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## On-line registration available at NKU

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University students may be able to sign up for next semester's courses without ever waiting in endless registration office lines, and possibly without even leaving their homes.

According to NKU Associate Registrar April Redden, registration for Spring 2001 classes might be as easy as logging on to the Internet or picking up the phone.

Through Norse Express, a web enhanced version of NKU's online student information system, registration will soon be possible from outside the university's office. "A person anywhere in the world that has access to the web or a touch-tone phone can register," Redden said. A hyperlink to Norse Express is located on NKU's home page.

"It's easy to use," she added, describing the process on the Internet. "There's buttons that show you where to click every step of the way."

Every NKU student can access their personal Norse Express account via telephone or Internet by entering their Social Security number and a personalized six digit PIN, consisting of their date of birth. Enrollment for courses, as well as course dropping and adding will be possible seven days a week once the system is activated, said Redden.

Registrar Larry Terrell and a project team with representation from various university departments have made policy and software preparations to ready Norse Express for Spring Priority Registration, which starts Oct. 31.

"We've looked at all the networking," Terrell said. "We hope to be as problem-free as possible." Terrell said the system being used resembles those of other universities that offer registration on the Internet.

When first implementing online enrollment at the University of Cincinnati, however, Web glitches did arise, according to UC's Director of Registration Gail Fredenburg. "We had to work out problems," she said. "We did not anticipate as many users as there were during the first quarter it was offered." Installation of several additional Internet servers helped to direct the network traffic, Fredenburg said.

Another problem Fredenburg mentioned involved PIN number privacy. "Students would sign up their friends for classes they didn't want," she said. Students are now encouraged to change their PIN after initially using the system, Fredenburg explained.

She added that the Web now carries more than 50% of the registration processes at UC, saying that the system has improved much since its first quarter of use.

The new enrollment process at NKU will



bring change in the way students obtain scheduling approval from their major's department, according to Redden. "The department will go into the system after a student has been advised and lift the hold on registration," she said. She said this process will reduce the possibilities of forged approvals.

Staff reductions may also be an outcome of the Web-based system, Terrell said. "We'll

probably be able to cut back on expenditures on the temporary employee pool," he said. "It will take a few terms before we know for sure."

Redden described other features on Norse Express such as the degree audit, which shows students exactly what classes they have taken and what they need to take to graduate with their major. "Most of the majors are in the system," she said. The only departments not yet listed, Redden said, are majors with less than 60 declared students.

Students can also obtain their schedule of classes, transcripts and accounting statements on Norse Express at [express.nku.edu](http://express.nku.edu). The number for touch-tone service is 572-0830.

In the possibility of a forgotten PIN, Redden said students can call the office of the registrar for help. "We'll ask for date of birth, Social Security number and verification," she said. "We'll make sure we've got the right person."

## En Garde!!

Rachel Dietz and Jason Ciolek/The Northern

Left: Moreno and his daughter in traditional Japanese kimonos. They participated, Tuesday, in the Japanese fashion show during International week.

Right: Using a shimi, student Aaron Gibbons participated in the Kendo demonstration in the cafeteria Thursday.

During International week chopsticks were given out, origami animals were made for students, names could be written in Japanese calligraphy and students could have their pictures taken in kimonos.



## Growth in School of Education starts discussion of new college

By Hlevani Baloy  
Managing Editor

Education faculty believes the growth of the School of Education is grounds to discuss the possibility of establishing its own college. The School of Education enrolled 1040 students fall 1999 and 921 more in spring 2000. According to Linda Olasov, Associate Dean of Professional Studies and Education, the development of a college of Education is an excellent idea and is past due. Olasov said the provost is

organizing a transition team of five people to research this idea. Olasov said she recommended a Superintendent of a local school district to be included on the team.

She is enthusiastic about the steps being taken to put this plan into action. "We would have more opportunities and fewer limitations to provide effective teacher preparation and community outreach to pursue partnerships with other school," Olasov said.

Tony Atwater, Dean of Professional Studies, said the establishment of a

college is still in the decision making process. The college will be a financial investment but it cannot be feasible without seeking endowments and reallocating funds, Atwater said. Education faculty expects to have more collaboration between NKU and school districts. According to Atwater, "The Board of Regents has not yet acted on this idea. However, the development of a college will enhance pre-school - 12 learning and link NKU with community activities."

The College of Professional

Studies will continue to prepares students for the professional world. A College of Education may provide scholarships, internships and prepare students to impact schools in the region, Atwater said. Furthermore, Atwater said, "If the School of Education expands to its own college it will still receive the resources and support of the College of Professional Studies."

The education faculty is optimistic about a new college being created. According to Michele Roszmann-Millican, special education and early

childhood instructor, "There is a national shortage of teachers and the School of Education has the largest number of students in the College of Professional Studies." Roszmann-Millican added that a new college will provide more opportunities for students, meet more course needs and increase children pre-service qualities in the community. "The positive benefits of a College of Education are that it will draw more students to NKU and more teachers can impact the state PreSchool-12 curriculum," Roszmann-Millican said.

## Drop date extended to Oct. 31

By Sarah Baker  
General Manager

The deadline for students to withdraw from classes has been extended to Oct. 31, according to April Conrad Redden, associate registrar.

The extension gives students the opportunity to make a more informed decision about dropping a class, said Jennifer Surgalski, vice president of public relations for the Student Government Association. In the past, the withdrawal deadline was often before a class first test. Students couldn't tell if the instructor teaching or testing style was effective for them, she said.

Withdrawal date concerns were first voiced to SGA during a gripe day last fall. SGA learned faculty members were also concerned, feeling

they weren't able to cover enough information in class and return grades to students early enough, said Kara Clark, SGA president.

Last fall, SGA reviewed 20 benchmark institutions and found the withdrawal deadline for 14 was at least two weeks later than Northern Kentucky University's. Clark said. Benchmark institutions are institutions demographically comparable to NKU as decided by the Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education.

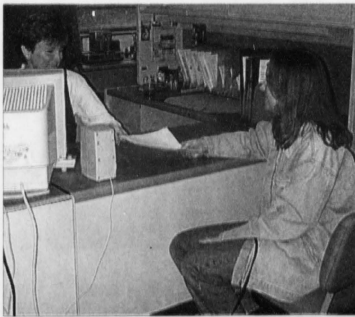
SGA approached the Faculty Senate with the revised withdrawal date suggestion. Some faculty members were concerned the extension would lower academic standards, according to Clark. Dropping a class can affect graduation dates and residence hall status as well as be a financial concern. With so much to

consider, students won't be coddled by an extended withdrawal date, Clark said.

The revised withdrawal date coincides with freshmen midterm grade reports. Formal midterm grade reports will be available to freshmen this semester for the first time. Any student with 30 or less college-level credit hours will be able to view their midterm grades on Norse Express from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. This will allow students a week to receive and review midterm grades and speak to a professor or advisor if necessary, Redden said.

Director of First Year Programs Fran Zaniello said midterm grade reports will make a big difference for freshmen. "Freshmen can be

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Rachel Dietz/The Northern

Students have till Oct. 31 to drop classes and put off that trip to the Registrars office and the long lines that form each year.

# Landscaping to brighten NKU's campus

By Karen Andrew  
Staff Writer

A \$50,000 allocation will be set aside for campus landscaping at Northern Kentucky University, according to the recently approved Master Plan.

The Board of Regents made the approval Sept. 27. Goals of the plan include the enhancement of the "visual quality of the entire campus" as well as making "the campus more inviting." Trees, flowers and other plants, as well as fountains and stone walls are mentioned in the plan.

"The trees are the first phase of landscaping that will occur as part of our master plan for the campus," said President James C. Votruha.

"We believe that campus beautification is an important goal for the campus and contributes to both student as well as faculty and staff satisfaction."

"We're in the design phase for most of the landscaping," said W. Michael Baker, Vice President for Administration and Finance. "We want to make the campus more warm and inviting."

He said the first phase of the landscaping plan is the Terrace Lot area, located off of University Drive. Planting will take place next spring.

According to the Campus Planning department, John Clemen and Associates "will present final landscape plans for this area at the end of the month."

Both Votruha and Baker said that

the funds for new landscaping "will come from a combination of university and private sources."

As stated in the Master Plan, the current architectural style of the campus is the dated Brutalism style. It is based on an ideology popular before and after WWII which rejected "picturesque" for more functional - an idea "in line with the 'machine age' concept."

It is noted in the plan that "the campus is seen by many as... being cold and uninviting, unlike a more traditional campus." Key to the Plan will be the University's goal to work with and respect the architectural style while conveying "the true nature of the warmth and friendliness of NKU and its people."

Plans for campus enhancement

include "the provision of green space, to screen and buffer parking areas and to preserve natural areas."

Native landscape materials will be utilized when possible.

According to Baker, native trees will be planted around the new Natural Science Building.

One of the highlights of the Master Plan is the creation of the Nunn Drive Entry Garden, which "will establish the first impression of the campus for most people." Ornamental tree and evergreen groupings, flower and shrub beds, as well as a fountain will be featured in this improvement. The Central Plaza, lake area and other campus gateways are included in other areas slated for improvement in the Master Plan.



Soon more trees will be a part of NKU's Highland Heights campus in efforts to beautify its concrete buildings

## Adult Learners a resource for non-traditional students

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

The Adult Learner program Evening/Weekend Services is a new resource at Northern Kentucky University that will make the transition easier for non-traditional students, which make up about 40% of NKU's population.

Student Government Association President Kara Clark and former Executive Vice-President Elizabeth Spencer were part of the Recruitment and Retention task force last year. Clark said the committee decided a program catering to the needs of non-traditional students is essential.

"It is a necessary as a recruiting tool," Clark said.

Clark said the Adult Learners Evening/Weekend Services is funded by the Invest In Success program, which gets its money from student fees.

The director of the new program is Katherine Meyer, who is also director of the Women's Center.

Alicia Revely was hired as assistant director on June 5. She said her office will become a "one stop shop" and a single place to gather information.

Revely said the office is a resource and not a program. Therefore, she said it is difficult to assess how many students utilize the office because it varies from day to day.

"Some want specific information, and some want to hang out, use the computer and get a cup of coffee," Revely said.

Revely is very passionate with helping non-traditional students because she feels she can relate with them. She said she was 26 when she was in graduate school.

"I understand the frustrations that go along with having to juggle work, family and school... my office will alleviate some of the guesswork involved and work to retain non-traditional students on campus."

Revely quit her job in corporate America to come to NKU because



Alicia Revely, assistant Director of Women's Center.

she said her work needed to mean something. She said her job involves more human interaction and believes she will feel a sense of accomplishment.

"From the first moment I set foot onto this campus, I believed this was where I was supposed to be," she said.

Revely said the hours of the

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## Mulkey new Student Life Director

By Jenny Plennen  
Staff Writer

After serving in the Office of Student Life since 1988, Betty Mulkey was recently named as the department's new director. She now supervises the Activities Programming Board (APB) and the management of other student organizations such as fraternities and sororities, student govern-

ment, and the Norse Leadership Society.

Mulkey described goals she hopes to achieve in her new position such as getting more students involved on campus. She said she intends to do this by enhancing Northern Kentucky University's image to the public, awarding leadership scholarships, calculating the All News Letter e-mail, and helping to develop "e-mail

account Internet exchanges."

Having much experience with NKU and its students' concerns, Mulkey said she is "passionately involved with changing NKU's image," not only to those who currently attend but to potential students as well.

"Many students have the misconception that NKU is a commuter campus and that it isn't a 'real' university,"

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## Meningitis and flu vaccines available

By Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff Writer

Meningococcal meningitis and flu vaccines will be available Oct. 11 in the University Center Ballroom from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

The flu vaccine is \$10 dollars and meningitis is \$75 dollars. A family doctor charges around \$100 hundred dollars for the meningitis

vaccine. There is a packet sent to parents to fill out to send to their insurance.

The flu vaccine will last around five months and the meningitis last three to five years.

Shirley Fledjerjohn, R.N., Northern Kentucky University's Campus Health Nurse, said "You can't get the flu from the flu vaccine."

"You can come and just get the

flu vaccine, said Fledjerjohn.

Meningitis is a fatal bacterial infection. The bacteria can surround the brain and spinal cord, or in the blood. This disease is caused by bacterium neisseria Meningitidis. You can get meningitis through air droplets and direct contact with people who are infected. Direct contact occurs with shared items or through kisses.

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Nine lost items from the Residential Life's Lost and Found's department have been left unclaimed. Three wallets, one KY operators license, one Jefferson

## D.P.S. REPORTS

County High School student ID card, one MCI card, one Lakeside Health Center card, and one Chrysler Service contract card can be claimed from the DPS office.

A student resident in the dorms reported that his roommate was ill and needed medical attention. The roommate was vomiting and complained of severe pain in both of his legs. The

student was taken by medical response squad to St. Luke East Hospital in Fort Thomas.

An officer responded to a call from Norse Commons about a female resident who harassed an R.A. The female resident made 15 to 20 threatening calls to the R.A. between the nights of 9/19 and 9/24. As a result the R.A. changed her phone number and filed a restraining order with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.



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# For what it's worth--A call to arms

By Paula Dee Mertz

World War II had ended two years earlier, life in America had become a time of peace and harmony. Music was still the same as it had been before the war. Songs like "The Yellow Ribbon Around the Old Oak Tree," or "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Any One Else But Me," would be playing on my parents' radio.

Television was in its infancy when I was born. Not many homes in those days had a television set, and there was only one station to watch, but my parents owned a TV set. I remember when I was five, my mother would turn on the TV set and I would sit on the floor staring at the television's pattern. Like so many other kids of the times I was waiting for the TV station to turn off the pattern and hear the exciting question that would be asked: "What time is it?" Howdy Doodie time," then I knew the TV shows for that evening would start.

As I grew up, so did television. I remember there was more than one station to watch and you could watch TV from seven in the morning till long past my bedtime. The TV shows that were on the air reflected the times we were in: such as "Leave it to Beaver." These shows gave us entertainment and a false sense of how we should be living our lives. The TV shows painted a picture of life though the viewer was wearing rose-colored glasses. I was growing up with those rose colored glasses and the false sense of a secure existence that TV reinforced.

I remember when I was about eleven my father would work ten-hour days, six days a week, which only left Sunday as our day together. We would watch the Sunday afternoon TV shows. One night, as my father and I were watching "Lassie," I remember becoming really upset because Lassie was in danger of dying. My father noticed this and called out to me, "Hey kid, this is what he used to call me" calm down. Lassie is not going to die."

I asked him why, this answer is something I would never forget, "Lassie can't die she has to be on TV next week." This is when my rose-colored glasses started to fade.

At the beginning of the '60s I found a new kind of music, Rock 'n' Roll. "American Band Stand" was a show that came on right after school. The music played and the way the kids danced was different from what I had been exposed to. Until now I was listening to my parents' music

or the classical music my Aunt Helen introduced me to.

Many of us in the ninth-grade class that year had started to notice the turmoil and conflicts that were in the press and it was reflected in the music. This turmoil and paranoia was reflecting on us as well, we were changing right along with all the others of our generation. America was in conflict with itself, and it was starting to really be noticeable.

We, as a generation, needed to be heard and the older generation wasn't listening. "Don't Trust anyone over Thirty," and "Evolution."

Revolution," were phrases of the time. For the first time, we felt that the music we were listening to would be an accurate reflection of how life really was in America. The music echoed our frustration with American life. Such songwriters and bands told us one needed to know. Bands such as the Doors, Crosby Stills and Nash, and The Who expressed these sentiments; but to me, the song lyrics that give the best description of our generation were performed by Buffalo Springfield, and written by Stephen Stills of Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Rock N' Roll was no different, it became our call to arms, a sound of rebellion, charge to war, and if no one would listen to us, war it was. On Fridays, the lunch room cafeteria at school would serve fish sandwiches; it was the only day of the week you could count on having a good lunch. My classmates and I

started to notice that on Fridays, no one would be allowed to buy extra fish sandwiches, yet there seemed to always be plenty of fish sandwiches in the cafeteria. Any other day of the week we were always allowed to buy extra food, this started to bother us and soon the whole ninth-grade class was talking about it.

First we complained to the women in the cafeteria, but to no avail. Then some of my classmates went to the school office to complain and still nothing was done. We were not allowed to buy extra fish sandwiches. When no one would listen to our complaints, our class got together and decided to do something about it! Our class leaders chose to boycott the lunch room the following Friday, and the word spread around the rest of our class as well as the 7th and 8th grade junior high classes. The next Friday's lunch bell rang, and no one went to the cafeteria except the ones who stood guard to make sure that all knew about the boycott, and to persuade the ones that didn't want to participate in the boycott.

Our first protest was successful. The ladies in the cafeteria had enough fish sandwiches to feed an army and this army didn't show up. No one was punished and the next week there was a sign posted saying that you could buy extra fish sandwiches on Fridays.

When we started high school, our reputation preceded us. We were informed that we were the most organized group of students the school had ever seen, most enjoy-

able, and fun to be around.

The 50's was a time of denial, the youth of this country did not have their parents told to do. Everyone lived in a dream world everyone had painted, where nothing bad could happen. Everyone had our rose-colored glasses. The '60s was a time of upheaval, yet a time of vast organization. We were a generation the elders could not stop or suppress; they had to listen to us, and we said, "Stop the War in Vietnam."

America went to Vietnam not to protect ourselves from Communism; it was to fill the pocket books of corporate "Fat Cats." These "Fat Cats" wanted the government to bail them out at the cost of thousands of American men and women's lives. Today's generations are reaping the rewards of our fight to be heard.

I notice today's generations seem complacent, acting as if they have rose-colored glasses, as well. If they had learned nothing else from the '60s, it should be that you can not count on the government to always be honest and do the right thing. If you don't keep an eye on what is going on in our country and the people who are in public office, you run the risk that no one in their right mind would want the loss of one's freedom.

I feel that America today is in more trouble than it was in the 60's. At the moment five major corporations own most of the media in America. With this monopoly, our country runs the risk of having the truth of the news, manipulated and suppressed. The federal government has also greatly reduced funding to Public Broadcast media, forcing these stations to be completely dependent on corporate and public funding. Because of funding problems, America is slowly and systematically losing public broadcasting. If this keeps up, this country will no longer have its only real source of unbiased news and information. Monopolies like these are cropping up all over America.

"We, the people," need to be the watchdogs of the country, and my generation is getting older by the day. Another generation needs to take over the lead watchdog position, but will another generation want, or take the job?

For me, it's a no-brainer, I wouldn't have missed the '60s for anything. I was glad to have been a small part of the revolution, being a "mover and a shaker." For me it was the "best of times," all because my ninth-grade class wanted extra fish sandwiches on Fridays.

## Letter to the Editor: Munich? Maybe Not

I'm writing this letter in reference to the article "Welcome to Munich" in the September 27, 2000 edition of The Northerner. I felt compelled to respond as I read a overly happy description of an event that was, in my honest opinion clichéd at its best and at its worst a complete bore. Rick Amburgey depicted Oktoberfest Zinzinnati as if he had stepped into Munich.

I too attended Oktoberfest and, I can assure you, it seems he had not. The reality that was there was upwards of what I would guess at 75 to 100 vendors selling a whopping 10 or 12 different dishes. Each stand blended quite garishly with the next. To behave as if the foods found there were unattainable elsewhere is an affront to the intelligence of your readers.

Additionally there were numerous varieties of German and domestic beers available. Though I do not per-

sonally drink beer, I will say this was potentially the single shining light of the entire event. It was quite entertaining, as well as interesting, to see the many varieties available. Unfortunately, that is where it ended. With the exception of the occasional senior citizen dressed in his traditional German attire or perhaps the occasional child dressed quaintly so, the German similarity ceased to exist.

As far as entertainment I would have to say that the only word for much of the music played is stereotypical. Perhaps I could also return to clichéd as an additional descriptor. What Amburgey failed to so quaint served only to grate on my nerves as if I were locked in an elevator with a demented Muzak musician.

I find it sad that I found this in a Northern Kentucky University publication, completely failed to mention

the Oktoberfest celebration held here in our own state merely a week earlier. Oktoberfest at Main Strasse in Covington, now there is a festival. The variety of foods, entertainment and crafters gives fairgoers the opportunity to be dazzled at every step. I would venture to guess that the number of available dishes at the Main Strasse event was nearly triple that found in Cincinnati's festival. And the crafters offered one and all a chance to view and purchase many handcrafted wonders.

In closing I would ask the reader to think and ask himself or herself. Would I rather choose from a handful of menu selections and some beers, or from triple the selection the same beers, and crafters and entertainment alike?

Sean E. Edgington  
Office of Information Technology



## NORTH POLL

### What is your favorite Olympic event and why?

Rebecca Volmert

Psychology

Fluence

"I like all of them but I'm wanting to see some Olympic male mud wrestling."



Aaron Stamm

Journalism

Crescent Springs, Ky.

"Track and Field because it's fun to see real athletes compete at that level for a big prize."

Kelly Baker

Marketing

Pine

"I like the gymnastics, especially the balance beam, because I like the way the girls flip on a 4-inch wide beam. It's impressive."



Jeremy Wilson

Sociology

Edgewood

"Any sport where they don't get kicked out for taking cold medicine like the little Romanian gymnast did."



John Reinecke

Pre-Business

Covington, Ky.

"The men's basketball because I enjoy watching basketball and the U.S. is one of the best teams."

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## Candidates cram for debates

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush dug into intense preparations Saturday for the first presidential debate, honing styles and strategies for trumping the other guy in confrontations five weeks before the election.

For Democrat Gore, the road to Boston on Tuesday led through Sarasota, Fla. Republican Bush's path led through his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

For both men, the event is an opportunity to introduce themselves to Americans only now tuning in what could be the closest election since 1960.

Issues ranging from abortion, oil prices, health care, Social Security and education to voting records and reputations provide fodder for attacks on such matters as Gore's penchant for exaggeration and Bush's ability to lead.

Bush practiced for the debate at his ranch in Crawford, assisted by several aides and New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg, who is playing the role of Gore.

Media consultant Stuart Stevens asked Bush why his tax cut proposal was better than Gore's and Bush gave back his standard answer, that it would give tax cuts to all Americans, not just targeted cuts.

Bush said they practiced Friday night and Saturday by going through "pep-

per drills" where aides pepper him with quick questions. And Bush said working at the ranch "helps clear my mind."

Before leaving for Florida, Gore began a series of consultations with Americans about what they expect to come out of the debate series. The first meetings were with Gloria Bingle, a steelworker from Jeannette, Pa., and firefighter Matt Moseley, an Atlanta firefighter from suburban Locust Grove, Ga.

"We've been talking about what people look for and listen for when watching the debates," Gore said, as the three sat on a sunny patio at the vice president's residence in the Naval Observatory. "I appreciate their help."

Three Michigan educators also will help Gore prepare. "We all know that the vice president is a world-class debater," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes, adding, "We think that the pressure in this debate is really on Vice President Gore to try to change the dynamic of the race. The dynamic of the race is that voters want a change."

"I think he's good," Bush agreed Saturday. But "I have something to say as well and I look forward to saying it."

After months of focus-group research, including detailed studies by the Gore campaign, heads into Tuesday's debate convinced that it has the issues on its side.

"The number one thing we feel con-

fident about is, when the two men stand side by side, Al Gore comes out ahead because swing voters agree overwhelmingly with Al Gore on the issues," said campaign communications director Mark Fabiani. He cited such issues as repaying the national debt, using the budget surplus to shore up Social Security and providing for prescription drugs under Medicare.

Also look for Gore's environmentalism to play a role in the debates. Fabiani said Gore will look for opportunities to underscore Bush's and Cheney's ties to the oil companies, or, as Gore likes to call it, Big Oil.

Aides say Gore has not spent much time worrying about how to inoculate himself against attacks on his character or veracity because his campaign does not believe that Bush will risk possible voter backlash by raising such issues in debate — not the first one, at least.

Bush believes Gore's character is an issue when it comes to public policy. He has made the case at recent campaign stops that voting for Gore would make trust in the White House a problem again, on two fronts.

On the one hand, Bush has said Gore's penchant for exaggerating means he cannot be trusted to tell basic truths. The second trust problem often outlined by Bush is that Gore's targeted tax cuts and Social Security reform plans indicate the vice president doesn't trust Americans to handle their own financial decisions.

By David Ho  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush reaffirmed his support for the Christian Coalition's values Saturday in a three-minute videotaped address meant to soothe any hard feelings created by his absence from their convention.

"Should I be elected, I will lead our nation toward a culture that values the life, the life of the elderly and the sick, the life of the young and the life of the unborn," Bush said. He didn't explain why he initially had intended to speak.

Addressing abortion, which is high on the list of concerns at the convention, Bush said good people disagree on the issue, but everyone should seek ways to promote adoption and parental notification.

"And when Congress sends me a bill against partial-birth abortion, I will sign it into law," he added.

Bush outlined his support for cutting taxes, restoring children's moral values and reforming Social Security and education.

"Like Ronald Reagan, I believe that the freedom we cherish ultimately depends on the values our families teach," Bush said.

Dede Robertson, wife of Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson, echoed her husband's earlier warning that Bush shouldn't take their support for granted. Speaking

before Bush addressed the crowd, she criticized both parties.

"We have one candidate who changes his personality every now and then and then we have another candidate who has distanced himself from his supporters and pals around with John McCain," she said.

Christian Coalition members attending the convention were more sympathetic to Bush.

"We are the choir here," said Tommie Dunmeyer, a real estate broker from Hemet, Calif. "He doesn't have to come here because we are for him. He should be out there stamping to talk to people."

Bruce Friedman, an engineer from Brandon, Fla., agreed.

"I would have liked to see George Bush here in person, but I know that he is out campaigning. I don't think he would have changed anyone's mind in this room," he said. Bush was in Crawford, Texas preparing for the first presidential debate.

Bush's unscheduled address surprised many in attendance, who were unclear there would be a videotaped message on two giant television screens. When the Texas governor was announced and the lights dimmed, many in attendance rose to applaud expecting Bush to walk on stage.

The audience gave their loudest applause to Alan Keyes, a former contender for the Republican presi-

dential nomination.

Keyes said moral outrage over the Clinton administration was key to the Republicans winning the White House, conceding that in prosperous times it was virtually impossible to defeat an incumbent on just economic issues.

"If voters go into the voting booth thinking about material things, they are going to suffer a material and bitter defeat," he said.

Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan, who has spoken at past conventions but was not invited this year, later held his own rally in the same hotel.

Republicans in past years have counted on the Christian Coalition to help get out the vote across the country, but Bush has focused more on moderates and swing voters. Some in the party have been concerned that Buchanan could drain away religious conservatives.

While not mentioning him by name, Buchanan didn't overlook Bush's absence.

"Are we supporting folks who will not stand with us?" Buchanan asked about 100 supporters. "If they won't come speak to you, they won't speak about these issues, they won't talk about these ideas, can you trust them to fight for you once they get in the White House?"

Directing his comments to Bush, he added, "Why don't you try sending a video tape to the ballot box?"

## Open the Debates

Dear Editor:

On October 5th, Centre College in Danville, Kentucky will host a vice presidential debate. The Commission for Presidential Debates (CPD, [www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org)) is organizing this debate, and the presidential debates in Boston, Winston-Salem, and St. Louis. Currently, only the Democratic and Republican candidates have been invited to participate.

The members of the Coalition for Open Debates believe that all Americans, and the democratic process, would benefit from debates that are open to all political parties. Over 47,000 people have signed an on-line petition at [Vote.com](http://Vote.com), 71% of which seek open debates. According to a Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll representative of all registered voters, 64% say Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan should be in the debates. There are five major third parties that offer a great deal of choice to voters: the Constitution/U.S. Taxpayers Party, the Green Party, the Natural Law Party, the Libertarian Party, and the Reform Party. This is not a complete list of all third parties that are developing and expanding. As expected, all of these parties have platforms that encourage and advance a multiparty system with educated debates among all candidates.

The Coalition for Open Debates (C.O.D.), is organizing a non-violent protest that will take place directly before and throughout the debate. We are organizing this event as an expression of our First Amendment right to free speech. Any injury or prop-

erty damage resulting from protest activities will not be promoted or supported by the C.O.D., and will be seen as an attempt to violate our First Amendment rights. In the wake of violence in Seattle, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Los Angeles, we want to do everything we can to prevent such negative events from occurring in Danville. Violence will only detract from the purpose of our protest. Protesters organized under the Coalition for Open Debates will be wearing flags to signify the loss of our voices in our current political process. In the protest area, as designated by the debate organizers, various members among the protesting organizations will give short speeches. Winona LaDuke, the Green Party vice presidential candidate, and possibly several vice presidential candidates from other third parties will also give speeches if they are not allowed to participate in the CPD debate.

We welcome any citizen who has questions about the protest or the debate to contact and join us; we are most easily contacted via our website, [www.opendebates.org](http://www.opendebates.org). Please use this opportunity to educate yourselves about the political process as it exists today, and recognize that you do have other choices for political offices. All political parties, major and minor, have websites that present their candidates and explain their platforms. Local libraries are also a good source for party and platform information. With freedom comes the civic responsibility of all Americans to ensure that their governing bodies serve the best interest of the people. Neither our Constitution nor its Amendments state that only two political parties shall serve the good of the people. Sincerely,

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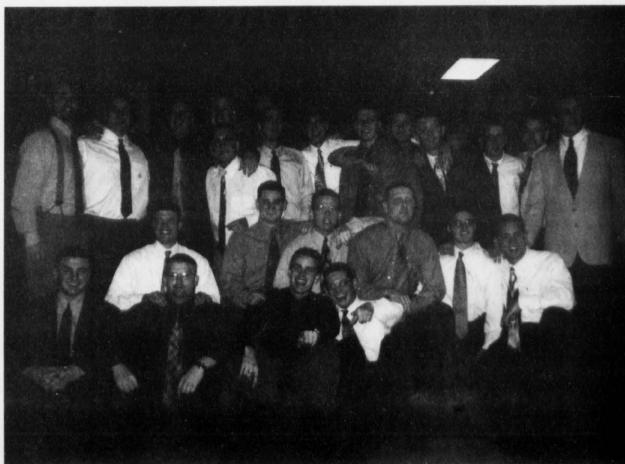
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## Faults not faulty at all, they rock

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Executive Editor

Some old Southgate House favorites returned Friday night to give fans a look at their latest incarnation.

The Faults are starting over fresh after the breakup of the V-Roys, but the memories of the great times the band members had as the V-Roys were still fresh in their heads.

"This is a great place, a lot of fun shows here," singer/guitarist Mic Harrison said about the Southgate House. Harrison said the band had a lot of trouble just coming up with a name for the band. The band was billed as the Mic Harrison Band until very recently.

"It's a hell of a lot easier to write and record than to come up with a band name. You'll be sitting around and come up with something that sounds good at the time; then you think about it again the next day and be like, 'That sounds stupid,'" Harrison said.

In addition to Harrison, the band also includes Jeff Bills on drums, Paxton Sellers on bass, and Robbie Trospen on guitar. Trospen was not part

of the V-Roys. He said he previously played for Knoxville-area punk bands such as Rambling Roy. Trospen brings a punk rock energy to the band in his guitar playing and in the songs where he picks up lead vocal duties.

Harrison does the bulk of the singing and songwriting for the band. He hasn't lost the touch, plowing out catchy rock tunes that V-Roys fans loved so well.

The Southgate crowd was nothing like the packed houses the V-Roys enjoyed, but that did not temper the energy the band put into its performance. They seem happy with how things have been going lately. Bills and Harrison said they have been sounding really good in practice sessions, but expressed mild concern over how they would sound in this, one of their favorite venues.

Bills said, "It's getting a lot tighter, we'll play live a few times and get better."

They seem quite energized about the prospect of starting fresh.

Harrison said, "We've been working on a record the last three months, it's going pretty smooth."

Bills added, "Just had it mastered last weekend. It needs a little better packaging before sending it out to distributors. We're hoping to have it out by December."

They said they will also have some of the songs posted on their record label website, [www.lynpoint.com](http://www.lynpoint.com), in MP3 format for downloading. Since their status as an regional touring band that does not enjoy the support of a major record label makes it difficult for potential fans to have an opportunity to hear their music on the radio, the band says they like the idea of their music being available for downloading.

"That's the main tool a band on our level can use (for their music to be heard)," Harrison said.

Bills agreed, "You might read about some band, buy their album and it sucks. This way, you can hear it for yourself, sample it, then buy it for yourself."

The band said to look out for their record when it comes out, as well as for them on tour. "Once the record comes out, we'll do a lot more touring," Harrison said.



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The Faults, which includes former members of the Southgate House, returned to Newport Friday night for an energetic show. The band is planning to have its first album out in December.

## NKU R.O.C.K.S. a foundation for African-American freshmen

By LaTonya Dingwall  
Staff Writer

The NKU R.O.C.K.S. Program is well into its second year of service receiving the Interest in Success grant in March 1999. NKU R.O.C.K.S. takes incoming African-American students under their wing and helps them get through their freshman year.

Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Rose Morgan said the program is made up of four components. These components are a mandatory orientation at the beginning of the school year, advertising the program by assigning faculty mentors, assigning student mentors, and signing up for the learning community. "I'm very pleased with the progress of the program. NKU Rocks will become our signature program to help the

advancement of African-American students."

There are currently 17 faculty mentors, 15 student mentors and 39 mentees and three volunteers. Morgan said, "The mentor can only mentor 2-3 students so we could not accept all 60 applicants. However, we encourage them to seek a faculty mentor on their own." Morgan said the program held a picnic, leadership conference and church outing for the students as activities to allow students to get to know mentors and socialize with each other in the group.

The students that were selected to be part of the program moved in Aug. 18. After moving in, the students walked over to the Baptist Student Center. Inside the building students and their families gathered for a soul food dinner. Morgan said a difference from last year was that

students were informed about graduate school and it was critical to educate parents and students about financial aid to avoid any problem. Dr. Clinton Hewan was invited to speak about his role as a faculty mentor and some student mentors briefly spoke on their experience being a mentee the previous year. Sophomore Stephanie Nelson said, "I was a mentee last year and my mentor Karyn Mize was such a great mentor and person that I wanted to follow in her footsteps. I also want to share our bond with others."

On Saturday it was an early rise and shine. It was time to get down to business. The entire day was planned for orientation. Students were able to meet with their faculty and student mentor. This is an excellent program to get freshmen prepared for the academic school year. It also gives the mentor a chance to share their

input," said junior Karyn Mize.

On Sunday it was a day of worship. The students attended a service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, to provide a spiritual ends to program. Morgan said.

Rhonda Thomas, activities coordinator of African-American Student Affairs, said she was responsible for putting the programs and activities together for this year. She said she is in charge of the study sessions that are held every week on Wednesday for students in the program. Thomas said the Rocks program is helping students adjust and scholarship information is being made available for this group.

"The Rocks program is to help students adjust to the pressure of college and the goal is to emphasize retention," Morgan said.

## Pete's Poetry Corner

### Contemplation

What does the future hold?

I need to be bold  
but instead I'm queasy  
when things come too easy,  
the other shoe yet to descend.  
What is in store for me?  
How long will my journey be?

It seems pretty clear:  
your number's up, I hear,  
when there are no more fences to  
mend.

I go with the flow,  
adrift in a sea of choices.  
Too bad there were no locks  
on this Pandora's box  
I've opened.

How do I discern  
the lesson I'm meant to learn?  
Give me a hand  
so I can understand this trend.  
What is my purpose here.

my burden to bear?  
Give me some clue  
so I can see it through  
to the end.

By M. Mansell

### Question Of Prayer

As I kneel to pray  
God make it all go away  
There is nothing to gain  
I'm going insane  
Who are these dysfunctional people  
Whom I live with under this roof?  
No trust, no love  
I need not to wonder  
Who do they think I am?  
What do they think they raised?  
When they sit and think they failed,  
What kind of symbol do I shine??

By Cheryl Ritchie

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# NKU theater students shine in Oklahoma!

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

In the musical "Oklahoma!", 21 Northern Kentucky University actors put their voices to music, but one stood out.

Bridget Conforti's honey-like voice captured the ear from the get-go. Conforti, who played Laura, the lead female role, first sang a line from the musical's opening song, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and, thankfully, didn't let my ear rest until the finale.

The story of two people, Laura and Curly, played by Jeff Matissoff, battling to find true love despite their own doubts and human intervention is not a new theme to the stage.

The energy and emotion displayed by the cast made me quickly forget that I knew how it would turn out.

The love Curly and Laura displayed in their touches, eye contacts and finally kisses

seemed completely natural.

"Bridget's a great girl and great to work with," Matissoff said. "You can tell (how good they were going to work together) the first couple days."

Matissoff's best scene was the confrontation between Curly and another of Laura's admirers, Jud Fry, in the smoke house.

The hulking Jud, played by Kyle Crowder, is a farmhand for Laurie and her Aunt Eller. He loves Laura but is disliked by her and the town.

Crowder believes his character is misunderstood. "I wanted to be more than evil," he said. "He truly loves Laura but doesn't know how to express it."

Mixed in with this love triangle is the subplot of budding love between the hunky cowboy Will Parker and ditzy, playfully naughty Ado Annie.

Ado Annie, played by Janette Palmer,

shows her true self in her humorous solo "I Can't Say No!"

She tells Laura that she is unable to deny men's advances.

The scenes with Annie and Will, played by Nick DeNazio, were often the funniest because of the way they intertwined sexual innuendos with their innocence.

Will wants nothing more than to have Annie all to himself while Annie's wandering eyes drive him crazy and the crowd to laughter.

Overseeing it all is Aunt Eller, played by Sara Anderson, was a mature, strong and intelligent character who often is the only one on stage with any common sense.

"It's a challenge playing such a strong character," Anderson said. "It takes a lot of energy."

The musical ends with the predictable

showdown between Curly and Jud. The music in "Oklahoma!" was catchy with many witty lyrics.

"Oklahoma!" was also the first to incorporate ballet into a musical and Laura's ballet dream sequence at the end of act one was highlighted by good dancing, intermixed with themes of love, lust and evil.

NKU's performance of "Oklahoma!" showcased many strong characters who each stole a scene or two and gave me a good look into each of their personalities.

The powerful theme of love makes this a great movie for couples and the constant humor makes it enjoyable for all.



Laurey, standing, and her Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma!"

## Dining with Jason

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

As my lips tingled and my taste buds swelled to overflowing, I realized my decision to order extra spicy lamb curry at Aralia, a Sri Lankan restaurant, was a wise choice.

Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean just off the Indian subcontinent. Their cuisine borrows much of the same spices and dishes from their neighbor India.

One of my guests ordered the curry chicken, voted best in Cincinnati by City Beat, and the other enjoyed roast pork curry.

My friend who ordered the curry chicken requested it be as un-spicy as possible. The other asked for the milder curried pork.

I started the meal with a fish roll for

an appetizer. It was composed of tuna baked in a breadroll. Similar to a hot-pocket. Fish is not a favorite food of mine but I like the roll.

When our meals came a plate of rice smothered in a light brown bean sauce was placed in front of us followed by a vegetable bowl filled with the type of meat we selected drenched in curry sauce.

The meat and curry sauce is then spooned on top of the rice and bean sauce.

My guest who ordered chicken generally isn't open to trying new foods but was pleasantly surprised by how much she enjoyed her meal.

Her chicken was tender and flavorful. The mixture of the flavors, the curry, meat, and bean sauce had a distinct and enjoyable taste.

The pork, which was mild, had a little spicy kick but didn't detract from the overall flavor.

If you like hot foods, the curry pork I ordered extra spicy is for you.

When the owner brought me my food I asked for another glass of water. He smiled and promptly brought me a pitcher.

The heat didn't hit me until the first couple bites had past my mouth and it slowly rose like the tide.

The new flavors and spices, alien to my American palate, gave my mouth an exciting distraction from hamburgers and pizza.

Prices of dinners stayed in the \$13 range. Aralia also has a wide selection of vegetarian dishes and Sri Lankan drinks highlighted by a homemade ginger beer (non-alcoholic).

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## Pointless Poll

By James Proffitt  
Assistant Features Editor

Recently, the Northerner conducted a survey at Northern Kentucky University concerning the upcoming 2000 presidential election. Since many voters are not happy with the two primary candidates in the upcoming election, we decided to give our participants a little more variety. We added eighteen candidates to the list of choices, and surveyed several students to see who you, the student, would most like to see win the upcoming presidential election. Thus far, Scooby Doo is the clear cut winner. However, there is still time to turn that around. If interested in participating, please send your votes to [jamesproffitt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesproffitt@yahoo.com). Results will be updated shortly before election day. Each voter is allowed up to three votes, and they can distribute them in any manner they like. The following is the list of candidates, and the vote tally so far. Thanks to those who participated, and please don't forget to vote.

1. George Bush Jr. (Republican nominee) - 8
2. Al Gore (Democratic nominee) - 6
3. Jesse Ventura (governor of Minnesota) - 5
4. Scooby Doo (crime solving K-9) - 19
5. Scooby Powers (lovable character from L.A.'s Saved By the Bell) - 13
6. Judge Judy (host of hit court room show) - 7
7. Danny Tanner (father to D.J., Stephanie, and Michelle on TV's Full House) - 6
8. Elizabeth Dole (former presidential candidate) - 6
9. Leonardo (leader of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles) - 11
10. Billy Graham (famous ministry) - 10
11. The Rock (WWF champion) - 12
12. Andy Richter (former co-host on Late Night with Conan O'Brien) - 5
13. Dave Matthews (lead singer for Dave Matthews Band) - 10
14. Tom Clancy (best selling author) - 2
15. Blossom, (leader of the Powerpuff Girls) - 2
16. Katie Holmes (arch-nemesis of the Gremlins) - 9
17. Gizmo (from the movie of the Gremlins) - 1
18. Oprah Winfrey (famous talk-show host) - 5
19. James Voruba (president of NKU) - 6
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# Jessica Buroker, Bethany Gastright, Bobbi Casey power the Norse volleyball team to newer heights

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

Like a pair of western gunslingers, Jessica Buroker and Bethany Gastright stare across the expanse at their opponents just before ruthlessly gunning them down with bullet spikes and demoralizing blocks.

If Buroker and Gastright are the gunslingers, Bobbi Casey is the silent assassin, killing her enemies without them realizing it.

Northern Kentucky University's volleyball team has posted a 12-3 record. As of Oct. 1 NKU ranked first in the GLVC in kills and assists and second in hitting percentage.

Thanks in most part to Gastright, Buroker and Casey.

Gastright, a junior outside hitter, stands 5-feet-11-inches with a lean athletic build. Buroker, a senior middle blocker, is also 5-feet-11-inches but with well-muscled shoulders and arms. Casey, a senior setter, is on the other end of the spectrum. She is 5-feet-9-inches with an athletic build.

Despite being shorter than the other two, Casey is the leader on the floor for the Norse.

"She is very much a floor general," head coach Mary Biernmann said.

Gastright said, "A good setter helps a hitter's consistency. Her sets are there every time."

Casey said that a setter's job is to be a quarterback on the court and pick up their teammates when they need it.

Casey's staggering statistics alone

prove her ability for getting the ball where her hitters want it.

Casey is first in the GLVC in assists with 696, over 12 a game. Very rarely will NKU get a kill that Casey does not assist with.

While not as glamorous, Casey said, she isn't overlooked by people who know about volleyball.

It's also nice to have two players in the top seven in the GLVC in kills to set to.

"It's great to know that if I don't do well, Casey is still going to go down," Casey said.

Casey also makes Buroker's and Gastright's job easier. "When Bobbi sets, she can see the holes (in the defense) and can set to the holes and make it a lot easier," Buroker said.

Biernmann agrees. She said that a volleyball squad has to have good passing to succeed. "It all works hand in hand."

That is one of the keys to the success of all three, their ability to work together.

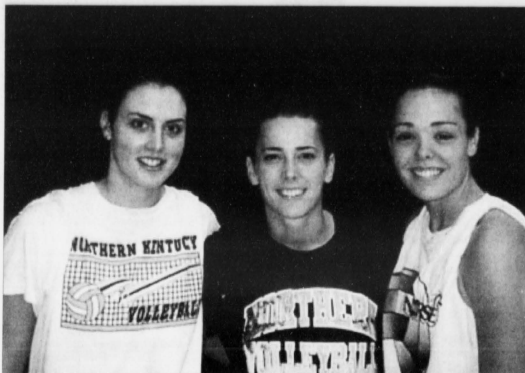
"A good setter can make them (hitters) better," Casey said.

Casey said it's a great feeling when she gives a "perfect pass."

Often those passes are to Buroker's and Gastright's explosive right arms.

Both have over 200 kills and Gastright's 299 are tops in the GLVC. Gastright was named AVCA Sports Imports Division II National Player of the Week on Monday Sept. 25.

"I was shocked," she said. "It's a great feeling." She said that after



The NKU volleyball team is headed by its three forceful leaders in Jessica Buroker, Bobbi Casey and Bethany Gastright.

Biernmann told the team of the news, she told Gastright that she has to keep on working.

Working at the net right alongside Gastright is Buroker.

Biernmann called Buroker the best all-around player on the team.

Not only is she second on the team in kills, she's first in hitting percentage, digs, blocks and has totaled 10 aces.

Biernmann said that there isn't a better one-two punch in the GLVC.

Casey said, "It's important to have

two good hitters. We win because we have two people to go to."

Both said they feel like to smack a volleyball out of the air like a rocket and deposit it over the net by diving defenders?

"It's amazing," Gastright said.

"The best feeling is when you just pound the ball and put it down on the other side."

Blocking an opponent's spike is also important at the net.

"It's 'in your face' sometimes," Buroker said, referring to a block. "Sometimes you want to yell through the net."

Both said that there are times at the net when she feels like it is just her against the player across from her.

Biernmann said, "It's a war. But there are times for both power and finesse."

Both Gastright and Buroker said that technique and power are needed in a spike.

"You have to have technique to have power," Gastright said.

Buroker did say that there are "times you just want to power the ball and you don't care if it's in or out."

Casey and Buroker are the only seniors on this team and both said a National Championship is very important to them this season.

Both are leaders on the team and, like their heights, are different in how they do it.

"I'm more vocal," Casey said. "If Jesse says something, you know she's fired up."

The Norse hope to improve on last season's Final Four appearance.

If they do it will probably be by riding the cannon arms of Buroker and Gastright with the ammunition fed to them by Casey.

## Bengal's ship slowly sinking as losses mount in 2000



By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

Losers.

Unfocused. Not with it.

Those are just some of the phrases I think of when I talk about the Cincinnati Bengals NFL football team.

I mean well when I talk about the Bengals like that. They are the worst football team I have watched in the last five years.

For one thing, the Bengals have had many top draft picks over the last few years, but it hasn't helped them put together a winning team. Players like Dan Wilkinson and Kijuan Carter were supposed to be big names that could help lead a ball team. Both did not fit in well with the team's chemistry and have moved on to another football team.

The Bengals have also gone through a few coaches to help get the team focused and ready to win. Well, that proved unsuccessful. Dave Shula coached the team for about five years

and couldn't get them even close to a winning record. Bruce Coslet then tried, but the best he could manage was an 8-8 season a few seasons ago, thanks in part to the great quarterbacking of Boomer Esiason.

The Bengals went down in the books as the losingest football team in the '90s. They lost more than 100 games in a 10-year span. They haven't even made it to the playoffs since 1990.

The Bengals are a waste. They won only four games all of last season, and 0-3 so far this season. I mean, they are lost to the Cleveland Browns, for crying out loud!

Then there are all the distractions regarding the team, especially during the season. Tremain Mack and Corey Dillon have had problems not related to football. These players are keeping the team from focusing on the game of football. Why not let them go elsewhere? The Bengals let Carl Pickens, their top wide receiver, go.

Let's look at what I think the real problem is with this team. Yes, I mean owner Mike Brown. He can't do anything right. He blames everything else, like the coaches, for the team's fumbles. He always goes after the sloppiest draft picks I have ever seen. Brown is the head, the top of the organization. He should be setting

an example that the whole team looks after.

This past week, Coslet resigned as head coach of the Bengals after an embarrassing 37-0 loss to the Baltimore Ravens. He talked to Brown and said he couldn't do much more with this team. I think Coslet might have been scrutinized or blamed for the Bengals' latest struggles.

Dick Lebeau, former defensive coordinator of the Bengals, is now the new head coach. He has already told the team to only focus on football until they start winning again. No boom boxes, no wearing ball caps backwards, no sitting on helmets. Lebeau wants his team to stay focused and ready to win.

Let's face it. The Bengals are lousy. They are not even close to being the best sports team in Cincinnati.

This team has problems, and if they are ever going to be playoff contenders, and I stress "ever," then they will have to work them out.

I like football, and so do all of our college students. We want to root and cheer on our local sports teams.

If the Bengals are the best we can do, then they better start putting on their best.

## This Week in NKU Sports

The NKU volleyball team improved to 6-0 in the GLVC and won its 40th consecutive against its conference opponents with a three set victory, 15-5, 15-6, 15-10, over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Friday.

Senior Jessica Buroker had 18 kills and a .500 hitting percentage to lead the way for the Norse. Also, junior Bethany Gastright came up with 14

kills, and senior Bobbi Casey contributed 54 assists and five digs in the NKU win.

The next day, however, the Norse streak was stopped as Lewis University, 11-7, upset NKU in three sets, 15-5, 15-12, 15-5.

Gastright led the Norse with 13 kills, and freshman Camilla Wetles came away with 11 kills and had a

318 hitting percentage. Sarah Wetles helped pull off the upset for Lewis with eight kills and seven blocks.

NKU had beaten Lewis 12 straight times until their loss on Saturday.

The Norse, who are ranked 11th nationally, now have an overall record of 12-3 on the year.

The loss also dropped them to 6-1 in the conference.

## Women's tennis team stays undefeated on the year

By Laura Parsons  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team dominated their opponents in back to back matches this Saturday. The Norse crushed Saint Joseph's University, 9-0, and Lewis University, 7-2.

Junior Jamie O'Hara defeated Jill LaBarge of SJU 6-1, 6-1 and Lizee Mendoza of Lewis 6-0, 6-1. O'Hara paired with Claudia Ruehl to roll over both SJU's and Lewis' number 1 doubles teams, 8-3 and 8-5 respectively. Ruehl also defeated her opponents from SJU, 6-0, 6-0, and Lewis, 6-2, 6-0.

Freshman Elizabeth Brunson continued her winning season at number 3 singles with two wins, 6-0, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-0, and a doubles win with partner Lauren Spears. Jocelyn McQueen and Amity

Chapman knocked off solid singles wins in both matches, while Chapman ranked in two doubles wins with partner Christina Dauch.

This weekend's wins raise NKU to 35 consecutive conference wins. No conference team has defeated the Norse since 1997.

The Norse wind down the season as one of the top three teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, joined by Southern Indiana University and the University of Illinois-Edwardsville. "We are in good shape to win the GLVC Tournament," Coach J. Webb Horton said. "Our next goal is to make it to the NCAA II-A Tournament and perform well."

NKU travels to Wright State University on October 10 for its last conference match before the GLVC Tournament.



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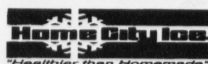
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# Defense keys third straight win for Norse

By Aaron Stamm  
Staff Writer

The NKU men's soccer team continued its winning ways as it beat Bellarmine University 2-0 Friday at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

The Norse have won three games in a row and are now 3-0 on the year. They also moved one game closer in the GLVC rankings improving their conference record to 3-2.

NKU sophomore Mohamed Janah was the key to the offense for the Norse. He scored both goals in the second half to spark the team to victory. About the win, Janah said, "We are just starting to get to know each other and play together. This win will help our young guys start to believe we can win."

The first half was full of missed opportunities for the Norse. They attempted ten good shots only to see a 0-0 halftime score. "At half-

time, coach told us we were playing their game and not our game. In the second half we stepped up and played how we can play," Janah said.

Defense was the key for the Norse on this night. They were able to limit Bellarmine to just eight shots on goal all night long. Many times during the game, the Norse would have control of the ball for long periods of time on its side of the field.

In the last two games, the Norse have shut out both Indianapolis and Bellarmine. NKU junior sweeper Kevin Crone credits a team effort for the defensive success. "The defense was solid in all areas from the front line to the back line. Communication in the backfield was very good tonight also."

With the top seven teams in the conference making it to the conference tournament in a few weeks, every conference victory for the



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner  
The NKU men's soccer team hustled down the field in winning its third consecutive game against Bellarmine.

Norse right now is major. "We need to keep competing, working hard and communicating the last few weeks of the season" said Crone.

The NKU men's soccer team plays a pair of home games next

weekend. They battle Southern Indiana Friday night at 6 p.m. and then take on SIU-Edwardsville Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Both games will be held at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

# Women's soccer wins ninth straight in rout

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU women's soccer team was on a roll having won eight consecutive games as it battled Bellarmine College, who was 0-4 in the conference, at the Town and Country Sports Complex Friday.

The Norse took advantage of the Knights' struggles as NKU continued their winning streak with a 7-0 victory.

Sophomore Kristen Noakes was one of three NKU players who had two goals in the game. Noakes scored both of her goals in the first half of the game. "I am taking people on more," she said. "I am dribbling better, and I'm going hard to the ball."

The win over Bellarmine was crucial, especially after the team's drenching overtime game against Indianapolis the game before.

"Our team is playing well," said junior Amanda Trout, who contributed two goals. "We are distributing and passing really good."

Junior Tricia Ruark also had two goals in the win and added a couple of assists. Junior Jeanna Martin rounded out the scoring with a goal for the Norse.

Noakes said she feels that the team is starting to come together after their convincing win. "We are more of a team, not individuals."

The Norse needed a big win like the one on Friday, because they have a huge test coming up at the end of the week. NKU plays Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at home. Both teams are undefeated in the conference and haven't lost to the Norse in the regular season over the last two years.

"We need to take it game by game," Trout explained. "We have to keep working hard as we have been. Each game is important."

With the victory, NKU improved to 10-1 on the year, and the Norse, who are ranked first in the Central Region, are now 5-0 in the conference.

## The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Rachel Dietz  
Right: Kevin Crone  
Crone is one of the leaders on the NKU men's soccer team. He is tied for second on the club with three goals so far this season.

Left: Kristen Noakes  
Noakes has stepped up big time this season for the NKU women's soccer team. She scored two goals in the Norse latest win.



## Freshman gives strong performance

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU men's golf team went into the NCAA Division II District IV Tournament looking to continue its winning streak. However, even with a strong showing in the last day of the event, a 5-over 293, the team finished tied for second place in the tournament with an overall team score of 597.

The Norse finished three strokes behind first place Findlay.

"We showed we were one of the better teams in District IV," said NKU golf coach Darryl Landrum.

NKU freshman Brandon Brown helped the Norse in performing well in the two-day event, which took place at the Hawkshead Links Course in South Haven, Mich. last Monday. Brown, who trailed by three strokes after the first round, shot a 2-under-par 70 on the final day and finished with a total score of 144. He captured the first place medal,

winning by one stroke.

"I just play my game," Brown said. "I have been hitting my driver good down the fairway. I have had a pretty good putter the last two tournaments."

Coach Landrum agrees that Brown has a good overall game. "He has very good confidence," said Landrum. "He is one of the top freshman in the GLVC. I expect great things from him in the next four years."

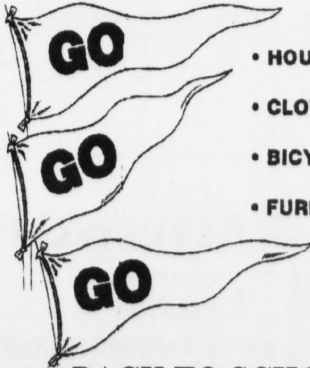
Steve Landrum also did well for the Norse in the tournament with a two-day score of 148. He finished tied for fifth place.

Overall team play by all the golf members have helped the Norse to be successful, coach Landrum said. "Our starting lineup has really improved. The freshman have got over their nerves," he explained. "The kids were waiting to explode, and it finally happened."

"The whole team is doing pretty well," Brown said.

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