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Offices hold first poker run

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Northern Kentucky University will host its first ever poker run on Oct. 5 between noon and 2 p.m. to promote the new centralized locations of university offices that moved to Founder's Hall over the summer.

The offices of Women's Studies, Academic Advising Resource Center, the Learning and the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad will team up over poker cards, and have food and prizes to help students get acquainted with the Founder's Hall locations.

Students will travel to each of the offices where they'll receive a poker card and one portion of lunch. After they've visited each of the five offices they will have a full hand of poker and a complete meal. The best hands will win one of the prizes supplied by the offices which will include gas cards, gift certificates and restaurant vouchers.

"We want the students to know where we're at primarily," said David Emery, director of the Academic Advising Resource Center. "It will give them a little better understanding of the university offices and hopefully they'll have a little fun in the process."

Kimberly Allen-Kattus, director of the Women's Studies Program, came up with the idea for the poker run.

"I just thought it would be a fun way to get our new offices known," Allen-Kattus said. "It was a good idea that would get students comfortable coming in and using our resources. Now that we're in an accessible location, I want them to know that we're here if they need anything."



Photographs contributed by Jose Cuesta

NKU student Melisa Roman spoke at the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Gala Sept. 24.

NKU gives to fund Scholarship fund helped student's dream of education become reality

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NKU to see what options she had available to her, and spoke with Leo Calderon, the coordinator of the Office of Latino Student Affairs.

Calderon told Roman about the Latino student organization on campus.

When she heard about the Latino student organization, Roman said, "I knew this university was for me."

Roman felt like she had found the right university, but didn't know where to go from there.

"I was growing in debt," Roman said. "I didn't have money for my books, so I was putting it on credit cards. I had three jobs and six classes."

That's when Calderon told Roman about the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and urged her to apply for it.

She received the scholarship for the 2004 school year as well as the 2005-2006 school year. "This scholarship as helped me make furthering my education a reality," Roman said.

Although Roman is grateful for the aid that she's received on the scholarship she said that she wonders what will become of other Latinos who don't have the same opportu-

nity that she does.

"I think if my brothers and their friends who are seniors in high school," she said. "Some of my friends will be cleaning houses for \$7 an hour or working in stores. They are just as smart as I am, but immigrants will have to pay three times more than I do as an in-state resident."

NKU President James Trotter also spoke at the gala. "Every person and culture should be able to realize the American dream," he said. "Education is the pathway to that."

Votruba also said that this region had been a leader in supporting the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and that nearly \$50,000 had been donated to the fund from the local colleges.

"We know the Latino culture is rich in what it has to offer the region," he said. "We're on an ambitious journey and we're going to succeed."

One of the goals of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, a national organization, is to get more Hispanic Americans graduating from college.

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Black enrolment rising Tougher admission standards at UK cause black enrolment to 'plummet,' while NKU is unaffected

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Black enrolment at Northern Kentucky University held steady and even enjoyed a slight increase despite the implementation of tougher admission standards.

This is in stark contrast to other schools like the University of Kentucky where higher admission standards sparked a plummet of 40% in black enrolment.

UK had raised the minimum ACT score from 19 to 20.

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This can come as a relief to students who are tired of yearly parking pass increases that have doubled the price of a pass in three years.

ACT score of 19 as the minimum.

Students who didn't receive a 19 could still be admitted depending on their grade-point-average, class rank, completion of college-prep classes or if they retook the ACT.

Although the number of incoming Black freshmen at NKU did fall 14 percent this year, an increasing number of black transfer students accounted for keeping the percentage of total Black enrolment at NKU at 48 percent.

This semester, 683 black students are enrolled at NKU which is up from the 678 enrolled last year.

The number of blacks who enter college is not much lower than the number of Caucasians.

According to a 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics report, 61.1 percent of black high school graduates enter college within a year of graduation compared to 68.4 percent of whites.

Latino rates are at 61.9 percent while Asians have the highest likelihood at 76 percent.

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can add up to a lot of money, \$84,000 to be exact. Where does this money go?

"All of it goes to the general fund," Martin said.

The general fund is the collection of all the revenue Northern Kentucky University brings in, said

Roman said she was happy to be able to thank the group personally for their work on her behalf, and related how the money had affected her life.

Roman is a native of Peru and said that her mother married an American, so her family moved to Kentucky. She said that learning English at 18 years old was very difficult, but that her high school teachers were very patient with her.

"I always wanted to attend college," Roman said. "I knew I was ready spiritually, but not financially." So she called

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Parking ticket prices jump 57 percent

DPS hopes higher costs deter future violations

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If you've received a parking ticket lately you may have had a little bit of a shock when you saw the price.

The price of parking tickets has risen at least \$15 since last school year.

Parking without a permit, which resulted in a \$20 fine last year, now costs \$35.

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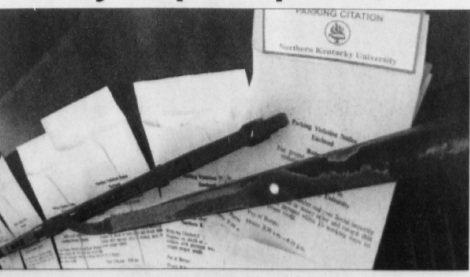
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Justin Duke/Photographer

Because of higher parking ticket prices, the owner of this car can expect to pay at least \$210 in fines before graduating.

Kenneth Ramey, vice president of administration and finance.

"Money made from parking tickets and passes go into the general fund then are recycled into the maintenance of parking lots and paying for debt services of parking garages,"

Ramey said. Parking garages are not funded by the state and must be paid for by the university.

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Campus Building Closing

Founders Hall to be closed for repairs

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The building will be closed because Western Restoration and Waterproofing Group will be performing structural repairs within the mechanical rooms on floors 2 through 5.

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Our Founders were Christians

Americans need to find the 'true meaning of freedom'

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I try to imagine what would go through George Washington's mind if he were to step into the 21st century. Time and again, I hear him cry, "That's not what I meant! You're putting words in my mouth!" In reference to the hotly debated "separation of church and state" issue, I feel our first president would want to sit down and clear things up a bit.

First off, there is no official government document by the founding fathers referring to separation of church and state. The First Amendment clearly states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The amendment clearly states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Washington replied, "You do well to wish to learn our arts and our ways of life and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you

are. Congress will do everything they can to assist you in this wise intention." It was Washington's Speech to Delaware Indian Chiefs on May 12, 1779, in John C. Fitzpatrick, editor, The Writings of George Washington, Vol. XV (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1932), p. 55. It was Washington's heartfelt purpose to have children learn of God in his intent; and now, over two hundred years later, he is being banished from within those very walls.

America was founded on the prayers and hopes that it would be a country of freedom. The Founding Fathers wished it to be a "people-*run*" country, unlike the European government they fled. They wished to limit the power of the federal government and leave issues, such as religion, to the states. Thus, this would give individuals the power.

The Supreme Court adhered to this constitutional principle until well into the 21st century. The Founding Fathers set up the new American government to accommodate religious communities and expression. The very thing that is happening today with God, prayer and ultimately, hope, being removed

from our public areas is the very thing our Founding Fathers wanted to prevent from happening.

After prohibiting God from our schools the same people ask where He was after something like Columbine. God is in my heart, and no matter what laws come about no one can change that. No one can stop me from praying and talking to God; no one can steal my faith. Washington and the other Founding Fathers envisioned a country of freedom; one where they wouldn't be repressed, where they could express their faith without fear.

And now, the United States has

become the opposite of the haven they dreamed of. My freedoms as an American have come into question. The very freedom that the Founding Fathers spoke so passionately about has been ripped from our grasp by those who have no real understanding of the concept. The United States is quickly becoming that which the pilgrims fled from two hundred years ago. We, as Americans, desperately need to decipher the true meaning of freedom.

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God belongs in the public domain

The Sept. 21 edition of The Northerner contained a letter to the editor with the headline "God had no place in the public domain." I would like to respond to that letter.

The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, states "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." Certainly

by "Creator," Jefferson meant God and nothing could be more public domain than the Declaration. Should this reference to God be taken out of the Declaration of Independence?

Second, the article begins by asking about the Constitution's separation of church and state.

The phrase "separation of church and state" does not appear in the Constitution.

The First Amendment contains a non-establishment clause and a free exercise clause.

Third, the article states that the founding fathers were not Christian.

Charles Carroll of Baltimore, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was Catholic according to the Catholic Encyclopedia.

Fourth, the article states that our country was creat-

ed as a secular refuge for all creeds and religions. It seems to me that "a secular refuge for religion" is an oxymoron. Under the First Amendment, one could argue that the federal government is such, but one cannot argue that for the states.

And finally, the article opines that religion is something meant to be celebrated privately in homes and churches.

This is precisely the attitude adopted by the Christians in Nazi Germany.

If they had taken their religion into the public domain, the holocaust would never have happened.

Reverend Monsignor Gilbert J. Rutz
Catholic Newman Club
Northern Kentucky University

Closing Center was a NKU 'power play'

University is robbing students of an 'invaluable educational resource'

Northern Kentucky University students and the community are being robbed of an invaluable educational resource, but *pay attention*: we are being treated to a lesson in misuse of power and its legitimization by a bureaucratic machine ("Holocaust Center Closed" Northerner, Sept. 14th 2005).

An important clue in understanding this situation lies in the name of the removed center, "The Holocaust Education Resource Center," not "Nazi Paraphernalia on Display" or "Holocaust Objects on View." Those things might be "look-see-don't-touch" antisemitic walk-by museum pieces, which is not an educational resource center with 600 books, 100 films, educational CDs, lesson plans or the available expertise of professor Kersell.

The proposed dismemberment and sterilization of an interactive educational resource by dispersing and placing it behind glass diminishes its impact, redefines its purpose and is an insult to the vision of professor Kersell.

It is apples and oranges, passive v. interactive, differing definitions of the situation.

Here's legitimizing language from the administration: "always very supportive of Mr. Kersell's work (then there's the defective dialogue regarding pay, class load, etc.), NKU was 'thrilled' to offer space in the library," a very prestigious opportunity.

Get it? The old "good guy/bad guy" trick, with the university as the reasonable, magnanimous provider of wonderful things and Kersell, the unreasonable, wound-up. "I'll take my toys away if you don't play my way" person.

"Prestigious opportunity" and "honor her" are smoke screen non-sequiturs. Sharing her collection in a dynamic, hands-on educational center is "something worthwhile" for professor Kersell. The context of accolade is inconsistent.

Here's what won't happen if the university persists in its incomprehensible rigidity: A student member hears of the only Holocaust Education Resource Center in Kentucky and is interested.

Upon entering, a book title smacks the student in the eye, "This Way to the Gals Ladies and Gentlemen." What? Flipping to a page, maybe they read, "Between two throws in a soccer game, right behind my back, three thousand people had been put to death" (pg. 84) or "I do not know whether we shall survive, but I like to think that one day we shall have the courage to tell the world the whole truth and call it by its proper name" (pg. 122).

So, how did this happen and what was the world doing or not doing?

Check out an in-depth, educational documentary or German propaganda video. The book ("This way...") is checked out, returned and

another book title captures the student's attention. "All But My Life" and he/she learns that the author Gerda Weissman-Klein, a remarkable woman who survived a death march and other horrors, is coming to this very campus offering a one-of-a-kind experience for anyone attending on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

Due to the interactive structure of the center, people can speak with professor Kersell in person, gaining a patient, compassionate and educated explanation of what her collection is all about.

How can this happen in a sanitized, impersonal and "prestigious" scattered display in Steady?

Let's call this by its proper name: "bureaucratic" bumbling.

The question of space? Oh please, there's plenty of space for the Baptist Student Union or the Welcome Center (just two on a long list).

The only right thing in the space-based concept is the Center needs more. It should be a building. So how about BSU, easy access and all, sharing some? It could be a diversity statement.

Funding? The Holocaust Center, free to the public, is a community service; over \$1 million dollars has been allocated to Lake Inferior and an obscene amount is spent on landscaping (another long list).

Staffing? Use students or community volunteers.

Ubiquitous solutions abound within a creative context.

I see some kind of power play, because surely Wells, Schmidt and other administrators know apples from oranges. Who's thinking "prestige under glass"?

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The Northerner's 'censorship priorities' are wrong

Last week's comic, Grimmer, stirred up a question that I had. I was wondering why the Northerner censored out Chris' face in the last frame of the comic? Doesn't the comic uphold freedom of speech?

Nick Prince

I was told that the Grimmer

comic with Chris' name mentioned was supposed to have a picture of him right next to it. Why was the picture blacked out? Is the Northerner going to censor Grimmer now? What happened to freedom of speech?

Aaron Angel

Lately I have been loving the comic Grimmer, but last

week's comic, something was wrong. The comic itself was still funny, but where it said "In Memory of Christopher Westelman" it had a old black box next to the text.

The black box appeared to be on top of something. I asked if anyone knew what was up, and heard that the black box was where Chris' picture was supposed to be.

Then later, I heard that his picture was censored because the guys who do the comic didn't have his permission or something.

I'm not a journalism major, and even I know that if you are using a pic in parody, then you can use it.

Also, if The Northerner stands by their "no-persmission" guideline, then they should have put a box up

when Grimmer last year had pictures of G.W. and Prince.

Also, it was OK for The Northerner to print the picture of an "alleged" rapist on the front page, but not ok for Grimmer to have a picture of Chris Westelman?

It sounds like The Northerner's censorship priorities are wrong.

Cory Bankemper

editor's note: Check out our response in the staff editorial on page 3.

Letters to the editor

Newport officials 'unfit for office'

The City of Newport razed nearly 100 homes in the Cote Brilliante Neighborhood. The Reason? Blight!

City officials argued that nearly 10 percent of the homes in the neighborhood were vacant. Remarkably, the 10 percent vacancy rate was actually below the city-wide average of 10.9 percent (according to census data).

Another reason the city argued the area was blighted was from poorly maintained streets. I still can't rationalize why crumbing public streets have anything to do with the homeowners.

If the streets were a problem, the city should have repaired them, because it's their responsibility.

The city is merely stealing from those with less and giving to those with more.

As Newport officials become further and further emboldened by their new doctrine of economic devel-

opment, they seek to finalize one of the most absurd subsidies that would make even the airline industry jealous.

The latest scheme includes the sticking a Super Wal-Mart in the 55-acre Cote Brilliante tract that, until a couple of years ago, was a thriving, working-class neighborhood.

First, the city absorbed all the costs of property acquisition, demolition and related legal fees.

The acquisition and demolition cost the city roughly \$9 million, not to mention legal fees resulting from long, drawn out battles over the use of eminent domain in the acquisition of real estate.

The city also issued \$90 million in industrial revenue bonds to the site's second developer in nearly three years. The original developer and the city abandoned their

deal stating the city's impotence in acquiring the property. (Due process, who needs it anyway?)

Not to mention the lost real estate and school taxes that were once generated by the homes that it used to occupy.

As is customary with industrial revenue bonds, the city will hold the title on the property, thus exempting Super Wal-Mart from property and school taxes.

According to Forbes.com, 5 of the 10 richest people in America are heirs to the Wal-Mart empire. Newport officials are catering to the very rich, not the

middle class. Furthermore, city officials have said to help with the 30 percent of families and children that live below poverty in Newport.

This is no surprise from a administration that contends tenants of a 202-unit public housing complex are too poor to live on the riverfront.

I can hear city officials scrambling now, "Well, Wal-Mart will bring jobs to Newport."

Yes, it will. Wal-Mart will bring the jobs that keep hardworking individuals forever in poverty. The average full-time employee at Wal-Mart lives below the poverty level.

The company's decision to pay meager wages has left taxpayers to foot the healthcare costs and provide public assistance for nearly half of its workers.

Wal-Mart has also been found in violation of federal child labor laws.

There are currently several major lawsuits against the company, including one that could play out to be the largest gender discrimination lawsuit in history.

Another class action lawsuit claims Wal-Mart employs sweatshop labor, and it encompasses plaintiffs from four continents.

I'm sure this won't be the last we hear about Cote Brilliante or Wal-Mart. What kind of city administrators would make unfair and financially unsound development deals to get human rights abusers and robber barons to build a new store in their city?

City administrators who are unfit for office, and they make me ashamed of our leadership in Newport.

Bryan Williams



norse poll responses

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Amanda Davidson
"No, it's not a health concern? If so, why do you drink them?"



Joe Lamb
Senior, photography

"No, it's not a health concern? If so, why do you drink four or five a day. I drink Sparks because it gives me the pep I need."



Jaruvan Duangsupan
Junior, information systems

"I think they are a problem. I don't like the taste."



Kyle Starks
Sophomore, accounting

"Well, I know energy drinks are worse than Mt. Dew with lots of sugar."



Keluma Glaw
Freshman, psychology

"They help your health to stay awake. I drink them occasionally."



Danielle Knox
Senior, human services

"I don't see any purpose to them honestly. I have never drunk one."



Dave Bond
Senior, RTV

"No, it's not a health concern. I'm sure it's no worse than anything people drink."

Sheehan not to blame for 'aiding' enemies

As a ten-year military combat veteran, I read Jeff Foster's letter to the editor with quite a bit of disbelief.

Cindy Sheehan is "providing aid and comfort" to the enemy.

This poor woman just lost her son in an illegal, immoral and unjust war. To accuse her of treason is nothing short of ridiculous.

Make no mistake, Jeff chose those words very carefully, and while he makes no overt reference to treason, the wording is exactly what appears as part of the definition of treason in our constitution.

Now I know Jeff, I talk several times a week about our divergent viewpoints.

Now I do agree with his opinion that Sheehan does not need to talk to Bush again about her son.

She had a chance that most grieving families do not; she spoke with the President once already.

If the president had to speak several times with the families of those lost in Iraq he would get less than he already does.

The man is paid to be the president, and even though I didn't vote for him, I want my money's worth.

He spends enough time goofing off at his ranch in Texas he doesn't need any more excuses to not work.

I also have plenty of friends who are still over in Iraq. One painful lesson learned from the Vietnam conflict is that the soldiers are not to blame for this war.

They follow orders. To suggest that she is slandering the troops, or that even the peace movement has slandered the troops is just absurd.

The United States learned this lesson on that count over thirty years ago.

I have not heard a single word of derision where the troops are concerned.

When you think about the effect Cindy Sheehan has on the peace movement has on the morale of the enemy, you must admit that it has some effect.

But, the United States has a long and well-documented history of war opposition protesting. Anyone who has studied our culture, as the terrorists obviously have, would realize that a peace movement would be expected.

If you want to talk about what aids and comforts the enemy you do not need to look any further than the Abu Ghraib prison torture orders, we are no better than those we struggle against.

That kind of action fuels the enemy and creates new insurgents, not the words of a soccer mom from Texas.

Why don't we start by raising minimum wage to a wage that would actually support a person? We have to stop more and more Americans from running this nation and from destroying working class families. The Republicans urge family values yet they turn around and support corporations that force employees to work longer and longer hours while paying them less by getting rid

class neighborhoods.

Let those of us that work in America demand control over our lives. Let us force corporate America to pay us more even if the CEO has to take a pay cut from eight million to four million dollars a year. Let us take back this nation of ours and make it great once more.

Sean Lachenman
Senior chemistry major

America needs to support the poor to survive

To America: Can we survive as a nation if we refuse to help the poor in our towns and cities? The working class in our society is slowly being worked to death. It is almost impossible to survive in America today without being in debt and working almost until you die. What kind of society have we created? Without helping the working class America will slowly find itself farther and farther from the nation we

once were.

At one point the working class was the heartbeat of this nation. Yet now we use the working class so that the upper classes that already control most of the wealth can control even more of the wealth. We create an environment where a person has to work at least forty hours a week with another member of the household also working forty hours just to survive. We need to stop this

We need to allow the working class children to have parents raise them instead of television or babysitters.

These children are already at a disadvantage because they don't have the money or resources to purchase educational aids. So we need to have a parent at home to encourage their children but they need to be able to also feed and clothe their children. We need to actively support families in working

class neighborhoods.

Why don't we start by raising minimum wage to a wage that would actually support a person? We have to stop more and more Americans from running this nation and from destroying working class families. The Republicans urge family values yet they turn around and support corporations that force employees to work longer and longer hours while paying them less by getting rid

of overtime for some people.

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staffeditorial

Northerner censored Grimmer for good reason

Last week The Northerner's editorial staff made a last-minute decision regarding the ethical and potential legal complications of printing a student's picture in the weekly comic strip. We came to the conclusion that while the authors of Grimmer have a right to express their opinion and exercise their freedom of speech, they did not have the right to invade an individual's privacy for the sake of a joke.

Some concerned students wrote The Northerner about our choice to edit the comic strip, calling it censorship and a violation of freedom of speech.

First of all, the act of censorship is not always evil. Censorship should be used sparingly, and only to prevent

unnecessary harm or invasion of an individual's privacy.

Because Chris Wesellman is a private individual, not a celebrity, we censored out the picture in last week's Grimmer.

Because Wesellman is not the focus of meaningful public discourse, debate, or controversy, we censored Grimmer. Wesellman deserves a reasonable amount of privacy, free from unfair public scrutiny, we censored Grimmer.

Because Wesellman, like any student, should not be harassed by someone who holds the unfair advantage of the pen, we censored Grimmer.

Yes, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and an open public discourse are

important to The Northerner. These principles are the essence of our existence.

However, we are also obliged to act with restraint to protect the privacy and civil rights of individuals. If the media did not concern themselves with the well being of individuals, other civil liberties could be easily violated and cast aside in the name of the freedom of the press.

On another point, one student mentioned that The Northerner ran an "alleged" picture on the front page, and that this somehow relates to editing a comic strip. But there are two major differences separating these two incidents.

First, the story of a felony arrest occurring on campus

was newsworthy: being local, timely, and of obvious public interest. A felony is a serious charge, and students have a right to know about it happening in their backyard.

For instance, when former Student Government Association President Chris Pace was charged with a class D felony of tampering with public records, The Northerner covered the case explicitly and thoroughly. This coverage included color mug shots on the front page of the paper. It has been The Northerner's policy to run a mug shot associated with any felony crimes on campus.

The use of Wesellman's picture had no newsworthy value. In fact, it didn't have much parody value either, because only a select few knew why

he was included in the comic. Wesellman is not a celebrity or a public figure, and should therefore be protected from such personal and invasive attacks in print.

Second, Powell was given numerous opportunities to present his side of the story when he was contacted for comments. Wesellman, being the subject of a joke, had no weapon for recourse and no opportunity to defend.

In the end, the pen is a powerful tool. Censorship, when it is used, must be a carefully discussed matter that can sometimes only be decided case by case. In this case, we elected to make a safe decision to protect Wesellman's privacy and peace.

Grading system overhaul for NKU

Editor's note: This story has been rerun due to a mistake in last week's issue

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Northern Kentucky University's Faculty Senate voted 18-10 to adopt a plus/minus grading system at its meeting Sept. 19.

Bill Oliver, Faculty Senate president, said it is not yet established when the system will go into effect.

The new grading system will be based on A, A minus, B plus, B, B minus, C plus, C, C minus, D plus, D and F.

The plus or minus adds or subtracts, respectively, one-third of a quality point to a grade.

Before the vote, the senate voiced opinions and concerns of the departments on campus as well as individual problems with the plus/minus grading system.

Ed Brewer, vice-president of the Faculty Senate and a faculty member from Chase Law school, said the school has been using the system for almost eight years and finds it "to be wonderful."

While Brewer is in favor of the system, other professors were not passionate about the change.

Communications faculty member Penny Summers said the communications department is divided.

She said she doesn't "fully understand the reasoning" for changing the grading system.

Summers argued that with the new system, average would no longer be a C+ student.

"A-'C' is supposed to be average, whether it's a C minus or C plus," she said. "With this scale, average is not good enough."

Certain departments on campus require students to maintain a 2.0 average in order to graduate. Summers was concerned for students who, under the new system, will receive a C minus and be awarded a 1.667 instead of a 2.0 for a C.

The B students seem to benefit from this. The others seem to be harmed by it, that's problematic," Summers said.

While Summers voiced opinions against the grade change, other senate members voiced their want for the change.

Kevin Kirby, of the department of computer science, said, "by adopting this policy, we're trying to get the high-

est resolution possible" and it would be the most accurate representation of a student's grade.

Brewer also argued that the system would provide accuracy.

"I think more specific and accurate information about how students are doing."

Brewer said, "People who care about what they're getting are going to care about that extra one-third of a grade point."

Physics and geology Professor John Filaseta voiced heavily against the accuracy argument. He related the situation to advice he gives his students. He said in physics, he tells his students just because it is a precise measurement, doesn't mean it is an accurate one.

With a science course, unless a scale is developed by the professors, Filaseta said there will be a "fuzzy area for student grades." Whether a student will qualify for a

B or B plus will have to be justifiable.

Ban Mittal of management and marketing said he feels with the new grading system, he will spend more time defending to a student why they receive a B minus rather than a B.

"With the new system, I would move toward more objective tests (instead of essays)," he said.

Professional Committee Concerns
The first proposed grading system change in the spring 2005 semester.

Senior history major

After amendments to the proposal, it was tabled until the September meeting. Oliver said in the meeting that the committee first proposed the plus/minus system to distinguish between students who make an 80 percent and an 80 percent in a class.

Professors aren't the only ones with opinions about the new university grading system change.

Josh Ruth, a senior communications and political science

major, said that he feels the administration doesn't care about what students want.

He said he also doesn't like that the faculty "handed down judgments that effect the whole student body without consulting a single student."

Ruth also thinks that the only people who will benefit from the new system will be those who fall into the B plus category.

"Personally, it will hamper my GPA in the long-run," he said.

Senior radio-television major Bob Frodge also thinks the administration isn't doing its part.

"It's the administration's duty to find out what the students feel and want, rather than themselves," Frodge said.

Senior history major David Green, who transferred from the University of Cincinnati this year, said that he prefers NKU's previous grading system.

"I'm all for the pluses, it's the minuses that I'm worried about," he said.

Green liked the four step grading system better because "an A is an A, and B is a B. It gets too complicated when you start adding in all those

extra values."

Randy Water, junior public relations major, said that the change would not directly affect him.

He said, "I have friends who really care about their GPA and they might be upset. So it does have pros and cons."

I think students who are under the old system should have to have change because I have been using for so long it would be unnecessary stress that I don't need."

Zach Lieb, on the other hand, likes the idea of a plus/minus grading system. The sophomore criminal justice major said, "I think it would be good; it gives teachers more of an option. It's not fair for a student who earns a 99 to receive the same grade as someone who gets a 93."

While Lieb is worrying about fairness in class, Gretchen Buten, a secondary education major, is worried about extra curricular activities.

"NKU's sororities require that you have a 2.5 GPA and that could mean losing a lot of potentially great girls because of a new grading system," said Buten, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

Energy drinks increase heart rate, blood pressure in users

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Some people believe that energy drinks are good things to have around. They drink them to help them burn more energy in the gym or to make it through the day. But not everyone thinks that they are such a great thing.

"I don't drink them," former NKU student Jessica Avery said. "I think they taste horrible and they aren't good for you at all. The only one I've ever drank is Red Bull, and that was with vodka."

Energy drinks have surged to the forefront of debate for years. They have been questioned as to whether or not they are truly healthy, or they are bad to ingest.

"I absolutely won't drink them," Northern Senior and Medical Student Regina Shirley said. "They are horrible things to put in your body and do nothing good to

help you. They do more harm than good, actually."

Energy drinks are usually sold in places that see high activity from people. They are constantly advertised in gyms and are suggested as ways of letting you get that "extra set of reps" at the gym. You will find them on ball fields and in vending machines. People who play sports and train for them regularly consume them. Former pro wrestling star "Stone Cold" Steve Austin documented in his biography how consuming several of them daily for over 8 months led to a potential heart attack situation.

Less than 24 hours before the final match of his career, he was taken to a hospital when his heart began beating too fast because of all of the caffeine in his system. Almost anywhere that a physical activity occurs, people are consuming energy drinks. However, it has been found that using them does not

enhance performance at all. It only increases blood pressure and heart rate.

What the people who consume them may not realize is exactly what they are consuming. Almost every energy drink on the market contains caffeine. Caffeine has been referred to as a "legal drug" in that it is supposed to heighten performance and awareness, just as some "upper" drugs do, yet its legal and sold every day on the market.

In a study conducted at Duke University, results showed that caffeine is responsible for higher blood pressure. Nineteen habitual coffee drinkers were made to wear ambulatory, or moveable, blood pressure monitors, as they went about their day. The study showed that after consuming four or five cups of coffee, blood pressure rose by as much as five points and remained elevated throughout the day. Even though the study was conducted using

coffee drinkers, the same general rules apply to energy drinks.

Some use energy drinks, namely Red Bull, as mixers for alcohol. The famed "Jag Bomb" consisting of Jagermeister and Red Bull, is a popular mix, as is Red Bull and vodka. People drink them together believing that the buzz of the alcohol will last longer than usual. However, recent findings disprove that theory. Studies conducted in Brazil were featured in the September 2004 issue of Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research and found that the use of alcohol with Red Bull did not assist in extending the effects of alcohol on the brain.

"What people don't realize," Avery was quick to state, "is that this stuff catches up to you over time. If you use it regularly, it will eventually catch up with you and cause problems, like heart disease and failure later in life."



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Energy drinks such as these may increase alertness, but the benefits may come at a cost.



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SPORTSCENE

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Orioles did the right thing

An interesting event took place last week in Major League Baseball. Baltimore Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro was told by the team to sit out the rest of the season. His status for next season is up in the air, also.

The management of the Orioles, headed by interim manager Sam Perlozzo, did the right thing here by telling Palmeiro to sit out the rest of the season.

The main reason that the Orioles told him to sit out the rest of the season was because he named fellow teammate Miguel Tejada in his hearing because of the 10 game suspension for steroids he received which occurred back on August 1st. It's evident looking at Palmeiro stats that since his return from his suspension his play has been on the downward spiral.

After he returned to the game, he went 2 for 26 with one RBI and then was sent home on September 5th to rehab his right knee and left ankle.

The Orioles record going into Tuesday's night game versus the New York Yankees was 70-86, sixteen games below the .500 mark. They are in 4th place in the AL East.

These statistics are ridiculous once you consider the amount of money that the Orioles management spent in the offseason to build the team into a playoff contender.

In addition to going out and signing Tejada, they also got Javy Lopez from the Atlanta Braves and Sammy Sosa from the Chicago Cubs. This team must want all of MLB's bad boys on one team with Sosa and Palmeiro.

Major league baseball became the fourth player in baseball history to achieve 3,000 hits and 500 home runs. If the Baseball Hall of Fame voters have any sense to them, they will question these statistics and decline to take him into the Hall of Fame because of this.

Baseball fans got to remember that Palmeiro was the same person who testified on Capitol Hill earlier this summer and said that he never used steroids.

Palmeiro went to extreme measures to deal with baseball fans. This was displayed in the Orioles game a couple of weeks ago when he wore ear plugs against the Toronto Blue Jays because he tried to block out the hecklers in the crowd.

Major League Baseball also just recently released a statement that said players are willing to accept a 20 game suspension for their first offense of testing positive for steroids. If this suspension is put into effect maybe it might teach the players a lesson and they will think twice about using the juice.

Fans of baseball will now have to wait and see how this scenario plays out. It can't happen this season because the playoffs start next week. However, this case will be one of the major stories in Major League Baseball's offseason and we sure haven't heard the end of this saga.

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Tim Downer/Photographer

Forward Chris Thompson (7) scored the lone goal for the Norse in their win over Lewis University on September 23rd.

Men's soccer split games

Defeat Lewis, lose to nationally ranked UW-Parkside

In NKU men's soccer action this weekend, the team defeated Lewis 1-0 on September 23rd but lost to University of Wisconsin-Parkside 4-0 on September 25th.

In the game against Lewis, sophomore forward Chris Thompson scored the lone goal for the Norse. Tony Capurro assisted him on the goal.

Lewis tried to even the score later in the game but the first attempt at the goal and the rebound were unsuccessful for the Hawks.

The loss to the Norse was the third consecutive for Lewis.

In the game against Wisconsin-Parkside on September 25th, the Norse were shutout 4-0. Wisconsin-Parkside

entered the game ranked 21st in the NCAA Division II men's soccer poll.

Victor Perez notched the shutout for UW-Parkside. The Rangers were lead in scoring by Alen Osmanovic. He scored two goals and added an assist in the game.

The Norse have not defeated UW-Parkside since 1997. With the loss, the men's soccer team record dropped to 6-3 overall, 4-2 in the GLVC.

The team will face Truman State, a non-conference opponent at 7 p.m. Friday at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

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Indians try to catch White Sox

Continue their surprise climb to the top of the AL Central division

By Chris VandeWater

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Is it just me, or did Major League Baseball cancel the last week of the season to start the playoffs a week early. Here is what I mean. In the last week of the season, every team that is in contention plays meaningful games that could affect their status in the playoffs as well as other team's chances of making the playoffs.

Let's start with the big series. There is no better way to settle the AL East then by putting the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox on the same field and letting them battle it out. They meet the last three games of the season in Boston. As of the weekend, the Yankees hold a slim one game lead over the Red Sox. Like these two teams need any more reason to hate each other. If something doesn't boil this weekend, I don't know when it would happen.

That series is enough to keep our attention, but there is much more including the Chicago White Sox at the Cleveland Indians. The Indians are on fire and the White Sox are trying not to choke their way out of the playoffs.

As said on ESPN's Sportscenter, "Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear and here come the Indians." These two teams are separated by a game and a half in the AL Central division. Cleveland also leads the AL Wildcard by a game and a half, so folks in Cleveland are scoreboard watching Boston scores these days. The Indians sitting there surprising climb to the top, can they continue all the way to a division title and a playoff berth?

The final showcase series in the American League features the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim versus

the Oakland A's. These two teams are California rivals and are separated by three games in the AL West standings. A four-game series is on tap in Oakland this week with the A's in need of all four games.

In the National League, there is enough meaningful baseball to please the biggest baseball fan. In the NL West, the San Diego Padres have been leading the division most of the year with a 500 record. Now the San Francisco Giants have Barry Bonds back and they are making a charge at the Padres. These two teams play four games this week and the Giants are just five games back. The question becomes will Barry Bonds make enough difference in the Giants lineup to get past the Padres and enter the playoffs? Bonds has missed the entire season up till now with various injuries hurting the Giants chances.

The NL East is a log jam for the wild card race with Houston. As of the weekend, the Astros lead the wild card race by two games over the Philadelphia Phillies. The race will get real interesting with the Astros playing tough games against Central division rivals the Cardinals and the Cubs. The Philadelphia Phillies, Washington Nationals, Florida Marlins, and New York Mets will get the chance to beat each other up for a week. Will the Astros hold up against tough divisional opponents will someone from the East clean up the wild card sweepstakes and take control?

Kudos to the people in charge of the scheduling in Major League Baseball this year. They have created a mini-playoff scenario before the playoffs actually begin. If this isn't enough excitement for you, I don't know what is. Keep the remote next to you and the previous channel button working because you will need it this week in Major League Baseball.

Women's soccer sweep series

In women's soccer action on Sunday September 25th, the team defeated University of Wisconsin-Parkside 4-1. Wisconsin-Parkside won the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament the past two years.

Kristen Votapek, Alex Armstrong, Katie Walton, and Jayme Light scored the goals. Light also added an assist on the Votapek goal.

During the first half, the Norse had eight shots on goal while Wisconsin-Parkside only had one shot on goal.

Kelsey Johnson scored the lone goal for Wisconsin-Parkside. The goal didn't come until late in the second half at the 81:54 mark.

The Norse are currently ranked 23rd nationally in the NCAA Division II poll. They lead the series versus Parkside by a record of 8-2-2. The women's soccer team finished the

game with a 17-7 advantage in shot attempts.

On September 23rd, the women's soccer team matched up against the Hawks from Lewis University and defeated Lewis by a score of 4-1. Goals for the Norse were scored by Kristen Votapek, Lauren Franzen, Jeanna Goettelman, and Jayme Light.

Because of her play in this past weekend games, sophomore forward Jayme Light has been named GLVC player of the week in women's soccer.

Next up for the women's soccer team is a non-conference road game against Findlay University. The next GLVC game is Sunday versus Bellarmine University at home.

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Studying Abroad in europe



By Rich Shivener

Every academic year, Northern Kentucky University students study in Scotland, England, France, and virtually any other country besides the United States of America. They stay at these foreign places for weeks at a time, sometimes a semester and sometimes a whole year.

Between her junior and senior year at Ohio State University, Amy Bode studied abroad in Hungary, where she took business classes. She said it was definitely worth the trip. "I was only in Hungary for two weeks, but I traveled for several weeks (around Europe) afterwards, and it was one of the coolest things I've ever done," she said. "I think that going overseas for a lot of Americans, especially college students, gain a lot of independence... it really does challenge you to push your comfort zone."

GETTING HELP

Four years and counting, Bode has worked as a specialist at the Office of International Programs, located in Founders Hall.

Her job, she said, along with the other staffers in the office, is "to provide services for students who want to study

abroad."

"So basically if a student comes in and wants to participate in a (study abroad) program, we help them out," she said.

NKU is affiliated with the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) which is, according to Bode, "a consortium of about 23 universities that conduct programs in English speaking countries."

She mentioned that NKU students tend to study in western Europe; however, some desire to go elsewhere, even non-English speaking countries, which aren't associated with CCSA or NKU, but rather, the Kentucky Institute of International Studies (KIIS). Bode has no qualms about that.

"If they want to go to a program in another country that NKU is not represented in, then I can help them do research and find the particular program," she said.

"I want to make sure the students are doing what they want to do... U.S. universities or organizations offer hundreds of programs that U.S. students can participate in, so the possibilities are limitless."

Bode said most financial aid that students receive for

the academic year can be used to study abroad, since they are receiving academic credit. Also, she added, "NKU has committed \$50,000 every academic year (for the past four years) in the form of the International Study Scholarship." It is based however on financial need, so filling out a FAFSA form is necessary.

OVERSEAS FEAR

With the London bombings and the War on Iraq, Bode said NKU officials are well aware of what danger students could face overseas.

"NKU, in this office in particular, does a really good job of keeping most up-to-date with what's going within the security concerns of Americans overseas," she said. "We're constantly contacting the U.S. Department of State about any new travel warnings or travel advisories that are issued for Americans overseas."

Furthermore, she said, "I would also tell students that some of the programs that NKU conducts, (we've) been going to these places for almost 20 years. It's important for students to know that

we have well-established contacts in these countries and we have companies that we work with whether it's regarding public transportation or accommodations."

"There is hopefully an altruist reason that students want to go and that is to break down barriers between Americans and the other people of the world. There are a lot of misconceptions about Americans and stereotypes that other people hold based on what they see in the media, and if we as Americans can go overseas and individuals and meet up individuals of other cultures we can help breakdown those stereotypes."

REBEL YELL

Over of the course of the NKU winter break, Dr. John Alberti is teaching what he loves most: rock 'n' roll and literature.

Through CCSA, he teaches an English class abroad titled "Rebels, Rockers and Revolutionaries," which is held in London. Along with reading authors like Virginia Wolfe, Alberti gives his students CDs of British groups, such as The Beatles, Radiohead and The Clash, to listen to before they get to London.

"I've always been interested in British pop music and I have a degree in English literature so it really combines

training and interest," Alberti said. "I've had a special interest for literature and music that has a political edge to it or that has social commentary."

He's always opted to give his students their assignments before the trip.

"I don't want you spending your time in London sitting in your room doing the reading assignment," he said.

Of course, Alberti could teach this topic class here at NKU, but he thinks that it wouldn't be same.

"It (just) seemed like a really good topic to have students in London because of the opportunity to attend live cultural events," he said. "It's very different than just reading (or listening) about it from afar."

Alberti has taught this class three times in London, all of which were in the winter, and he's loved it.

"For a teacher, it's just ideal. Every minute that you're there, even doing your laundry," he laughed, "it's changing the way you look at the world. (My class) is just a can't-lose class."

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TOP FIVE
WEEKEND
countdown
Rich Shriver



5. Some people love it. Some people hate it. The U.S.S. Nightmare opened last weekend on Riverboat Row in Newport. General admission is \$15. www.usnightmare.com

4. Dear runners, the Reggae Run in Memory of Maria Ollender is this weekend starting at Ault Park in Mt. Lookout. The Run starts at 6 p.m. Registration is \$30. www.reggaerun.com

3. The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival presents "Our Town" until Oct. 9. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for students are \$18; \$10 if you show up an hour before!

2. More Katrina Efforts: This Saturday and Sunday, local bands host "Rock Together," a two-night hurricane benefit concert being at the Southgate House in Newport. According to www.southgatehouse.com tickets are \$5-\$20.

1. The NKU ice hockey team kicks off their season at Northern Kentucky Ice Arena against Wright State University. They play the Raiders both Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m.



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NKU Theater department debuts "The Importance of Being Earnest" this week in the Corbett Theatre.

Students to debut Oscar 'Wilde' play on Sept. 29

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Love triangles, mistaken identities and scandalous Victorian flirtations are the order of the day in the Northern Kentucky University's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest," opening Sept. 29 in the Corbett Theatre. Oscar Wilde's classic romantic comedy follows two playboy suitors as they try to win the hands of their lady-loves while both using the assumed name "Ernest." Hilarity ensues as Wilde's characters dig themselves ever deeper

into identity confusion that pokes fun at the prim and proper manners and social mores of Victorian society.

NKU's production takes this century-old formula and relates it to modern audiences.

"One goal is to brush the dust off of a classic comedy," director Mike King said. "Previous shows were all about the stuffy manners. We've tried to make it more lively and passionate—to make it as physically interesting as the words are."

A theater department faculty member will also be performing with the cast. Mary Jo Beresford will play the role

of Lady Bracknell, a ruthless dowager who is determined to marry off her daughter Gwendolen (Annalyse McCoy) to the right man.

"It's such a great learning experience being on stage with Mary Jo," said Roderick Justice, who performs in the role of Algernon, one of the two suitors.

Justice, along with three other theater students, is completing his senior project with the production that runs through Oct. 9.

Justice encouraged students who appreciate comedies to come see the show. "Come laugh with us," he said. "Come have fun with us."

The FIX

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Actress Kirsten Dunst, 23, let the French press have it recently at a press conference promoting her new movie, "Elizabethtown" at the Deauville Film Festival, reported OK! Magazine. After several minutes of enduring reporters' barely veiled questions about a supposed onset romance between herself and co-star Orlando Bloom, Dunst fired back, "If you're alluding to whether Orlando and I got together then that's a no."

Newly legal actress/singer Hilary Duff, 18, has been putting rocker boyfriend Joel Madden's love to the test lately. A source tells Star Magazine that "they kiss, but that's as far as Hilary will go." The source says Duff is very much still under mom Susan's control, who allows Duff a \$2000 allowance per month, and enforces a midnight curfew. "Her mom trusts her and feels that when Hilary wants to take that plunge, she'll talk to her first," the source said. As to how Madden feels about all this, the source told Star that "He's not the kind of guy to put pressure on a girl, but it's tough!"

Frances Bean Cobain, daughter of rocker Courtney Love, 41, and the late Kurt Cobain, doesn't plan on following in her parent's grungy fashion footsteps. The 13-year-old told Teen Vogue, "I'm a girly-girl. I prefer when (mom's) a more classy starlet. I don't really like her hard-metal stuff or when she doesn't brush her hair." Maybe Love should follow her daughter's example.

British actress Keira Knightley's new film role fulfills a lifelong dream. The 20-year-old actress is slated to play Elizabeth Bennet in the new adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel "Pride and Prejudice." As Knightley told OK! Magazine, "I bought the book on tape, and I used to listen to it over and over. I had two doll's houses: one tiny one called Longbourn and one big one that was called Pemberley." As Knightley astutely observed in the interview, "I've been obsessed..."



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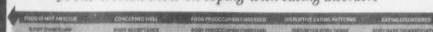
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Eating Issues & Body Image

The Thin Line

A one-woman show on coping with eating disorders



Tuesday, October 4
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
NKU Greaves Concert Hall

The Thin Line is a 30-minute story of one girl's struggle with her eating disorder and the struggles of those close to her in their efforts to understand and to help. The program provides compassion, understanding and the means to seek action against the deadly disease of eating disorders.

The Thin Line breaks the silence that traditionally surrounds eating disorders, the mental illness with the highest fatality rate in this country. In the play, four characters—a girl who is struggling with the illness, her internal negative voice, her mother and a friend—explore the realities of eating disorders.

Educates, parents and students, age 11 and up are encouraged to attend. The play serves as an accessible tool that helps in recognizing the symptoms of eating disorders, and in encouraging individuals, friends and family to seek help. A panel discussion will follow the play. To receive information about this free program, call (859) 426-6300.

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by Alex Campbell

campuscalendar

• **Tracy Knofla Leadership Workshop, "Thriving in Chaos"** from 6 to 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Open to all students.

- International Week: Japanese Day

Thursday

• NKU Theatre and Dance presents Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being Earnest." Performances are Sept. 29 through Oct. 9 in the NKU Corbett Theatre, Tuesday to Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$8 for seniors 60 and older, \$9 for NKU Faculty and Staff, and \$6 for Students.

- **International Week: Desi Day.** Jewelry workshops and henna hand painting on the UIC plaza

* "The 411 on DPS" at 7 p.m. in Norse Commons 117, sponsored by NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

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• Latino Student Affairs "Cultura Latina Social" from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 303. Free food provided.

- **International Week: Latino Day.** Salsa dancing and Spanish food on the UC plaza.

- Delta Zeta Faculty Appreciation Day, ice cream social from noon to 2 p.m. on the UC plaza.

- Volleyball game versus Wisconsin-Parkside at 7 p.m. in Bessie Coleman Hall.

• Women's soccer v. Findlay at 4 p.m. in Findlay, Ohio.
Men's soccer v. Truman State at 7 p.m. in Wilder.

- **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** at 8 p.m. in the University Suites room 228, sponsored by Women's Empowerment

- Pajama Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UC Ballroom, sponsored by the Black Women's Organization

To include the event you're planning in the calendar, contact Regan Coomer at coomerr@nku.edu, or call The Northerner at 572-5859.

Saturday

• Delta Gamma "Flight For Sight," a 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. in the Alumni House. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Fee is \$20 beforehand, \$25 on the day of the event. All proceeds will benefit Service for Sight, and every participant receives a free T-shirt.

- Zeta Phi Beta Annual Campus Cleanup from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Norse Commons

- Volleyball game versus Lewis at 1 p.m. in Regents Hall.

• International Student Union Mini-Potluck Dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Entrance requires one home-cooked main course or dessert dish. If unable to bring food, tickets are \$10 for non-members or \$7 for ISU members. Limited tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so RSVP to Adam Widanski at 859.572.6517 or widanski@exchange.nku.edu.

Sunday

- Women's soccer game versus Bellarmine University at noon, men's soccer game versus Bellarmine University at 2:30 p.m. at the Town & Country Sports Complex in Wilder, Ky.

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• **Campus-wide photo contest begins.** Categories are amateur and professional, contact Nicole Jones for entry information at njonesphotography@hotmail.com. Contest ends Nov. 3.

Tuesday

• Spanish film at 7 p.m. in the UC Budig Theatre as a part of Hispanic Heritage month.

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Crossword

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1	Cut back	54	Virgil's hero	13	Discovers
5	Hand signal	55	Decide	22	On the up and up
9	Passing scent	56	Musical unit	24	Biblical preposition
14	Baking box	59	"The Plague" author	25	Kind of duck?
15	Declare firmly	60	Musical medley	26	Faction
16	Painter Matisse	61	Continental money	27	Precollege, briefly
17	Barbed remark	62	Clear the board	31	S. American tub
18	Towel word	63	Sour	32	Goddess of folly
19	"Rocket Man" rocker John	64	Winchester rival	33	Timetable abbr.
20	___Neisse line	65	Force units	34	Surveillance jobs
21	"Canterbury Tales" locale	66	Black-and-white cookie	35	Kal Kan rival
22	Popularized myth	67	Fast jets, for short	38	Washes
23	Smarmy reptiles?			39	Petri dish medium
26	Choice: abbr.	Down		40	Bruins of coll. sports
28	Banns word	1	Okefenokee resident	44	Humiliates
29	Sure shot			45	Strive (toward)
30	"Middlemarch" author	2	Zealous	46	Wholly
32	Pierre's pal	3	Uprising	48	Walked worriedly
33	Gray and Candler	4	January in Leon	49	LSD's Timothy
37	Sweet reptile?	5	Female surfer	50	Sap the nerve
41	Ike's ex	6	Settle a score	51	Verdun's river
42	Mature	7	Nemo's creator	52	Of the sun
43	___myrtle	8	Hosp. areas	53	Leg joints
44	Gardner of "Mogambo"	9	Breathe laboriously	57	Racing gait
45	Ring poorly	10	Hagar the	58	Billions of years
47	Ring wins	11	Horrible's lady	60	Of the ear
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