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Residential housing reaches record capacity

Some students remain on waiting lists, while priority is assigned by earned credit hours and grade point averages

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By Dan Mecher
News Editor

An enrollment surge in residential students at Northern Kentucky University packed the dorms this semester, leaving some late applicants waiting for last minute vacancies.

This fall, 976 students will occupy campus residence halls, increasing last year's number by 70.

"It appears that more students coming to NKU are wanting the traditional on-campus living experience than in previous years," said Patty Hayden, director of residential life.

"NKU has a much wider variety of room and apartment styles than other Kentucky regional institutions, which also might be having an impact on occupancy."

Hayden said applications were still coming in as of Aug. 18. These late housing requests were placed on a waiting list and have been accommodated as cancellations continue to occur. Most students on the list reside in communities near NKU, however, Hayden said commuting will be feasible for

these students if housing openings are not found.

Despite the accumulation of the waiting list, Residential Life has not filled the campus total housing capacity of 997. Hayden said some of the students who were promised single rooms by the university were issued larger accommodations when all the single rooms became filled. Using double rooms as private spaces has left about 20 beds unused.

The Housing Assignment Priority Statement for fall 2000 specified that only 25 returning residents who had a private room during the previous spring semester were to be re-assigned a private space for the fall.

Top priority was given to students with the highest number of accumulated credit hours and highest GPA.

Housing records show that most residential students are from Kentucky and Ohio, but there are a number of students traveling from across the country and across the globe.

"We try to make arrangements for students who are coming from long distances, who will not be able to attend the college without housing," Hayden said.

Hayden added that renovations that are planned for this December



The weekend before classes a record number of residents moved into the dorms. Some students still remain on a waiting list, and Patty Hayden, director of residential life, said that applications were still coming in as of Aug. 18.

have not yet had any effect on the housing assignments, but future impacts are unclear.

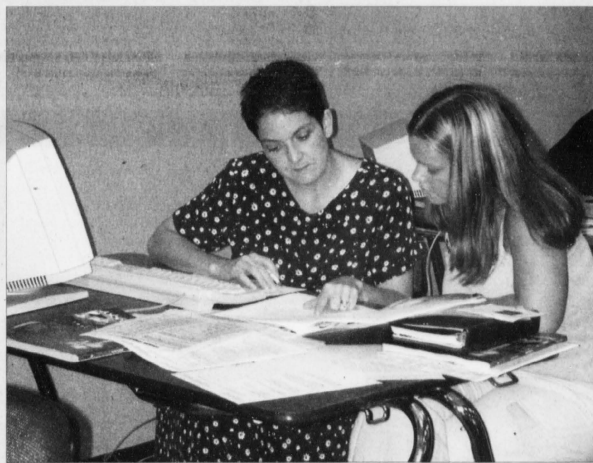
"At this time we are unsure how

the renovations will affect accommodating residents."

Although the residence halls are currently full, the Master Plan for

the university does include eventual additional housing, according to Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh.

School Daze



An incoming freshman receives advice from a counselor at transitions. Northern Kentucky University will see almost a four percent increase in the number of first-time freshmen this year, said university officials.

Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

SGA working to improve quality of student life

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

Students should start noticing some changes around Northern Kentucky University's campus if student government achieves all of its goals.

"We took issues from both the past and present," Student Government Association President Clara Clark said.

At their annual student government retreat she said they identified some issues they wanted to concentrate on, some of them short term and others that may take more time.

Extending the hours that Steeple Library remains open is one issue she has assigned a high priority.

"People's biggest concern seems to be Sunday nights," Clark said.

She said that SGA has already been working on this, but that because of the budget process, the library has already allotted for only their usual hours this semester. At present the library closes at six p.m. on Sundays.

"We are hoping all of this can be implemented by the spring semester," Clark said.

Another goal SGA has targeted is on-line syllabi.

"It's definitely a resource that students need," Clark said.

The goal is to have professors post their syllabi before students schedule classes to help them decide which classes to take.

"It is very possible to do," she said, from a technology perspective. However, she said that it is still up to the faculty, and if they are willing to do it.

She said that the Advising Resource Center has a place on its website now for syllabi, but only five or six professors have posted copies. Clark said it is voluntary now, but that she would like to see it mandatory by next fall.

NKU is also working on a partnership with Southbank, the organization that has been involved with the development along the river in Newport and Covington. Talks are in progress on providing a shuttle service for students from NKU to the river and downtown Cincinnati.

She said the original idea was to provide transportation to "cultural events," but that has been expanded. She said they are also considering providing transportation to some of the entertainment districts that are popular in the evenings, such as the nightclub Cicero's in Newport.

Clark said, "There are students in the dorms that don't have cars that need to get vital

Landrum receives new floor and facelift

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Portable restrooms, heavy machinery, and piles of rubble decorated Northern Kentucky University all summer long, as construction crews gave the Landrum Academic Center first floor an extensive facelift.

Aug. 15, Turner Special Projects Division Contractors completed a three-month procedure to replace the Landrum building's ground floor slab, fixing a problem that had been developing for 20 years.

"The floor was in bad shape. It wasn't getting any better," Tim Helmes, the project engineer, said. "Water between the ground and the deck was causing the slab to heave,

or bubble up." The heaving, Helmes said, resulted in the floor cracking and shifting.

The problem was fixed by installing grade beams for additional support and by digging another two feet of space between the new slab and the ground. Helmes said the extra 24 inches gives the earth plenty of room to move without causing any structural damage.

During the construction, Landrum looked like something out of a Bob Vila nightmare. The lawn in front of the building had been torn up. Plastic tarps covered the wing's exterior because the surrounding walls and ceiling needed to be removed in the process. The interior of the wing was shut off from the view of passersby.

"It was a complicated project," Helmes

continued. "It was also a unique job because of the radio station upstairs. Any time we needed a power shutdown, WNKU's power needed to be maintained."

Helmes said that the staff at WNKU was very responsive to the construction crew, and good to work with.

Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh considered the whole project extreme, but necessary. "All the other solutions had failed, so we had to do something this drastic," Schuh said the costs came out to be \$747,000.

The total cost included new furniture. Part of the renovations included the redesigning of the Journalism Computer

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SGA: improving campus life

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things such as trips to the grocery and other errands. But she pointed out that the service would be available for any NKU student.

She said the service would probably cost between fifty cents to a dollar, but they had not set a price yet.

Clark also said that the new outdoor recreation center is in the planning stages and that they hope

to have it ready by next August.

She said that SGA will try to reach more of the students this year in order to identify what else can be done to improve the quality of life on campus.

One thing they are starting this year is holding focus groups each month with different students.

She said that many times the students that are most actively

involved in student organizations have the most input.

"We need to hit the people who drive here and back every day," she said. She said she is going to try "as random a process as possible" to find students to participate in these focus groups, even if it means just opening the student directory and calling random names.

FACELIFT: Landrum gets a makeover

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Lab. The journalism department worked together to come up with the new layout.

Lab coordinator Dr. Brad Scharlott is very happy with the design. "It's a dandy arrangement," he said. "Ten computer tables line three of the walls to make an outer

'U,' which will be used for computer exercises." Scharlott said the arrangement allows the teacher to see what students are doing on the computers at all times, an idea which the journalism faculty agreed upon.

During lecture, students will sit at

additional tables arranged in the center of the room. "Each student will end up having two seats," Scharlott continued. "One for lecture, and one for computer work."

Scharlott said new computer equipment can be expected within the not-too-distant future.

D.P.S. REPORTS

DPS responded to the University Center ground floor, in front of the women's restroom, to meet with the custodial supervisor. She stated that someone had broken into the tampon machine and took 18 tampons. No money was taken. Observing the machine, there was tool marks around where the lock was, as if to be pried open.

A DPS officer observed a black Nissan passenger car driving in circles in Lot F for an hour. Officer Lynch was assisted to stop to see if the driver had a valid operators license. The driver advised she was learning how to drive a standard shift vehicle. The driver's

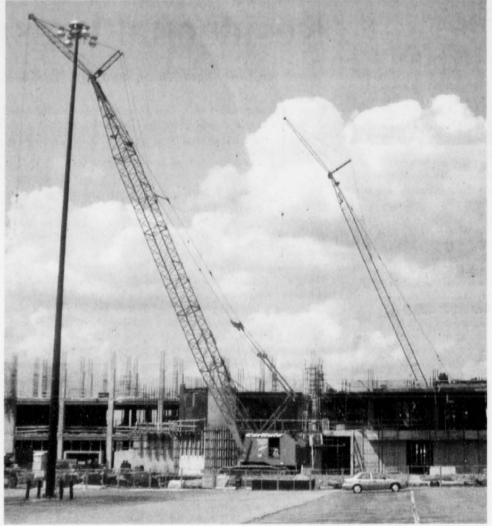
license was valid and she provided proof of insurance and valid registration. The officer advised her that there were several hit and run accidents in the area. The driver was told that she could keep practicing providing she keep safe distance away from other vehicles.

Officer responded to a call to Oak Apartments regarding a complaint of two subjects arguing. When he arrived on Campbell Drive he observed someone running a stop sign.

He stopped the driver. The stated that he left the Oak Apartments after arguing with his girlfriend. He included there was a party last night and he saw his girlfriend kissing on another girl. When both parties got together at the Oak apartments they started arguing. There was a meeting at Norse Hall, she stated that she was trying to break up with him and she was arguing with him for lying about her.

A DPS officer responded to a call over at the Hall Lobby. The report read, "Subject exposed himself. Subject fled the scene. No description available. Left area in a green Ford Probe."

Three floors down, one to go



By Dan Mecher
News Editor

In addition to Landrum renovations, construction on the new Natural Science Building also continued over the summer. Last week, the Monarch Construction Company crew could be seen pouring cement for the structure's third floor.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning, said the work is going as planned. "They've been pouring walls, floors, and columns and have begun installing electrical wiring where possible."

Schuh also said that the extension of the underground tunnel from Landrum to the new building is 80 percent complete. This tunnel will provide a channel for supplies arriving at the Central Distribution loading dock to be delivered to the Science Building.

At \$38 million, the project is the largest and most expensive structural undertaking in campus history. When finished, the Science Building will gross 172,000 square feet, with four floors and a rooftop penthouse area. Completion is scheduled for Spring 2002.

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Sympathy? For me? Please?????

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

I have been living on campus since I transferred to Northern Kentucky University in fall of 1998. Most of that time has been a pleasant experience, but this summer was anything but pleasant.

I found out shortly before the end of the spring semester that even though I was taking classes all summer, I was forced to move out and move to another room. The reason I had to leave the room I had lived in and was already registered to live in this fall was because they were going to house high school students here for the Governor's Scholars Program in that room. Even though this was inconvenient, I was understanding and moved my stuff out.

My first real gripe came just after I moved out. I was going to stay for a week before the summer term started, but my roommate, an international student, was planning on staying there.

Since there was no phone left in the room, I knocked on the door to give it to him but he was not home. I went to the Norse Commons desk, and asked to be let into the room so I could hook the phone up for him, but they would not do that. Resident Manager Candia Brodt told me that probably would not be a good idea.

Nevertheless, I gave the phone to Brodt and my roommate received it. However, it upset me that they would not let me enter the room I had occupied for almost the last two semesters. It was under the impression that the Residential Life staff understood I was a trustworthy individual, but I guess I was wrong.

About a week later, I checked into my summer room assignment. I was appalled when I walked into the room. It was the dirtiest and most unsanitary room I had ever seen. The conditions were close to unlivable.

The floors were covered with garbage, paper, and used Q-Tips. In addition, at least two light bulbs were blown and the counters and floors were dirty and covered with other grime.

At this time, I had a truckload of stuff including clothes, appliances, and many other things; much of which I had already taken into the room.

I saw Hall Director Jerry Wallace and told him about the condition of the room and asked him if the room could be cleaned. He told me that Physical Plant was not permitted to

clean the room unless all my stuff was removed.

I considered my options and decided it would be much less hassle if I simply cleaned the room myself. After many hours of cleaning and sanitizing, the room finally met my standards of living.

Everything went fairly smooth for about a month. One day I used the toilet and flushed and nothing happened.

It was very inconvenient, to say the least, because we had to go to Norse Commons every time we had to use the bathroom.

I awoke at 4:33 a.m. the next morning feeling the call of nature. I realized that the Norse Commons was locked between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m.

I took a walk across campus in search of a restroom. Luckily, the entrance was unlocked and I was able to make use of the restroom there.

Our toilet was finally fixed later that day after my roommates and I had complained a total of five times.

Probably one of the biggest inconveniences of the summer was having no air conditioning.

This was due to a problem with the air conditioning unit and could not be prevented.

It got to the point where the heat was making me physically sick. I was seen during this time at the Student Health Office in the university center. From the symptoms I described, they believed I was suffering from heat exhaustion. They told me to make sure I drank a lot of liquids so I would not get dehydrated.

Residential Life was kind and generous enough to give me an apartment in Woodcrest until the air conditioning was working again.

I spoke with Dean of Students Bill Lamb and told him I felt that we should receive a partial refund of my room and board because of the lack of air conditioning.

Lamb showed me a copy of Residential Life Terms and Conditions which clearly state that Residential Life is not responsible for any lapses of air or heat.

Residential Life gave all residents who did not have air a certificate good for one meal at the Norse Commons Dining Hall for any inconvenience they may have experienced.

I understand that problems arise and I do not hold Residential Life at all responsible for these problems. However, I do wish that Residential Life could be more understanding and sympathetic.



Metallica's fight against Napster defies any and all logic

By Joe Congleton
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — How many of you guys like music? How many of you like free music? Anything free is good, right? When one attaches the word "free" to anything, it all of a sudden becomes remarkably valuable to poor college students (you'll notice that as time goes along if you're anything like me).

How many of you were small children, bullied by the largest kid on the playground? How many of you guys lost your swing or your lunch money to that big guy who sat behind you in fourth grade?

I'm sure more of you had that experience than care to admit it. Imagine you are a small company that distributes its software completely free of charge. Imagine there is a bully present, not just some corporate bully who wants to take money from you; that's capitalism. Imagine this bully wants you dead, wants you completely gone from this Earth. If you envisioned it correctly, you have a very close-to-home situation, don't you?

For those of you out there who don't get the parallel, the situation is one that has been plastered across news headlines for several months now. If you've been living in a cave, Metallica, one of the most influential groups of the last two decades, is suing a small company called Napster.

Napster is computer software that allows the exchange of music via the Internet. It works simply: You log on, and you download music, some of which is copyrighted, some of which is not. Legally, you have the right to do this, as long as you delete the music file from your computer within 24 hours. The problem is, most people don't.

But what's the problem with that? Most people use Napster music files on

a trial basis, exactly what they're meant to be used for. If they like the files they download, they buy the CD they come from. Many songs are hard to find on Napster; you have to buy the CD that they come from in order to find them.

How many of you out there have ever copied a friend's CD onto a tape? I know most of you have. I have. There's no problem with that. It seems to me that it's the same principle. That's copyright infringement, and what is Metallica suing Napster over? Copyright infringement.

Metallica, as a band, has been getting progressively worse over the last five years. Their last two albums have been widely regarded as horrible, and they are looking for an outlet, some way to make themselves known again. They are the playground bullies that cry when you punch them for the first time. They want your money, and even though they'll probably get it if you like what they download, they want exposure. That's what this entire lawsuit is about. Exposure. Metallica is looking for an outlet to get their name out again, and Napster provided a wonderful excuse to do so.

What Metallica doesn't realize is they are providing themselves negative exposure. By taking Napster away from the general public, their lawsuit has caused many people, including myself, to pledge never to buy a Metallica album again.

Many bands have embraced the new MP3 revolution, bands such as They Might Be Giants, whose last albums have been completely MP3 format. Metallica can't seem to do this. They are stuck in the past, in the era of CDs and tapes, and cannot see that a new revolution is taking place.

The university has taken away our access to Napster, and it's time we told them exactly what we think about it. It all boils down to this: The bully won. Is that what really needs to happen?

NORTH POLL

What advice would you give incoming freshmen and why?

Joe Crace
Covington

"Make friends with your professors! We have some of the best."



Steve Bova
Radio-Television
Villa Hills

"Never trust your so-called adviser. Always know what requirements are needed in order for you to graduate."

Alan Smith
Finance
Independence

"Don't get a job yet. Enjoy life, then work."



Cindy Felson
Journalism
Highland Heights

"Out of sight, out of mind. NKU is a very small campus with a lot of gossip people, so the less people you see the less they'll have to say about you."

Jennifer Davis
Art
Walton

"Take all your general studies classes ahead of time so you don't have to worry about those when you graduate."



Amy Kiger
Psychology
Fr. Thomas

"Try to meet as many people as possible right away and don't rely on a certain group of people or click as our only friends."

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From banks of the Muddy Mississippi Gore promises to fight for clean water

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BELLEVUE, Iowa (AP) — His borrowed campaign boat sandwiched by the lush greenery of the Mississippi riverbanks, Al Gore told rural Iowans Saturday that he's the one who will fight for the environment, not Republican rival George W. Bush.

"Clean air and clean water are good for our families, good for our future and I'll fight for it. The other side gives in to the poll polluters," said the Democratic presidential nominee.

Gore, on Day Two of his of his four-day, 400-mile excursion down the storied river, passed the hours around the paddle-wheeler "Mark Twain" with card game hijinks and birthday festivities for wife Tipper, who turned 52.

At each stop there were dockside rallies. Before showing off in Dubuque, Gore told a crowd of some 2,000 enthusiasts that Bush, the Texas governor, had proven by his record that he is not an environmentalist.

"When we reflect on the importance of clean water and clean air, I reflect on the battles that are necessary in order to keep it that way,"

said Gore, in a voice husky with overuse and fatigue.

"My opponent does not reflect that commitment in what's going on in his home state."

Gore also suggested that Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, both former oil company executives, would not "be selling to stand up to the oil companies and the big polluters."

Houston was crowned the nation's smog capital in 1999, and Texas led the nation in toxic emission between 1995, after Bush was inaugurated, and 1998.

It appears that Al Gore is drifting off course when it comes to the facts about Governor Bush and the environment, Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett said.

While Texas annually has more toxic releases from industry than any other states because of its high concentration of petrochemical plants, Bartlett said the state also has led the nation in reductions in such emissions.

The state cut emission by 43 million pounds from 1995 to 1998, according to the

Environmental Protection Agency, or about 14 percent compared to 5.3 percent nationally. Still, 23 states had better performance than Texas on a percentage basis.

Gore has tried to use his slowly snaking riverboat trip through Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri as a way to build momentum bursting out of his nominating convention. Aides maintain it's working. His small-town crowds have been large and enthusiastic. Media attention has been heavy.

In Bellevue, better than half of the town's 2,485 residents turned out for a dinnerette rally. I feel a lot of enthusiasm in the crowds," he said in a radio interview with CBS News. "That's fun. It feels real good."

Hardly coding the region, Bush was planning his own campaign swing through Iowa on Monday.

Gore got good news from a Newsweek poll out Saturday that showed him leading Bush 48 percent to 42 percent among registered voters with a 4 percentage point error margin. An earlier poll of likely voters gave Bush an edge.

When told of the Newsweek poll, Gore joked: "I'm beginning to think that polls have a little more relevance as we get closer to the election." But he quickly added: "I think there's too much attention paid to polls. ... They go up and down and sideways."

Despite more than two weeks of nonstop campaigning, Gore appeared energetic and frisky. Told that reporters in the lower deck were playing a dice game for a pile of dollar bills, Gore popped down and pretended to be shocked.

"Do you see what they're doing on your boat?" he asked Sandy Terry, the captain's wife.

"This is not a casino boat," she replied a bit

nervously.

"It is now," Gore laughed.

He and Mrs. Gore had a private dinner party on the upper deck. The night's final stop, in Clinton, was designated a birthday party for Mrs. Gore.

Gore's route was taking him past the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois, where thousands of workers have lost their jobs because of defense cuts.

The Bush campaign trotted out Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who blamed the Clinton-Gore administration for the job losses.

The arsenal is one of only two remaining Army weapons factories in the country. The arsenal layoffs have been blamed on decisions by the Pentagon to use more private contractors because of budget cuts.

Grassley called on Gore to stop at the arsenal and pledge to protect its 1,200 current jobs. But there are no plans for such a visit. Instead, Gore kept to his environment message.

A Letter from the Editor: The issues affect you too

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief



I would like to take a moment here and explain what it is we at *The Northerner* are trying to do here, and why.

The nation is entering an important time, with each week becoming more important than the last, until finally culminates in November with the election of the next President of the United States.

It is a proven fact that voter participation among college students is abysmally low, even compared to the national average, which is around 43 percent.

Yes, 43 percent of the population is making the decisions about who runs our government.

As an individual I am interested in politics. Yet from my attempts to speak to other people my age about our government I realize that I am in the minority.

Many social commentators that I have read and heard have simply chafed at our generation's lack of interest to apathy. They have coined us "Generation X" because the older generation finds it impossible to comprehend us. Many of them grew up during the turbulent sixties, when politics were simpler and polarized around concrete and ideological issues, such as the war in Vietnam or the Equal Rights movement. Their world was smaller and simpler, and it was easy for them to latch onto an ideology and "become radical" about it.

Our generation does not live in such simple times. The world is much more complex. We do not have an issue that affects us in such a personal matter as the draft did in the sixties.

But this does not mean that politics and the people running this country do not affect us. The most common response I get from people is that it doesn't matter who they vote for; they are all the same.

Nothing can be further from the truth.

There are significant differences between the two candidates this year. The problem is that they are not so black and white. We live in an age where we should be able to realize this. Never before have so many resources been available for the voter to find out about their elected officials.

We have 24 hour news channels, C-SPAN, and the most revolutionary change from decades past, the Internet.

The information is out there, all you have to do is look for it. This next election will affect you. The next president of the United States has the potential to appoint four Supreme Court Justices. This will affect you by affecting the laws by which we are governed. Is there a single person out there reading this that the law does not affect in some manner?

In the coming months I intend to share what information is out there, both news and opinion. I will be honest, I am a Democrat, through and through, and I plan on letting my opinion be known through my columns.

But for democracy to work, there must be a sharing of ideas, and I invite anyone who wishes to contribute in an intelligent and responsible manner to do so.

So there is your invitation. I hope to show our student population how this will affect them. This election is really about the issues, and their specifics. Yet much of the attention has been focused on the candidates' personalities. I personally find this insulting to the voting population, that they (and I mean both sides, Republican and Democrat) would rather try to win a popularity contest than a contest rooted on the issues.

So I hope that with your help and feedback we can identify what this Presidential race is about, what it means to us, so that we can all make an informed decision when we step into that curtained booth come November.

Differences in parties are 'in the fine print'

August 19, 2000

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cynical slogan is a perennial favorite for political protesters: "Democrats and Republicans, two parties that look, sound and act alike."

The message may have garnered a few chuckles from Pennsylvania delegates passing near demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, but it's a sentiment that may define how the party runs campaigns in the fall.

Democrats say the identical twin criticism is the biggest threat to Al Gore's chance of winning the state.

"Somewhere there is this idea that we all want to achieve the same things in the same way," said state Rep. Nick Colafella, D-Beaver. "But that's just not true. The differences this time around are more complex, but they are just as important."

Democratic National Committee chairman Ed Rendell said the campaign may be determined by how much Americans understand the "fine print."

"This is a campaign of seemingly small differences that are nothing of the sort," Rendell said. "We have to talk specifics, everyday. We have to explain our position inside and out. That is the challenge."

Separating the parties may be difficult. On several issues prominent in Pennsylvania, the party platforms seem similar — especially when condensed into television soundbites.

Democrats call for failing schools to be reorganized with a new principal and new teachers. Republicans in Pennsylvania support a plan that allows the state to appoint just that — but under the leadership of a state controlled

board.

Both party platforms call for some form of teacher testing, higher teacher standards, academic standards for children and campaign finance reform.

Also similar — both parties want to enact a "patient bill of rights," or a list of protocols intended to protect citizens from health care providers that won't provide.

Mike Crossley, a delegate and teacher from Pittsburgh, said that on several of the issues, the differences lie in how the parties would execute their platform.

"When they say they want teacher testing, a question becomes which test and how often," Crossley said.

Laurel McLeaish, a delegate and member of the Democratic Party's platform committee, also believes the parties intend to implement their platform planks differently.

For example, McLeaish says, the Democratic platform's reference to academic standards should never be implied to mean that "tests could be used to keep children from advancing."

Republicans in some states have made tests a requirement for graduation.

Democrats also argue that their patient bill of rights would ensure a patient requesting surgery would have the right to receive it, with HMOs collecting money for the treatment if courts later determined it was not necessary.

Republicans say their plan would allow HMOs the right to refuse unless several doctors concluded the treatment was necessary.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush mocked Democrats' efforts to set themselves apart at the convention, saying they were full of "new promises to hide old failures."

Recent polls suggest a close race this year

Some results from a poll on the presidential campaign released Friday. When results don't total 100 percent, the remainder either didn't know or refused to answer.

Suppose the 2000 presidential election were being held today and you had to choose between Al Gore, the Democrat; George W. Bush, the Republican; Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate; and Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

Newsweek - registered voters
Gore, 48 percent Bush, 42 percent Nader, 3 percent Buchanan, 1 percent

Voter.com-Battleground - likely voters
Bush, 45 percent Gore, 40 percent Nader, 3 percent Buchanan, 1 percent

(Gore moved from 9 points down to 5 points down in the tracking poll during the week of the Democratic convention. Bush had moved from an 8-point lead to an 18-point lead in the tracking poll by the fourth day of the Republican convention.)

Newsweek - registered voters
Did Vice President Gore's speech at the convention cause you to view him more favorably or less favorably?
More, 45 percent Less, 20 percent

(That's about the same number who had a more favorable opinion of Bush after his convention speech)

Which candidate do you think will do a better job on the following issues:

Economy and jobs
Gore, 52 percent Bush, 35 percent

Social Security
Gore, 51 percent Bush, 35 percent

Education
Gore, 49 percent Bush, 35 percent

Moral Values
Gore, 42 percent Bush, 38 percent

Health Care
Gore, 56 percent Bush, 30 percent

The Voter.com-Battleground poll of 1,000 likely voters was taken Wednesday and Thursday and has an error margin of 3 percentage points. The Newsweek poll of 806 was taken Thursday and Friday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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Paul Brown Stadium a 'temple to gridiron greatness'

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

By Jennifer Hegna
Business Manager

There is only one guarantee in the 2000 Cincinnati Bengals season.

It is not an offense led by a second year quarterback or a defense that was one of the worst in the NFL last season.

The only sure thing this season is that the Bengals will be playing in a new crib this year. The Bengals management and local media have been talking like it is a temple to gridiron greatness.

It is a beautifully designed open-air stadium with new grass and more character than Cincergy Field ever had. But is it great for an average fan like me?

I decided the best way to find out was to be in the stadium for the first ever NFL game at Paul Brown Stadium.

My trip started at Riverboat Row in Newport. I parked my car near Barleycorn's Restaurant, for free, and then took a tank bus to the stadium. My total cost for parking: \$ 25.

I was dropped off at the west opening of the stadium. As I walked up the ramp (expect to walk up many a ramp if you purchase cheap seats) toward the west entrance concourse I was in awe.

The opening was huge, allowing easy entrance through the turnstiles,

despite kick-off being only minutes away.

Once inside the stadium, I was greeted by gigantic signs portraying action shots of past Bengal greats like Anthony Muñoz and Boomer Esiason. There were food and drink vendors everywhere, and best of all, no lines.

As I made my way up to the nosebleed seats I realized my error in wearing sandals and not tennis shoes. The ramps leading up to the upper levels seemed endless.

The engineers who designed Paul Brown Stadium must have used a book from the builders of Northern Kentucky University's campus. Everywhere I looked I saw bare cement. While not disappointed, I realized that the design of NKU's campus really was ahead of it's time.

On the top level concourse there was still ample room to move and plenty of food and beverage stands. Beer vendors were everywhere.

When I finally saw the field, my long walk was forgotten. The stadium was alive with energy as two video boards, one on the north and south ends of the stadium, showed an onfield picture that was crystal clear and another smaller video showing ads and shots of the fans in the stand. Music blared cleanly and clearly.

I encountered my first, if minor, disappointment of the evening when I got to my seat. It was filthy! A layer of dirt and dust covered my seat. I know there is a lot of construction going on but I

expected more in a brand new stadium. I guess if you pay for the cheapest seats...

The announcer's voice was easily heard and understood and there isn't a bad seat in the house thanks to the video boards.

I expected the cost of food and drinks to be high, and they didn't disappoint. \$2.50 for a hotdog, \$2.75 for a small Coke and \$5.00 for a beer, just to name a few. My second and last disappointment came with my food. Once again it is minor. I paid \$4.50 for nachos and the cheese was cold!

It is picky, but it's the little things that impressed me. The view of the Cincinnati skyline was breathtaking from my seat. The capholder on the back of the chair in front of me made up for the dirty seat. Not the nacho cheese, though.

As I left Paul Brown Stadium I saw a supervised "play area" in one corner of the west concourse. It had tackling dummies and other items that kids could hit, throw and use to rid themselves of pent-up energy.

As I rode the bus back to my car, I was excited. Not just because the Bengals won 24-20, but because Paul Brown Stadium was everything it was rumored to be.

Will it keep the fans in the seats if the Bengals stumble to last place? Maybe for a while. At least they will look good while they're losing.



Jason Crisler/The Northerner

Paul Brown Stadium affords closer seating to the action than the last home of the Bengals, Cincergy Field (top).

A possible future Bengal takes his licks in the play area of the Paul Brown Stadium (bottom).



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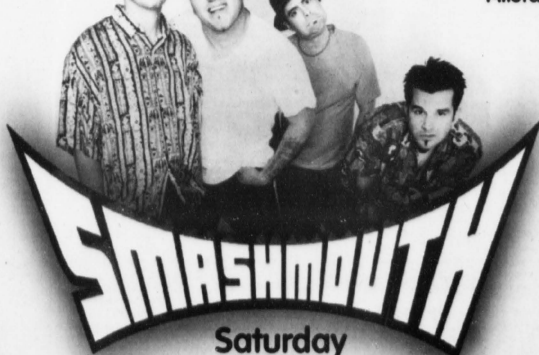
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George Strait heats up summer

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects
Editor

The summer was hot and the music was even hotter. It could have been better than the George Strait Country Music Festival, held at Cinergy Field May 21.

The Festival was Strait's concept of bringing several major acts to larger stadiums across the country.

The show was the third year of the Festival, but marked the first time the all-day concert was held in Cincinnati.

The show began with the group Asleep At The Wheel, which preformed its own brand of Texas Swing. Strait credits the group as one of the inspirations behind his career.

Asleep At The Wheel also introduced 12 year old singer Billy Gilman,

who sang the song "Roly Poly" with the group. Gilman also performed his first single, "One Voice," which is currently climbing country music charts nationwide.

Asleep At The Wheel was followed by LeAnn Womack. Womack sang many of her hits, including "Buckaroo," "The Fool," and her current single, "I Hope You Dance." Womack did not perform her debut single, "Never Again Again."

The next performer was Mark Chesnut. Chesnut's performance was mostly up-tempo with songs such as "Bubba Shot The Jukebox" and his new single "Fallin' Never Felt So Good." Chesnut treated the audience to a preview of his album due out this fall which will include the new single and "Lost In The Feeling," a song

made popular by legend Conway Twitty in the 1980s. Chesnut received a standing ovation when he changed the words of "Too Cold At Home" from "we wore our uniforms like the Dodgers" to "we proudly wore our uniforms like Pete Rose always did."

Kenny Chesney was the next performer to take the stage and he really brought the party to life. Chesney kept the audience motivated and on their feet through his entire performance.

The show was filled with energy such as when he performed "She Thinks My Tractor is Sexy." Everyone in the crowd - young and old - seemed to be singing the song's fun lyrics at the top of their lungs.

One of the highlights of Chesney's performance was the nearly ten minute version of "How

Forever Feels." Orange beach balls were thrown and bounced into the crowd during the song. This extended version included a section where Chesney started singing Jimmy Buffett's "Margaritaville."

The party continued with Martina McBride, who preformed such hits as "Independence Day" and the very soulful "A Broken Wing."

McBride also performed her current single "There You Are" as a video of her husband and children played on the video screen.

McBride's act was followed by Tim McGraw. McGraw is the only act on this year's tour who has been part of the tour all three years of the Festival.

McGraw told the audience that it was an honor to stand on the field of Cinergy Field since his father, legendary Mets and Phillies pitcher Tug McGraw, had stood on the mound there many times.

McGraw preformed many of his hits, including "Indian Outlaw," "Please Remember Me" and "Don't Take The Girl." Because McGraw's wife and frequent duet partner Faith Hill was not there, he did not perform songs such as "It's Your Love" and "Let's Make Love."

McGraw treated the audience by singing "I Remember," a song from his forthcoming album.

McGraw ended the show appropri-

ately by singing "Give It To Me Strait," which makes reference to many of Strait's song titles.

Strait himself took the stage about 9 p.m., which was more than eight hours since the show began.

Various banners draping from the green, yellow and red stadium walls paid tribute to Strait. One of these read: "George, today could be the best day of my life," making reference to Strait's hit "The Best Day."

Strait preformed a collection of his hits from the last twenty years, mixed with some of the Texas Swing-style music that inspired him.

Strait performed "Murder On Music Row," which is a duet with Alan Jackson even though Jackson wasn't there.

Throughout the day, the crowd was able to go outside the stadium to hear newcomers including Clay Davidson, Jerry Kilgore and The Clark Family Experience.

The Festival offered much more than just music.

Straitland, a mini-festival, offered concession stands, places to shop, opportunities to get autographs from the performers, a karaoke club, and even a place to country-line dance.

The George Strait Country Music Festival had something to offer everyone from the very young kids to the college crowd to the elderly. The Festival made the world seem perfect - if only for just one day.

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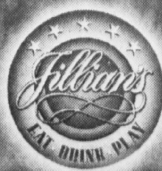
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The crowds thickened and the traffic slowed as NKU's residential dorms filled up.

The Pointless Poll

The Northerner asks the really tough questions

Recently, an informal survey of Northern Kentucky University students was taken in order to get a better idea of the type of students attending campus. A wide variety, and not to mention, totally alternative questions were asked, from "Was the Pokemon movie any good?" to their choice between Scooby Doo or Astro Jetson, to "Would Johnny Bravo make a good date?" Here are what your fellow students feel about these "issues".

• Who is smarter: Yoda or Papa Smurf? Yoda: 87% - Papa Smurf: 13%
• Can you name all three Powerpuff Girls? Yes: 7% - No: 93%
• Did you see the second Pokemon movie this summer? Yes: 0% - No: 100%
• Did you know there was a second Pokemon movie out this summer? Yes: 40% - No: 60%
• Can you name a Pokemon? Yes: 87% - No: 13%
• Who would win a fight between the Pokemon and the Digimon? Pokemon: 20% - Digimon: 0%
• It doesn't matter, because He-Man and She-Ra could demolish them all: 80%
• If Johnny Bravo were real, would you go on a date with him, or set a friend up on a date with him? Yes: 1 would: 20% - No: 1 would not: 80%

• Who is a better villain smasher: Sailor Moon or Wonder Woman? Sailor Moon: 7% - Wonder Woman: 93%
• Would an invisible jet (like Wonder Woman's) really serve any protective purposes if you yourself weren't invisible while riding in it? (Much like Wonder Woman was!) Yes: 4% - No: 96%
• Which group of characters do you prefer: Disney or Looney Toons? Disney: 47% - Looney Toons: 53%
• Is Goofy a dog, or something other than a dog? A dog: 87% - Something else: 13%
• Who do you side with in the ongoing Transformers battle? Autobots: 53% - Decepticons: 47%
• If you were granted three wishes, would you use one of them to wish for "supreme underwear" (as was done on an episode of Dragon Ball Z)? Yes: 13% - Undoubtedly: 13% - No: 74%

'Smile' brings smiles



The Jayhawks have moved closer to the pop sound, leaving some of their country rock roots in the past. Their newest album, "Smile," is a rich mix of Beatle-esque pop influence accompanied by rich harmonies. Band members from left to right: Tim O'Reagan, Gary Louis, Marc Perlman, Jen Gundersman, and Kraig Johnson.

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

The Minneapolis-based band The Jayhawks continue to produce albums that will be historically considered as pop masterpieces.

The band's sixth album, "Smile," released May 9, contains a body of songs written and produced in the true pop style. Influences such as Brian Wilson, Alex Chilton, Lennon/McCartney and the Byrds ring heavily throughout "Smile."

The Jayhawks remain a vital and evolving band, if relatively unknown, through a rotating lineup of musicians, as well as the departure of founding member and co-

songwriter and singer Mark Olsen.

Olsen left following the band's fourth album, "Tomorrow the Green Grass," to support his wife Victoria Williams and their Original Harmony Ridge Creekdippers project. This left singer-songwriter Gary Louis to carry on the Jayhawks name. The band had built a cult following to this point, and fans had grown accustomed to the rootsy, folksy feel of the band's albums. Many fans could not bear the idea of the band continuing, especially considering how wonderfully the two singer's voices complemented each other.

Louis carried on, and ushered in

a new era of the band with the album "Sound of Lies." This album had less of that country-rock sound than the previous offerings, and it created some animosity among fans toward this new direction. Louis evolved into master songsmith through this album, embracing the art of the pop song and moving gradually away from the country rock format; along the same lines as alternative country hero Jeff Tweedy and his band Wilco have done with their current release, "Summer Teeth."

While the style of production and sounds of the songs have evolved: some of The Jayhawks' key elements remain. Searing,

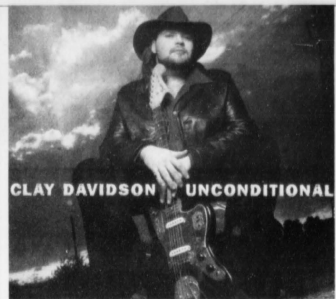
soaring harmonies live strong on "Smile." Louis masters the harmony aspect perfected by the Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; and the Jayhawks paid homage to that profound influence in March when the band played a concert at the South By Southwest music festival with legendary Byrds leader Roger McGuinn.

Louis' songwriting has not suffered in this evolution either. Some of the better songs on "Smile" include the title track, a crescendoing upbeat opener with the positively-positive lyrics "smile, when you're down and out." The first single, "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me," is a Beatle-esque pop song lush with rich harmonies. "A Break in the Clouds" uses varying tempos and richer harmonies to create another catchy masterpiece.

"Smile" is a pop album in the truest sense of the word. Not "pop" as in popular, but as in the Beatles and Beach Boys pop styling. You won't see these guys on MTV, but as far as artistic merit goes, the Jayhawks will be around a lot longer than the current "pop" bands of the day such as Matchbox 20 and Creed. This is mostly due to the disposable nature of pop culture and the fact that the Jayhawks will never suffer from oversaturation.

The Jayhawks may never have the eight-million selling blockbuster album, but their loyal following never lets down Louis, Marc Perlman, Kraig Johnson and company at their shows. The Jayhawks will leave behind a body of work that should be a shoe-in for the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame and serve as a major influence on future generations of bands.

The Jayhawks play Bogart's in Cincinnati Friday, Sept. 1.



Not just a 'Tear in yer beer'

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Do you still believe that country music is nothing more than cliché-ridden rants about losing your girl, your dog, or your truck? Even if you do, Clay Davidson's debut album "Unconditional" is enough to change your mind.

The sound of Davidson's album is not typical of what one might expect from a country album.

This change could be attributed to Jude Cole, who co-produced the album. People unfamiliar with Cole's style can gain a better understanding by listening to "Doghouse Rights," a song Cole co-wrote with Davidson.

Fans of the more traditional country sound may not have such a high appreciation for this album. However, songs such as "Unconditional" and "One More Day" are likely to appeal to fans of George Jones and Hank Williams.

Another thing that is very impressive about this album is its sheer honesty. Davidson's new single, "I Can't Lie To Me," is the perfect example. The song is the tale of a man who wants his significant other back, and acknowledges that it was his fault that she left.

Even the album's most romantic

song, "Come Rain Or Shine," is a love song that doesn't claim that he is the best guy and does not promise always and forever.

The lyrics read: "We were green as grass when I took your hand/ And the whole world held its breath/ Cause you don't look down when you step out on faith/ Now I've took pride that we've stood by/ Those sacred words we said/ Though it hasn't all been sunny days."

Part of the emotion captured in the eleven songs on Davidson's album is due to his first-hand experience. Davidson wrote or co-wrote six of the songs.

The album is also refreshing because of the subject matter. In addition to the typical collection of party songs and songs of love found in adolescent and teenage years, Davidson's self-penned recollection of one of his best friends during his adolescent and teenage years. Another notable song on the album is "What Was I Thinking Of," which explores the feeling of a guy who gets an emotional attachment with a woman he had a one night stand with.

Overall, Davidson's album is an emotional roller coaster from beginning to end. Yet it is also an album that can easily be listened to over and over again.

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Saturday, August 19
12:00 Move In Begins
3:00 Residential Life Picnic
7:00 Panel/enc./IFC/RHA/Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 20
3:00 Hypnotist Mort Berkowitz
6:00 Sorority Rush Begins
9:00 RA Floor Meetings and Social

Monday, August 21
12:00 APB Game Day
2:00 Sorority Rush
2:00 Residential Life Volleyball I

Tuesday, August 22
2:00 Residential Life Karaoke
5:00 Sorority Rush
7:00

Wednesday, August 23
1:00 Campus Recreation Putt/Putt
12:00 Student Organization Rally
Starving Student Expo
Sorority Bid Day

Thursday, August 24
4:00 APB's Street Dance with Fantasy Photos + Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out

Friday, August 25
11:00 Campus Recreation Putt/Putt
12:00 APB's Lunch for a Buck
Friday, August 25

Phi Sigma Sigma Back to School Party + Delta Sigma Theta Party
Baptist Student Union Move Night

Saturday, August 26
11:00 Campus Recreation Spot Shot
11:00 Voter Registration
5:00 Presidential Debate
Tuesday, August 29

11:00 Campus Recreation Spot Shot
Alpha Kappa Alpha Party
Thursday, August 31

12:00 Credit Counseling
Delta Sigma Theta Movie Night
Friday, September 1

COOP/NLPE Splash
Wednesday, September 6
12:00 APB's Freshfusion Giveaways
Thursday, September 7

5:00 Freshfusion
Friday, September 8
4:00 Woodcrest Cookout
Delta Gamma + Tau Kappa Epsilon Mixer + Phi Beta Sigma Party

Saturday, September 9
10:00 APB Community Car Wash
7:00 Zeta Phi Beta Fashion Show with after Party + Delta Zeta Phi Kappa Alpha Mixer + Delta Gamma New Member Retreat + Theta Phi Alpha New Member Retreat

Monday, September 11
Phi Beta Sigma Public Safety Speaker
September 11/5

Fraternity Rush Week
Tuesday, September 12
5:00 Karaoke Night
Wednesday, September 13/4

Guest Speaker: James McBride
Wednesday, September 13
11:00 Nurse Leadership Society Service Leadership Fair
Friday, September 15

Residential Life Olympic Party
Fraternity Rush Parties
Saturday, September 16

12:00 Community Car Day
Delta Gamma Parade Puff
Sunday, September 17

5:00 Wesley Foundation Welcome Cookout
Wednesday, September 20

Guest Speakers: George and George
Thursday, September 21

Thur, September 21
9:00 Residential Life Semi-Formal Dance
Friday, September 22

Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out
Saturday, September 23
Delta Gamma Sisterhood Retreat
Theta Phi Alpha Big Sister Little Sister Night + Zeta Phi Beta Fashion Show and Dance

Sunday, September 24
10:00 IOWA Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, September 27

9:00 Phi Beta Sigma Sleep Out for the Homeless
12:00 APB's Drive In Movie
Nurse Leadership Society Leadership Workshop
Alpha Phi Alpha Boat Race
Delta Sigma Theta Finance Seminar

Wednesday, October 4
Phi Beta Sigma Sleep Out for the Homeless
Friday, October 6

Delta Zeta Run Like Hell
Theta Phi Alpha Sisterhood Retreat
Alpha Phi Alpha Pajama Party
Wednesday, October 11

Wesley Foundation Fall Retreat
Friday, October 13

APB's Watermelon Bust/Musicfest
Tuesday, October 10
7:00 APB's Think Fast Game Show
Wednesday, October 11

Delta Sigma Theta Safe Sex Program
Thursday, October 12

Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out
Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship Reception
Friday, October 13

APB's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday, October 14

Theta Phi Alpha Breast Cancer Run
Monday, October 16

APB's Lunch for a Buck
Tuesday, October 17

APB's Mentor Scheduling Party
Wednesday, October 18

Nurse Leadership Society Silent Auction
Alpha Kappa Alpha Study Session
Friday, October 20

Delta Sigma Theta Creams and Cream Ball
Saturday, October 21

Delta Zeta Auction
Wednesday, October 25

Speaker: Walter Kimbrough
Leadership in the Age of Springer
Friday, October 27

Delta Gamma/Phi Kappa Alpha Mixer
APB's Mystery Cast
Saturday, October 28

Delta Gamma Visually Impaired Halloween Party
October 30/November 2
Monday, October 30

Delta Zeta St. Rita's Haunted House
Month of November
Alpha Phi Alpha Canned Food Drive
Phi Beta Sigma Clothing Drive
Wednesday, November 1

Delta Sigma Theta Campaign 2000
Saturday, November 4
Delta Zeta/Phi Kappa Tau Mixer
Friday, November 6

Alpha Phi Alpha 3 on 3 Greek Ball I Tournament
Thursday, November 7

APB's Music Video Bingo
Residential Life Election Party
Thursday, November 9/11
Nurse Leadership Society Get Inrug Leadership Retreat
Friday, November 10

Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out
Delta Gamma/Alpha Tau Omega Party
Saturday, November 11

Theta Phi Alpha Crush Party
Sunday, November 12
Annotated Voices at BSU
Monday, November 13

Delta Zeta Shurf Off
Tuesday, November 14
Phi Beta Sigma M.I.B.
Wednesday, November 15

Lecturer: Dr. Chip Voornveld
Academic Success
Thursday, November 16

Tallgate Party
Friday, November 17
APB's Homecoming Stop Show
Wednesday, November 22

Delta Gamma/Phi Kappa Tau Mixer
Saturday, November 18
Delta Gamma Parent's Day
Friday, November 24

Delta Zeta/Tau Kappa Epsilon
Monday, November 27
APB's Caricature Artists
APB's Canned Food Drive
Tuesday, November 28

APB's Pictures with Santa
Wednesday, November 29
12:00 APB's Air Brush Tees
Theta Phi Alpha Scholarship Reception
Month of December

Zeta Phi Beta Adopt a Family
Friday, December 1
12:00 APB's Canned Food Drive Rally
Delta Zeta/Alpha Tau Omega Mixer
Saturday, December 2

Delta Gamma Anchor Post-Lunch Dance
Theta Phi Alpha Winter Ball
Phi Sigma Sigma Bear Hug
Saturday, December 9

Delta Gamma Visually Impaired Christmas Party
Friday, December 15

APB's Book Swap
Friday, December 16

Theta Phi Alpha Merry Christmas Project
Saturday, December 16

Delta Zeta Formal Date Party
Sunday, December 17
Delta Gamma Alumni Christmas Party
Wednesday, January 10

APB's Lunch for a Buck
Thursday, January 13
Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out
January 15/20

Zeta Phi Beta Week
Saturday, January 20
Phi Beta Sigma Bridging the Generations
Wednesday, January 24

Speaker: James Malinbach
"From College to the Real World"
Friday, January 26

Delta Zeta/Phi Tau Mixer
Phi Sigma Sigma Set Up
Alpha Kappa Alpha Party
Monday, January 23

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sex Program
Tuesday, January 24
Alpha Kappa Alpha Finance Seminar
Friday, January 27

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Friday, January 27

APB's End of the Year Street Dance
Delta Zeta/Phi Kappa Alpha Mixer
Friday, May 4

Phi Sigma Sigma Back to Summer Party
Thursday, May 10
NLS Challenge Course

Weekly Organization Meetings

Activities Programming Board (APB): Wednesdays @ noon

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Greeks: Wednesdays @ 9 pm

*Health Professionals Club: Fridays @ 2 pm

Inter-Fraternal Council: Fridays @ 2 pm

International Student Union: Fridays @ 2 pm

Nurse Leadership Society: Fridays @ 3 pm

NLS Freshman Service Committee: Fridays @ 2 pm

Order of Omega Greek Honor Society: Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Panhellenic Council: Wednesdays @ 4 pm

Phi Beta Lambda: Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

Presidential Ambassadors: Thursdays @ 9 pm

*Psi Chi Honors Society: Wednesdays @ noon

*Respiratory Care: Fridays @ noon

Social Work Club: Tuesdays @ 5 pm

*Speech Communication Club: Wednesdays @ noon

*Student Alumni Association: Tuesdays @ 9 pm

Student Government Association: Mondays @ 3 pm

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Wednesday, January 31
Alpha Kappa Alpha How to Paper Yourself
Thursday, February 1
Alpha Kappa Alpha How to keep in touch
Friday, February 2
Alpha Kappa Alpha Finding a Career
Friday, February 3
Homecoming Activities
Friday, February 3
Alpha Kappa Alpha Homecoming Stop Show
Wednesday, February 7
Delta Zeta Valentine's Party at Children's Hospital
Delta Sigma Theta History Bowl
Saturday, February 10
Homecoming Game & Dance
Homecoming Dance
February 12/8
Delta Zeta Theta Crush Week
Wednesday, February 14
APB's Valentines Day Event
Delta Sigma Theta Love Party
Thursday, February 22
Phi Beta Sigma/ Zeta Phi Beta History Month Program
Friday, February 24
Delta Zeta/Alpha Tau Omega Mixer
Friday, March 2
Phi Sigma Sigma/Phi Kappa Tau Mixer
Sunday, March 4
Alpha Phi Alpha Women's History Month Program
March 5/9
Zeta Phi Beta Week
Friday, March 9
Delta Zeta Sisters Night Out
Wednesday, March 14
Delta Zeta Kick Boxing Lessons
March 19/25
Phi Beta Sigma Week
Saturday, March 24
Delta Zeta/Tau Kappa Epsilon Mixer
Month of April
APB's Easter Egg Hunt for Scholarships
Wednesday, April 4
Leadership Scope
Friday, April 6
Phi Sigma Sigma Formal
April 9/13
Alpha Phi Alpha Week
Kappa Alpha Psi Week
Wednesday, April 11
Leadership Scope
Friday, April 13
Phi Beta Sigma/ Zeta Phi Beta Party
Saturday, April 14
Delta Zeta Formal
April 16/22
Rites of Spring Week
Wednesday, April 18
Leadership Scope
Phi Sigma Sigma Rock A Thon
Student Organization Convention
Friday, April 20
Delta Zeta Marchion
Monday, April 24
Delta Zeta Most Eligible Fraternity Week
April 22/28
Delta Sigma Theta Week
Wednesday, April 25
Leadership Scope
Friday, April 27
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Women's soccer searching for improvement on last year's 22-3

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

The NKU women's soccer team built itself into a national contender in only three years since the sport was added to the NKU athletic program.

The team made it to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season, in which they lost to Franklin Pierce. They notched an impressive 22-3 record and also won their second straight Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament last season. The Norse have won two conference titles in only three years of existence.

There are 10 starters coming back to the team this season. Among those players are the GLVC Player of the Year, junior forward Betsy Moore, who recorded a team and conference high and school record 21 goals along with 12 assists. "I work hard and be a good team player," she said. "I act like every game is a final four game."

Another starter coming back on the team is junior Lauren Piening, who racked up 16 shutouts as goalkeeper and posted a conference best 0.55 goals against average. "I expect to stop anything that

comes through," she said. "I want them (the defense) to rely on me just as much as I rely on them."

NKU has been dominating over the last few years in its offense and defense, which has helped it become a strong team. Last season, the Norse were first in the conference in total team offense with 76 goals, averaging three per game. They were also first in total defense, allowing a mere 0.6 goals a game. "Our solid defense is coming back. As for our offense, we are building on that, especially with our new recruits," Piening said. "We are a well-founded team. Offense, not just defense, will win us games."

Moore added, "There is no weak string on the team. Our bench is as good as our starters," she said. "We work hard and keep going, because everyone wants to win."

Even after a record season, NKU still expects to get back to the lofty heights achieved last year. "We got to the Final Four last year. We want to beat that even," said junior Jennifer Wilhelm. "We need to take it one game at a time."

The team needs to come out and play as a new team and not forget about what was accomplished last year, said Moore.

"We expect to compete to the best of our ability," said Norse head coach Bob Sheehan. "We have to focus game by game, and we will get better every week."

Also, the five new recruits added to the soccer team this season will be an asset on the road to success for the Norse, coach Sheehan said. "The ones who work hard will fit in nicely. They have good work ethic and pretty nice technical ability," he said.

The freshman will be major contributors to the team this year. "There are a lot of expectations coming in for the new people and the returners. My contributions will come as a sub," freshman Adrienne Cavender explained. "I will help on defense by giving them some extra depth."

Freshman Kendra Zinser added, "I will fit in pretty well. The returning players are very accepting."

The team also needs to work together and have good chemistry on the field. "That is our biggest key, especially in critical times," Wilhelm said. "We have to get along on and off the field."

Piening said, "We have to have team play right from the start, not having to catch up."



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NKU women's soccer players Malissa Stevenson and Kendra Zinser participate in a practice drill as the team gets ready for the upcoming season.



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NKU women's soccer player, sophomore Karma Gastright, works on defense skills in a team practice session.

Upcoming Games

(home games in bold)

Men's Soccer		
Aug. 25	Truman State (at St. Louis)	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Rockhurst (at St. Louis)	12 p.m.
Women's Soccer		
Aug. 26	Minnesota State (at Rolla, Mo.)	2 p.m.
Aug. 27	Missouri-Rolla	12 p.m.
Volleyball		
Aug. 26	Bellarmine	2 p.m.
Aug. 29	Georgetown (Ky.)	7 p.m.

New faces and more firepower spark men's soccer

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

The 1999 men's soccer season can be summed up in one word: average.

The squad finished with a sub-500 record (8-10-1). Lacking a dominant offense or defense doomed the Norse. It lost six games by one goal and tied another.

As a team, the Norse averaged 1.79 goals per game on offense, while allowing 1.57 goals per game. Both averages were good enough to finish in the middle of the pack, seventh out of twelve teams, in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"I think offensively," head coach John Toebben said, "we'll be a lot stronger. But we've improved everywhere."

Even if the Norse are only better offensively it should mean more wins to a team that lost 1-0 five times last season.

Sophomore striker Jeff Anderson, who led the team with 9 goals last season, sixth in the conference, paces the revamped offense. "We're looking to build on the experience from last year," he said. Anderson said the Norse

lost a few games because the other teams were in better shape.

Senior halfback/fullback Eric Borg said the team has been doing a lot more running this year.

Toebben said the team is better conditioned and deeper at every position; deeper because the team has 15 new players.

A few of the new players expected to make major impacts this year are sophomore midfielder Steve Hahn and junior striker A.J. Pitzer. Hahn transferred from Division I Cleveland State after only one season. "Cleveland State wasn't what I expected," he said. Hahn said he believes he has a better chance of playing professionally, after playing here at NKU. "They take better care of you in the lower divisions."

Hahn said he saw a lot of good players when he came to NKU to play this summer.

Hahn said he brings some extra punch to the offense. "I bring creativity as a distributor and goal scorer," he said.

Pitzer graduated from Cincinnati State with his two-year degree in mechanical engineering and goal-scoring. He was an All-American last season for the 'Surge' as he scored a school record 26 goals.

Pitzer said he came to NKU

because he liked the situation athletically and academically. "All my classes transferred and they (the Norse) have a good program." He said he hopes to provide more options and goal scoring.

"Pitzer is a big boy who can put the ball in the net," Toebben said.

Everyone on the team seems excited about the upcoming season.

Borg said his expectations for this season are higher than for previous years. Borg said he thinks NKU can make a good showing in the GLVC. "This is a team that can make it (to the National Tournament)," he said.

Junior midfielder Janah Mohamed, who red-shirted last season, said this team is the best he has seen. He said the team has a lot of experience.

The team will have an early test. Their first game is against Truman State Aug. 25 in a tournament at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Truman State handed the Norse their worst loss of the 1999 season in a 7-0 spanking last season.

Anderson said the game could be a measuring stick as to how much the team has improved.

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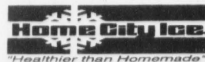
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Optimism aplenty for loaded tennis team

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

The NKU women's tennis team, coming off an undefeated conference season which placed four players on the GLVC All-Conference team, gives new coach J. Webb Horton reason for optimism and great expectations.

Horton, who comes to NKU from conference rival IPFW to replace 1998 and 1999 GLVC Coach of the Year Dave Bezold, said, "You don't get many opportunities to coach a team this good. Dave did a great job of recruiting." Bezold took a position as a full-time assistant for the NKU men's basketball team.

Horton inherits a strong team, led by two-time conference Player of the Year Jamie O'Hara. A junior, O'Hara went 14-2 overall and 9-0 last year in the GLVC. She has never lost to a conference opponent.

The squad turned in a 14-4 overall record last season and went 10-0 in the GLVC for the second straight year. The Norse won its second straight conference tournament last year and followed that up by advancing to the regional final in the NCAA Division II tournament, where it fell to Eastern New Mexico.

The Norse indeed have lofty goals for the upcoming campaign. Horton said, "Our goal is to go deeper in the tournament than we did last year."

All-GLVC junior Lauren Spears "was more direct." "Florida. Sweet Sixteen."

Senior All-GLVC Claudia Ruelh was also confident but cautioned, "It depends on who we draw."

Asked if they see any potential pitfalls in the conference, Ruelh and Christina Dausch both echoed confidently, "I don't think we will." Horton said, "Our approach will be not to take anything for granted. The first step is to win the GLVC. There's nothing guaranteed."

The expectations are high, but there is always room for improvement. Horton said, "We'll have to work on some technical things. To reach our goal this year we need to win more doubles."

Senior Joceline McQueen agreed. "Make sure we get all our points in doubles."

The deep squad also includes junior All-Conference performer Amity Chapman, as well as touted freshman Elizabeth Brunsman.

Horton said, "Brunsmann will step in and help immediately. We're looking to reload rather than rebuild."



Peter W. Zubaty/The Northerner

Led by four All-GLVC performers, a deep NKU tennis team should propel past year's NCAA region final appearance. They are: (back) Amity Chapman, Lauren Spears, Elizabeth Brunsman, Joceline McQueen, (front) Claudia Ruelh, Christian Dausch, and Jamie O'Hara.

Hot tennis action sizzles on the U.S. Open Hardcourts in New York

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Electricity will be crackling in the air Monday, Aug. 28, as the 2000 U.S. Open begins at the U.S. Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens, New York.

Those who have watched or been there in the past will attest that there isn't much in sports that can match the excitement of the New York crowd treated to a big match under the lights of Arthur Ashe Stadium. There's nothing like that rowdy crowd, as stark a contrast as can be to the reserved London crowd at Wimbledon.

With that in mind, let's take a look at the players who stand the best chance of staying alive and advancing late into the second week on the grueling hardcourts.

On the women's side:

- Venus Williams: She showed gutsy determination in overcoming a series of emotional rollercoasters to triumph at Wimbledon. She is playing as hot as anyone on the WTA Tour and stands to be the favorite.

- Serena Williams: Serena is charged with defending her lone Grand Slam title. She will be hard-pressed to fight off sister Venus, but Serena has the goods to beat any player on any day.

- Martina Hingis: The Swiss Miss thought when she first came up that she would rule the tour forever.



Little did she know that there would be such hard litters coming up behind her to test her fitness and outstanding shot-making ability. She's won here before.

- Lindsay Davenport: Lindsay has struggled with injuries this year, a bad back in the French Open that contributed to her first-round loss and most recently a sprained foot which forced her out of the DuMaurier Classic. If she gets the foot healed, her power can get her far, such as her 2000 Australian Open title.

On the men's side:

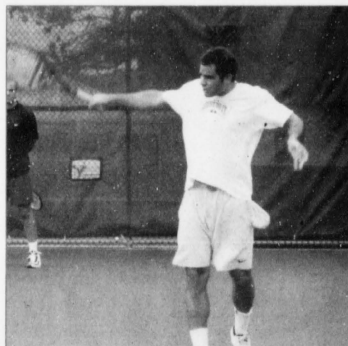
- Pete Sampras: The best server in the game has been resting recently, trying to heal up that nagging shin injury that caused him problems during his Wimbledon championship run. The New York hardcourts are not as forgiving as the London grass on Sampras' aging frame. If he can avoid injury, he's the favorite.

- Andre Agassi: The defending champ hopes the back problems that have plagued him recently will not prevent a successful title defense. He looked sharp in last week's Legg Mason journey.

Peter W. Zubaty/The Northerner
Pete Sampras (right) is the odds-on favorite in this year's U.S. Open, body willing.

Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten (left), the current French Open Champion searches for his big breakthrough on the New York hardcourts.

Confidence from his recent success at Cincinnati and Indianapolis may spark Britain's Tim Henman (below) to go far at Flushing Meadows.



• Gustavo Kuerten: Guga, the world #1 and reigning French Open

champion, has won eight career titles, his most recent at last week's Indianapolis tournament. To that point, all his titles had been on clay. The Brazilian's smooth, fluid game and recent hardcourt success suggest he's ready for a breakthrough in New York.

- Patrick Rafter: The Aussie capped a tremendous comeback with a surprise run to the final at Wimbledon. He won the U.S. Open in 1997 and 1998, and if his surgically repaired shoulder holds up, he's a good bet.

- Tim Henman: The darling of the Brits made strong runs in the Cincinnati and Indianapolis tournaments.

His swashbuckling serve-and-volley game is well-suited to the fast

surface of Flushing Meadows and he could carry the confidence of his recent success, which included his first victory over Sampras at Cincinnati, to his first Grand Slam title.

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Biermann's retirement gift: Final Four (or more)?

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

As the NKU volleyball team looks forward to another season, there is one person the players will be striving to do well for: head coach Mary Biermann. Biermann will retire from coaching after this year.

Bobbi Casey said the coach is always there for her players. "The coach is there to reach the limits, on and off the court," she said. "She is a coach and friend. The players will miss her tremendously."

The Norse will try to do just that after going through a career year last season, in which it put together a 33-2 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four for the first time in school history. NKU also won its third straight Great Lakes Valley Conference championship.

Even with all the accomplishments, NKU shows no signs of doing any worse than last season. "We want to participate in regional and national competition," said Biermann. "We have to perform better than last year to achieve that. We have to play at a high level."

The Norse will have a lot of experi-

ence coming back in its attempt to get far again in the NCAA Tournament. NKU has four starters returning, including senior All-American Jessica Buraker, who was first in the GLVC last season with a .401 hitting percentage and was second with 841 kills, and senior setter Casey, who led the conference with 13.25 assists per game for a total of 1,577. "The two seniors are very critical to our success," Biermann said.

The Norse are expected to do well again this season. The Norse are ranked third in the first national Division II poll released this year. They are also ranked first in the GLVC Blue Division.

"It will be a test, because we are heavily favored," Biermann said. "Even the weaker teams will be out to give us our best match. We have to be prepared for that."

"We need to take it day by day and don't get too far ahead," Casey said.

Buraker added, "We have to focus each practice. We have to pull the team together and work hard every day."

The Norse will also have the addition of five new freshmen, Ann Schoech, Julie Wall, Jessica McVey,

Sara Taylor, and Camilla Welter, to help out the team this season. "They will contribute and be a big part of our team," Biermann said. "If they are assimilated, the more successful they will be."

The upperclassmen on the team will also be an asset to the new recruits this season.

"We will help coach them, be their mentor and friend," Casey said. "We will get them in the groove of things."

NKU must have the determination and the energy to win games, too. "We need to keep a high intensity level," Biermann said. "We need to pass well and make our offense work."

The stakes are high for the volleyball team this season. Even with that, it looks to be another great year for the Norse. "I want to complete another successful year, that the players reach their potential," Biermann said. "We just have to work at it one day at a time."

That is just how the Norse need to take it if they are to equal or better last season's performance.

A retirement gift perhaps?



Forest Berkshire/The Northerner
NKU volleyball player Amy Ryan and teammate go for the block during the practice at Regents Hall.

Women's Volleyball Preseason Division II National Poll

TEAM	POINTS	1999 RECORD
1. BYU-Hawaii (17)	615	30-2
2. Hawaii-Pacific (6)	576	25-3
3. Northern Kentucky (2)	534	33-2
4. West Texas A & M	480	36-2
5. Nebraska-Omaha	466	27-5
6. North Dakota State	452	29-4
7. Augustana, S.D.	439	22-8
8. U. of Tampa	438	32-4
9. Cal State-Bakersfield	353	22-5
10. Florida Southern	348	28-8
11. Barry	341	18-7
12. Nebraska-Kearney	328	30-4
13. North Alabama	302	35-7

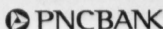
TEAM	POINTS	1999 RECORD
14. Northern Colorado	279	24-6
15. South Dakota State	267	22-9
16. Regis	248	22-11
17. Cal State-Los Angeles	224	26-4
18. Central Missouri State	210	27-8
19. Minnesota-Duluth	208	24-8
20. Northwood, Mich.	194	28-7
21. Rockhurst	174	41-2
22. Western State, Colo.	168	25-7
23. Northern Michigan	93	28-11
24. Grand Canyon	86	25-7
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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

The good news is that you are in for some huge life changes. The bad news is that they will happen fast, and you may have trouble adjusting.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

You will succeed at a new venture if you keep plodding along. Don't let others make you feel bad about the choices you've made.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

There's nothing like a little laughter to get those creative juices flowing. Rent your favorite movie or pick up a funny book.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Don't waste your time trying to please the world. Sometimes you have to do what is best for you. You will make it happen.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Everyone involved with a certain project thinks you could be a bit more helpful. Let them know how you feel about the situation.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

You may not feel like cleaning house, but you'll be in a much better mood once it is done. Use those expert organizational skills to your advantage.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Your expectations may be a little high where romance is concerned. Try to see things from the other person's perspective.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Stop trying so hard to make sure everyone else does what they are supposed to. Concentrate on what you need to get done.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Are you getting enough exercise these days? It is amazing how moving around can help you get rid of all that stress.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Someone in a position of influence is interested in what you have to say. Money matters reach a critical point.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

If you find your feelings bored, check out a new class or club. Joining an organization also will help you meet new people.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

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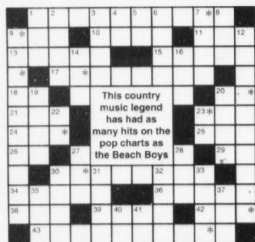
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-TV-CHALLENGE



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. Ted Levine drama series
 2. The "Nabors Hour" (69-71)
 3. Take apart
 4. Recipe direction
 5. Stars... Alex Trebek series of the 1970s
 6. Down... Blackbird
 7. 95 Flau Julia TV movie
 8. Kyra Sedgwick sitcom (3)
 9. Setting for The Nanny
 10. Wilderness '35
 11. Wallace Beery film
 12. 1962-63 series for Newcast
 13. Penn & Teller's... City Spectacular
 14. Self-esteem
 15. Song to Billie Joe
 16. Damsel's number in old Rome
 17. When to see Matt and Katie
 18. 93-95 series for Connie Chung (3)
 19. Van Feltrees for one
 20. Glass
 21. The Queen... '69
 22. Larry Storch sitcom... of the Damned: '74
 23. Alex Cord movie
 24. Andy Griffith role (2)
- DOWN
1. Lose or Draw (87-90)
 2. Leave out
 3. Hearts: '92 TV movie
 4. Prefix for lighten or rage
 5. Initials for a longtime Family Feud host



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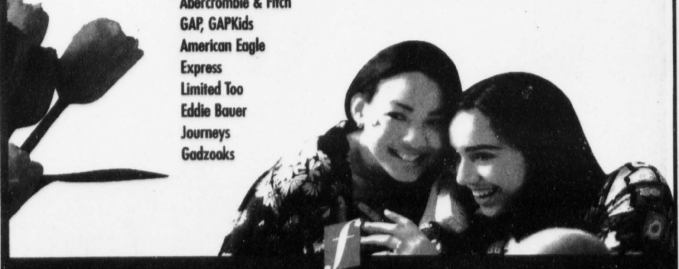
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