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Computer problems plague fire alarms

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Physical Plant is currently working to rectify some computer problems with the fire alarms at Northern Kentucky University.

Of the nine fire alarms reported during August, five of those occurred last week. Not all of them were the result of the computer problems.

The most recent of these problems occurred Aug. 26 when a fire alarm sounded in Kentucky Hall, but the DPS computer did not

indicate a fire alarm had sounded. Nearly 15 minutes later, the DPS computer indicated a trouble alarm.

DPS dispatcher Diane Staudinger said a trouble alarm lets the dispatcher know that there is a problem that does not present the danger of a fire. She said although DPS knows if there is a trouble alarm, they do not respond to these. She said these alarms are handled by Power Plant, a division of Physical Plant.

According to the DPS report, "The problem still remains why we did not get an alarm

until Physical Plant started playing with the panel to shut off the alarm."

Physical Plant specialist Michael Schuller confirmed there was a problem and Physical Plant was working on it, but Schuller did not know exactly



what was being done.

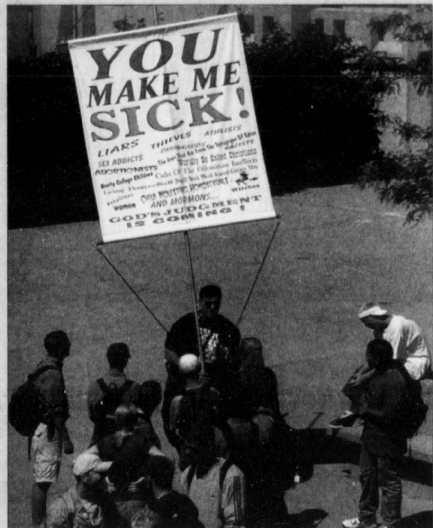
DPS Sgt. Mike Nutini said Physical Plant has been working on the problem throughout the summer.

Jeff Knoll, EMS/Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Supervisor, said there was not a problem. Jeff Baker, Environmental Safety Coordinator, also agreed that there was no problem.

Kim Vance, assistant director of Residential Life, said she was not aware there of any problem.

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Speaking their mind



Freelance ministers took full advantage of the First Amendment area last week, dispensing their version of God's love.

Forrest Berkshire/*The Northerner*

College students helping teach kids how to read

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

One particular moment in an eighth grade Newport Middle School classroom was all it took for Northern Kentucky University junior Hyun-Ju Lee to realize her feelings towards tutoring.

"A couple of students came to me and said their grades had improved compared to when I wasn't there helping them," she said. "When they told me that, I realized that I had to be there. I love this work."

Lee, 33, is one of 38 NKU students that signed up with America Reads/America Counts, a Federal Work-Study Program that involves the university sending tutors to different elementary and middle schools throughout Kentucky to help children develop reading and math skills.

"After the teacher lectures, students ask me for help at their desk," she explained of her work with a pre-algebra class at Newport Middle School.

Sometimes the job reminds Lee of her own past. "I had a hard time myself in middle school," she said, sympathizing with the students she helps three to four days a week in the classroom. After a year of experience working with class instructor and NKU graduate Ray Taylor, Lee plans to continue tutoring as long as possible. Taylor said she is welcome to stay.

"The students loved her tremendously," he said. "She became a part of the classroom."

Taylor added that he found having Lee as an assistant with the children to be very effective. "It was like having another

teacher in the classroom."

After working with Lee, Taylor said he wishes more students at NKU would tutor at middle school grade levels. "They would find it very rewarding."

Secretary of University/School Partnerships Kathy Von Strohe has helped coordinate the America Reads/America Counts program at NKU since last year and is still looking for more people to join in fall 2000.

"We have 38 students already signed up for this year," she said. "It would be nice if we could get 40."

Each student in the program is assigned to an educational institution such as an elementary school or boys club, said Von Strohe. Tutors work out their own schedules and visit one classroom regularly during the school year, making \$8.50 an hour while interacting with the children.

"It doesn't cost Northern anything," Von Strohe said. "The Federal Government pays the wages."

The money, however, isn't the motivation for some tutors. Patricia Roeder, a second year NKU freshman, is returning to America Reads this semester, after working with Ludlow kindergarten students in 1999.

"What I really like about this work is the children," Roeder said. "When you come in the room on Tuesday and Thursday they make your day feel so much better."

Roeder said her hopes to someday become a teacher sparked her interest in tutoring with America Reads. This year she is tutoring with America Reads.

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Landrum logjam due to bottleneck student traffic

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

The line of students filing through the doors of Landrum resemble the wait for the newest ride at Kings Island rather than students trying to get to class.

Between classes the wave of students leaving classes collides with the students headed to class, and in the middle are the students waiting in the lobby for the elevators.

Compounding this problem, because of the construction of the new science building, Landrum's third floor lobby is now the main entrance to the plaza level for nearly a thousand residential students and people coming in from parking lots E, F, and M. These lots, according to university documents, have room for 1,124 vehicles.

"It's chaos," is how Dorothy Jones described it. Jones works at the "Moveable Feast," a food stand in the third floor lobby, and watches the crowd every day.

"They are walking at a snail's pace," she said. She said the crowd begins to thicken about ten minutes before classes let out, and by the top of the hour the lines are stretched half way down both hallways and out the doors.

She said much of the problem she sees is with students stopping and talking in the middle of the lobby and clogging up the traffic, as well as the people waiting to get on the elevators.

"I can't even see my soup station," she said which is only ten feet from where she stands.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus

planning, said much of the problem stems from the stairs behind Landrum being closed due to construction. The stairs that wrap around and behind Landrum linking the plaza with the parking level were closed over the summer and were scheduled to be open by the beginning of school.

"We have been pushing really hard on the contractor for that," she said.

The stairs re-opening is waiting on the completion of the tunnel linking the new science building to Landrum and the rest of the underground tunnel system that connects all the buildings on campus.

Schuh said the builders are still completing the roof of the tunnel. Once this is completed they can begin to refill the ditch with dirt and re-open the stairs.

"I think we are doing our best," Schuh said. She said finishing the tunnel and getting the stairs open is high on their list of priorities.

"We are going to continue to push the contractor," she said.

Schuh said a temporary gravel walkway is a possibility. She estimated the tunnel would be complete by Sept. 8, and the stairs could be open as early as Sept. 11.

In the meantime Schuh said all of the emergency exits are still open, and that she believes the building is still in line with fire codes.



Rachel Dietz/*The Northerner*

Construction delays have caused a back-up for students trying to cut through Landrum. Officials say relief is in the near future once the back stairs are opened, which they estimate to be by Sept. 11.

Kids banned from dorms

By Billy Sprankles
Staff Writer

Thursday Aug. 24, commuter students Lisa Hill and Denise Penn were stopped and warned not to bring their children to the campus housing units, because of school policy. In the student handbook, the school policy states: "Guests must be 18 years of age or older, or a Northern Kentucky University student. Babysitting is not permitted."

Hill, angered by the situation, filed a complaint with the Student Government Association. "I don't see how going to the dorms when my son is with me is a problem," she said. Hill, a single mother, frequently brings her 7-year-old son to classes.

In response to Hill's complaint, SGA President Kara Clark said, "The Residential Housing Association and SGA will most likely work together to request administration to re-evaluate the policy so it accommodates the University, liability wise, as well as students to have guests at their convenience." Clark said she believes the policy should be

easily changed.

Director of Residential Life Patty Hayden said she feels it is not all right for students to bring their children to the housing units because the children may infringe on another student's time to sleep, study or visit. "The policy was created because of complaints from roommates and neighbors about children playing and young babies crying, which is very disturbing to students," Hayden said. She added that the university is not equipped to handle children because there are no places for kids to play.

In regard to the school policy, Hill said she feels it is a form of child discrimination. She does not understand why children are permitted into classrooms, but not into the dorms. Hill said she feels quite strongly that children should not live in the dorms. However, she does not see anything wrong with a short visit.

There should be a waiver form that students can sign that takes the liability away from the university in the case of an emergency situation when a child must be with someone who lives on campus," Hill said.



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Students line up to sample the wares of the newest on-campus food service offering. Extensive remodeling took place to allow Burger King and Chick-Fil-A to replace McDonalds on the ground floor of UC.

SGA serves a Whopper

By Aleashia Walton
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By Jennifer Herald
Staff Writer

Last year Sodexo-Marriott and student representatives combined forces to regulate campus food service and bring new restaurants to Northern Kentucky University, resulting in the replacement of McDonalds with Burger King and Chick-Fil-A.

"Last year it was made very clear to SGA, through several forums and roundtables, that students wanted more food options on campus," said Student Government Association President Kara Clark.

"SGA brought this information to the administration and collectively we worked on several options. Adding two very popular food chains, both owned by Sodexo/Marriott, made the most sense from an administrative as well as a student stand point," Clark said.

Both the SGA and the Residence Hall Association voted on the decision to bring in the new restaurants. One year later, the space McDonalds occupied was remodeled to accommodate Burger King and Chick-Fil-A, which opened for the first day of fall classes.

Andy Meeks, General Manager of Sodexo Food Services at NKU, says he believes this is beneficial to the university. "We [Sodexo-Marriott] met with RHA, staff members from Residential Life, the Food Service Committee and Ken Ramey, who worked with the SGA. The message we got was that they wanted a hamburger type restaurant along with Chick-Fil-A, which is rated number one in education food service."

"Burger King was what was available to us. Restaurants have to grant franchises on campus. Wendy's, for example, does not permit on-campus franchises," Meeks said.

McDonalds, which was not a Sodexo/Marriott franchise, was run independently. "McDonalds was here for five years. Over time, I had concerns about their operating schedule," Meeks said. "The food service as a whole is better off if we have total control of campus restaurants, and so far, all the feedback has been good."

Interim Vice President of Business Affairs Ken Ramey served as the go-between for NKU and Sodexo/Marriott from the start. I had concerns about their operating schedule," Meeks said. "The food service as a whole is better off if we have total control of campus restaurants, and so far, all the feedback has been good."

"The new concepts, in addition to more food

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Residents question air quality in campus dorms

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Itchy eyes, sore throat, runny nose—these are a few of the symptoms being experienced by some residents of Northern Kentucky University's Commonwealth Hall.

While there is not a definite answer to what is causing these symptoms, many of the affected students believe their illness is linked to poorly-maintained air-conditioning units.

"My doctor said the moisture in the air could be what was making me sick," Kristy Johnson, a Commonwealth resident, said.

According to the Environmental

Protection Agency, these symptoms can be allergic reactions to "biological contaminants," including mold and mildew. The EPA currently does not have any regulations on indoor air mold contaminants.

Terry Linkugel, supervisor of the Physical Plant Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Department said the air conditioner filters are changed twice annually and were most recently changed during the summer months.

Upon observation, the filters in the air conditioning units in many of these dorms appeared to be

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NKU students 'going to hell'

The Northernner supports the institution of the First Amendment, and is actively involved in carrying out the visions of its authors. An important factor in supporting our Freedom of Speech is respecting the rights of individuals who choose to exercise their rights, even if it is contrary to your own beliefs and preferences.

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On the popular TV show South Park, Mr. Garrison reprimands his unruly students with the statement: "You go to hell. You go to hell and you die!"

Brother Jim of "Campus Ministries" made similar accolades last week as he lambasted Northern Kentucky University students, teachers and faculty in the Free Speech Area in front of the University Center Thursday.

Students were treated to a Bible-toting preacher and a former championship arm wrestler carrying a sign lambasting anyone who can't quote from the Bible, who has kissed before marriage, and generally the entire population of most colleges. A man wearing a "Trist Jesus" hat and a sandwich-board style sign made many of the same proclamations to the crowd.

Brother Jim and his cohorts, Bible Jim and Jeremiah the arm wrestler preached to the masses about the general sins of the students and faculty at NKU. A crowd gathered, first out of curiosity and then, what we witnessed, in outrage to hear what, in our minds, was radical opinions on sexual promiscuity, drug use, drinking and rock music. "We're on confrontational attack mode," Jim Gilles, aka Brother Jim said, "religion is spiritual; it's almost impossible to ignore."

We witnessed the reaction of students toward this confrontation as swift and loud. The crowd grew quickly and became more agitated and confrontational, as many students resorted to heckling to make their voices heard.

Sophomore Nichole Hall said she thought the comments made by the

demonstrators were "very offensive" and "very hypocritical."

Gilles and company also criticized fraternities and sororities as housing "whores and whoremongers."

Freshman Phi Sigma Sigma member Alison Foley said she found the comments proclaiming sorority members as "lustful women" offensive. "It's [sororities] about sisterhood, friends and succeeding in school," she said.

However, not all students were as incensed as Foley. Student Hakeem Ellis agreed with what the preachers said. "Everything they claim as a sin is a sin."

Graduate Student Domarcus Phillips said he didn't agree with the demonstrators, but he also believes in the First Amendment. "It's freedom of speech. I enjoy people's different opinions and views. It brings students together as one," he said, as he gestured toward the crowd of NKU students.

Brother Jim also focused on the changing roles of women in society. He and his comrades said they believe men should put women in submissive roles and "rebellious" women are sinners.

He said sports idolizers are also condemned to an afterlife in the fiery inferno. "It is a sin to know more sports statistics than Bible verses," said Bible Jim.

Freshman Bethany Goodenough confronted the preachers during the demonstration. She said, "I'm angered because of how they judge people with what they are saying and how they are saying it. I was called a jerk. They thrive off crowd reaction. I think they're sick."

The Free Speech Area is defined in the Northern Prospective Student Handbook as "an area provided for those individuals who wish to make speeches or arrange debates. The Free Speech Area is located at the northwest end of the University Center facing Parking Lot A and partially bounded on the north side by Nunn Drive. The Free Speech Area is available when the university is officially in session and shall be made available when the university is officially in session and shall be made available to organizations and groups...as well as individual members of the university community."



Forrest Berkhshire and Rachel Dietz

Knowing your rights is important for the protection of your rights

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

I would not have believed it if I had not seen it with my own eyes.

A resident assistant stopped a Northern Kentucky University student and asked the student to let him smell the contents of the cup he was drinking from to determine if the cup contained alcohol.

I have a major problem with such an action. I believe this is a primary example of invasion of privacy.

After this happened I began to wonder if the RA acted out of turn or if they are really allowed to do this.

None of the RAs would comment on the policies and I was told that I could not look at the guidelines that are given to the RAs except with the permission and supervision of Area Coordinator Jerry Wallace.

I do not know any more now than I did when I began my quest for the truth. I assume that most students are not aware of their rights either. Therefore, the purpose of this editorial is not to

gripe about Residential Life, DPS or the university's no-alcohol policy. It is merely to make you, the student, aware of your rights.

Department of Public Safety Officer Teresa Lynch said an officer must have probable cause in order to stop anyone. She defines probable cause as being anything more than a mere suspicion.

Lynch said probable cause for a DPS officer to stop someone to smell their drink could be the person stumbling or acting in an intoxicated manner.

A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union said it is not a violation of the student's rights if the officer or residential assistant is acting with probable cause.

The question then becomes: Did the student who was stopped acted in an intoxicated manner. I did not think so. I asked another person who was present at the time and he did not think the student was acting in an intoxicated manner either.

Former DPS officer Scott Rouse said residential assistants are not law enforcement officials and do not have to operate under the same code as do DPS officers.

Smelling of cups is not the only thing that is off

limits for DPS officers. Another question that gets raised every semester is whether DPS officers have the right to search a grocery bag to see if it contains alcohol. Lynch said such an action is not permitted without probable cause.

In such a scenario, probable cause is a gray area. If an officer sees the outline of a twelve-pack, is that considered probable cause? Rouse said that alone is not enough.

"It could be a twelve-pack of Coke," he said.

Consider one more scenario. You are in your room and you've got the radio a little too loud. A DPS officer knocks on the door because of a noise violation. Is the officer allowed to come into your room and see if there is any alcohol?

Rouse said no.

Rouse said if the officer saw an alcohol bottle when you opened the door, DPS could then search the room for alcohol because they would have probable cause.

Don't get the wrong idea. I'm not advocating breaking or even bending the rules. However, as students and American citizens living in a democratic society, it is important to know your rights both on campus and in the world.

NORTH POLL

What do you think of having Internet-based classes at NKU?

Jennifer Potter
Secondary Education &
Photography
Erlanger

"There are advantages to having Internet-based classes, but I think the discipline of getting up and going to class pushes me to do better."



Ryan Spangler
Business Management
Burlington

"It would be a class that I would likely sign up for, but never actually attend."



Kara McElwee
BOS
Beechmont

"I think that Internet-based classes would be a great way to attract non-traditional to NKU, and an opportunity for traditional students to work in a few extra classes"



Kathy Hoehn
Business Management
Williamstown

"As a student that commutes I think that Internet-based classes would be a wonderful opportunity. The convenience would be welcome."



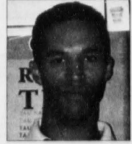
Kyle House
Pre-Med
Covington

"It would definitely be a nice change from the traditional in-class atmosphere that we've always had."



John Reinersman
History Education
Highland Heights

"I think it would be nice not to have to worry about going to class."



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Candidates' staffs view Kentucky as a toss-up

By Bruce Schreiner

Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Republicans and Democrats expect the race between George W. Bush and Al Gore to come down to the pick in Kentucky, which has a history of wicking the winner in presidential elections.

Each side claims the advantage heading into Labor Day, the traditional start of the fall campaign. Party leaders expect both candidates to fight hard for Kentucky, with visits and commercials filling the airwaves.

"It's always close in Kentucky. It's going to be a horse race," said state GOP Chairman Ellen Williams, adding she expects Bush to win.

Bill Lindgren, state AFL-CIO president, said Gore's surge since the Democratic convention had spread to Kentucky, giving him the upper hand.

"People are seeing him through a dif-

ferent set of eyes because of the convention and his performance there," said Lindgren, adding that organized labor is strongly backing Gore in Kentucky.

Kentucky has but eight electoral votes to offer, a fraction of the 270 needed to win the White House. But its location and reputation as a bellwether raises the stakes. Kentucky has chosen the winner in the last nine presidential elections.

"Kentucky in many respects is a microcosm of the United States, the United States, in terms of being partly Northern, partly Southern, partly Midwestern, both urban and rural," said Paul Blanchard, a political science professor at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Blanchard said the contest is close but he gives a slight edge to Bush, the Republican governor from Texas and son of a former president. Blanchard cites a perception that his views are a little more in line with the views of mainstream Kentuckians.

But the election may ultimately hinge

on the candidates' personal qualities, not their stands on the issues, Blanchard said.

Gore, the former senator from Tennessee, needs to convince voters he's more qualified to be president, Blanchard said.

The vice president also needs to reassure Kentuckians of his integrity to offer distaste for the moral lapses of Bill Clinton's presidency, he said. "I think both of those are very doable for him," Blanchard said.

Prominent Republicans and Democrats each claimed their candidate best represents values important to Kentucky voters.

Williams cited Bush's support for a limited federal role in education and letting people invest a portion of payroll taxes in

private retirement accounts rather than having it all go to Social Security.

"That strikes at the notion that people know better, not government," Williams said.

Republican Bob Helmeringer, a longtime state representative, said he thinks Gore has scant support and that people do not like Gore personally. "He's Clinton without the moxy," Helmeringer said.

Williams said Gore is especially vulnerable on tobacco and coal, two signature Kentucky industries that have struggled. The vice president is identified with efforts to regulate nicotine as a drug and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, which come in part from burning coal.

Blanchard said the influence of both tobacco and coal have diminished and not determine the presidential race.

State Democratic Chairwoman Nicki Patton said Gore has the upper hand on a range of issues from taxes to Social Security and Medicare.

Gore's support for a Medicare prescrip-

tion drug benefit, protecting Social Security and targeted tax cuts are aligned with working-class needs, said Patton, the daughter of Gov. Paul Patton.

"I think it's clear that George Bush is fighting for the rich, special interests," she said.

Nicki Patton and Lindgren said they think Gore has pulled ahead in Kentucky. Another prominent Democrat, Terry McBrayer, said he thought Gore was trailing but could erase the deficit once he starts visiting Kentucky.

"We think two or three appearances will catch up to where we need to be," said McBrayer, a Democratic national committeeman.

Gore planned to visit Louisville as part of his Labor Day campaign, marking his first stop in Kentucky since June.

Bush has visited Kentucky five times this year, the latest coming last Thursday when he appeared at a Louisville-area high school.

Bush, Gore to appear on Oprah

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CHICAGO (AP) — Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush has agreed to a live interview with talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, a week after his Democratic rival makes a similar appearance. Bush will appear on the show Sept. 18, Winfrey spokeswoman Audrey Pass said.

Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore will be a guest on the show Sept. 11, which kicks off Winfrey's 15th season. Her talk show announced that Bush would appear on the show just a day after the announcement

about Gore on Thursday. Winfrey's show is popular with women, whose voters he being hotly contested by both campaigns.

The politically oriented interviews with Bush and Gore will mark a departure from common themes of Winfrey's past shows, which have included human interest, book clubs and family issues.

Winfrey has interviewed first ladies Barbara Bush and Hillary Rodham Clinton, the subject matter in those sessions was not political.

Will American children get same from Bush as Texas' kids?



By Forrest Berkshire
Last week in Austin, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice declared that presidential candidate George W. Bush's home state of Texas is not adequately caring for 1.5 million low-income children.

In the ruling Justice stated the state program does not adequately provide for dental care, regular check-ups or information about what services are available to children on Medicaid.

In response to the ruling, Bush offered the excuse that the judge is "an activist, liberal judge."

"But we have a good record signing people up to Medicaid," Bush was quoted as saying in an Associated Press article.

Yet the number of people signed up for the program was not the crux of the ruling. The issue is that the services these children are trying to receive are inadequate.

For six years Bush has sat in the Governor's mansion of Texas, yet this class action suit was filed in 1993, before he was elected. This obvious means the service has been in trouble for his entire term, yet he and his administration have failed to respond.

Yet on his website, georgewebush.com, he actually touts legislation he passed on children's health services, claiming 423,000 children will receive health insurance. Good for him. That means roughly 18 percent of the estimated 1.5 million children without health insurance in Texas will now be signed up.

Now all they have to worry about is decent service. Yet Bush expects Americans to trust him nationally as he talks (very generally) about health care reform.

The issue was raised by his opponent last week on the campaign trail. When Gore pressured him on the issue, Bush responded with an attack at picturing Gore at a Buddhist temple fund raiser. That's right, when pressured for specifics, attack! As if the whole nation does not all ready know about the temple fiasco. The Republicans have driven this so far into the ground I feel like I am watching re-runs of an old sitcom. The Justice Department has reviewed the situation and has not yet taken action, so let's just drop it and get to business.

Let's talk about the approximately 11 million children in this country with no health insurance. Gore has proposed expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program to include all children whose families live at or below 2.5 times the poverty level.

Of course this will cost money and this money will come from the American taxpayer. Gore has called for using the projected budget surplus to shore up such programs as Medicaid and Social Security.

We live in a society, we are all a part of it. It is in the interest of every citizen to help the future of this nation's children. Call it societal duty, call it compassion, call it what you will, the fact remains there are millions of children out there, in the richest country in the world, who can not get decent care for a common ear infection.

We need to stop this selfish focus on tax breaks for the rich and put aside our political differences and realize this is important to all Americans. This issue affects the future physical as well as societal health of our country.

Socialized medicine is not the answer, Bush may have a better option



By Jason Crisler
Production Manager

Imagine a country whose health care system forces hospitals to occasionally turn away ambulances and whose halfway stretcher locations have permanent numbers because of overcrowding.

What if one of these same hospitals made an estimated 20 percent of patients in the midst of a heart attack wait an hour or more for care this past winter? Does this health-care system sound desirable if waiting lists for surgeries can take anywhere from months to five year?

According to Idea House's web site, these atrocities occur, not in a third world country, but in our neighbors to the north, Canada.

Canada's National Post has reported that in Ontario, cancer patients must sign a waiver because they may not survive the wait for treatment.

Canada has a state-run health care system, or socialized medicine, that started in the '70's. It hasn't worked.

In their ever increasing desire to expand government into every corner of our lives, the democrats want to remove our free-market health care system because of the cost to Americans.

I agree everyone should receive medical treatment in this country but socialized medicine isn't the answer.

Besides the fact that this country is based on a free-market system which helps to keep costs down anyway, socialized medicine will lower the quality of care for everyone and make the problem worse.

The National Post Online's Mark Kennedy reported that 58 percent of Canadians think Medicare should only cover core services to take some of the pressure off of the country's struggling health care system. The poll was conducted by the Angus Reid Group.

These are not facts given to us by campaign managers, these are problems reported by Canada's own newspapers. Canada's own people don't like it. Do we want this in America?

Another example of health care reform, reported by Patrick Poole of WorldNetDaily.com, is the federal State Children's Health Insurance Plan, or SCHIP, which was developed by first lady Hillary Clinton.

SCHIP is a program designed to expand health-insurance programs to cover children living in families under 200 percent of the federal poverty limit that didn't meet traditional Medicaid requirements.

It is also endorsed by Vice President Al Gore. On a campaign stop in Cleveland, Ohio he vowed to expand the SCHIP program to ensure an additional 1 million children would be insured at a cost of \$42 billion. That's \$42,000 a child.

Sounds nice doesn't it? It's just a little overpriced though. Children can get insured in the private sector for less than \$1,000," Dr. Jane M. Orient, exhaustive director of

AAPS. AAPS is an organization dedicated to preserving the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship.

Why do the Democrats need another \$41,000.

"Most of the money won't go to to cover uninsured children," Orient told the WorldNetDaily.com.

Where would it be going? Where does more than 40 percent of my hard earned money go? Could it be less if the government wasn't trying to control everything and let democracy and the free market take care of itself.

What does Governor George W. Bush plan to do? Pull the reins back on government control and let states and the private sector control themselves.

Bush's tax cut plan will provide low-income families with additional incentives to work and save more resources to pay their bills.

80 percent of the uninsured are working Americans and their dependents.

Bush wants to provide the uninsured with a refundable credit to purchase health insurance.

He wants to encourage the development of affordable small business health plans. Bush also wants to promote individual choice by permitting employees to rollover flexible savings accounts and by expanding and reforming medical savings accounts.

All of these will cost taxpayers less and keep the sick and injured from piling up in hospitals and suffering more in a government controlled health-care system.

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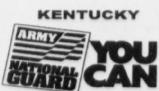


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FreshFusion offers chance to 'get leied'

By Jason R. Cristler
Production Manager

Alloha freshman.

If you are planning on attending Northern Kentucky University's FreshFusion this year, expect to get leied.

This year's theme will be Luau 2000, said Tiffany Mayse, program coordinator of the student life office.

Gemine Brewer, coordinator of new student orientation, said there will be a lei for all the students. Some participants will be in grass skirts and hula dancers will be giving dance instructions.

The decorations are not the only attraction to students, Mayse said. "There will be free picnic food: hot dogs, burgers, chips and coke products."

Mayse also said there will be games.

Psycho Swing is back, where students can don giant inflatable boxing gloves and punch each other. A trampoline will also be available.

Students will also be able to make solid wax molds of their hands.

Events have been scheduled throughout the evening to keep students entertained as well, Mayse said.

At 5 p.m. a special guest celebrity impersonator will perform in Regents Hall. Mayse said the identity of the guest will not be revealed until Thursday's events.

The impersonator does celebrities from the '60s who are well known and have been in the media in the past year, Brewer said.

There will be a '60s tone to NKU's Luau as well.

Mayse said at 7 p.m. a step show performance such as the one performed in Atlanta during the Prokink, prepared by the Black Greek Letter Organization, will occur. Seven different groups will perform.

At 8 p.m. the band Denial will take the stage to jam the night away.

KISS-107 FM will be on air on

site throughout FreshFusion.

Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. the Baptist Student Union will sponsor a children's theater in the University Center's TV lounge. There will be movies and games for the children of faculty and students, Brewer said.

Brewer said events will finish around 10 p.m.

Mayse said she expects more than 1,000 students and faculty to be there and forty University 101 classes will be in attendance. "The program is geared toward freshman," Brewer said. "But there will be an opportunity for all to mingle and have a lot of fun and excitement."

Junior Michelle Fry, student chair of the student life office, said that the event will be a lot of fun. "I missed my FreshFusion," Fry said. "I wish I'd have gone."

FreshFusion 2000 begins at 5 p.m. at NKU Thursday, Sept. 7 in front of the University Plaza.

For more information contact the Student Life Office in the UC 10 or at 572-6514.



Students compete in a past "Psycho Swing" at Fresh Fusion. This year's schedule includes a surprise celebrity impersonator and a step show put on by the Black Greek Letter Organization.

Hoxworth looking for bloodletters at NKU

By Maureen Jacob
Features Editor

They say that you might get wide-eyed, gasp and then shrink back as you see the needle coming towards you. They say that your heart may quicken and you may even get a little queasy at the thought of losing blood.

But donating blood does not always have to be such a harrowing experience.

"Giving blood is not going to put you at risk," said Molly Hainrhar, consultant for the Hoxworth Blood Center for Northern Kentucky University.

NKU, in conjunction with Hoxworth, will be sponsoring a blood drive for all NKU faculty, staff and students Mon., Sept. 14.

Hoxworth is the only blood center that

serves 24 hospitals in the Tri-State area.

"An estimated 350 units of blood are needed on a daily basis," said Hainrhar.

Hainrhar said the constant need for blood donations is because of the increasing number of patients in area hospitals, blood transfusions and trauma patients.

"Usually, any holiday is tough to get units of blood into our center for various reasons such as people being out of town and there

being a tendency to be more accidents, and so forth," said Hainrhar.

However, Hainrhar hopes that after this Labor Day holiday things will be different and more people will be interested in donating.

Certain requirements must be met for those interested in donating blood. Donors must be at least 17-years-old and weigh 100 pounds.

Donors should eat four hours before donation. Some form of identification, such as a driver's license, is also required.

Hainrhar said donors who are on prescription medications should have no problem donating as long as they are not on any anti-blood thinners.

The entire donation process takes no longer

than 30 minutes Hainrhar said.

"First, donors receive information about various infectious diseases such as HIV. Then they fill out a health history form. A nurse then goes over the health history with the donor and answers any related questions," said Hainrhar.

A mini-physical including a temperature, blood pressure and pulse reading, as well as an iron count is then conducted.

Hainrhar says this physical weeds out the potential donors from the rest. Donors concerned with the risks involved in donation need not fret.

"All needles are sterile and there is no way of putting the body in danger," said Hainrhar.

Donors only have a little less than a pint of blood drawn from the elbow region.

All blood is then tested for blood-borne diseases before being shipped out.

The blood is then shipped to either another blood center or to a hospital and is most likely used in the United States.

Donors should allow an eight-week period between every donation to allow the body to regenerate, Hainrhar said.

The Hoxworth blood drive is Mon., Sept. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the University Center's Ballroom on the second floor.

People interested in scheduling an appointment for a donation should contact the Wellness office in the Albright Health Center room 122 by Sept. 7.

Those with questions should call Sue Roth at 572-5684.



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Minor in Entrepreneurship now offered

By Cheryl Ritchie
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University is the first university in the Tri-State area to offer undergraduate students the option to minor in entrepreneurship and offer courses to students wishing to complete an MBA specialization in entrepreneurship.

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creative and innovative and dealing with the fast-paced business world that students operate in today," said Dr. Rebecca White, director of the institute and assistant professor of management at NKU.

White encourages non-business majors to take courses in business so that business majors benefit from the diversity of different perspectives in the classroom.

White said to look for the publication *Entrepreneur Week* in mid- or late October. For further information, contact Dr. Rebecca White at 572-5764 or stop by BEP 224.

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Jayhawks bring 'rock star swagger' to Bogart's

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Roots-rock band The Jayhawks brought beautiful harmonies and jangly pop music to Bogart's in its Friday show. Even more surprising, leader Gary Louris brought some rock star swagger in the door with him.

Louris may best be described as a Buddy Holly look-alike with a bit longer hair. He certainly doesn't have the typical rock star look. But he plays the role well. The crowd,

including myself, enjoyed the show. Louris and The Jayhawks put together. Louris displayed some fine chops on the guitar, carrying extended solos much more than capably and even getting a bit dangerous, leaving the stage and entering the crowd to give fortunate fans in the area an intimate show.

I had seen the band before, at the now-defunct Ripley's Alive in Clifton. The show was in support of the album "Sound of Lies," which came out following the departure of founder and co-singer/songwriter

Mark Olsen. That was a shaky time for the band. They played a great show, but you could sense the vulnerability in the band in its play. The band seemed much tighter this time, cleaner playing from all around, most notably from Louris.

The band's signature harmonies were gorgeous. Louris' high wall meshed completely with the backing vocals of keyboardist Jen Gundersen and drummer Tim O'Regan. Louris also showed how amazing his voice is on backing as well, supporting O'Regan and gui-

tarist Craig Johnson and bassist Marc Perlman on their offerings.

High points in the show were "Settled Down Like Rain," off "Hollywood Town Hall," as well as two of the highlights from the current release, "Smile," in "A Break in the Clouds" and the title track.

The band appears more confident in concert now. With Louris' fine songwriting and ever-improving skills at guitar as a driving force, the band will be giving us tightly crafted pop songs with lush, complex harmonies for some time to come.

Rock legend Neil Young shows maybe it is better to fade away than to burn out

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

As I sit back and ponder music, and the profound influence it has on me, I realize my biography has a definite soundtrack. I think heavily of the effect that Neil Young has on my life, and the fact that he plays many of the selections on my soundtrack. It is a large affect. Deep in the middle of my favorite album, "After the Gold Rush," I cannot help but notice the real, profound effect that he has on me, over all. His music is timeless. His music drives me to great inspiration and zeal in what I do.

"Timeless" is a word that I often use to refer to Young's music. As with the connotation of "great" in sports, it is a term often overused. But I shall not cheapen the word.

It applies here. If you are in doubt, listen to the album "Silver and Gold." This album captures the greatness in its element, as a musical masterpiece.

Lesser critics may dismiss the album as a rip-off, as a repeat of old news. This is the beauty of the album. But don't view it as a rip-off. View it as a reflection of why you came to love the musician in the first place.

These are grounds he has revisited in the past, yes. But these aren't the same grounds that aging rockers such as

Aerosmith and AC/DC have revisited on each and every one of their albums. Neil tends to cut an album of this feeling and then avoids revisiting that feeling until perhaps ten years later.

That timeless feeling came in other albums, yes. "Harvest," "Harvest Moon," "Rust Never Sleeps," and his self-titled album come immediately to mind. But if you look at those albums, you will notice the gap and the explorations Young took in between those albums.

The beauty of "Silver and Gold" is that it does sound like those albums. But is "Silver and Gold" ripping off those albums? I feel it is a chapter in a non-linear novel chronicling the artist's career. Just as the Crazy Horse-backed albums are chapters of a different act in that book, as are the albums with Crosby, Stills and Nash, as are the other ventures with Pearl Jam, and all others that contributed to the breadth of the artist's career.

Categorize him? Good luck. If you have the whole spread of his discography, I dare you to pull three albums at random and they all sound alike. If they do, you won't be hurting.

Rock, Grunge, Folk, Country...who cares.

How many artists can you think of that are in the Rock n'Roll Hall of Fame three different ways? There's a reason for that.

Young surprised me at his Aug. 28 Riverbend concert when he started out with a rock set. I had heard rumors that he was to play an all-acoustic set. When his anthem "Powderfinger" came on the second song, I knew I would get something unexpected. Beginning with a bang, Young proceeded to weave his way through 30-some songs of his musical library.

Young peppered an offering of seven cuts off his new album along with classics such as "Cowgirl in the Sand," "Unknown Legend," and "World on a String."

The set ran roughly 2 1/2 hours and thirty songs, a long show for a 50-something rocker, some would think. But Young is the true legend, giving his fans the same quality show he did on his famed "Rust Never Sleeps" tour. He didn't get to all his great songs, difficult task to do when you consider he has put out more than thirty albums. The average rock concert features the lead act playing around 20-25 songs.

To do what Neil Young has done over the span of his career, so well for so long, is an amazing feat. You can tell he doesn't take seriously the brics of "My My, Hey Hey," one of his more famous songs; "It's better to burn out, than to fade away." Rock n' Roll fans are fortunate that Young did not heed those words as Kurt Cobain did. Young, like Cobain, had so much more to offer.

Pete's Poetry Corner

Reality Sets In

You've come to grips with who you are
Regardless of the miles you've traveled far
You try so hard to distance yourself
Just put your pride back on the shelf
All these experiences you've compiled
Yet the accent is more than mild
Will you ever learn your place
Of where you're from in time and space
And what you are by you will
Till the end you're always still
The same that you have always been
You search for answers, questions win
Don't you dare refuse your past
The time you've spent will always last
It's there more than you'd like to care
Twenty some years can truly wear
Upon your psyche and shapes your being
All the while your will is fleeing
But one day you soon will see
That who you are is just like me

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Struggling now at a loss for words
Fighting not to join the rest of the herd
The cards are stacked, it's easier to cave
But a different stability might I save
The pressure now is certainly intense
If I do leap in will it make sense
Must not forgo the sense of pride
It will be much harder to run and hide
Must I now toe the line
Fuel the fire, I pray it to shine
Expression fades and leaves from sight
Step softly now into the light

By Peter W. Zubaty/
Executive Editor

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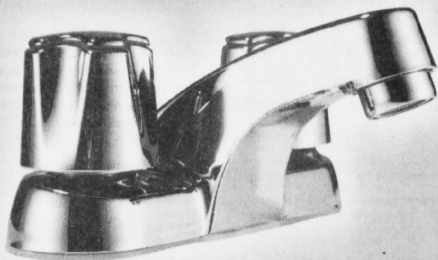
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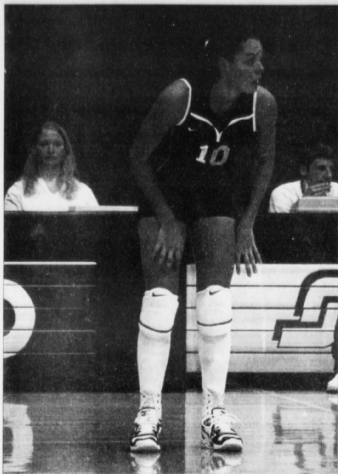


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Volleyball surges to 5-0 with tournament title



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Bethany Gastright played a huge role in the Norse's hot start. She was named to the all-tourney team in a tournament in Michigan this past weekend.

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

By Jason Crisler
Production Manager

The Northern Kentucky University women's volleyball team raised its record to 2-0 with a rousing come from behind victory in their home opener, 9-15, 15-12, 15-12, 18-16, over Georgetown College Tuesday at Regents Hall.

The Norse and the Tigers fought for the upper hand during heated volleys to gain control of the ball and the match. The Norse turned the tide during the second game after an impressive rally which lasted several minutes and resulted in a Norse sidout.

Junior middle hitter Julie Hathorn notched 16 kills, four service aces and six blocks with a .424 hitting percentage. Senior middle hitter Jessica Burkholder had 15 kills and 22 digs with a .302 hitting percentage.

Georgetown finished last season with a 40-5 record and advanced to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Elite Eight. Georgetown's senior outside hitter Noelle Nagelsien helped the Tigers with 20 kills and 31 digs while junior Susan Clements had 25 kills and 25 digs.

In its Friday match versus Northern Michigan at Marquette, Mich., the Norse stayed undefeated, posting a 3-0 record. Berhany Gastright's 33 kills and 15 digs, Gastright's 33 kills tied a Vandam Arena record.

Burkholder added 23 kills and 19 digs to help lead NKU to a first-round victory in the

Ramada Inn Invitational, winning 15-13, 20-18, 6-15, 11-15 and 15-13 in the deciding set to push its record to 3-0.

NKU continued its dominance Saturday in the Ramada Inn Invitational.

The Norse pushed its record to 5-0 by shutting down Cal State-San Bernardino and surviving three close sets against Lock Haven (Pa.).

NKU stumbled out of the gates early against the Coyotes, losing the first set 13-15.

The Norse put the clamps on CSU-SB defensively after that.

The defense surrendered only 14 points combined over the next three sets, 15-1, 15-9 and 15-4.

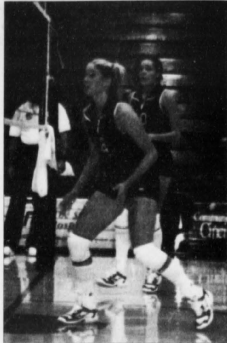
The Bald Eagles of Lock Haven (Pa.), 1999's Atlantic Region Champs, were next in line for the Norse.

LHUP fought the Norse hard for three sets, but couldn't overtake them. NKU won 15-11, 15-11 and 16-14.

Gastright was as unstoppable Saturday as she was Friday. She recorded 30 kills against the Coyotes and 23 more against the Bald Eagles and a total of 86 kills over the two-day tournament.

She was named to the All-Tournament Team along with Burkholder, who smacked 25 kills Saturday.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II Coaches placed NKU 3rd in its Top 25 preseason poll based on the Norse's 33-2 record and advancement to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season. The Norse have maintained the ranking with its 5-0 start.



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Denise Barhurst (front) and Bethany Gastright (back) have contributed to NKU's quick 5-0 start.

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This Week in NKU Sports

Women's Soccer improves to 3-1

Northern Kentucky University's women's soccer team continued its offensive and defensive prowess last weekend.

Spurred by two goals from sophomore Bessie Black, NKU won its opening test in the NKU Soccer Classic Friday night, defeating Nebraska-Omaha 4-0.

Goalkeepers Lauren Piening, junior, and Megan Zalla, freshman, combined to post the bagel, with Zalla saving three shots on goal.

Juniors Jeanna Martin and Betsy Moore scored a goal apiece and junior Tricia Ruark doled out three assists in the win.

Stevenson added another goal and Piening had another shutout on Sunday as the Norse defeated Lincoln Memorial University 2-0 to take the NKU Soccer Classic crown.

The Norse have outscored their opponents 18-4 this season, NKU is ranked fourth nationally in the Division II preseason poll.

Men's X-C places second in Chris Jones Invitational

The Norse cross country squad, paced by four top-ten runs, finished second in Bellarmine's Chris Jones Invitational at Louisville Saturday. Sophomore Ryan Carskadon led NKU, finishing second in the race with a time of 28:02. Carskadon ended up 11.1 seconds off the leader, race winner Alan Tobin of IU-Southeast, who finished with a time of 27:51.

Despite the strong finishes, the Norse were outrun by Bellarmine on its home turf. The Knights won the meet on the strength of four top-ten finishes, with its top five runners placing twelfth or better. Other NKU runners in the top ten included junior Kevin Alessadro, fifth; junior Brian Alessadro, ninth; and freshman Pat Sullivan, tenth.

The Norse's next meet is Sat., Sept. 9 at Hanover.

Men's Soccer continues to struggle

Northern Kentucky University's men's soccer team's anemic offense was unable to put the ball in the net again Saturday versus the University of Findlay in the first round of the NKU Classic. This was the second time in three games the Norse have been shutout.

The Oilers offense was paced by Zach Grieshop and Luis Cortell who scored a goal apiece in the victory.

In Sunday's matchup NKU put points on the board but where unable to stop the 15th-ranked team in the Division II poll, West Virginia Wesleyan College, from doing the same. NKU jumped out to an early 2-0 lead with goals from Mohamed Janah and A.J. Pitzer and entered halftime leading 4-3.

At the 64:05 mark Stephen Hahn scored one of his two goals to bring the Norse lead to 5-3.

WVWC (2-0) kept it close and eventually tied the game at 5-5 on a

goal by Jonathan Atkinson, his second, with five minutes left in regulation.

In the overtime period, Atkinson kicked his third goal to give him a hatrick for the game and win the game for the Bobcats.

Men's Golf places fourth, Women's fifth in Kentucky Wesleyan Invitational

NKU's men shot a 299 Friday at the Summit Country Club in Owensboro to place fourth in the invite. On the par-72 course, the Norse were paced by Brandon Parsons with an even-par 72. He finished fifth individually. Steve Landrum logged a 75 to tie for eighth overall. The Norse finished six strokes back of winner Brescia's 293.

On the women's side, NKU shot a fifth-place 364, 15 strokes off the Ball State's winning 349. Diana Carnacho shot an 85, good enough for sixth place overall. Breanne Hall finished with an 87.

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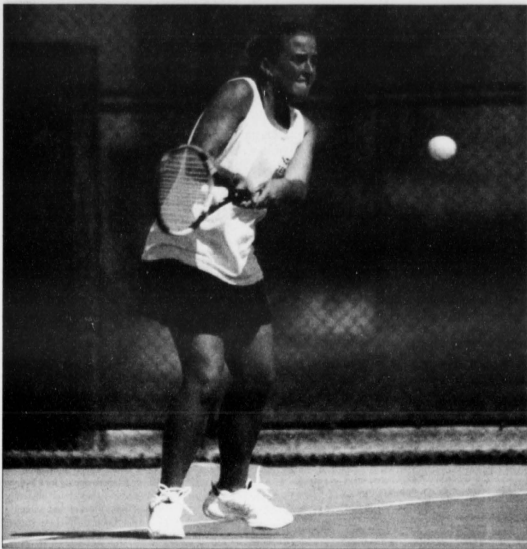
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Entry Deadline: Fri. Sept. 8th for Sunday league
Entry Deadline: Wed. Sept. 20th for Thursday league
Play begins: Sun. Sept. 17th & Thurs. Sept. 28th

WOMEN'S:
Entry Deadline: Wed. Sept. 20th
Play begins: Thurs. Sept. 28th
*** MANDATORY CAPTAINS MEETING!**
MON. SEPT 11TH. 4PM. 4 PM
CO-REC:
Entry Deadline: Fri. Sept. 15th
Play begins: Sun. Sept. 24th

Campus Recreation, AHC 104, 572-5197

Successful debut v/s D-I competition



Junior Jamie O'Hara, NKU's number one singles player, advanced to the first flight final of this past weekend's Eastern Illinois tournament. He teamed with senior Claudia Ruehl to capture first flight doubles.

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

Northern Kentucky University's women's tennis team faced off against players from five Division I schools last weekend in the C. Roger Sorenson Invitational at Eastern Illinois University.

An NKU player or doubles team made the finals of every draw.

Junior Jamie O'Hara lost a close singles match, 2-6, 6-4, 10-6 to Kate Kollarova of Valparaiso University in the first flight singles final.

O'Hara got her revenge on Kollarova when she teamed up with senior Claudia Ruehl to defeat Kollarova and her partner Mara Senkin 8-5 in the first flight doubles final.

In the second flight singles final junior Amity Chapman lost to EIU's Becky Brunner in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

Junior Christina Dausch was forced to withdraw from her final match in the third flight singles with an injury.

NKU's double team of Elizabeth Brunsman and Lauren Spears fell to EIU's Becky Brunner and Amber Lentfer 8-5 in the second flight doubles final.

Chapman and Dausch also lost in the finals of the third flight doubles to Southeast Missouri State's team of Andrea Aldana and Ehlie.

Other schools that participated in the event were Bradley University and the University of Dayton.

Baseball needs clue, not more runs



Peter W. Zubaty

Baseball used to be what it was all about. There was a time when other sports were great, but baseball was what really turned the wheels and inspired the passion.

Perhaps as tragic as anything is baseball's futile attempt to reach out and touch the flighty TV audience. I never had any weird disillusionments about pro sports when I was younger. I remember how big of a deal it was when Dave Winfield signed that \$23 million contract over 10 years, how a contract of that sort was absolutely unheard of at that time. Paltry sum by today's comparison.

With that kind of money flying around, baseball feels it necessary to abandon the qualities that cause luminaries such as George Will and Bob Costas to wax so nostalgic over it. Baseball grew up as an intimate game. It was not "made for TV" in the fashion that pro football and basketball have owed most of their popularity to the small screen. Baseball has thrived on its fans being able to get to know their favorite player's faces, and the only real way to do this is to go to the park; at least, that's the way it used to be.

Admittedly, baseball always lost something in the translation between live to TV. Let's face it, it's boring unless you are there in person. Part of what makes it boring is how long it takes. The average game takes well more than three hours to complete.

So what do the powers that be in baseball do? They try to liven the game up. But in their infinite wisdom, Commissioner Bud Selig and his group of merry owners go about it the wrong way.

In the last ten years, four new teams began play in the major leagues. The first reaction for a baseball fan may be, "Wow, that's four new teams and that many more games. Isn't it great to see baseball doing so well?"

A short-sighted view, at best.

The fact is, throwing a baseball over a plate is one of the hardest thing in the sports world to do. I am led to believe the powers-that-be think it is as easy as pie. Major league staffs generally carry 10-11 pitchers on a staff. Those guys have to come from somewhere. For each team that was added, 10-11 woefully unprepared pitchers are ushered out to the hill to test their mettle versus Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Ken Griffey, Jr.

Not taking anything away from McGwire's fantastic accomplishment of 70 home runs, but if I remember the statistic correctly, 75% of his shots came at the expense of the number 4 or 5 spot in the pitching rotation or middle relievers. Those pitchers are the ones who would still be in the minor leagues had the extra teams not entered the league.

The thin pitching in the major leagues has been one of the biggest factors to sour me on baseball in the last few years.

My last year of serious fandom was '95, the year of the strike. I had grown apathetic over the years, as money concerns ravaged once proud and competitive teams such as the Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

But the final straw, without a doubt, was the premature ending of the season in this, the year of the best chance for my favorite player, Don Mattingly. Donny Baseball, to get to the postseason. Donny Baseball stuck to his word and retired at the end of the year, and I have stuck to my word and have not given the greedy little money-grubbing entity that is Major League Baseball a dime of my money since. I will continue to voice my displeasure by withholding my money. That is all they really want, not true fans.

Instead of speeding the game up in the logical way, that is, making it more favorable for pitchers by calling a larger strike zone, the game now more closely resembles little league walk-fests and football games in its scores. Diluted pitching quality, favorable strike zones and parks for the hitters, and abandoning of exciting strategy such as the steal, bunt or hit-and-run make the current "newfangled" version of baseball pale in comparison to the version I grew up with in the '70s and '80s. I can't imagine how fans from the glory days of the '40s, '50s and '60s can even bother to watch.

New coach from NKU family

By Bruce Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University athletic program has a new baseball coach to replace long-time coach BillAKER. Todd Asalon, who has been the head baseball coach of Thomas More College the last six years, began his tenure on Aug. 1.

Asalon has very strong ties to NKU baseball. He played catcher for the Norse from 1980-83, earning All-Region honors in 1981, and was an assistant coach for the team from 1991-94. "He is from the Greater Cincinnati area and is an NKU graduate," said NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier. "He is well-respected in the baseball community."

Asalon also did well as coach at Thomas More. He led his team to a school record 32 victories this past season and took Thomas More to its first ever Division III Tournament appearance. Asalon won 144 games as head coach of the team over his six year reign. "He is a very successful baseball coach," Meier said. "He did a lot at Thomas More. He went to the NCAA Region last spring."

Meier said Asalon is a hard

worker and can help the NKU baseball program out a lot. "He has a great knowledge of the game," she said. "He wants to be successful."

Overall, Asalon wants to help the students out as much as possible. He believes in the student-athlete. He wants the students to play baseball and also get an education. Asalon likes to organize fundraisers too, said Meier.



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The Northerner Athletes of the Week

Photos by Rachel Dietz



Left: Bethany Gastright, an outside hitter, was named to the Ramada Invitational All-Tournament Team this weekend with 86 kills. She was named GLVC player of the week. Right: Mohamed Janah, a sophomore midfielder, led NKU with a goal and an assist in a close game against West Virginia Wesleyan College Sunday. NKU lost in overtime, 6-5.



SOFTBALL
Men's & Co-Rec Leagues
Entry Deadline: Thurs. Sept. 7th
Play Begins: Thurs. Sept. 14th
MANDATORY CAPTAINS MEETING:
THURS. SEPT. 7TH, 4 P.M., AHC
Campus Recreation, AHC 104, 572-5197



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REGISTRATION BEGINS: Thurs. Aug. 24th
CLASSES BEGIN: Mon. Aug. 28th
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By C.C. Clark • eTVData Features Syndicate

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
A romantic relationship takes a strange but possibly fun turn. Think about trying a new sport or activity to get you moving.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Take a few moments to enjoy the good things in life. We all need a few quiet minutes to ourselves now and then.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
It's a good thing you are so adaptable. Your talent for going with the flow will come in handy. You'll come out on top eventually.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
It's important to get as much rest as you can and give your body time to recharge. Put the partying aside for now.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
You may have to do a little creative scheduling to get all your activities in. Make a list of priorities and follow it carefully.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
Show someone else how fun-loving and care-free you can be. Once you get your creative juices going, there's no telling what you can do.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
If you have been ignoring your friends, make a point of trying to get them all together for a little fun and frivolity.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Be sensitive to the needs of others, but not to the detriment of your own well-being. Stick to healthy eating and skip the latest diet fad.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
If you haven't been feeling like you're up to par, you may want to get checked out by a physician. Make sure you mention any nagging health concerns.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
There's nothing wrong with taking a few days off. Wash your mind out with a hot bath and don't make any drastic life changes.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It's important to set personal goals for yourself at home and work. Follow your heart where a relationship is concerned.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Put your mind at ease by taking care of all the little things you've been putting off. You'll feel ready to take on the world.

Born this week:

Sept. 3 - Ellen Brennan
Sept. 4 - Rosie Perez
Sept. 5 - William Devane,
Bob Newhart

Sept. 6 - Jane Curtin
Sept. 7 - Corbin Bernsen
Sept. 8 - Sid Caesar
Sept. 9 - Michael Keaton

Northern Kentucky-based five day residential group home for teenage boys offers two part-time positions. Positions designed to support and assist live-in Cottage Managers in running residential cottages. Position requires interaction with and supervision of at-risk youth. Hours are Monday through Thursday (Fri.-Sun. off) from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Degree in social service-related field preferred, but experience in youth work is required. Will train the right college student studying in the field.

Send Resumes to:
Director of Residential Services
Campbell Lodge Boys' Home
150 Skyline Drive
Cold Spring, KY 41076

The NKU Basketball Team is selling championship T-shirts to fund its summer 2001 European Tour. T-shirts are \$10.00 each. ALL proceeds go to the funding of this trip. Please support your national championship team and look COOL at the same time. Call Brian at 572-6538 to get a shirt of for more information.

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WHOPPER: new fast-food

options, allow us to offer transferability to our resident students at breakfast, lunch and dinner.
This option would have never been financially feasible with McDonalds," Ramey said.
When asked what she thought of the new restaurants, returning freshman Missy Johnson said, "I like the new restaurants. They are much better than McDonalds; they have a larger variety and serve better food. There just wasn't enough choice before."
At least one student, however, disagrees. Kenneth Phelps, a junior international studies major, said, "The

selection is limited, overpriced and the space is poorly organized."
When asked why SGA did not poll students on their preferences during the decision to replace McDonalds, Clark and SGA Vice President of Public Relations Jennifer Surskalski did not elaborate.
"It was my understanding that the proposal was approved unanimously by student government. I am not sure what student involvement student government solicited," Ramey said.
"We solicited Student Government's input, as they represent the voice of the students on campus,"

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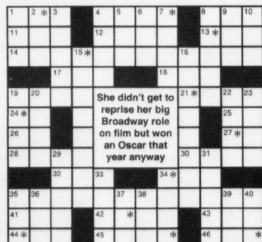
READING: making a difference

working with first grade students. "I help them recognize letters and words to make them able to read."
Like Lee, Roeder has also made a difference in her students' lives. "One kid I remember last semester would never want to learn and he barely knew his letters and their sounds," she said. "With me working with him, he showed so much improvement in his teachers that they changed their minds about holding him back and passed him."
Requirements for joining the program include having federal student status.
Only students who are eligible for financial aid may sign up for a Federal Work-Study. To apply for eligibility, students must fill out and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, Lucas 416.

ALARMS: Computer problems

Vance said most of the recent fire alarms have been a combination of planned fire drills (required by state law) and pulled fire boxes.
Vance said there is a panel located in Norse Commons that will immediately make them aware if there is a trouble alarm. Vance said there is a trouble alarm that will sound "if there is anything anywhere."
"It doesn't necessarily mean a fire," she said. Vance said when this panel is tripped, an electrician comes out and resets it.

-TV-CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS
1. Role on JAG
 4. ... City
 7. Uncle to millions
 11. Number of seasons for *My Mother, the Carl*
 13. Jolie Gabor's youngest
 14. Actor on 4 Across (2)
 17. Bird sound
 18. Mr. Erwin
 19. Chicken
 21. Agile
 24. Malcolm ... the Middle
 25. Initials for Mr. Albert
 26. Khrushchev's initials
 27. I ... the Cheese; '83
 28. Sandwich choice
 30. Ailey and others
 32. Boatman's item
 34. Middle of the baseball season; 40
 35. See 34 Down
 41. One of Wyman's sailing companions
 42. Mr. Estrada
 43. Grand ... Cry
 44. A ... White Season; '89
 45. Francis for one
 46. I ... What You Did; '65
- DOWN
1. Jazz style
 2. Actress O'Connor
 3. Playing card
 4. Role on *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*
 5. Open sponsor, familiarly
 6. Apr. addressee

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AIRQUALITY: residents in dorms sick

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clean. However, there was a foreign matter in the A/C units of some apartments that appeared to be mold and mildew.
Steve Vesper, a research scientist with the Biocritical Research Branch of the Environmental Protection Agency, said that this foreign matter would need to be scientifically tested to make a definite conclusion that it is mold.
Vesper said there are a lot of scientific studies in the U.S. and the world that associate these symptoms with indoor mold count.
Bernadette Davall, another sick student, said the illness affected her academically as well as physically.
"I had headache and nausea. I couldn't concentrate in class," she said.
Commonwealth resident Kim Precht said she was sick but she has since recovered.
"I went home for the weekend. I didn't have to smell it and I got better," she said.
Residential Life is not convinced that the reason for these sudden illnesses has anything to do with indoor air quality.
Julie Bridewell, Budget/Facility Specialist at Residential Life, said the university uses triple-paneled filters in all the air-conditioning units.
"I'm not gonna say its definitely not [the mold]," she said.
NKU nurse Michelle Kay said she has not seen any more patients with these symptoms than is normal for this time of the year.
Kay also said the outdoor mold count could be a contributing factor. According to The National Weather Service, the outdoor mold count is extremely high.