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Follow-up revisits race issues

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Issues raised from last month's discussion on race were once again thrown into the open at a follow-up meeting in Norse



Commons last week. This time, President James Votruba and a cast of top administrators joined the audience.

Representatives from seven committees formed at the previous discussion brought with them arguments and outlines of what they think the campus needs in order to build racial equality. What was meant to be a two-hour dialogue lasted a half hour longer than planned.

"Wake up," shouted Brandon Hill, a mem-

ber of the Afro-American Studies Major Committee. "The history of the African begins far before the first slave was captured."

In his presentation, Hill referred to an insufficient amount of African-American courses at Northern Kentucky University in relation to institutions nationwide, such as Yale, Cornell and Duke. He also made more local comparisons. "The University of Cincinnati potentially offers 28 courses of African-American Studies," he said. "It's a shame that we must fight to create more diversity on this campus."

Hill was followed by speakers from other committees on topics such as classroom sensitivity, non-white faculty recruitment, unity among organizations, and also topics concerning international students.

"For most of the semesters I have been the only minority as an Asian student in class," said Suharu Ogawa, vice president of International Student Affairs, and member of the Committee on the Inclusion of International Students.

Ogawa described her experience at NKU to be lonely due to a lack of communication. "I don't talk, and nobody talks to me," she said. "However, if I talk, then people look at me as a stranger."

According to one faculty member, NKU is somewhat of a unique place in terms of diversity. "It's kind of an island, of a sort," said Dr. Jonathan Reynolds of the History and Geography department, who also spoke on behalf of the committee. An education of the "wider world," he said, is one necessary step to decrease the division between international students.

Other measures suggested by Reynolds included grants and financial aid specifically designed to bring in more international students, and faculty mentor programs to help the transition into American society.

The administrators were given a chance to reply to the broad list of issues addressed by the audience after each committee had made its points.

Vice President of Academic Affairs and

Provost Rogers Redding said steps are being taken to create multiculturalism among faculty by having affirmative action committee members serve as a liaison to faculty search committees. "I think it will help in understanding what the prospective faculty members' values are and what their commitment to multiculturalism is," he said.

In response to audience members' concern

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President James Votruba watches intently as the Race Dialogue follow-up unfolds before him.

Arena funding discussed

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

While the Republican and Democratic Parties bicker in Washington, D.C. over who the new president should be, the two parties have come together at Northern Kentucky University for a common goal.

On Monday, Nov. 13, Kentucky House Majority Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan (D-Wilder) and Kentucky State Rep. Jon Draud (R-Crestview Hills) held a press conference discussing plans to obtain funding for an all-purpose special events center at NKU.

"Jon and I have taken this on in a bipartisan fashion to do what we feel is the best for the Northern Kentucky region," Callahan said.

There was also a group of local

business owners and administrators on hand.

Callahan said that the Kentucky Speaker of the House, Jody Richards (D-Bowling Green), will support the new arena. He said that the state funding was very important.

"Recently Rep. Jon Draud and I met with Governor Patton to request his support for a Northern Kentucky special events center," Callahan said, "and while he didn't give a firm commitment, he said that if the community, not Northern Kentucky University, the community would rally behind the center and if a local match can be established he would entertain thoughts of making this a part of the 2002 Budget."

Both Callahan and Draud stressed that getting funds from local businesses would be a major factor.

Draud said, "The timing is right. We do need the corporate sector to get involved."

Draud said he hoped the corporate sector would raise at least \$10 million towards the expected \$30-40 million cost.

Callahan and Draud stressed that the arena isn't just for the use of NKU athletics. "It's important to realize it's not just a great thing for NKU but for the entire Northern Kentucky community," Callahan said. Draud said he hoped the arena to house 90 to 150 events a year. Callahan said the community could expect to see lectures, concerts, family and public shows, pro or exhibition sporting events and regional and national tournaments.

"Wouldn't it be nice to host the national NCAA basketball title

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Jason R. Crisler/The Northerner
Kentucky State Representatives Jim Callahan and Jon Draud discuss the potential for a new special events center to be located at NKU. The arena would be used for the entire Northern Kentucky area, and could potentially be used to host Olympic events if Cincinnati is awarded the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Veterans' sacrifices remembered

By Jenny Plamen
Staff Writer

On Friday November 10, Northern Kentucky University's Student Government Association hosted a Veteran's Day Memorial Celebration honoring American veterans and the 17 American sailors who were killed in Yemen aboard the U.S.S. Cole. The event took place at NKU's Steeple Library Plaza and featured speakers Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at NKU; Thomas Keller, President of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of Northern Kentucky; and Democrat Congressman Ken Lucas.

The Veteran's Day Memorial Celebration began with a brief history of Veteran's Day narrated by Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Eugene Norman and continued with an overview of the U.S.S. Cole tragedy narrated by SGA Senator Jorge Marcano.

In his introduction to main speaker Thomas Keller, Dr. Mark Shanley said that he hoped that "Each of us finds ways of connecting with these aging veterans.

We need to hear and preserve the lessons on the cost of preserving freedom and the American way."

The event continued with Thomas Keller, who said, "A theme that is very important to us today is America's forgetfulness...[and] our nation's readiness to forget its war heroes...Veterans believed that their day of honor would never ever be forgotten. How easily the memory of immense sacrifice can just slip away. Even the memory of a war as recent as the Persian Gulf slips into the dark recesses of memory... And a year from now how many will give thought to the U.S.S. Cole? We live in a nation in which people take their freedom for granted as if liberty had not been purchased with the blood, the tears, the sweat, and the toil of our armed forces."

Following Keller's speech, the Xavier University Honor Guard participated in a plaque dedication to the 17 sailors of the U.S.S. Cole who were killed in Yemen. Concluding the celebration, Congressman Ken Lucas provided a few closing comments.

"I realize being a member of Congress that this nation's government is not keeping its contract

with our veterans," he said. "I am very aware that there is certainly a group of us who feel very strongly about that and we're hoping to do better than that have in the past because we're not living up to what we promised."

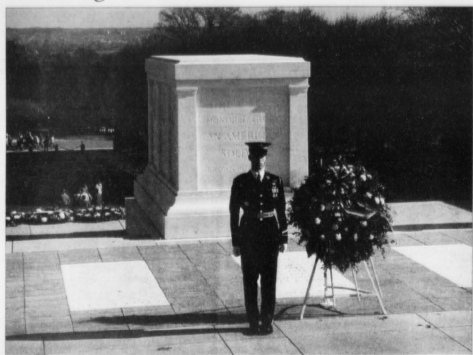
Lucas also addressed the lack of national enthusiasm among America's youth. "I [also] think our young folks are missing out on a sense of patriotism that a lot of those of us who are older have," he said. "Washington is a wonderful place to bring young folks to that they might get a sense of patriotism and to see the heroes that went before them, who sacrificed their life and limb so that we might enjoy this freedom. So my plea to you is that of you have young folks who have never been to Washington, there's not a greater learning experience for them to get a sense of this nation's history so that they might be patriots as well."

The main message expressed at the Veteran's Day Memorial Celebration was that freedom is not free and that Americans must not forget the sacrifices made by the men and women in the armed forces, so that they might enjoy freedom.



Don Mecher/The Northerner
A wreath of flowers left at the Veteran's Day Ceremony held at NKU's Steeple Library Plaza November 10.

Honoring our Fallen Heroes



Peter W. Zabaty/The Northerner
President Clinton was at Arlington National Cemetery Saturday to dedicate a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of those who died in service of the country for Veteran's Day.

Landrum conundrum solved

By Cheryl Ritchie
Staff Writer

Between the different wiring and no equipment available for the newly constructed rooms, the quality of learning in Landrum has been set back.

The new rooms in Landrum were re-wired, thus causing the original recording equipment to be incompatible with the new wiring and outlets. The television and VCR equipment couldn't be installed back into the walls because they were constructed differently. By all the confusion and unexpected flaws in the wiring and construction of the Landrum rooms, faculty and students have dealt with no equipment all semester.

Dr. Russell F. Proctor II of the department of communication said, "This is affecting all learning at the university. We are in classrooms

now without VCRs and recording equipment."

Proctor did say he appreciated the new classrooms. The nightmare will soon be over. The same televisions and VCR units will be installed through the ceilings. New state-of-the-art digital, portable recording equipment has been ordered. The provost has some funding available to help advance the equipment in Landrum.

Gary L. Pratt, Associate Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, said, "Information Technology was not involved in any part of that renovation, other than ensuring that the existing computer network wiring was in place. We were all involved in the data network wiring."

Pratt said they weren't involved in the original installation of the new.

Other scheduled changes include the installation of, what Pratt called, "smart classrooms." They will include a ceiling presentation system, speaker sound enhancement, computer workstations, and VCRs permanently installed in each classroom. A student technology fee will be used to help pay for the project. The first nine rooms will be installed in December.

"I'm hoping to get outside funding to boost that," Pratt said.

The question of which rooms will be first in remodeling is being determined right now. A few of the rooms in Landrum are being recommended. By August, 18 rooms should be completed. Smart classrooms will eventually be implemented throughout the entire campus.

Pratt said he is excited and looking forward to having the project completed.

One of DPS' problems: 'sloppy bookkeeping'

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The Council on Post-Secondary Education (CPE) will meet Nov. 21 to begin finalizing regulations on compliance with the Michael Minger Act, according to Kentucky Representative Jim Wayne (D).

Wayne, who wrote the Michael Minger Act which requires universities to report all campus crime within 24 hours, said the regulations will be completed by mid-December and will be distributed to all public and private universities in the state of Kentucky. He said once the regulations are finalized, they will be enforced immediately.

Wayne was shown a videotape of DPS Director Don McKenzie informing the Channel 9 I-Team they could not see campus crime reports that were under investigation.

Wayne told *The Northerner* that based on the contents of the videotape, the Department of Public Safety at Northern Kentucky University are not currently meeting these regulations. He said one of DPS' problems is "sloppy bookkeeping."

DPS reported on its website that they are

currently complying with the Michael Minger Act and the Campus Security Act of 1990.

Wayne said DPS might have been at a disadvantage because there is a possibility they did not understand the law and how to comply with it. He said the regulations being drafted by the CPE will help clarify what DPS and other campus police organizations are required to do.

Wayne said that with this law, campus police organizations are not going to be able to under-report campus crime to make the university's image look better.

"They're going to have to be a lot more honest about everything that occurs in their department," Wayne said.

Wayne said that if an university does not comply they will be penalized with a fine of \$500-\$1500 and the possible 30-day imprisonment of an university official. He said the person imprisoned could possibly be the president of the university.

Wayne said the goal is just to get the universities to comply.

"We don't want anyone to go to jail," he said.

Wayne said the law means the campus police must make the crime reports avail-

able and must put them in the logbook within 24 hours of the report.

DPS officer Natalie Jackson told *The Northerner* in the Feb. 21 issue that it generally takes one to three days for a report to be put in the logbook because all reports must be approved first. She said the longest turnover occurs on the weekend, because most supervisors only work weekdays.

In that same issue, *The Northerner* also reported that 13 of the 46 reports during the month of December, 1999, and seven of the 55 reports dated Jan. 1 to Feb. 1 were missing.

At press time, all incidents between September and November were reported, including incident reports that occurred less than 24 hours prior. Incidents prior to September were not in the logbook.

In accordance to the Michael Minger Act, the crime log is available on the DPS website. The on-line crime log dates back to June, 2000.

According to KRS 164.9481, the campus crime log must contain the category of crime, the description of the incident, date, time, and general location of each crime and the disposition of the complaint if known, including referral for prosecution, institu-

tional disciplinary proceedings or investigation by another state agency.

Wayne said he is not concerned with the reporting of names because it could incriminate the suspect and put the person who reported the crime at risk.

"We're not after names. We're not after making someone guilty if they are not guilty," he said.

Although DPS has reported and logged all recent incidents, they do not always include all of the required information.

One example is a Sept. 25 incident report of harassing communication involving telephone harassment of a Residential Assistant and subsequent telephone harassment of other residents in her hall. The DPS report in the log book had the name of the dorm building the incident occurred in whited out. *The Northerner* attempted to gain access to this information immediately following the report. Sergeant Schweitzer, DPS investigator, refused to divulge this information, citing the case was under investigation.

Wayne said it's not enough to say it happened in the Residential Village. He said the location needs to be more specific than that.

"Only if it jeopardized the apprehension

of someone. That is the only time they can withhold information," he said.

The law states the reasons why campus police may withhold information: the release of information would cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, would result in the destruction of evidence, or is prohibited by law.

In addition to reporting crime, the Michael Minger Act also dictates that all post-secondary education institutions make timely reports on campus crime.

NKU publishes its campus crime report annually and the most recent edition was released this semester. However, the report was pulled only days after it was released.

"Some information in that report was not accurate," said Mike Baker, NKU vice-president of administration and finance.

Baker said there was some confusion in that report. He said a new report is available at the DPS website which contains accurate information.

The Nov. 3 report of the Channel 9 I-Team questioned the accuracy in the of NKU Campus Crime Report. The I-Team segment stated Residential Life's Area Director Jerry Wallace reported far more

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Grant brings Youth Sports Program to NKU

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

With a \$95,000 grant from the National Collegiate Association of America, Northern Kentucky University is teaching kids how to swim.

The Summer 2001 Youth Sports Program (YSP) will bring children from ages 10-16 to NKU for five weeks of instructional training in a number of sports, including golf, tennis and swimming, among others.

According to Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management Greg Stewart, the amount being received is the maximum award the NCAA provides for the pro-

gram. The grant also singles out NKU as the only recipient of NCAA funding for the YSP throughout several counties.

"It entitles us to recruit from Campbell county, Kenton County and Hamilton County in Cincinnati," he said.

Stewart explained the format of the program. "The participants will commute every day, but we will provide children with transportation if needed," he said.

Professionals from each sport will be hired with the grant money to teach their

particular field, Stewart explained. Besides an emphasis on swimming, students will be trained in self-defense, soccer and softball.

"There is also an educational component," Stewart added. In addition to athletic training, he said, participants will also receive

instruction in mathematics, art, science and drug-use prevention. "The goal of the program is to promote healthy lifestyles and expose them to what higher education can do for them."

Edwinna Meister, administrative secretary for associate VP enrollment management, has worked in the office since the end of August. In her first grant project, she worked with Stewart in requesting the grant for the YSP. "I think it's awesome," she said. "It's an opportunity to help out some kids who probably could use some helping out."

According to the YSP application, family income is a consideration for those who are accepted. The program's Web Site (www.ncaa.org) describes itself as "an attempt to provide an equal opportunity of friendships and summer experiences for children of low-income families." It also indicates a requirement that 90% of the

participants must meet U.S. poverty guidelines.

As of January 2000, the number of participants in the program nationwide had reached 69,546, according to NCAA statistics. In addition, over 5,000 jobs for professionals, assistants and other staff had been created for the YSP.

The original request, according to Meister, was for \$45,000 for only one year. She said the amount NKU received will help fund the program for two years.

"I think they saw the credibility on this campus, and what we're able to do here," she said.

The YSP at NKU begins on June 11, 2001 and continues until July 6, 2001.

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A face-lift not in NKU's future

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

This is the first in a series of three stories that focuses on the MasterPlan Developments.

A concrete oasis of architecture has surrounded the students of Northern Kentucky University for more than three decades. According to Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh, few stylistic changes are in store for future structures.

"Whether you like concrete or not, you have to give credit to all the people through the years who have been involved in these projects for the consistency," said Schuh. "The consistency has strength."

The NKU Master Plan, recently devised by the campus community and various design teams, suggests that new building façades should reflect a similar cellular and recti-

linear design as the buildings which already stand. Some changes are scheduled, however, to provide a higher degree of structural transparency and warmth toward students. Large windows, according to the plan, will be one measure taken to create the new atmosphere.

Schuh said the new Natural Science building, when completed, will give a glimpse at the new architectural path campus planners came up with. "The concrete you see out there now is pretty much all you're going to see," she said. Insulated metal panels will be one of the new features on the structure. "They provide greater energy efficiency and take up less space than an insulated concrete wall, and it's a little bit cheaper," Schuh explained. "Time will tell if that's a good decision or not."

The windows of the new science building will also be a noticeable change, according to Schuh. "We're going with clear glass, as opposed to dark glass," she said. This will be a change from the opaque windows used all over the campus.

NKU's previous building style is referred to by Schuh and the master plan as "Brutalism." Typical characteristics of "Brutal" structures described in the plan include surfaces with the natural color of the material, as well as a dominant geometrical motif.

According to "Brutalistic" method, a building's design should reflect a clear expression of its purpose. "It's one aspect of it I find interesting," Schuh said, "that you can look at a building, and by the outside, you can have some sense of what's going on inside."

Six of the buildings standing at NKU were designed by architect Addison Clipson. About thirty years ago, his firm began the original planning of the university. "They handed us 250 acres of field and said, 'Put the campus there,'" Clipson explained. Some of his projects included Nunn Hall, The Fine Arts Center, Steely Library and the Lucas Administrative Center.

Some parts of his plans were never undertaken because of a lack of funding from legislation. The underground tunnel was originally meant to connect every building on the campus. Clipson said the purpose of the tunnel was for students to use to stay out of the rain when going to class. Thirty years later, the incomplete tunnel is now a supplies' delivery channel.

"I don't design buildings in any particular style per se," he said in response to his NKU architecture being labeled as "Brutalistic." Clipson said numerous factors were weighed during the designs. The decision to use con-

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Dan Mecher/The Northerner
Nunn Hall is a perfect example of the "Brutalistic" style of building, which is one of the trademarks of NKU's campus.

D.P.S. REPORTS

A slab of concrete garbage was found turned over by unknown subjects in parking lot V. The slab weighed between 300 and 400 lbs. and cracks were found in it.

An Northern Kentucky University employee was hit by an electrical car while it was being operated in the tunnel. A pipe was being repaired at the time of the accident. The employee was not injured and refused medical attention.

A female complained that pornographic material was downloaded on a NKU office computer. The subject who downloaded the offensive items remains unknown.

A female living in Commonwealth dorm reported that she was assaulted by another female Nov. 4.

Eight subjects were found drinking beer in a room in Sycamore apartments. The beer was confiscated and destroyed. The subjects will be disciplined by Residential Life.

A male was told to stay away from campus to avoid arrest for a possible stalking. The male is not an NKU student and has been involved in a

previous report.

A male student was found not breathing in his room at Kentucky Hall. An officer was dispatched to the room to apply C.P.R. The subject was revived and oxygen was administered. The student was transported to St. Luke East Hospital for treatment.

A burglary occurred on the 4th floor of the Natural Science Building. A McIntosh Apple Powerbook 1400CS Laptop Computer was found missing. The computer was last seen Sept. 1 and has a serial number of Q77251TPAQA and an NKU property tag of #47363.

Ask not what your country can do for you



One of the more moving symbols of our national pride and identity is the Eternal Flame, located at President John F. Kennedy's resting place at Arlington National Cemetery.

Norators finish third

By Dr. Robert T. Jones
Contributing Writer

If you panic at the thought of public speaking, imagine the cadre of Northern Kentucky University students who do it for fun and prizes. NKU's Speech team, The Norators, has once again distinguished itself in intercollegiate competition.

The seven-member team took the third-place Sweepstakes [university division] award at the Barbeque Capital of the World Invitational Tournament held at Owensboro (KY) Community College Nov. 4, 2000. This was an improvement from the team's fourth-place finish in 1999.

Individual speaking awards included: Sue Banuelos, who captured first place in Poetry Interpretation and was a finalist in Programmed

Oral Interpretation, Emily Votruba took second place in Programmed Oral Interpretation, team captain Michael Monks received third place in Impromptu Counseling (five or more events entered); Charles Seger was a finalist in both Persuasive Speaking and Duo Interpretation (with partner Melissa Hayes); Melissa Hayes was a finalist in Duo Interpretation (with partner Charles Seger) and garnered seventh place in Pentathlon; Angela Kroger captured eighth place in Pentathlon.

Four of the seven team members have qualified to compete in the National Forensics Association tournament to be held in mid-April at Western Kentucky University. They are Sue Banuelos (Poetry), Melissa Hayes (Duo), Charles Seger (Duo and Persuasion), and Alex

Valle (Novice Impromptu) who qualified at WKU's tournament in October.

If you enjoy speaking and/or debating in front of others, and have a flair for the dramatic, consider joining the Norators, an activity of NKU's Department of Communication. You may contact Dr. Bob Jones, Director of forensics, in Landrum 100A or by e-mail at jonesr@nku.edu, or team president Michael Monks in Landrum 100.

The Norators particularly need individuals who are interested in Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate, oral interpretation, and public speaking. You will find a complete listing of the interpretative and public speaking events in which the team competes at www.nku.edu/~forensics/about.html.



The Norators, NKU's Speech team, are as follows: Back row (l-r): Dr. Bob Jones-Director of Forensics, Jacardo Ralston, Michael Monks, Charles Seger, Melissa Hayes. Center: Sue Banuelos, Alex Valle, Emily Votruba, Pam Tyahur-Assistant Coach. Seated: Angela Kroger. The team placed third at the Barbeque Capital of the World Invitational at Owensboro.

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NKU professor Jon Draud elected to Kentucky House of Representatives

By Sarah Baker
General Manager

The 63rd district of Kentucky re-elected Republican Jon Draud to the Kentucky House of Representatives.

The 63rd district includes eight cities in Kenton County along Dixie Highway, such as Ft. Mitchell and Villa Hills. Draud beat Ft. Mitchell City Council member and former Chase Law School student Jeb Holbrook. Draud received more than 13,000 votes and Holbrook received less than 4,000.

One of the major goals for his second term is to secure funding for a special events center at NKU that would seat 8,000 to 10,000. "I really think it's unfair that we're the only place in the state that doesn't have a nice place," he said.

Draud, director of School/University Partnerships at Northern Kentucky University, said he based his interests in going to Frankfurt on education. He began teaching in 1960. He also was the superintendent of Ludlow Independent School District for 19 years. After resigning from his position as superintendent, Draud came to NKU as associate professor of education.

Draud, a Northern Kentucky native, was elected to his first term as Kentucky State Legislator in 1998. During his first term, fellow legislators, media and lobbyists ranked Draud second among 14 Northern Kentucky legislators.

Draud said his most important role during the 2000 General Assembly was serving as the vice chair of the education committee. He also served on the licensing and occupation committee and the local government committee. Draud was also the only Northern Kentucky legislator to be appointed to the Teacher Quality Task Force by Gov. Paul Patton.

Draud said he voted for the Governor's Budget for Education, which

resulted in NKU getting the largest increase in funding in its history.

"Northern has been far behind. We haven't been treated fairly over the years," he said. Draud said his role was internal, but it was a team effort that President Votrubac, Joe Wind, assistant vice president of community and government relations, and NKU students contributed to.

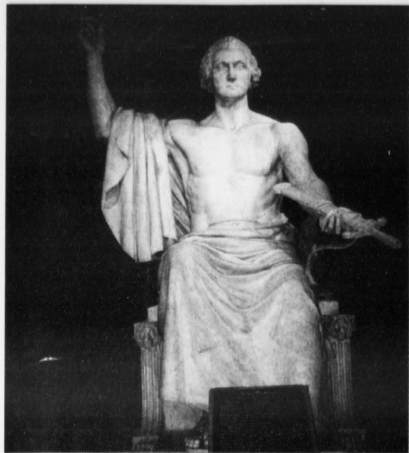
"You have to have a lot of people working together to accomplish something like that. Usually the other universities have more influence than we do and we don't get our fair share of funds," he said.

"It was a very great year for NKU with the legislature," he added. Draud helped pass House Bill 25, which helps teachers get training from the National Professional Teachers Standards Board. There were about 37 teachers in Kentucky who had this certification before the bill was passed. Eighty teachers are expected to complete the training this year, Draud said.

Draud said he also sponsored the Criminal Records Check for Volunteers to help ensure safety in schools. Prior to this bill, schools were only required to check the criminal records of employees. Kentucky now requires checks for all volunteers, including student teachers. Draud said he was encouraged to sponsor this bill when a Northern Kentucky school district discovered a potential volunteer was guilty of child molestation.

Draud said he was able to get House Bill 178 passed. This bill provided a couple hundred thousand dollars to implement an early math diagnostic test for sophomores and juniors in high schools across the state. The voluntary test, which will be administered through the Internet, will be available soon, Draud said.

"The idea is to get you warned early that if you don't shape up, when you go to college, you're going to have to spend a bunch of money



Laura Parsons/The Northern
Washington's head on Zeus' body is where both current candidates would like their heads to be.

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A legacy of protest



Laura Parsons/The Northern
The Greensboro, N.C., Woolworth lunch counter where four North Carolina A&T students held a sit-in in protest of the whites-only rule the restaurant had. This exhibit is on display at The Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

Let it go. Admit defeat. The Democratic Party wants desperately to unseat Gov. George W. Bush from his rightful place as president.

Never mind that Bush won Florida, and thus the election on Nov. 7.

Just ignore the fact that after two recounts, called for by the Democratic Party, Bush was still leading by 288 popular votes in the state of Florida as of Nov. 12.

Now Vice President Al Gore and company want a manual recount. They won't be satisfied until Gore is declared winner by any unfair means.

The Dems claim that the ballot, which they agreed to use, in Palm Beach, Fla. was

confusing. A ballot which was in the newspapers for people to see before ever stepping into a booth on Tue., Nov. 7 was unfair. Bull.

If you're in too much of a hurry to look at who you're voting for, then you cannot complain if your vote is wrong. I understand that a good number of the voting public in Palm

Beach are senior citizens. I know some times senior citizens have sight problems.

The ballot was designed the way it was so that senior citizens with poor sight would be able to see the names easier. Oh, and there were black arrows showing the vote exactly

who they were voting for.

It was not a conspiracy to confuse the senior citizens in Palm Beach into voting for Pat Buchanan. People rushed in the booths and are not willing to admit it. They'd rather complain that it wasn't their fault, they were tricked.

Sounds like Democratic cries for help to me. "It is not my fault. Let's let the government fix my mistakes."

Life isn't always fair.

The democrats will whine and moan that the election was fixed until Gore wins. The only way that will happen is if all of the votes given to Buchanan on the "confusing" ballot are given to Gore. That isn't the answer either.

Was it fair that Gore was declared the winner in Florida before a single absentee ballot

was counted? No. Is it fair that an unknown number of people didn't vote because they believed their vote didn't count because of this? No.

Keep everything the way it is. Only one thing needs to be changed and that is that people should take more time looking at who they are voting for and maybe, gosh I don't know, taking a look at the ballot ahead of time.

Keep the votes the way they are. Count the absentee votes, which should widen the gap between the two anyway, considering most are expected to be for Bush, and elect a new president.

As the saying goes, third time is the charm. Well, Bush won by 288 on the third count.

and elsewhere. Inaction, resentment and gridlock are notorious consequences.

The Electoral College works for America. The current election notwithstanding, the Electoral College and the popular vote have matched 94 percent of the time. Only three (so far) have candidates won the popular vote and lost the Electoral College, and two of these three (Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland) proved victorious in the following election. The Electoral College guarantees a role in the presidential election for all states, not just the most populous ten. Let us not succumb to knee-jerk reactions and emotional pleadings. Preserve the republic: keep the Electoral College.

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Election recounts not needed

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE
Finding the ways that work

I-Team tactics questioned

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The the Channel 9 I-Team's Nov. 2-3 report on the Department of Public Safety at Northern Kentucky University is an example of "true" journalism. I'm changing my major.

Every class I have ever been in has driven home the importance of being fair and accurate when doing a story.

I have taken pride in the endless hours I have spent in the office of *The Northerner* making sure every detail of my story was accurate and all sides were fairly represented.

It seemed obvious to me that the I-Team had already determined the angle of their story before they started interviewing. Many of the questions asked were leading and the only quotes in NKU's favor made those stating them look like bumbling idiots.

If they wanted to make NKU look bad, they succeeded.

Having been a part of *The Northerner* staff for nearly two years, I have had the pleasure with talking with the university officials that the I-Team interviewed many times.

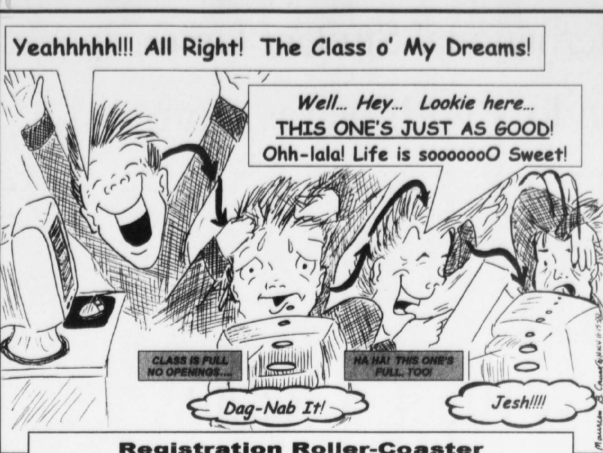
At no time have these people, including DPS Director Don McKenzie, and Mike Baker, vice-president of administration and finance, seemed even remotely idiotic or incompetent.

Another problem I had with the report was the absence of essential information. The report on Nov. 3 that Residential Life's Hall Director Jerry Wallace reported more crimes than NKU officials. At first glance, this insinuates NKU is covering up crime.

However, after I did more research I found that insinuation may not be entirely accurate. Baker told me that Wallace reports campus crime per academic year, while NKU reports campus crime per calendar year. This was an essential piece of information I would have included. However, the I-Team disregarded it.

I spoke with Kara Clark, president of student government, and she told me she did a lengthy interview with the I-Team. However, none of the interview was included in the story. The only mention of the student government present was made at the end of the Nov. 3 segment.

I disapprove of the way the I-



Team did the story, but I do not disapprove of the story itself. Journalists have the responsibility to fairly and accurately report a story, regardless if it is positive or negative.

If what the I-Team alleges is true, there is a definite need for the information to be made public. However, it takes time and a lot of hard work to produce a comprehensive, unbiased story.

If the I-Team wants to continue to do stories like this one, more power to them. Maybe they would fit in better at a tabloid such as the *National Enquirer*.

However, if they hope to be true

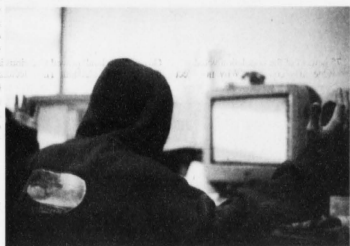
journalists, they need to have a little more practice. Perhaps all they really need is to spend some time in journalism boot camp, otherwise known as the office of *The Northerner*.

What some students think about the online-registration

By James Proffitt
Assistant Features Editor

"Registering online is like looking at your grandmother in a string bikini: You don't want to, but you have to."

The aforementioned thoughts of Junior Bill MacFarland reflect the thoughts of many students at Northern Kentucky University. For the first



time, NKU students not only have the availability to register online, but are required to do so. While the notion was thought to have more advantages than disadvantages when adopted, many students have learned first-hand that the system is far from flawless.

"I was held out, and I didn't know why," said sophomore Kevin Warwick. He later learned that he had a block due to tuition payments. "My advisor did not tell me. I missed out on two classes that I wanted because of that."

Sophomore Nick McIver also had problems with on-line registration. "It wouldn't let me on for 45 minutes, and since it was a Saturday, there was no one in the office to help me."

Although many have had experiences with online registration, there are those who had very good experiences. Junior Sabrina Faust said "I didn't have a problem with it. It took me two minutes to do, and I was fine."

Senior Jeff Mattisoff said that the online registering itself was great. He did claim to have some difficulties getting to that point however. "Online registration was really convenient and easy. There was some weird stuff with the pink slips, but other than that, it was really good. If you could just turn the slips in earlier, it'd be fine."

Junior Jorge Valencia said, "I thought it was great. It took, like, a minute." Senior Eric Croxton shared his sentiments, saying registration was "fast, efficient, and quick."

The same thoughts came from sophomore Amber Miller. "For me, it went really good. It took about five seconds."

Senior Kiley Craigmyle, who claimed to have a good experience with the



new way of registering, said there are ups and downs to the system. "The advantage is you don't have to wait in line. The disadvantage is if you don't have computer access, and you can't get to campus, then you're out of luck."

Aside from the ease or difficulty of signing up for classes, there are other factors to consider when voicing an opinion on it. MacFarland said that he was disappointed with online registration somewhat just because it was another example of computers reducing human interaction. One flip side to that is class attendance may be somewhat better on registration days, as students would often skip class in order to register at the first available opportunity.

NORTH POLL

What do you think about the 2000 presidential elections?

Erica Reed
Speech Communication
Cincinnati

"I am Republican. I think it's a shame Florida has had such a problem with figuring out how the ballots should be."



Emily Gladden
Radio-Television
Louisville

"I hope George Bush wins. I think it's ridiculous that it's taken this long to get the absentee ballots in, because with modern technology, they should get them from overseas quicker."



Angelic Gail
Social Work
Gary, In.

"I think Al Gore should be president because I think he would be the better man for the job because he would cover more issues."



Emily McClain
Art
Dillsboro, In.

"If George Bush becomes president - I would cry because this election is for the future of my parents and my children."



Will Johnson
Undecided
Louisville

"It seems a bit out of hand. Its history in the making, we'll never have another election quite like it."



Jon Roller
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"It's a load of bulls**."



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International Student Union sponsors vendors with wares from Asia

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Music from a portable stereo gently filled the air at the University Center lobby last week as two familiar faces provided students with a selection of Asian clothing, jewelry and crafts.

Saffron and Eric, as they prefer to be called, have occasionally visited Northern Kentucky University over the past five years.

The items they bring to sell come from various countries of the world's largest continent, including Thailand and India.

All of their merchandise is obtained by traveling internationally, Saffron said. "We've been to Asia eight times collecting," she said.

A rainbow of color hung from the racks assembled in front of them, where decorated garments were displayed. On the tables laid

shimmering bracelets, necklaces and rings for students to choose from.

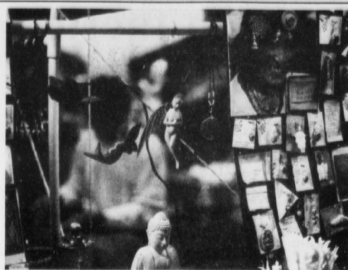
Saffron and Eric take their business to schools in Kentucky and to small Ohio schools such as Morehead, Northern Ohio College and Eastern Ohio College. Their travels were not always business related, however, according to Saffron.

"After traveling for two years, we decided to experiment by hav-

ing a small business," she said. "We've had a pretty good response."

Their visits are sponsored by the International Student Organization, which keeps a percentage of the sales made at NKU. "We're sponsored by an organization of each school we visit," Saffron explained.

Originally from Aimesville, Ohio, Saffron was not always on the road. "In my former life," she



Dan Mecher/The Northerner
Items from distant lands for sale at NKU.

said, joking, "I was a psychotherapist." Although the duo declined to give their ages, Saffron did say they are not yet at retirement age. The duo stayed at NKU the entire week, leaving last Friday.

Miss Black & Gold to be chosen Nov. 18

By Barbara Brow
Staff Reporter

Okay girls, it is time to dry clean that dress, polish your heels, and strut your stuff for the 6th annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant. Alpha Phi Alpha has hosted the pageant on the Northern Kentucky University campus since 1994.

The pageant is a nationally-based competition that illustrates young African-American women's pride and beauty.

On Nov. 18, 10 NKU hopefuls will be competing for a scholarship, prizes and a chance to compete in the national pageant in Washington, D.C.

The talent portion of the show is the most critical. The contestants must show creativity in playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing and reading poetry by renowned African-American authors and artists.

Sorry guys, no swim wear; but come see the contestants as they walk the runway in casual, formal and business attire.

All contestants must be an NKU student and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

The grand prize is a trophy and a \$250 book scholarship.

The winner will compete in the district pageant, and could compete in the state-wide pageant, and then to nationals.

Quentin Williams, the director for two years, has seen the number of contestants increase in past years. Williams said he hopes the pageant will attract more young African-American women in the future.

The pageant will be held at Greaves Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7, and further information can be found through Quentin Williams at (859) 572-7772.

Pete's Poetry Corner

Death becomes

Slowly, surely, effortlessly
Without fail
Sanity flees
Like the wayward wind
The seam of my psyche splits
Leaving the gaping wound
The mind butter
Seeping, dripping, running
Long time coming
Once to be free
Now is not to be
The lock is set
Tightening like a vise
Squeezing every last ounce
Leaving a shattered soul in its place
What once was a mountain of stability
Is now a dried, empty carcass
Lying flat
With open arms
Hoping, praying for the tide to turn
But none to come
No rest for the weary
No respite for the drained
No fuel for the fire
All that remains

A shell of a man
With no hope for a rebirth

By Peter W. Zubaty

Wishing, praying

Losers weep
My soul to keep
From crying once again
But now I speak
And wish to seek
The comfort of you then
I try to hide
And look inside
Myself to make me strong
But all I find
Deep in this mind
Are cheesy, cruddy songs
I'd like to know
If I can grow
And get into your soul
But now I've found
Without a sound
That you're what makes me whole

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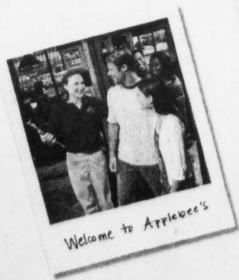
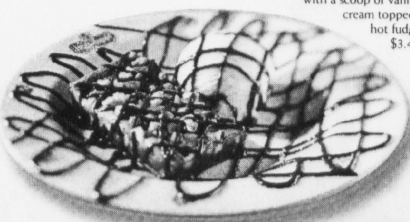
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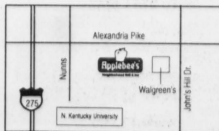
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NKU Skeet and Trap team off and running

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University welcomes a new form of intercollegiate competition with the newly formed Skeet and Trap team. Organized in late October, the Skeet and Trap team is led by President Chet Kiser and Vice President Matt Moher. The novice team participated in its first shoot Nov. 4 and 5 at the Indiana Gun Club in Indianapolis. Eleven schools com-

peted, including Purdue University, the University of Kentucky, West Point Academy, the Naval Academy and Indiana University.

NKU placed well at the tournament of more than 85 shooters. Team member Daniel Rice placed in the top 10 in the International Skeet Event. Kiser placed third in both the International and American Skeet Events.

Each member of the team shot more than 450 rounds of ammunition. There were no injuries at the

shoot.

The Skeet and Trap team is a non-funded university team, unlike most of the other teams at the tournament. "The team wasn't very well prepared for the shoot because of lack of funding," Kiser said. "Donations would be very appreciated to help NKU become on the same level as other schools."

The Skeet and Trap team is always accepting new members. For more information or to make a donation, contact Chet Kiser at 859-485-7804, or the team webpage at <http://communities.msn.com/nkuskeettrap>.



Photo Contributed

The NKU Skeet and Trap team consists of seven members: (from left to right) Daniel Rice, Chet Kiser, Amanda Schoberg, Jeff Goshorn, Matt Moher, Esther Baker and Jacol Coulter.

On the road with 'This Week in NKU Sports': Disney Tip-Off Classic

The NKU men's basketball team opened its season at the Disney Tip-Off Classic this past weekend at the Wide World of Sports Fieldhouse in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Norse started out playing Wayne State (Neb.) College on Friday. In a close game, NKU defeated Wayne State by a score of 78-74.

Junior Carl Mitchell scored 19 points and contributed nine rebounds for the Norse in the win. Also, junior Craig Sanders came away with 14 points.

Senior Todd Clark and Jeff McKinley each added 11 points to help lead the victory for NKU, which shot 53 percent from the field in the game.

The Norse took on Bentley (Mass.) College in the semifinals of the tournament on Saturday. Mitchell again was the big man, pouring in 12 points and seven rebounds as NKU won the game 70-61.

Sophomore Brenden Stowers came off the bench to score 11 points. Senior Adam Norvell and Sanders both finished with 10 points in the game for the Norse.

The championship game finished the tournament Sunday as NKU matched up against Rollins (Fla.) College.

In the most lopsided game of the tournament, the Norse trampled Rollins by a score of 64-43.

Clark was the high man of the

championship game, coming up with 16 points and seven rebounds to lead the way for NKU.

Mitchell contributed 14 points and seven rebounds in the win. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Stowers also earned All-Tournament honors for the Norse. NKU, ranked sixth in the NCAA Division II Preseason Poll, is now 3-0 on the year.

The team will next participate in another tournament this weekend. The Norse will play Indiana Southeast in the John L. Griffin Lions Club Classic at Regents Hall Friday at 7:45 p.m. with the championship game being played on Saturday.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week

Photos by Rachel Dietz



Right: Sara Taylor
Taylor was named second team All-GLVC for the NKU volleyball team. She had 20 defensive digs this past week in the GLVC Tournament.



Left: Carl Mitchell
Mitchell was named MVP of the Disney Tip-Off Classic this past weekend. He averaged 15 points a game in the three-day tournament.

2000 All-GLVC Volleyball Team

First Team
Tami Isch, IUPUI-Ft. Wayne, Setter
Kim Boehmer, Southern Indiana, Setter
Bobbi Casey, NKU, Setter
Jessica Buroker, NKU, Middle Hitter
Sarah Beebe, Lewis, Middle Hitter
Laura Douglas, IUPUI-Ft. Wayne, Outside Hitter
Bethany Gastright, NKU, Outside Hitter
Shannon Wells, Southern Indiana, Outside Hitter
Euniquie Reeves, Quincy, Opposite Hitter
Patty Getz, Lewis, Defensive Specialist
Second Team
Stacy Moss, Lewis, Setter
Michelle Hochstatter, Missouri-St. Louis, Middle Hitter
Sarah Stuckenberg, Bellarmine, Middle Hitter
Leah Mercer, Southern Indiana, Middle Hitter
Courtney Boissenet, IUPUI-Ft. Wayne, Outside Hitter
Katie Gilman, Lewis, Outside Hitter
Lindsay Rust, SIU Edwardsville, Outside Hitter
Beth Steele, Lewis, Opposite Hitter
Sara Taylor, NKU, Defensive Specialist
Player of the Year - Laura Douglas, IUPUI-Ft. Wayne
Freshman of the Year - Kim Boehmer, Southern Indiana
Coach of the Year - Katie Loyer, Southern Indiana

2000 All-GLVC Women's Soccer Team

First Team
F - Betsy Moore, NKU
F - Stephanie Minor, Southern Indiana
F - Colleen Creamer, SIU Edwardsville
MF - Tricia Kiaruk, NKU
MF - Corinna Hanson, Indianapolis
MF - Jeanna Martin, NKU
MF - Sara Decker, SIU Edwardsville
B - Amanda Trout, NKU
B - Erin Archer, Indianapolis
B - Melissa Stevenson, NKU
GK - Lauren Piening, NKU
Second Team
F - Laura Gregory, Indianapolis
F - Lorrie Jones, UW-Parkside
F - Lindsey Siemens, UMSL
F - Lindsay Jones, UMSL
MF - Stephanie Johnson, Indianapolis
MF - Cathy Cox, Saint Joseph's
B - Sarah Kalish, UMSL
B - Krista Weinzaepfel, Southern Indiana
B - Rebecca Mays, SIU Edwardsville
B - Tasha Siegel, SIU Edwardsville
GK - Beth Lunderman, SIU Edwardsville
Player of the Year - Tricia Kiaruk, NKU
co-Coaches of the Year - Bob Sheehan, NKU & Beth Goetz, UMSL

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NKU volleyball team makes it four in a row

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The NKU volleyball team made history as it captured its fourth consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship, a feat that had never been done by any NKU team.

The volleyball team faced a tough battle Nov. 9-11 for majestic bragging rights. One obstacle it faced was Lewis, a team that had defeated them twice this season.

"We sort of wanted some revenge on Lewis because we knew we were better. We didn't have anything to lose and they had everything to lose," said freshman Julie Wall.

Camilla Welter agreed that NKU didn't have anything to lose.

"They had beaten us twice. We were the underdogs. We just went out and played," she said.

Welter said in preparing for the Lewis match-up, they practiced short serves a lot because that is one factor that led to their defeat in the two previous contests.

The win against Lewis can be attributed to strong defensive play. Bethany Gastright led the team with 15 kills followed by Welter's 14. Gastright also led in defensive digs.

After the win against Lewis, Southern Indiana was they only thing standing between NKU and the GLVC title.

The Southern Indiana game was a battle two of the GLVC's strongest teams, with two games being won by only a two-point margin.

Gastright led in kills again in the Southern Indiana game with 14, in a game that was decided on defense. Welter and senior Jessica Buroker were tied for second with eight kills each.

Buroker also became the only player to participate on four consecutive GLVC teams.

Luisa Gomez said team chemistry was the key to the tournament win.

"If you don't have team chemistry, you don't have a team," she said.

Wall said she enjoyed winning the championship, but she doesn't believe it meant as much to her as it did to the older girls.

"I don't think I got the full understanding because I am a freshman," she said.

Being faced with such fierce competition, it is vital the team takes the court with the proper attitude and motivation in order to win. Wall said Buroker and Casey give a

pregame speech and lead the team in prayer.

Wall also said many of the team members prepare for the game by listening to music. She said she listens to hip-hop such as Eminem, while Gastright usually spins Metallica in her CD player before the game.

Wall said the competition was much more intense than during regular season play.

"The tournament was a lot more energized. Nobody was going to lose without giving their all," she said.

The GLVC title meant NKU advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament this weekend. Even though NKU clinched the GLVC title, they still fell shy of being the top-seeded team to be able to host the regionals.

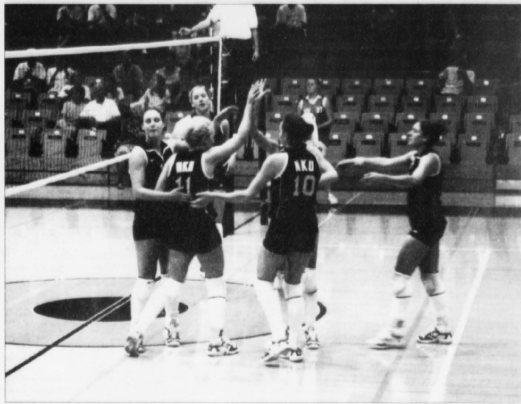
Welter said there are some definite disadvantages to not having the home-court advantage.

"It's tougher when you don't have your fans," she said.

Welter said the road to winning the regionals, and ultimately the NCAA tournament, will be tough.

"We have a lot of tough games. We might have to play Lewis

again," Welter said.



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

The NKU volleyball team flew high in grabbing its fourth consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament Championship this past weekend at Southern Indiana.

Upcoming Games (home games in caps)

Men's Basketball Fri., Nov. 17	Indiana-Southeast (John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic)	7:45 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18	Consolation game Championship game	5:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
Women's Basketball Fri., Nov. 17- Sat., Nov. 18	Avalon Classic (at Erie, Pa.)	TBA
Volleyball Thurs., Nov. 16	Northern Michigan (at Allendale, Mich.) (NCAA Division II Tournament)	7:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer Sat., Nov. 18	Mercyhurst (Pa.) (NCAA Division II Tournament)	1:30 p.m.

Norse women's soccer takes charge in opening NCAA Tournament game

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

With two goals a piece by junior forward Betsy Moore and sophomore midfielder Bessie Black, the NKU women's soccer team defeated Minnesota-Duluth University 6-2 in the first round of the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

Moore opened the scoring for NKU with a breakaway goal in the first 12 minutes of the game. Black then made it 2-0 a few minutes later with a goal off an assist from Moore.

The first half was dominated by the Norse as it led the shots on goal battle over Minnesota-Duluth with a 11-2 lead at halftime.

Moore got back into the scoring column late in the first half as she was able to connect on a penalty kick to give the Norse a 3-0 lead at halftime.

"We pressured the ball real well today and were able to do a good

job finishing on offense," said Moore.

Norse head coach Bob Sheehan said he was very happy with his team's effort in the game. "We passed the ball real well, we obviously struggled a little bit in the backfield in the second half. We are really starting to finish better and pressure the ball better."

The Norse relaxed a little bit in the second half as Minnesota was able to battle and cut the lead down.

The Norse were able to pull away from its opponents with second half goals by Black, junior midfielder and GLVC Player Of The Year Tricia Ruark and junior midfielder Amanda Trout.

"Every game our defense does a great job. Our rotation in the back was very good in the first half today," Black said. "We are coming together as a team real well right now offensively and defensively."

The Norse doubled Minnesota in shots as it won the battle 20-9 for

the game.

Moore said she feels there is always room for improvement at any level. "We need to keep improving our passing game and continue improving on finishing on offense. You can never get enough work on finishing."

Coming into the game Minnesota-Duluth came into the game with a 17-1-2 record and a very impressive reputation on defense. With the first few goals early in the game, the Norse never looked back.

Black said she feels continued good play down the stretch will only better the team's chances of winning. "We have to keep working on finishing and our communication is very important for us as well."

With the win, the Norse improved its record to 19-1-2 and will play this weekend in the next round of the NCAA Tournament at a site to be determined. NKU will play Mercyhurst (Pa.) in that game.



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