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## Gore educates at Cincinnati State

Dan Mecher  
News Editor

Thousands of cheering Democrats wearing \$4 campaign pins bearing the slogan, "Refuse to vote for a son of a Bush," welcomed their presidential candidates to a rally at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College last Tuesday.

Riding a yellow school bus, Vice President Al Gore and running mate Sen. Joe Lieberman rolled into Cincinnati State's campus on a cloudy Sept. 12 afternoon to promote their education platform at the public event.

"It's time we treat teachers like the professionals they are," Gore said with a fist in the air. A blue sea of waving campaign posters accompanied with applause emerged from the audience as the casually dressed candidate took the stage.

The rally in Cincinnati completed Gore's day of traveling through southwestern Ohio, according to Co-Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Headquarters Tim Burke. He said visits were made at a Dayton middle school and at Middletown High School. "They had teachers and students riding along on the bus," he added. "They had a running dialogue with the vice president throughout the day."

Gore explained his plan to make schools more effective by increasing the number of

hired teachers by 100,000 to make classes smaller. He also suggested that new educators be tested to assess their ability. "I want to have qualified teachers in classrooms," he said.

Total government spending for education over the next decade will come to about \$115 billion if Gore wins the election, according to his agenda. Not since the G.I. bill passed after World War II has a higher splurge for education been made, Lieberman said.

Burke described aspects of the platform concerning college students. "One of the points the vice president has stressed is making all college tuition payments tax deductible," he said.

Attendance at the rally fell between 4,000 and 5,000, Burke estimated. The crowd responded to the candidates with thunderous applause.

"I think he's going to be our next president," said Charlie Hawks, a 48-year-old Democrat who watched the event. "His plans will make the country more prosperous, just as the past eight years have."

Cincinnati State student Darrin Hall also intends to vote for Gore. "He talked about building more schools," Hall said. "The more schools that are made, the more crime is going to drop."

The entire event came on short notice, said to Chris Wagner, volunteer coordinator at

the Hamilton County Democratic Headquarters. He said an advance team arrived on the preceding Thursday evening to announce the vice president's visit. "We only had a couple of days. 'We had to get scrambling.' It was their responsibility, he said, to create awareness about the rally.

Wagner added that although the crowd seemed to think security at the event was loose, extreme measures had been taken to protect the politicians. "Police officers were all over the place, and the marksmen were there," he said. A large number of Secret Service agents were also present, said Wagner.

The college took its own precautions as well, said Michele Imhoff, director of Public Information at Cincinnati State. Exiting students were routed out through the front drive-ways, and during the motorcade entrance no cars could leave the school's parking garage.

The Tuesday rally was Gore's second visit to Cincinnati State in the last four years, according to Imhoff. "This administration has always been a proponent of community colleges," she said of the country's last eight years under President Clinton.

Wagner said the event satisfied most of the local Democrats and appeared to also please Gore. "It was very successful," he said. "It shows the importance of Ohio as a swing state."



Dan Mecher/The Northerner  
Al Gore promotes his education platform to a crowd of more than 3,000 at Cincinnati State last week.

## Clark heads diverse SGA

By Scott Wartman  
Staff Writer

As a self-described business-oriented person, new Student Government Association president Kara Clark said she is going to work hard in accomplishing the goals she has set for herself.

Clark said though the semester is in its infancy, her goal to diversify the membership of the student government senate has already been achieved.

"We are trying to get out of the stereotypical student government where they've been male, white and Greek," Clark said.

This year's senate is composed of international students, non-traditional students (those around middle-age), African-American students and athletes, which Clark said has been a rarity in recent years for student government.

This heterogeneous mix of people is a direct result of aggressive recruitment, says Clark, where they targeted

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Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner  
Mural by NKU art Professor Kelly Asbury and her Painting I class adds a splash of color and dimension to 630 Madison Ave. in downtown Covington. Read about the experience of the student artists and how the mural came about on page 5.

## Effervescent artist Araaman loves unconditionally

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Executive Editor

Motivational speaker and arts facilitator Araaman immediately disarms people the moment they come in contact with his effervescent personality.

"I won't shake your hand," Araaman says as he approaches a young man. Rather, he demands hugs.

This outward display of affection for total strangers may make some people uncomfortable, but it is a characteristic that makes him such a powerful personality.

"I use unconditional love and non-judgment and open-mindedness to reach everyone," he says.

Araaman arrived at Northern Kentucky

University last week armed with that unconditional love, as well as his artwork, to speak to the NKU community about the power of self-love and self-esteem. His visit was coordinated by Katherine Meyer, director of Adult Learners, Evening/Weekend Services and Women's Center.

Meyer first met Araaman at one of his workshops, and from there they began a warm friendship. About their first encounter, Meyer said, "I knew he was full of magic and I wanted him to do some magic with us."

Araaman said about his magic, "We're all naturally born loving, intelligent beings. My job is to help people reflect the greatness in them."

The message he gives to those attending his

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Photos by Forrest Berkshire and Peter W. Zubaty/The Northerner  
Artist Araaman poses with one of his works during his reception in the University TV lounge last Friday



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Fraternity bids were handed out on Friday as NKU social fraternities welcomed new pledges.

## Vandals blamed for break-ins

By Amanda VanBenschoten  
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University bears a long-standing reputation as one of Kentucky's safest campuses and its crime rates are among the lowest in the state. But after the events of last weekend, many students may beg to differ.

On the nights of Sept. 8 and 9, break-ins occurred in the dorm parking lot. Several cars in residence hall parking lots P and Q were broken into between 10 p.m. and dawn. A portable CD player and more than 100 CDs were reported stolen. Four of these break-ins were reported to the Department of Public Safety, which conducted an investigation and concluded that, of these four

break-ins, only two could be classified as "theft." Signs that an unidentified object was used were reported and items were reported stolen from each.

Sergeant Charlene Schweitzer, head of the DPS Investigations Division, said the other two break-ins were categorized as cases of "criminal mischief" because no items were stolen from the cars and damage was minimal. In most cases, the perpetrators broke into the car but didn't steal anything of value.

One girl found the top of her convertible slashed open, but her CD player and CDs were untouched. The only thing missing from inside was 80 cents from the ashtray.

Freshman Nikki Piero walked

to her car on Saturday morning, only to find the seat belts unraveled, the seats laid down, some papers thrown around, and the flares missing from her insurance kit. Her expensive sound system was left intact.

"I don't think it was a malicious act towards me personally," she said, "I just think they were bored and wanted to mess with someone."

DPS is conducting an investigation into the matter, and at present Schweitzer attributes it to a group of "local vandals."

DPS advises students to take the following precautions against future break-ins: lock car doors, keep valuables hidden or locked up, and be aware of suspicious people and vehicles in the area.

## Students bleed for Hoxworth drive

By: Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff writer

Silent heroes donated blood Sept. 14 in the University Center for Hoxworth.

Fifty-two donors donated 43 units of blood. Last September Hoxworth saw 50 donors and received 40 units.

Molly Hainrihay of Hoxworth, said the blood drive was mainly for faculty and staff and was a big success. "Thank you for participating in the drive. Every unit counts," Hainrihay said.

There is a student drive coming up Nov. 8 in the University Center. Hainrihay said she would like to encourage students to participate in the upcoming drive.

Dr. Kris Yohe, assistant professor in literature, said she has been giving blood for 20 years. "It doesn't make me sick and I feel like it's my responsibility. It's a pretty easy way to do something good."

Christy Marlow, an intern for the B.S.U., said it was her first time donating. She said she was



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Tracy Sauer, an undeclared major at NKU, donates blood for the Hoxworth Blood Drive held in the University Ballroom on Sept. 14.

nervous at first but it was a lot better than she had expected. "I will probably donate again. It was a good experience," Marlow said.

## Fall 2000 brings boost in NKU honor students

By Douglas Dehner  
Staff Writer

The Honors Program is becoming a greater part of the Northern Kentucky University community this year with its largest class of freshman ever. Belle Zembrod, Honors Program Coordinator, said the number of honors students increased to 314 with the addition of 150 freshman students, an increase of 50

from last year.

Some students say the reason they joined the program was the greater availability of scholarships. Freshman Jessica Hetterick said the offers of scholarships were a major factor in why she chose NKU and the Honors Program.

According to the Honors Program website, the pro-

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### D.P.S. REPORTS

An officer responded to the report of a theft from a car in Lot P. The owner of the car said she parked her car one night, and upon returning to it the next afternoon, found the glove box open. The owner said approximately 100 CDs and a portable CD player were missing. She also noted small scratches and dents on the car that were not there before the theft.

An officer responded in a similar incident to a different report of a car theft. The owner of the car said that he parked his car one night, and upon returning to his car the next afternoon noticed 30 CDs were missing, and his stereo

had been damaged. The force from attempting removal damaged the stereo. He reported that the plastic window of his car was taken off and he assumed this is how the thief got in the car.

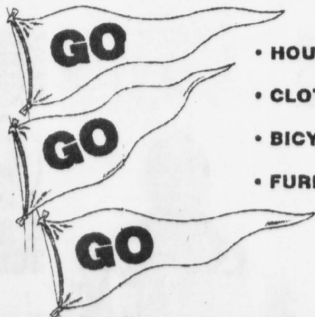
An employee of the power plant in the Landrum Annex called to report that a fellow employee accidentally released steam from a boiler and burned his foot. The employee called to request that the officer take a report of the information. The

report stated that the skin was blistered. It also indicated that the burns were bandaged and would probably heal on their own.

Officers were called to the first floor Kentucky Hall bathrooms to inspect a reported vandalism. The officers found three shower curtains missing, two shower faucets' handles missing, and three towel racks broken off. One shelf was missing and the other two were bent. A metal wastebasket was dented as if kicked in. Further inspection indicated that the soap dispensers were on the floor and the shower faucet handles in the toilet.

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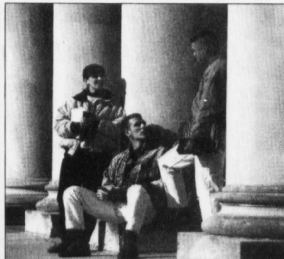
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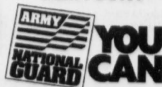
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## Players owe loyalty to team, not coach

**Staff Editorial**  
*Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)*

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — With the appointment of assistant basketball coach Mike Davis as interim coach, IU has made it over one hurdle.

The University has chosen someone who already knows the players and can take our team through a difficult transitional period. It would have been foolish to do otherwise. IU basketball doesn't need a fresh face now; it needs someone who can make the transfer of power as seamless as possible. At least now, when the players walk into the locker room, they'll see a familiar face in charge.

The next hurdle is keeping the rest of the team together. And this one is up to the men's basketball players. Since Bob Knight was fired Sept. 10, one of the biggest questions on everyone's minds has been about the team: Who will stay and who will go? The answer depended as much on the players as the choice for interim coach. After IU made its move, it was up to the players to determine the course of this 2000-2001 season.

And they've made the right choice. So far, everyone seems to have their priorities in check and players are remaining committed to the team.

Junior guard Dane Fife was one of the first to publicly consider jump-

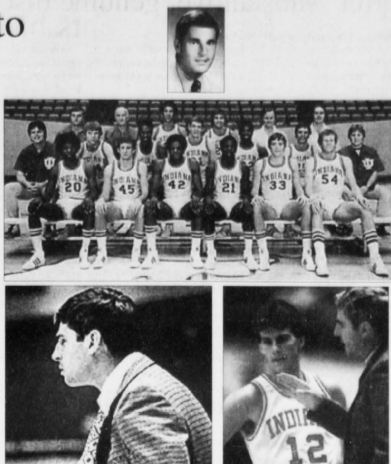
ing ship. He said Monday that he would transfer to another school, but the next day, he told CNS he was keeping his options open. Freshman A.J. Moyer also indicated he would leave IU. Both have now decided to stay.

What IU needs now isn't more ego, grandstanding or more big changes. What both the team and the university need is stability. Part of that will come from Davis, but the majority must come from the players. So far, so good.

Many of these players, particularly the younger ones, came to IU because of Knight. But by their own admission, when they got here, they became part of a larger family. Now they're living up to their responsibility, not just to IU but to their team. If Knight really is the father of this family, then just because daddy's gone doesn't mean the kids should walk out, too.

Should the players be upset? They have every right to be. But should this have driven them off the team? That would have been more than immature, it would have been irresponsible. But they've all come through and decided to give IU another year. They might have hedged their bets and cried "Tough" at the way Knight's situation was handled, but when it really counted they remembered the most important thing.

The jersey says "Indiana," not "Bob Knight."



**Clockwise, starting at top:**  
**Coach Knight, 1971; 1976 National Champions team photo; Knight instructs guard Steve Alford during a game**

**in the '80s;**  
**Current interim coach Mike Davis; Knight puts on his game face, circa 1970s**

*Photos courtesy of [www.coachbobknight.com](http://www.coachbobknight.com)*

## How do you fire a legend?



**Peter W. Zubaty**  
*Executive Editor*

Indiana University's administration finally got a sack and did the incomprehensible: Fire the greatest coach in college basketball. I would love to be inside the maelstrom of Myles Brand's head as he weighed the decision. *How do you fire a legend?* I doubt Mr. Brand has logged much sleep lately.

But he showed some amazing resolve in pussyfooting around the issue for the last four months in the wake of the Neil Reed incident. It must have been a tough decision for it to have taken so long. For Brand's efforts, I nominate him "Spineless Administrator of the Year."

I have watched Knight's career closely over the years and have always admired his passion for the game and uncompromising style. No coach consistently did so much with seemingly marginally talented players. More importantly, his discipline and life lessons have prepared his players to become productive men following graduation. Players go to IU knowing they will not only have a rough road ahead, but that they will also play for one of the most prestigious and cleanest programs in the game.

But in the last few years all the moans and groans about his volatility have exploded. Mind you, it is not as though the controversial incidents were anything new. The Puerto Rican cop, the chair, the telephone, you know the story. These incidents all happened 10 years ago or more.

So why all the hullabaloo now? It all comes down to one question: What have you done for me lately?

I can hear Brand now. "That's okay, coach. You just keep going to Final Fours and graduating all your players and not cheating and we'll take care of everything else."

Am I the only one who finds it a bit funny that IU's last trip to the final four came in 1992? The trips to the big show dry up, the microscope focuses harder. You didn't hear any of this criticism over the coach's methods after the '87 championship.

But that isn't important now. What's important is the university's big, loudmouthed black eye is no longer the focus of media scrutiny. The Legend has been run out of town, and the search for a win-at-all-costs coach will begin. I hope that IU goes with Steve Alford following the upcoming season. If he is a warrior, and he would bring with him much of Knight's uncompromising ethic, probably without all the excess baggage. If not someone within the IU/Knight family, then Myles Brand deserves some scrummy crook like Rick Pitino or Bob Huggins who will put IU where it has been during Knight's tenure: on probation and with players who have no prospect of graduating.

## No Knight in shining armor

**Staff Editorial**  
*Daily Illini (U. Illinois)*

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — "Hey what's up, Knight?" was the straw that broke Indiana's back. Freshman Kent Harvey said this to Indiana's head basketball coach Bobby Knight, setting into motion the end of a 29-year career as a Hoosier.

After Coach Knight, or Mr. Knight (as he prefers to be called) was addressed in an informal manner by Harvey, Knight allegedly grabbed the student by the arm, shook him and harshly lectured him on proper manners.

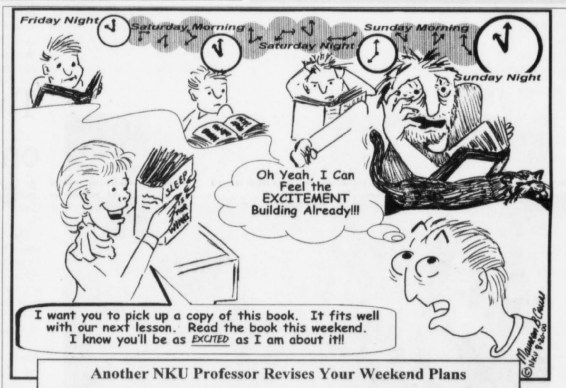
Any improper physical contact with any member of the Indiana University community is a direct violation of the zero tolerance policy set up last May after an extensive investigation into Knight's coaching conduct.

Knight had one last chance; he knew he could be fired, though he claims he didn't know exactly what zero tolerance meant. University President Myles Brand said the decision to fire Knight was based on a series of policy violations, including verbal abuse of a university lawyer.

There's no doubt Bobby Knight was a successful coach at Indiana; he won three NCAA titles and guided the Hoosiers to several Final Four appearances, winning 763 games in 29 years of coaching. And the graduation rate for Indiana players is awe-inspiring. Outside of his success, Knight's (uh, we mean, Mr. Knight's) infamy outweighs his accomplishments. Known as "The General," thanks to his hot temper and old-fashioned discipline, Bobby Knight's conduct has always been not only unbelievable, but also inappropriate.

Flying chairs, fights with reporters and physical abuse of players just shouldn't happen. We don't allow teachers to behave this way and to keep their jobs. Why should a coach be any different?

It's been said once, and it's going to be said again: Winning isn't everything. Indiana fans are irate at the prospect of losing what they consider to be the "heart and soul" of their school. A winning basketball program and tradition do not excuse abuse of anyone within earshot or arm's length or allows a man to get away with such ridiculous behavior. It's about time the line was drawn. Kudos to Brand for putting his foot down, finally. Good riddance, Mr. Knight.



**Another NKU Professor Revises Your Weekend Plans**

## NORTH POLL

### What do you think about Bob Knight being fired?

**Andrew Rack**

*RTV*

*Highland Heights*

"It was just a matter of time until it would happen because he had a bad temper. He was a good coach though."



**Jeanne Hicks**

*Undeclared*

*Highland Heights*

"Who is Bob Knight? Isn't he that basketball coach who is always in a bad mood?"

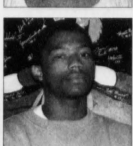


**Greg Walker**

*RTV*

*Lexington*

"You can only cross the line so many times. He should have been fired when he put his hands on the student the first time."



**Maryann Huhn**

*Undeclared*

*Fort Thomas*

"I think you can still be a good coach, role model, and leader without enforcing rules with violence."



**Jim Cooper**

*Business Management*

*Florence*

"As an Indiana basketball fan, I'm disappointed to see him go."



**Brian Danner**

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"I do not agree with the decision because he was being targeted and they were waiting for him to make the slightest mistake so they could give him the boot."



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## Presidential debates will offer 'substantive, genuine discussion'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaign aides for Al Gore and George W. Bush agreed Saturday to a series of three debates moderated by Jim Lehrer of PBS that both sides said will provide more flexibility and more of a "free-flowing style" than previous debates.

Both campaigns and officials from the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates called the new approach "historic."

In a departure from the strict guidelines of past debates, the moderator more discretion in following up on questions and allowing the candidates to continue to debate a particular topic.

"It gives the moderator a more free-flowing style and more discretion to stay on one particular subject," said Don Evans, campaign chairman for Gov. Bush. "There will be an opportunity for a very free-flowing, substantive, real and genuine discussion of the issues."

Gore campaign chairman William Daley said he was pleased with the final lineup of formats and the expanded discretion for Lehrer.

"They are interesting formats and they give the American people the greatest opportunity... to see these candidates and to listen to them specifically speak on issues of great importance to the American people," Daley said.

Daley said he spoke with the vice president who told him he was "extremely pleased" with the results of the negotiations.

"This is a good day for the process and a good day for America," said Paul Kirk, co-chairman of the commission and a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Commission co-chairman Frank Fahrenkopf, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, said having three different formats will allow voters to see the candidates in a variety of settings.

"We are not electing the best debater and that is why seeing these candidates in different formats is particularly important," he said.

Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the final plan: "It is a new way to debate. For the first time, we are going to have

a wide-open format."

The 90-minute debates are set to start at 9 p.m. EDT on Oct. 3 at the Boston campus of the University of Massachusetts in a traditional, two-lectern format.

Oct. 11 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. in a talk show style format seated around a table with the moderator. That approach is unprecedented in a presidential debate.

Oct. 17 at Washington University in St. Louis, the candidates will hold a town hall debate similar to ones held in 1992 and 1996 elections.

The vice presidential candidates will debate Oct. 5 at Centre College in Danville, Ky. The running mates will also hold their debate in the talk show format.

The televised presidential debates, which have taken place in every election since 1976, began with the Nixon-Kennedy debates in 1960. Before 1988, the debates were sponsored by either the campaigns themselves or groups like the League of Women Voters. The bipartisan commission first sponsored debates

in 1988.

Gore aides had already accepted the three-format plan, which the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates proposed in January. Republican Bush had earlier balked at both the suggested formats and the commission's three-debate schedule, but agreed to the plan after coming under criticism.

The two campaigns met 7 1/2 hours on Friday then broke to review the proposal before meeting again Saturday for 5 hours to work out details and sign off on the formats.

Bush had pushed for more informal debate formats and said nearly two weeks ago said he would accept only one commission debate and two networks debates, one on NBC and another on CNN's "Larry King Live." Gore rejected Bush's idea. Bush aides gave in Thursday and agreed to the three commission debates.

Reform Party nominee Pat Buchanan and Green Party nominee Ralph Nader, both registering single digits in national polls, most likely will not meet the commission's threshold of 15 percent in media polls for inclusion.

## Hello



Dan Meyer/The Northerner  
Vice President Al Gore and running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman spoke at Cincinnati state last week on education issues

# Ohio a battleground state strategists consider vital

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Al Gore has gained the upper hand over George W. Bush in Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania, according to new polls in several key industrial states critical to the presidential election.

In a fourth state, Ohio, the two candidates were roughly even, with Republican Bush at 43 percent and Democrat Gore with 41 percent.

Gore was up by 8 points in Michigan, 45-37; ahead by 15 points in Illinois, 48-33; and had an 18-point buffer in Pennsylvania, 51-33, according to the polls conducted by EPIC/MRA of Lansing and released Saturday.

Gore's recent rise in state and national polls was not particularly wor-

risome to Michigan Gov. John Engler, an adviser to Bush's campaign.

Bush's plan to refocus on his message of improving education and cutting taxes could help the Texas governor regain some of the momentum he has lost in recent weeks, Engler said.

The new poll "just reflects the fact that the message in the last couple weeks has been about debates and peripheral issues and not the central themes of the campaign," Engler said. "I don't think the debate about the debates has been helpful to George Bush."

Democrats were cautious about making too much of the polls showing a lead for Gore in the crucial Midwestern states.

James Blanchard, a co-chairman of Gore's Michigan campaign and a former governor, said he still expects a tight race as the candidates woo the state's swing voters. But he likes Gore's strategy.

"The issues are working for Democrats," Blanchard said, referring to Gore's focus on education, health care, Social Security and the environment.

The polls were taken Sept. 6-13 with an error margin of 4 percentage points in Michigan's poll of 600 likely voters. In Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, 400 likely voters were polled in each state, with error margins of 5 percentage points in each.

The poll was conducted for Wayne

State University School of Business Administration and the Detroit Free Press.

Ed Sarpolis of EPIC/MRA, said the poll reflects a loss of confidence in Bush by Republican voters. Gore is starting to make inroads into some areas where Bush has been stronger, such as among men and those with moral concerns, he said.

In mid-August, Bush led Gore in Michigan by about the same margin he now trails, 8 points.

The margin in Pennsylvania, similar to another poll taken after the Democratic last month convention, is larger than the campaigns have seen in their internal polling. But it still suggests Bush has plenty of work to do in

states that will help decide the election.

The new numbers suggest Gore is getting the momentum these days, said Mike Young, a political scientist at Penn State University.

"This underscores the clear direction in the momentum of the campaign that Gore has established in the last couple of weeks," he said.

Young suggested Bush's troubles may be related to a series of bumps in the road for the campaign, such as the Texas governor's vulgar remark, caught on an open mike, about a reporter and the fur over a Republican ad that flashed the word "RATS" on the screen for a split second.

Pennsylvania pollster G. Terry

Madonna of Millersville University said he expected Gore's lead is actually in the high single digits, not 18 points. The race in Illinois has been relatively close in other recent polls.

Gore has been solidifying his base and getting better support from men at the same time that Bush has seen erosion in his base, polls suggest.

Some GOP strategists in the key states say Bush has led Gore weeks.

"I think, frankly, that George Bush is not punching hard enough," said Tom Rorer, a former corporate lobbyist in Illinois and now a conservative activist. "I think Bush can still win," he said. "But he's got to fight."

## Two party system a stranglehold on issues affecting Americans

Anthony Hudson  
Contributing Writer

The death penalty. It has been a political football tossed between the Republicans who support it and the Democrats who are fervently against it. Or are they? While G.W. Bush's stance on the death penalty issue is painfully obvious, what about Mr. Gore? You would think that our ultra-liberal environmentalists of a V.P. would be strongly against this form of racially biased punishment.

This issue is symbolic of the inequalities African-Americans face in the justice system. The U.S. General Accounting office in 1990 said, "...those who murdered whites were more likely to be sentenced to death than those who murdered blacks."

How much more likely? By June 26, 2000, the number of blacks executed for killing whites was 156. The number of whites executed for killing blacks: 11. Everyone thinks that the Democrats are the party that supports the black community on issues like this but that is simply not the case.

A close relative of mine found out last month, it may take a 3 hour phone call to the local DNC to find out Gore's stance on the issue, but you will find out that he does officially support capital punishment.

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One party's platform specifically states however that they are against the death penalty: The Green Party. Recently, I attended a gathering of Greens in Dayton to get opinions on why citizens should choose their candidate, Ralph Nader, over the other two.

Jim Klosterman, a party representative, believes we could substantially lower the number of criminals by "...closing multi-million dollar tax loopholes used by corporations and using that money to energize our public schools."

Have you seen some of these well funded private schools lately?

Why should those kids get a better education than the kids going to Taft or Woodward? If we change the conditions people grow up in, we will affect their actions as they grow.

The next President will choose at least 2 new Supreme Court judges. In 1987, our United States Supreme Court said in a ruling, "Apparent disparities in sentencing are an inevitable part of our criminal justice system."

Apparently, Ralph Nader is the only candidate that disagrees with that. The polls may show that he can't win, but as a young African-American, I hope you will join me in sending a strong message to Washington that the exclusionary two-party system that's bought and paid for by the rich, will no longer have a strangle hold on issues like the death penalty that shape America.

### FLASHBACK:



Ralph Nader, right, talks with Dan Driestman, left, co-founding president of NKU student government, and Political Science Prof. Dennis O'Keefe, before Nader's speech.

Ralph Nader visited Northern Kentucky University's campus in the late seventies. Nader brought his views to NKU in a two hour speech in Regent's Hall, speaking out against the proposed Marble Hill and Zimmer nuclear power plants. Nader also spoke out in opposition of chemical companies, processed food, chemicals and rodent parts in hotdogs, auto safety, false advertising, and large corporations edging out smaller ones and eventually controlling foreign and domestic governments. Sounds to many like he was right on the mark, viewed from hindsight.

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Best selling author James McBride packed the house in Greaves Hall. Students gathered on the stage after all the seating was taken to hear him take questions and read from his book *The Color of Water*.

## McBride transcends race

By Scott Lengle  
Staff Reporter

By Maureen Jacob  
Features Editor

Northern Kentucky University students and the general public were treated Wednesday to words, wisdom, and laughter when award-winning author James McBride spoke of his latest best-seller *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*.

McBride, an African American journalist, and jazz musician attracted a large crowd at Greaves Concert Hall at NKU.

*The Color of Water* is not only a tribute to McBride's Jewish mother, Ruth Jordan McBride, but is also McBride's personal accounts and that of his twelve siblings.

McBride said his mother taught her children that life's blessings and values transcend race. McBride said his mother was a firm believer in "God and education." Many of the McBride children went on to become doctors, professors, nurses, teachers and chemists. However, McBride warned NKU students that

"success is a relative term." He explained that as long as you do your best in life you have found success.

Inspired by his mother's compelling life, he shared recollections of his experience as a child of a biracial union and of poverty. His book talks about his flirtations with violence and drugs and his eventual self-realization and understanding of life.

*The Color of Water* touched readers of many colors at Greaves Hall.

Freshman Shelly Blaker who attended McBride's presentation as a requirement for her University 101 class, said she would have attended even if it was not a requirement.

"The speaker did an excellent job discussing the book and talked more in depth about questions I had about it," said Josh Estep, freshman University 101 student.

"The turnout was wonderful," said Fran Zaniello, director of First Year Programs at NKU.

The lecture was made possible through the NKU Book Connection. First-year freshmen received

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## Pete's Poetry Corner

Pen, Paper and Ink  
I begin the process to think  
Dream, Vision, Hope and Desire  
My mind is already beginning to tire  
I long to do everything with success  
As the Dream, Vision and the Hope  
unfold

I relate to a world of mess.  
Struggles come easy.  
Rewards arrive late.  
The process to think becomes impossible

Where do I determine my fate?  
Fate is a description of unexplainable  
my misery

I determine one thing left I desire to  
determine  
What will I write down about my life  
and my history?

By Deana Roberts

I hear you now  
tho far from sight  
the ringing bell  
was once my light  
my beacon glare  
awash with sound  
brought hands in joy  
the feeling found  
the troubles past  
the new day see  
dawning vision  
inside of me  
and where does now  
the strength all come  
roaring gumpion  
overwhelms some  
do we two pass  
on highway room  
blocks and blocks  
yet no one home  
to greet me warm  
at comfort's door

but all I get is shown the floor  
seen only now  
when in the mood  
ain't that a bunch  
of gratitude

By Peter W. Zubaty

A Strange Voice Pushing Through  
Familiar Eyes in the University  
Commons

There you are wading through the  
commons as I rush to say,  
"Where have you been lately?"  
During this exchange will you look  
outside the eyes of a face that stopped  
you chasing time?  
Or will you stay inside, slow and  
busy with an edited yard to mow after  
mowing.

Here, you won't see trees growing  
around fenced lawn, but you'll know  
they're present from shadows of their  
limbs shifting on the ground.  
And through clipping cut grass you  
won't feel a breeze, but you'll know  
its presence from swaying images  
leaves cast where you look down.  
Wait. Stop Moving! I won't finish  
with how you're aware of what you  
can't smell, taste or hear.

I can sense you losing this divided  
second in time—a part of your energy  
reflected and gone as you walk  
through glass doors of the UC  
Commons.  
So, forget these words that contradict  
and wastes your life, just apply my  
face and face to look outside.

By Chad Aulick

## Freshmen experience freedom

By Douglas Dehner  
Staff Reporter

There's no more cafeteria food.  
There's no more yellow school  
buses.

There's no more staying up all  
night cramming for tests. All right,  
so maybe not everything changed  
when you graduated high school,  
but hey, you're a freshman in college  
now.

"I like the freedom the best," said  
Debbie Boaz, a freshman resident.  
Being out on my own and making  
my own decisions."

"I like it because it has a more  
relaxed structure," said freshman

Trevor Rossow. "It makes you more  
personally responsible for doing the  
work and coming to class."

So there you have it, a relaxed  
structure with complete freedom.  
What more do you need? How about  
friends?

Fran Zaniello, director of First-  
Year Programs, said loneliness is the  
biggest problem facing freshmen  
today.

"Students no longer have their  
high school social group," she said.

"Which can be a good thing for  
many students because they are  
ready to move on."

The Office of First-Year Programs  
is focused on helping first year stu-

dents adjust to the college life  
through programs such as  
University 101, Learning  
Communities and Runningstart.  
Zaniello said all first year students  
would enjoy the college experience  
more if they found a social commu-  
nity somewhere on campus that  
would allow them to feel as if they  
belong.

Zaniello adds that the biggest  
problem with loneliness comes from  
computer students who leave cam-  
pus right after class. She recom-  
mends signing up for a Learning  
Community as a way to help this.

Learning Communities are groups  
of students who sign up to take two

or three of the same classes together.  
Zaniello said students in the  
Learning Communities in addition  
to making friends, "study and dis-  
cuss together, are more likely to call  
each other before a test, and more  
likely to remind one another when  
assignments are due." She adds that  
the sooner first year students make  
connections, the more likely it is  
that they will come back.

So what advice can be given to  
those freshman once they have  
found a social group? Sophomore  
Lisa Ermi summed up the most  
important thing she learned fresh-  
man year in three simple words, "Go  
to class!"

## Art students add color and curves to Covington

By Forrest Berkshire  
Editor in Chief

One building stands apart from the square brick  
and mortar buildings and gray drab concrete pave-  
ment in the heart of downtown Covington, Ky.

Kelly Asbury's Painting I class added a splash  
of color with their mural at 630 Madison Ave.  
Images ranging from the scientific to the mathemat-  
ical to the anthropological, seemingly swim  
across the facade as bold shades of red and green  
intertwine and hold them together.

"We wanted to introduce something new into  
the environment rather than merely reflecting the  
environment," Lorelei Dreyer, a junior Graphic  
Design major who worked on the project, said.

"It's a pluralistic work," Asbury said. "In terms  
of imagery it borrows from many different cul-  
tures."

Yet while the image itself is pluralistic, the  
process of its design was even more so.  
All of the students interviewed agreed the hard-

est part of the project involved the conceptualiza-  
tion of what the finished piece would look like.

"The most challenging part of it was also the  
most rewarding," Kristin Reynolds, a junior nurs-  
ing major (who is now thinking of switching to  
art), said.

In early February the group began sketching  
their individual ideas. At this point there was no  
specific idea between them all. It was not until  
March that they grouped together into teams to  
define the concepts they wanted to portray.

"I never thought we would have so many differ-  
ent ideas," Dreyer said.

The hard part came when they were forced to  
narrow down what they began painting. They  
experimented with different patterns and colors.  
One pattern Dreyer recalls liking was a butterfly  
pattern that experimented with negative space by  
Michelle Reynolds, a junior graphic design major.  
"Visual pleasure, that was my goal," Reynolds  
said. For her, she described visual pleasure as  
guiding the viewer's eye along a path by the use

of patterns and color, bringing their view across  
the whole piece.

Dreyer said one challenging part was coming up  
with ways to blend the different patterns together  
on such a diverse piece.

One way they accomplished this is the red color-  
ing in the piece, which Reynolds said is a visu-  
al guideline moving the eye across the mural from  
left to right.

"On some levels we would kind of butt heads,"  
Reynolds said. She added that the finished piece is  
a nice mixture of everyone's opinions.

"It has a family feel to it since we all put our  
pieces into it," Dreyer said.

Asbury said they began painting the mural the  
first or second week of April. She said the actual  
painting of the mural went much faster than the  
conceptualization.

The images were painted on 24 eight-foot by  
four foot boards of plywood, which then had to be

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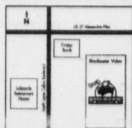
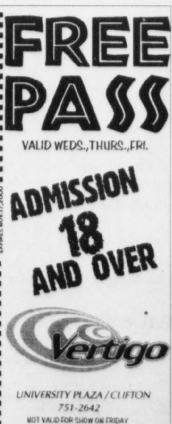
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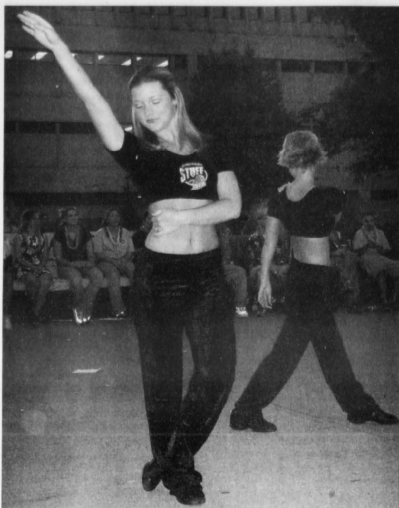


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## Groovin'



Forrest Berkshire/The Northerner  
The Cincinnati Stuff dancers showed off their moves on the plaza in front of the University Center as part of Phi Kappa Tau's rush event "Get Leiled."

## Yankee Grey 'Doesn't Suck'

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

"Right now, I wouldn't suck if I were you," said Yankee Grey lead singer Tim Hunt jokingly said to keyboard player Jerry Hughes during a concert at AK Steel's "A Century of Steel" celebration Sept. 4.

If the reaction of the crowd was any indication, Yankee Grey definitely didn't suck.

The concert marked the first time the band returned home to Middletown for a concert since the release of their debut album, "Unlabeled."

According to a spokesperson for the celebration, they wanted Yankee Grey to headline the concert because they are a major act with local ties.

However, he said the scheduling wasn't easy and it appeared that Yankee Grey would not be able to perform due to scheduling conflicts. He said the band altered their schedule to be able to perform back in Middletown again.

## Ask Jim Schue

When will the university stop charging for parking in the parking garage?  
Aaron Klepp, Florence

University leaders have estimated that they will cease charging for parking around the year 2025, following the funding of the 22,000 seat NBA arena that will be located on the NKU campus. In the interim, those funds will also pay for the addition of four levels of the Landrum Building, each level added on separately, to counteract Landrum's slow sinking as a result of continental drift pulling apart the Northern Kentucky area. Unfortunately, that same continental drift is ripping a faultline right through the NKU campus, so you probably won't get an opportunity to park for free on campus anyway.

Got a question for Jim Schue? E-mail him at [jimschue@hotmail.com](mailto:jimschue@hotmail.com)

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BNL open their hearts on *Maroon*

By Laura Parsons  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Barenaked Ladies have not completely abandoned their one-liner brand of pop with their newest release, *Maroon*, but they have opened their hearts a little wider.

Throughout the disc, the Ladies skillfully mix their classic jabs of humor, ("Got a big chip, you want a fat lip?/How 'bout a mouthful of Chiclets?" from "Never Do Anything") with reality-based assessments of life and love ("You've got to stand on your own/Don't admit defeat" from "Baby Seat")

The first six tracks, including the first radio release "Pinch Me," are not typical BNL. These tracks are catchy, but they are also deep and introspective.

The story of an office romance consummated on an ill-fated business trip is the basis of "Conventioneers." The song traces steps from infatuation to thoughts of marriage to morning after jitters, ending with a shifty, but often true wish for an out-of-state transfer. The song has the feeling of a solid Motown groove, or at least as much as Canadians can muster.

"Falling for the First Time" recalls the rush of falling in love through lyrics like "anyone plain can be lovely, anything loved can be lost."

The over-dramatic "Sell Sell Sell" is the only song on the disc that can be easily skipped. It's wide-sweeping style and description of an actor who sells out does not fit well with the rest of the fine-tuned song list.

One of the finest songs, both lyrically



and instrumentally, appears outside of those first six tracks. "Off the Hook" deals with the discovery of a cheating lover. Painfully accurate in the female perspective, the song also weaves the male point of view in, through lines like "You thought that he was wanting you, but he was only wanting you to let him off the hook." The lyrics almost perfectly explain the shock and early stages of retribution rippling through real-life relationships.

Easily the oddest song on the disc is

"Tonight is the Night I Fell Asleep at the Wheel." Telling the story of car-wreck carnage and rubberneckers, the track reviews death from the first person, a "posthumous part of the scene."

*Maroon* is not for the fans of the Barenaked Ladies who have not grown up a little since the release of *Gordon*. However, for those who are looking for a little more than "If I Had a Million Dollars," *Maroon* is a more ambitious and fulfilling album than the overly commercial *Stunt*.

## McGraw and Hill hot onstage and off

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

Country Music's hottest couple, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, performed the first concert held at the brand new Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio September 9-10.

McGraw and Hill's show was part of the "Soul2Soul Tour," which marks the first time they have toured together since they married. The two actually became romantically involved during a tour in 1996.

According to publicity information, the "Soul2Soul Tour" was the result of enormous fan request.

In addition to McGraw and Hill, the Warren Brothers appeared at the show. They opened with an acoustic set, which included "Guilty," "The Beat of a Heart," and the title track of their new album, "King of Nothing."

The duo was lighthearted and made fun of the fact that most people did not know the words to their songs. They played a cover of Bill Withers' classic "Drift Away"



Faith Hill followed the Warren Brothers' performance. Hill spotlighted most of her hit songs including "Wild One," "Let Me Let Go," "This Kiss," and an acoustic version of "It Matters To Me," which only featured a piano accompaniment. These hits, coupled

with songs from her latest release (including "Breathe," "If My Heart Had Wings," "If My Heart Had Wings," and "There Will Come A Day.")

McGraw's performance actually began before he took the stage. The song "Indian Outlaw" played in its entirety right before the lights when out and McGraw appeared.

McGraw walked onto the stage and immediately received a standing ovation. He opened the show with his hit "Something Like That," and continued through his set with such hits as "Everywhere," "Refried Dreams," and "Where, The Green Grass Grows." McGraw's show also featured songs from his latest CD, "A Place In The Sun."

One of the major benefits of the "Soul2Soul Tour" was that it allowed McGraw and Hill to perform their many duets together, such as "It's Your Love," "Let's Make Love" and "Just to Hear You Say You Love Me."

The two Columbus shows, which both sold out, were the closest the Soul2Soul Tour came to this area.

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**CLARK: SGA prez for diversity**

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specific groups of people urging them to apply.

Jorge Marciano, a sophomore from Venezuela, said he is very excited about being able to be a part of student government this year and pleased that SGA has reached out to groups such as International Student Affairs.

"I like to be involved with student groups and I like to be able to do things for other students," said Marciano. "Even on the first actual meeting you could tell how diverse it was." Dean Lande was very impressed.

Clark and this new diverse student government have set many new objectives to accomplish as this school year unfolds. Clark cites the top two of these are extending the hours of the library to make it more accessible and getting professors to post their syllabi online so students will be able to get a better understanding of the course before they sign up. In addition, a shuttle service is in the works which would run from school to downtown.

Clark said she is optimistic in

accomplishing these tasks.

"We wouldn't make these goals if we felt we couldn't meet them," said Clark.

Clark's becoming SGA president caps off a long list of accolades and involvement at Northern Kentucky University for her, which includes membership on the Board of Regents, Delta Gamma sorority, Norse Leadership Society, Speech Communication Club, Golden Key Honor Society and the Order of Omega Honor Society.

Clark has been involved in SGA for all of her four years at NKU and she said what spurred her on to become president was the hope that her experience in SGA and other organizations would be beneficial to many other stu-

dents.

Despite being no stranger to working in the student government, Clark acknowledges how daunting of a task being the SGA president is.

"The hardest part is that there is a new president every year," Clark said. "The amount of work I want to do would take about two years."

Juggling her life as a student and her life as a leader is very difficult, said Clark. She said her chief concerns are time-management and keeping up her GPA.

"I try to keep everything as simple as possible and get things accomplished," Clark said.

communities collaborate in making public art," she said.

"It brings curves to the straight lines of Covington, Bisher said. She described the experience as a "golden opportunity" for students to work with a community. They brought away many lessons and a feeling of pride.

"It's neat to be able to say I was involved with a mural that is hanging up for everyone to see," Reynolds said.

All of the students said they have enjoyed sharing it with such a wide audience, and they believe it is a piece in which a person can see something different each time they look at it.

that they where personally touched and inspired by the book.

McBride brought the crowd to a standing ovation with a great balance of solemn and humorous lecturing.

McBride autographed books for two hours after the show.

Mr. James McBride hinted he may return back to NKU in the future. The success of the lecture may secure his return back.

**ARAAMAN: unconditional love**

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workshops is "Celebrating ourselves and celebrating others. The first rule is to have fun. The second rule is to have fun. The third rule is to have more fun. The fourth rule is to have too much fun."

He said, "The highest power had a design for me." That design is workshops and counseling for foster parents, foster children, at-risk youth and gang diversion.

He said the gang youth weren't quite sure what to make of his warmth. "They thought I was gay. They had never had people talk to them like that before. I would tell them to leave their Uzis at the door. I saw an opportunity with the students in the gang, where I could give them love where they really couldn't get it."

His work with gang youth involves instilling self-worth in an area where little exists. "The key thing is they had low self-esteem, so they believed that they were worthless. I told them, 'You can do anything you set your mind to.'"

Araaman uses his art to heal. "I use my art as a ministry, I donate it to groups for empowerment."

The women's center is a beneficiary of that empowerment. Several pieces of his artwork are scattered throughout the office.

Like many artists, Araaman uses his art as therapy for himself, as well as others. He says his art is a mirror, a reflection of the greatness in everyone. While here at NKU, Araaman said he got very little sleep, but that was pretty much the norm for him. But someone so positive must also have releases for the negative energy that each of us accumulate.

To help deal with that negative energy, he uses a process called co-counseling, which he and Meyer

demonstrated.

He calls the process a therapeutic release of bad emotion and energy. The process involves calling up troubling thoughts and feelings and releasing those feelings in an intense, emotion-filled five-minute session.

"Because of the process, I'm energized. The goal (of co-counseling) is to think free and clear and rational," Araaman said. "It's shared equal time and totally confidential. You have to keep that balance between yourself and your co-counselor, so that it is not an imposition on them and both people benefit."

"People need to understand that they have to have that creative outlet to release that energy and emotion. The more I do co-counseling, the more clearly I see," Araaman said. He didn't know what to expect coming to a mostly white campus such as NKU. However, he said he was impressed with the warm welcomes he received from the university community.

"I go to all these bigger, more ethnically diverse universities, and they talk about how they embrace diversity. Yet I come here and see the job that NKU is doing and it's wonderful. Instead of looking at the differences, let's look at the similarities."

The warmth he generates from his message of unconditional love inspires people to call him great. Araaman dismisses it with a laugh. "Don't tell me I'm great, it's all you. We all do art as a way of living, we're all artists in what we do."

He says, "The bottom line is, this universe was founded on love. Like Nelson Mandela said in his inaugural speech, 'We're not afraid of our fear. We're afraid of our power and our light.'"

**MURAL : Public Art**

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pieced together.

Painting a mural is much different from painting any other kind of art, mostly because of the scale of the project, many of the students said.

"When you are working on a portrait you can take a step back and look at it," Vickie Bisher, a senior art education major, said.

"You can't step back and look at a mural until it is finished," she said, which brings a whole new element to the work.

The whole mural was painted on NKU's campus which saved the students from having to deal with

climbing on scaffolding to paint the building.

The plywood was hung in July, after a short time when the Urban Design Review Board threatened to prohibit the installation of it because the building is considered historic.

"We went through about a month of limbo," Ashby said. The UDRB finally agreed to allow the mural to remain for two years. Bisher said the building will be torn down eventually, and the mural can be moved to a different locale.

"I hope the idea will catch on and we'll see the university and other

**JAMES MCBRIDE**

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McBride's book during Transitions which took place in early summer. Corporate sponsor, Firststar, made the book free of charge to freshmen. In all, 3,003 books were distributed. Zaniello said this was the first year this program took place. "We hope to continue it in the years to come."

In addition, some students were required to purchase McBride's book because it was made part of the English classes and University 101 syllabi.

Toward the end of the presentation McBride answered many questions. Upon asking their questions, many students first told McBride

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gram offers the A. D. Albright Scholarship for outstanding junior honors students, three major corporate scholarships for business majors, and the Michael F. Zalla Research and Study Award to aid in the funding of international study or independent research.

The program has enjoyed steady growth since its formation 16 years ago under the guidance of Robert T. Rhodes, professor of English. In 1985 Dr. Tom Zaniello of the Department of Literature and Language, current director of the program, began expanding the classes and range of the program. Last year the Honors Program moved its offices and classrooms to the former president's house. Zaniello said that the increase in the number of honors students would allow for more Honors classes, including the development of upper division interdisciplinary classes.

Interdisciplinary classes are those that incorporate courses into the honors format of smaller class size and a greater emphasis on class discussion.

One of the problems Zaniello says the program will focus on is the "retention of high-achieving students while keeping them challenged and productive." He says the Program looks to help this by extending the hours and activities at the Honors House, recruiting faculty that have never before taught honors classes, and by creating a community of honors student residents through the new Honors Scholars Dorm.

Zaniello said the Honors Scholars Dorm is a wing of traditional style residency dedicated to providing housing for both honors students and scholarship recipients. This is the first time that the university has provided a dormitory specifically for honors students.

Loni Hammons, a resident in the Honors Scholars dorm, said the dormitory has provided her with the opportunity to "meet new people that I can relate to intellectually, as well as socially."

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# Brunsmann stands out on talented tennis team

By Laura Parsons  
Assistant Sports Editor

Elizabeth Brunsmann faced the typical freshman jitters a few weeks ago before starting her first semester at Northern Kentucky University, moving into the dorms, making new friends, and finding her way around campus.

However, Brunsmann had more to deal with than those things. She is the only freshman on the 2000 women's tennis team, which in 1999 was first in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 10-0 record. Even more intimidating are her teammates, who boasted four spots on the twelve player All-GLVC Team, more than any other university, and Player of the Year Jamie O'Hara in the 1999 season.

Brunsmann, a standout from Oak Hills High School in the Cincinnati suburb Western Hills, was one of the top three high school netters in the Cincinnati area. This season she earned a

number three singles berth as well as a spot at number two doubles with partner Lauren Spears.

Although young on the team, Brunsmann feels she is ready to play at this level. "I help the team by consistently keeping balls in play," she says. The team of more experienced players is also teaching her a few things about the world of intercollegiate athletics. "I am learning to be more competitive," Brunsmann states. "They push me pretty hard. I think it will make me stronger and set my game up a notch."

Head Coach J. Webb Horton sees Brunsmann as a freshman only academically. "I think she's going to get better. We hope she has the record to continue the tennis team's tradition of winning the GLVC Freshman of the Year Award," Horton said. "She's a great kid and a great competitor."

Tim Maluga, head coach of the Valparaiso University women's tennis team, saw Brunsmann defeat Mara Sonkin in two 6-3

sets during the Eastern Illinois University/C. Roger Sorenson Invitational September 2-3. "She plays a solid, strategic game that focuses on minimizing her own unforced errors and attacking her opponents' weaknesses. She also demonstrated tremendous composure for a freshman, as well as a very nice personality on the court," Maluga said. "NKU definitely uncovered a jewel there." The Sorenson Invitational was the first match that Brunsmann defeated Sonkin, despite prior meetings in various regional and national tournaments.

In her first GLVC match on Sept. 9, Brunsmann scored her first conference win with a 6-4, 6-2 stomping of Southern Illinois University's Laura Zeeb. Together with Spears, Brunsmann also racked another win with an 8-5 match win over Number two doubles team of Amber Stanley and Corinne Reich.

Brunsmann, who has played tennis since she was eight, followed in the footsteps of her older sis-

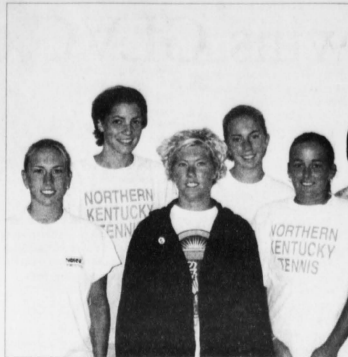
ter. "She got me into it and I've been playing ever since," she said.

Brunsmann played the Number one singles spot on her high school team for four years. "She was always a big winner," coach Rod Thomas recalls. "We had the best team ever her freshman year with her at number one. Right from the start she definitely helped us out and made everyone feel like a part of the team."

Shopping and sleeping fill up Brunsmann's time when she's not on the court or in class. "I have 15 credit hours, so after class and practice, it's hard to study and fit everything in," she said.

Tennis, though, is extremely important to Brunsmann. "I love the tension and the competition," she said. Brunsmann is also aiming her sights high this year. "I want to be the GLVC Freshman of the Year. That's my goal."

With the record she's started, Freshman of the Year may be the first in a long line of honors for Elizabeth Brunsmann.



File photo Jr./The Northerner  
Northern Kentucky University women's tennis player Elizabeth Brunsmann (second from right) has shed her freshman jitters and is concentrating on becoming GLVC Freshman of the Year

## NKU women's tennis team improves to 4-0

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU women's tennis team has way of taking out its opponents, especially those in the conference. That can best be said for the team's 9-0 win against Indianapolis Wednesday.

With the victory, the Norse improved to 3-0 on the year and have swept all of their matches against their opponents.

"We are a whole lot stronger

than the other teams," said NKU junior Jamie O'Hara, who improved to 25-0 lifetime against her GLVC opponents.

"I don't think we will lose a match in the conference this season," she said.

O'Hara continued her dominance by winning her singles match in straight sets against Gayal Jones. Claudia Ruelh also teamed with O'Hara to post an 8-5 victory in number one doubles against Jones and Gesler.

Lauren Spears, Amity Chapman, Elizabeth Brunsmann, Ruelh and Joceline McQueen all won in straight sets in singles matches for NKU.

Spears and Brunsmann won their doubles match, 8-4, and Chapman and Christina Dausch made it a doubles sweep for the Norse with an 8-6 victory.

O'Hara said it is easier to win the doubles matches right off the bat before going into singles. "It is a lot better when you go up 3-0,"

she said. "We try to win every single doubles match."

The Norse continued its dominance against the GLVC with an 8-1 victory over Bellarmine University Saturday.

Again, O'Hara proved unstoppable with a straight set singles win over Jacqueline Louis. She is now 26-0 all-time against her conference rivals.

Spears, Brunsmann, Chapman, Ruelh and McQueen all won their singles matches too.

The Norse didn't win all their doubles matches. NKU won two of its doubles. Spears and Brunsmann won and Chapman and Dausch won too.

O'Hara and Ruelh, however, lost 8-5 in their match.

O'Hara said, "We need to keep working on doubles. We have had trouble on it in the past," she said. "We will eventually get top performance."

With the wins over Indianapolis and Bellarmine, the Norse have

now won 30 consecutive matches against their conference opponents dating back to the 1997 season.

NKU has improved to 4-0 this season and 4-0 in the GLVC.

The Norse next travel for a double dip conference battle Saturday.

The Norse play Kentucky Wesleyan in the morning. Then Southern Indiana at 3 p.m.

## This Week in NKU Sports

The Northern Kentucky University men's cross country team finished second overall at the Wilmington Invitational Saturday.

NKU runner Ryan Carskaddon finished first in the individual standings with a time of 26 minutes and 11.5 seconds.

Other top NKU finishers were Kevin Alessandro, who came in eighth place, Pat Sullivan, ninth place, and Chris Lenhof, 10th place.

As for the women's team, it too came in second place overall. Lisa Faulkner came in fourth place in the individual standings, and Anna Moore finished in 11th place for the Norse.

Women's soccer team 2-0 in GLVC

The NKU women's soccer team defeated Missouri-St. Louis 2-0 Friday as it began GLVC play.

Sophomore Bessie Black and freshman Adrienne Cavender each contributed a goal in the Norse win. Black has six goals for the Norse this season.

Goalie Lauren Piening recorded the shutout as she had four saves in the game for NKU. Amanda Trout and Kristin Benson also had assists for the Norse.

The Norse traveled to Illinois Sunday to square off against Quincy University and came away with a 4-0 victory.

NKU, 7-1, used a balanced offense in the victory. Four different players, Jeanna Martin, Betsy Moore, Denise Kunz and Kristin Benson, scored goals for the Norse. Piening picked up her second shutout in three days, making two saves.

Men's soccer team drops to a dismal 0-7

The NKU men's soccer team wasted a good defensive outing, Friday, and was shutout for the third time this season with a 1-0 loss to UMSL. Kirt Spencer scored the only goal of the game for UMSL. He scored with four minutes left in the game. UMSL goalie Kevin McCarthy also recorded the shutout and had five saves in the game.

On Sunday the Norse, 0-7, lost another match in the waning minutes, this time against Quincy University. Quincy's Juan Tortosa tied the game at three all and then, with less than three minutes to play, scored what would be the game winning goal.

Kevin Crone had two goals, both penalty kicks, for the Norse and Mohamed Janah had the other.

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# Norse Volleyball wins GLVC opener

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

Northern Kentucky University came into Friday's GLVC opener against Quincy University reeling.

It lost two of its previous three matches the following weekend to Grand Valley State and Northwood, Mich. at the Fairview Inn Classic.

"We played three of the best teams in the country," NKU's head coach Mary Biermann said. "The Norse needed a win and Quincy came into the match with an unimpressive 5-7 record. "We always want to start the GLVC (schedule) strong," Biermann said.

Her team didn't let her down.

The Norse treated the Quincy players like ducks in a pond, firing bullets past their defense en route to winning the first game 15-3.

"We pass the ball a lot quicker and catch teams off guard," junior outside hitter Bethany Gastright

said. "We're attacking the ball real well." Gastright finished with a team-high 13 kills.

The Norse offense didn't let up. Seemingly able to score at will, NKU, 7-2, won the last two games 15-7 and 15-2.

Quincy University's head coach Tim Koth said he thought it was a poor effort by his team.

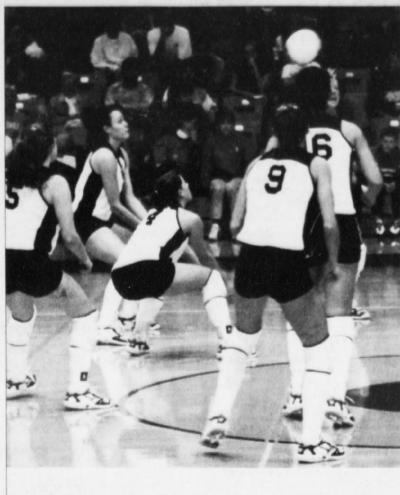
"We're road weary," he said. "We haven't played a home game yet. They (NKU) didn't make it any easier on us, though."

The Norse racked up 12 service aces in the match. "Their good serving was unexpected," Koth said.

"This win gave us a lot of confidence back," senior setter Bobbi Casey said. Casey had four of the teams aces and pitched in 28 assists.

The Norse, when dropped from third to 12th nationally following its two losses last weekend, needed to get back on track.

"Our drop to 12 is not important," Casey said. "We just need to climb back up."



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team swarms to the ball as they work their way to a 2-0 start in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

## Norse volleyball team wins 39th straight at Regents Hall

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team improved to 8-2 on the year with its win over Missouri-St. Louis Saturday at Regents Hall.

The Norse won the match 15-13, 15-8, 15-12, and they have won 39 consecutive matches at Regents Hall.

Junior Bethany Gastright led the way for NKU with 21 kills. Also, senior Jessica Buraker contributed 16 kills and had a .424 hitting percentage in the win. Gretchen Duffner came up with 16 kills in the game for

UMSL.

The Norse needed to make a comeback in the first game in order to pull out the victory. UMSL led 10-6 halfway through the game. NKU, however, was able to keep their composure and secure the win. "We caught them off guard," said Gastright. "We brought our passes and our sets down. Our offense got a little quicker."

The comeback helped pave the way for the Norse during the rest of the match, Gastright said. "We stayed low. That really helped us."

NKU coach Mary Biermann said, "We had a good diversity of

hitting," she said. "We attacked and passed real well."

The win also meant that the 12th ranked NKU volleyball team is now 2-0 right off the bat in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

It is a great start for the team, said NKU coach Mary Biermann. "We'll do well in it," she said. "We are rated pretty high. If we push it, we'll do well."

The Norse travel next to play conference rival Indianapolis Wednesday at 7 p.m.

NKU then heads home to play Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne (IPFW) Friday at 7 p.m. and also Saint Joseph's Saturday at 2 p.m.

### Upcoming Games

|                |                   |            |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Volleyball     |                   |            |
| Sept. 20       | Indianapolis      | 7 p.m.     |
| Sept. 22       | IPFW              | 7 p.m.     |
| Sept. 23       | St. Joseph's      | 2 p.m.     |
| Men's Soccer   |                   |            |
| Sept. 22       | Kentucky Wesleyan | 1:30 p.m.  |
| Sept. 24       | Indianapolis      | 12:30 p.m. |
| Women's Soccer |                   |            |
| Sept. 22       | Kentucky Wesleyan | 4 p.m.     |
| Sept. 24       | Indianapolis      | 3 p.m.     |
| Women's Tennis |                   |            |
| Sept. 19       | IPFW              | 3 p.m.     |
| Sept. 23       | Kentucky Wesleyan | TBA        |
|                | Southern Indiana  | 3 p.m.     |

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## The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Rachel Dietz  
Left: Jessica Buraker  
Buraker had 16 kills in the NKU volleyball win against UMSL Saturday at Regents Hall.

Right: Betsy Moore  
Moore was named GLVC Player of the Week last week after scoring four goals for the women's soccer team against Mercyhurst College.



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