt and gravel damages their car, increases their lap time, and causes them to lose traction.

However, for rally racers grass, dirt and gravel are the track. In rally racing, a course is constructed off-road.

Rallycross is the most basic, grassroots type of rally racing. Courses are set up in a large, usually flat field and are marked by cones. Rallycrosses are time trial events in which drivers compete against the clock.

Because of the slippery, loose surface of the track, car control is crucial. Driving a rally car can be thought of as controlled chaos. The fastest line around a corner on pavement may not be applicable in a rally race.

Rally races also involve two drivers, the main driver and the co-driver. The co-driver has pace notes of the course that include how sharp the turns are, when the gear the driver should be in, when the driver should brake and other tips to help them negotiate the course.

Safety is the most important factor when preparing for a rallycross. The driver and co-driver need to be aware of all times to prevent injury. Deep ruts can form on a track and have the



Photo contributed by Paul Grasse.

Rally racing is strenuous on both car and driver. Car control is essential because of the loose track surface.

potential to cause a car to roll over. Well-prepared rally cars have a roll cage, racing harnesses, racing seats and other safety measures.

Preventing damage to the car is the second most important thing in a rallycross. Usually mud, water, dirt, grass and rocks are present on the course. These are not things you want flying under your hood, at your radiator, brakes lines and fuel tank.

To protect these parts of a car most rally drivers build a skid plate. This helps protect those vital parts under the hood.

Another important aspect is tires. With any type of racing, the purpose of the tire is to achieve as much surface grip as possible. In most racing that means tread, lots of rubber.

Rally tires are different. Although they vary depending on whether the track is dirt,

gravel or snow, they all have tread that digs into the surface.

Arguably the best type of car for rallycross is one with all-wheel-drive, which have a lot of traction on slippery surfaces. Front-wheel-drive cars are more common because they're less expensive, and rear-wheel-drive cars do show up occasionally. The right car depends more on what the driver is comfortable with than its drivetrain.

While not as prevalent as other types of races, rallycrosses do occur in this area. The Cincinnati chapter of the Sports Car Club of America has occasional events. Also, the Western Ohio Region SCCA has events in Dayton and Xenia, which are about an hour away from the river.

Those who like to go four-wheeling or mudlin' might find rallycross a similarly enjoyable experience.

If you ever decide to take part in a rallycross, make sure your car is up for a beating. Then go get dirty.

E-mail questions to Josh at blairjo@nku.edu.

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Movie theater options

Indie rockers mature with new album

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Movie fans can be a loyal, sometimes overzealous, bunch of people, combined with what we call before sump just to wait in line for a new release. Others pay \$8 just to see a trailer of a movie that won't be released for months.

While not everyone is as dedicated as hardcore movie-goers, it is important to know what your options are when it comes to selecting a movie theater.

With only four movie theaters in Northern Kentucky, seeing a movie in the same place over and over again can become stagnant and, face it, boring.

Across the river, Cincinnati has many theaters that offer a change of scenery. Four theaters in Ohio within 30 miles of campus were evaluated.

Showcase Springdale

Showcase in Springdale used to be the best place to see a movie in

the area before AMC opened in Newport.

Stadium seating and nearby malls, combined with magnificent picture and sound quality, make this theater one of the best; despite its distance from campus and lack of a student discount.

Cincinnati Mills

A few miles past Springdale is Showcase Cinema in the newly remodelled Cincinnati Mills mall. While this theater is nothing spectacular, it is good enough to enjoy a movie if you are already at the mall or Springdale is too crowded.

Another benefit is that its location inside the mall allows you to avoid looking for parking and waiting in line or snow.

Showcase Western Hills

Showcase in Western Hills is an average theater that used to be top-of-the-line. Deterioration over time and other theater openings in the area have diminished this once proud theater. Visible cracks in the audio quality and sticky floors make this theater inferior.

Rave Motion Pictures

If only Rave would open a theater in Northern Kentucky. This place offers everything a person could want in a movie-going experience.

Combining the best elements of AMC and Showcase Springdale, Rave Motion Pictures in West Chester has it all. Inexpensive ticket prices, immaculate floors and courteous staff help this theater rise above the competition. From the moment you walk up the marble stairs you will be hooked.

State-of-the-art audio and picture quality merely add to the grandeur at this top-of-the-line movie theater.

Rave is a breath of fresh air from the typical fare – well worth the 25 minute drive.

The next time you decide to see a movie, consider your options. There's a nice variety of movie theaters in the area. It may be worth driving a few extra miles to enjoy a change of scenery. Unless, of course, you enjoy your old, sticky-floored theater.

Cincinnati Movie Theaters

Showcase Springdale

Price: \$9, C
Distance from campus: about 15 miles, B-
Atmosphere: A+

Showcase Cincinnati Mills

Price: \$9, C
Distance from campus: more than 20 miles, C
Atmosphere: B+

Showcase Western Hills

Price: \$9, C
Distance from campus: about 15 miles, B-
Atmosphere: B

Rave Motion Pictures

Price: \$7, B+
Distance from campus: more than 20 miles, C-
Atmosphere: A+

"Mind Is Not Brain" is another large step in Mock Orange's evolution. The guitars are reminiscent of Led Zeppelin, and the song structures scream Sunny Day Real Estate; all while keeping that Mock Orange sensibility.

The tunes of their previous album, "First EP," have more of an earthy feeling than the band's earlier material. Gritty guitars, an interesting use of feedback and a careful use of this band's amazing talent, allows them to write unconventionally and still make it familiar.

The opening track, "Payroll," begins with a bouncy, effects-laden guitar line that evokes a spirit of good will. The album moves on to new emotions, but the floating guitar remains intact throughout the record.

"East Side Song" is the introduction of Mock Orange with acoustic guitars and cellos, interrupted by ambient digital soundscapes and beats that make this song one of the oddest picks in the album.

What was once familiar for Mock Orange, now seems like old news to the band. They continue to change the music they write together, no matter how original their last outing was.

The band's hard work and collaboration produced four releases that have all naturally changed the look and feel of the band. The album closer, "This Nation," lyrically shows Mock Orange in a political surrounding, a theme they touched upon before in a more covert manner.

"This nation has no imagination..." opens the track as a plea for musicians to do their jobs and speak out against something other than their girlfriends. Their words are lush with emotion and despair, and the sound in the heart of the Mock Orange that originated in Indiana six years ago.

With "Mind Is Not Brain," Mock Orange raises the bar once again. Originality and striking melody drive this album home as a huge success.

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WWE: Day of Reckoning

for the Nintendo Gamecube

What would it feel like to go from obscure independent wrestler to winning the WWE World Championship in just one year?

While most of us won't have that opportunity, "WWE Day of Reckoning" for the Nintendo GameCube gives you that chance. It's a must-have game for any fan of wrestling or fighting games.

In the game's story mode you take a created wrestler and begin in the WWE's developmental area (OVW based in Louisville, Ky. in real life).

From there you work your way up to "dark matches" – the matches before the cameras start rolling. Eventually you can earn a shot at the World Heavyweight Championship.

- Jason Ellis

For a full review of this game visit
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Catwoman: When in Rome

Issue One

This six-part crime drama follows the adventures of Batman's sexiest nemesis, Catwoman.

Selina Kyle (Catwoman) takes a trip to Italy and ends up dealing with the scandalous Falcone crime family.

With "Catwoman: When in Rome," writer Jeph Loeb and artist Tim Sale offer a dark, gritty look into the lives of Gotham City's most notorious villains.

-Josh Blair



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horoscopes

For the week of Sept. 27 - Oct. 3

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

ARIES

(March 21-April 20)
Nostalgia will captivate the attention of loved ones. Before Wednesday, old memories and yesterday's obligations will need to be brought to the fore. Thursday through Sunday, minor music or back ailments may be bothersome. Take extra time for social relaxation and family enjoyment. Loved ones will appreciate the added attention.

TAURUS

(April 21-May 20)
Over the next 17 days, group events are dynamic and appealing. Watch for friends or colleagues to offer unusual invitations. Travel proposals, cultural experiences or creative hobbies will provide lasting interest. Remain optimistic and all will be well. After midweek, check financial records for mistaken dates or missed payments. Authority figures may reveal dramatic changes to office policies or daily expectations. Stay focused. Small errors won't be forgotten.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21)
In the coming weeks, investment opportunities or new property agreements will bring lasting success. Pace for slow service and research all long-term options. At present, many Geminis will begin bringing greater financial and business security into their lives. Later this week, romantic encounters will be passionate. After Thursday, expect seductive overtures and rare social invitations. Potential lovers will ask probing questions. Respond with honesty and warmth.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22)
Renovations, small repairs and costly home projects may require special attention. Check paperwork and daily figures for hidden errors. Some Cancerians will experience increasing family demands. If so, remain patient. Expanded security and home improvements will be slow but consistent. Wednesday through Saturday, a past friend or forgotten colleague may demand attention. Romantic overtures and misinformation are highlighted. Avoid vague responses.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)
Loved ones will regain their optimism and social vitality. Late Tuesday, watch for a powerful wave of revitalized interest to work your job relationships. Close relatives will no longer view past mistakes as overwhelming. Provide encouragement. Your optimism will provide help clarify strained family relations. Thursday through Saturday, a rare business opportunity may arrive in the form of career advice or legal paperwork. If so, expect complex job decisions.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Authority figures may be unresponsive or critical of new ideas. Play the diplomat and watch for revised workplace roles. After Wednesday, moodiness will be replaced by progress and discussion. Stay open to unique assignments or group solutions. Thursday through Saturday, a friend may ask for extra time to resolve family differences or finalize home plans. Don't confront. Patience is needed. Later this week, contact distant loved ones. Kind words will prove invaluable.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Recently distant friends or lovers will seek your approval. After Tuesday, expect loyalty to become a vital concern in all close relationships. Use this time to discuss complex family choices or clarify romantic decisions. Over the next few weeks, loved ones will provide support, encouragement and meaningful advice. Don't hesitate to actively seek greater trust, intimacy or commitment. Friday through Sunday, rest and pamper the body. Physical vitality may be low.

SCORPI

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Intuitions or sudden hunches will have strong appeal. Monday through Thursday, many Scorpios will receive a meaningful glimpse into the future of key relationships. Revealing comments should be closely studied. Loved ones will soon discuss private social events and long-term expectations. After midweek, watch also for a business proposal from an old friend or distant relative. Remain open to sudden improvements. New career paths are worth exploring.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
A close colleague may briefly challenge the authority of a key official. Remain distant and watch for subtle agreements. Over the next 17 days, workplace discussions will be complex but healthy. Find positive ways to include new employees in all activities. Wednesday through Saturday, friends and relatives may disagree concerning home expenses or family priorities. Short-term plans will be difficult to finalize. Stay focused on daily needs.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Family decisions or unexpected financial obligations may change daily plans. Before midweek, many Capricorns may be asked to take on expanded home or money responsibilities. If so, expect work officials to also compete for your attention and support. Remain balanced. Much depends on your ability to manage resources. After Saturday, new romantic proposals will be difficult to ignore. Someone close may wish to explore greater levels of intimacy. Don't hesitate.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Lessons from the past will be a continuing theme. After much inward reflection, key relationships will experience redefined goals or revised home values. In the coming weeks, however, fast social progress will be unavoidable. Don't be shy. Loved ones may be waiting for your emotional direction or guidance. Thursday through Sunday, romantic or social invitations may be postponed. Take none of it personally. New passions will soon emerge.

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20)
Early this week, business negotiations will work strongly to your advantage. For many Pisceans, several weeks of disjointed work communications and lost information is ending. Probe key officials for valuable opportunities, new payment plans or revised agreements. You won't be disappointed. After Wednesday, a new friendship may become intensely flirtatious. Romantic overtures and social triangles will be continuing themes. Stay focused.

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crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

ACROSS

- 1 Try out
- 5 Blackthorn
- 9 Diameter halves
- 14 Machu Picchu honcho
- 15 Get word
- 16 Right to the penny
- 17 Quick step
- 18 Hostile to
- 19 Cunning trickery
- 20 Gets tough
- 23 Architectural add-on
- 24 Singer Redding

DOWN

- 2 Warship assemblage
- 28 Twofold
- 29 Extend an invitation to
- 30 Place for three men?
- 31 Beloved of Daphnia
- 34 Bro's sibling
- 35 Triangle ratio
- 36 Bawls out
- 40 Aware of
- 41 Horse's morsel
- 42 Wall climbers
- 43 Aesop's industrious insect
- 44 See from afar
- 45 Word breaker
- 47 Taiwan capital
- 49 Polly to
- 50 Tom Sawyer
- 50 Call for help
- 53 Drives hard
- 56 "The Waste Land"
- 58 Be sore
- 59 Serious flaw
- 60 Good judgment
- 61 Stadium level
- 62 Uniform
- 63 Beeped
- 64 Irish Republic
- 65 Social misfit

DOWN

- 1 Proof of ownership
- 2 Sign up: var
- 3 Gloomy frown
- 4 London gallery
- 5 Cascade Range mount
- 6 Leguminous plant
- 7 Exprievs
- 8 One of HOMES
- 9 Make over
- 10 Fundamental truth
- 11 Spotted dog
- 12 Rink surface
- 13 now or never!
- 21 Rakes
- 22 Low-voiced singers
- 26 Nunny
- 27 Aids in crime
- 28 Extinct bird
- 29 Broadcast
- 31 Zagreb resident
- 32 Coloring agent
- 33 Trellis pattern
- 34 TV unit
- 35 Hubbub
- 37 Subject matter
- 38 Horse chow
- 39 Built like Humphy Dumpty
- 40 In a chair
- 41 Religious reformer Martin
- 42 "Where are you?" reply
- 46 Ordinary writing
- 48 Computer language std.
- 49 Push roughly
- 50 Tanker

LAST WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

SAVER ETAL ALAS
ADELE AIDA MANE
KARAT GNAW ERIN
IMSTILLTRYINGTO
AERIES ENDEAR
OAT EST TRA
WRITEALAS IFFY
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SLED FEZ DECENT
SLED VIE KIM SDI
ASSAIL ENRICH
SONGILLGETTHERE
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52 Go through an allowance

54 Writer Wilhelm

55 ___ will you ever learn?

56 6th sense

57 Pastoral spot

Answers to this week's
CROSSWORD will be published
in next week's issue