

## Music To Our Ears



A string bassist takes a moment to tune his instrument between sets at Thursday's Cincinnati Pops Orchestra concert at NKU.

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## Beware of Scholarship Scams

By Kevin Goheen  
News Editor

Each year millions of dollars are stolen from unsuspecting college students through phony scholarship assistance services, said Joe Lipinsky, an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission.

"Though the FTC has sued eight scholarship scam companies during the past year, many more are still in operation," said Lipinsky, referring to a joint federal-state investigation into scam operations named Operation Missed Fortune.

"Kids tend to be very trusting when these commercial ventures come calling," said Monte Huebsch, president of the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau.

College-age kids aren't quite as discerning about these types of scams as they should be, he said.

"These are very specialized scams. They are aimed at a very definitive demographic group, as opposed to the general public," Huebsch said.

The FTC offers hints to help people dif-

ferentiate between the scams and the many legitimate scholarship search companies which do exist.

•No one can guarantee you a scholarship or grant. Refund guarantees usually have conditions or strings attached to them. Get refund policies in writing before you pay.

•Watch out for advertisements offering information which "can't be found anywhere else." Many schools and libraries have free lists of scholarship opportunities.

At NKU, the Steely Library has books which list numerous scholarships and grants. These can be found in the reference section of the library. The Financial Aid Office also keeps different listings in their offices.

•Never give out your credit card or bank account number to anyone who says they need it to hold the scholarship. Unauthorized withdrawals are possibly

being set up.

•Never believe those ads which offer to do all the work for you. You have to apply for scholarships and grants yourself.

•Avoid ads which ask for money to hold the scholarship. Free money shouldn't cost a thing, the FTC warns.

"If you have to pay for a service, don't do it," said Leslie Stacey, representative for the Scholarship Department in the Financial Aid Office.

"Be skeptical if you receive any mailings which say 'You've been selected,' by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship or 'You're a finalist,' in a contest you've never entered before.

Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate. This can be done by checking with the Better Business Bureau, Stacey said.

Huebsch, of the Better Business Bureau, said that no matter how good the deal may sound, people shouldn't just accept it at face-value. The scams are able to continue, in part, because people don't file complaints when they have been duped, he said.

"People get embarrassed when they've been taken advantage of. Many don't complain because of the embarrassment."

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-Monte Huebsch

## The Value Of The Voice

## President Votruba Speaks Candidly About Himself, His Goals, His Dreams

By Gabrielle Dion  
Editor In Chief

New President James Votruba doesn't do any work for Northern Kentucky University.

He doesn't do any work because he doesn't like to call it "work," perhaps because he loves his job too much to see it as work.

"I'm doing right now in my life exactly what I want to be doing," he said, as he settles into his new position and his new home at NKU.

It was rough on President Votruba, 52, his wife Rachel and their two dogs Oscar and Trey to move from Michigan. They had to leave part of their family there, including a four-year-old grandson.

The move has been a hectic one for the Votrubas—including a brief stay at the dorms this summer, a move to the President's house on Nunn Drive, and soon they will make their final move to their off-campus home.

President Votruba said he and his wife will not be living in the President's house on Nunn Drive because the house is very large, but comprised of many small rooms, and therefore doesn't lend itself to the type of entertaining that they would be doing as the hosts to the university. They will be moving shortly to the house that they bought in Lakeside Park, about 10 minutes from campus.

President Votruba has several ideas for what the house could be used for now that he will not be living there. His ideas include a possible new Alumni Association Center or a University Development building.

Topping the list of his ideas for the house would be to turn it into a home for the NKU Honors Program because the rooms would be ideal for the type of dis-

cussion seminar atmosphere to which the Honors students are accustomed.

"It would be kind of a tangible expression of the university's commitment to highly motivated students," he said.

The Honors Program is just one aspect of the campus that President Votruba has ideas about finding ways to improve. He said he hopes to find out more by talking to students about what will keep them on campus after classes. He said that the addition of a football team to NKU might have been a way to do this.

"My problem with football is not that I don't support football, it's that I can't figure out how to afford it. It's just a flat out—I can't even get the numbers close," he said.

The President will find out more about what the university wants to do and where it is headed through his Visions, Voices and Values program.

"Over the next four or five years, and certainly over the next couple months, we will come out of this process with a set of core values that answer the questions...and set defining characteristics that say that this is what we want to be and we have to figure out how to get there in a way that doesn't compromise our values.

"The biggest burden on my shoulders is to help NKU achieve its full potential," he said.

At last Wednesday's Board of Regents meeting, President Votruba defined three specific goals which NKU will build upon in the next few years—a new science building, a parking garage and land acquisition.

President Votruba said that the feeling from Frankfort, where Governor Paul Patton will make the decision about the building of a new science center at NKU, is positive. The only question now, though, is whether it will come in

one or two phases, he said.

"I feel hopeful and optimistic about the science building," he said.

President Votruba also has worries about the parking situation.

"I can look out my window at 10 o'clock in the morning and I can't see a parking space, and I know that's a big problem," he said.

President Votruba hopes to see a parking garage under construction by next spring.

Another parking concern he has though, is about how deciding on a site for a new multi-use arena will affect parking. If the site is too close to campus, it will take away too much parking. But, Votruba said Carla Chance, Director of Campus Planning, should be commended for her efforts in land acquisition, allowing for more parking and building room to be available in the future as NKU grows.

Votruba has spent all his life in the university atmosphere, growing up in East Lansing at Michigan State University. He received his undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees there before serving as an administrator. He also served as an administrator at colleges in New York and Illinois.

President Votruba was immediately attracted to NKU's modern campus in comparison to the other campuses where he has lived.

"What makes this campus so beautiful is that the trees of green soften and balance the cement, I believe. I think that this place is not hard. I think it's futuristic looking and it suggests energy. I was immediately attracted to the campus. This place is young, it's vital, it's energetic, and the campus to me aesthetically suggests it."

The President calls NKU, founded in 1968, a "toddler." He is ready to nurture it as it grows. "I like building things," he said. "I like building universities."



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Pondering Presidency: New NKU President James Votruba looks out onto his new campus and his new home.

## Erpenbeck Backs Out

Staff Report

Bill Erpenbeck of Erpenbeck Construction Company announced last week that he will no longer be investing any money into a possible NKU football facility.

"I felt that it was my responsibility to get it done. On the same hand, there's a lot of broader issues the university needs to look at, and I understand that, but it's time for me to move on, I've spend enough time on it," Erpenbeck was quoted as saying.

Erpenbeck headed a committee last year to study the feasibility of a football program and intended on investing over \$1 million with three other contractors to build a football facility for NKU.

"It wasn't an easy decision to make. I just felt we were asked to study whether or not football was doable and we found that it was," Erpenbeck said.

After two NCAA-recommended consultants visited NKU in July, the Board of Regents requested the postponement of any further action to allow for a greater examination of the data.

Student Government Association will help decide the issue in November. SGA President Chris Saunders said, "Student Government will take a stance on this issue in November when we've heard from NCAA Consultants and we've heard from students."

SGA Executive Vice President Chris Boggs said that Erpenbeck should not be blamed for his decision. "No one has the right to be mad at him. It was his money that he invested into this project. All we had was the will, he had the money."

President Votruba agreed that Erpenbeck should not be held accountable for his decision, but he should be praised for his efforts.

"I wish that I had 20 Bill Erpenbecks that were willing to spend the kind of time and effort he spent on behalf of the university."

"It's that kind of commitment that builds great universities," President Votruba was quoted as saying last week.

# Big Plans In Place To Improve NKU

By Kevin Goheen  
News Editor

President Votruba used last week's Board of Regents meeting to outline his "Visions, Voices, and Values," plan directly to the Board members.

He also stated the importance he puts on the working relationship between himself and the Board.

"It's a partnership between the president and the Board. What I pledge to you today is my steadfast commitment to nurturing that partnership,"

Votruba said.

Three new members of the Board took their Oath of Office, officially making them members of this partnership.

Barry Andersen, Kathryn B. Hendrickson, and Martha Malloy all took part in their first meeting as regents after the Oath was given.

The regents approved several measures, including academic and non-academic personnel changes, the 1996-2002 six-year Capital Plan, a new Masters of Accounting program to

begin in 1998, and the 1997-98 Operating Budget.

Within the Capital Plan were the president's project priorities. At the top of the list was a request from the state for \$38 million in funding for a new Natural Sciences Building to house the school's Biology, Chemistry, and Physics/Geology Departments.

The president commended Dr. Paul Gaston, university provost, for his work on this project, particularly his presentation to the Kentucky State Legislature this past July.

Continued land acquisition, Central Power Plant updates, a proposed new student union, athletic field improvements, and a new convocation center to house basketball games, graduation ceremonies and larger assemblies, were also included in the plan.

The question of a new parking garage was brought about by student regent Chris Saunders.

President Votruba answered by acknowledging the need and pointing out its inclusion in the budget.

Increased parking fees approved by

the Board in 1995 and 1996 generated approximately \$316,000 in dedicated funds. These funds are to be used to address the campus parking situation, including an envisioned multi-level parking garage.

New regent Andersen addressed his concerns about continued losses of faculty to other institutions because of a failure of NKU to "properly compensate" them.

The Board also honored former regent Robin Crigler for her service to the Board over the past five years.



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The night air was filled with the Pops most popular tunes. Included in the line-up were the 1812 Overture and The Entertainer.

A child dances and frolics to the beat of one familiar tune.

## A Night Of Music

Students, faculty and families from the Northern Kentucky area gathered on the soccer field Thursday for a free concert at NKU from the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.



## JUST MY THOUGHTS

By Kevin Goheen  
News Editor



America has a new favorite pastime. Baseball has lost its long standing billing. But the new top dog isn't NASCAR, the NFL, MLS, NBA, or even the WNBA.

It's people-watching.

It's very simple to do. Wherever you are, you can people-watch. In the parking lot, on I-471, at the zoo, in the cafeteria, and especially in the plaza outside the University Center. The best part of it is, anyone can do it. No special skills are necessary. Just a pair of eyes (some of us need an extra set) and a working imagination.

"Every time I've got a break, I'm here just sitting and watching," said freshman Carly Haynes from Highlands Heights. She and her friends like the diversity of people on campus, and watching those walking

to and fro, but usually their interests turn toward another subject.

"Some of the other girls that were here, we were rating the guys who walked past. I just love watching people," Haynes said.

I must admit, watching the opposite sex is an easy and enjoyable activity. Heck, in the minds of some people, NKU is one of the best places around to watch the opposite sex.

"I think this school has the best-looking girls in the Tri-state," Curt Engel, a sociology major from Independence, told me. It's not just his opinion. Curt said he's heard that from people who go to other area colleges as well.

I don't want to make Curt, his friend Marty Krallman, undecided from Edgewood, or Carly look like the type who are only "scoping." Along with several others I talked with, people-watching is a way of socializing for them.

"It's a lot like being in high school again, just a lot bigger," Curt said. Curt and Marty both agreed they enjoyed the fact they could renew old acquaintances from high school days and feel comfortable on NKU's campus at the same time.

People-watching can help give one the general atmosphere of a place,

How patient are people as they roam the outer ridges of Lot G searching for a parking spot? Do people know where they are going (literally) or do certain ones always walk around with a glazed stupor on their faces? Did that person just...? Naw, he couldn't have... could he??

Just watching how some people talk and treat each other can be, take your pick: inspirational, depressing, agitating, reconfirming, and/or a heavenly light of awakening shining down on you.

Maybe just the simple will dawn on you.

"There's a lot of smokers," remarked D.J. McComas, a history major from Covington. D.J.'s only been on campus for two weeks, so this is by no means a statistically valid statement on its own. He just doesn't smoke.

"That's why I noticed it," was his reasoning.

Even D.J. couldn't keep from reverting to the most basic of people-watching subjects, though. He also did mention, "the girls are hot." He couldn't control himself from saying it. It gets to the best of us.

I guess it's only natural. We are only human, so the saying goes. Humans who like to watch each other.

## First Female Judge Has Time To Teach

By Jill Schlarmann  
Staff Reporter

When Judge Karen Thomas began presiding as District Court Judge at the Campbell County Courthouse, she made her way into history books.

Last November she became the first female judge in Campbell County.

Judge Thomas graduated with honors in political science and history from Northern Kentucky University in 1982. She attended Chase College of Law on a full scholarship and graduated second in her class in 1985.

She was a trial attorney for the first few years of her professional career. Then she worked as a court-appointed attorney for local judges before Gov. Paul Patton appointed her to fill Judge Daniel Guidugli's position, after he was named a Court of Appeals Justice.

Growing up in Campbell County has given her an understanding of the community, said Judge Thomas.

"I love it. My job is wonderful. I enjoy people and being able to serve the community,"

her relationship may make her biased, she cannot deny how proud she is of her daughter. "She did it on her own, and she did a magnificent job."

"She is an inspiration to all young people, and she proves that you can accomplish your goals. She's very special."

Thomas' courtroom schedule is constantly changing. One week she may be on call for arraignment hearings, the next she will be presiding over paternity cases, evictions, and civil hearings.

Yet Thomas has found time to be an adjunct professor at NKU, teaching both undergraduate accounting classes and at Chase.

"She is a very thorough and dedicated professor. She is a demanding but fun," said Dr. Linda Marquis, chairperson of the Accounting Department. "She brings real world experience and credibility to her classes."

Professor Robert Bratton of Chase's Legal Programs had Judge Thomas as a student in his class, and more recently, has taught with her.

"She was an excellent student who excelled in everything she did. She has become experienced and successful. She is a good teacher," he said.

Thomas will be up for reelection in 1998, and until then she will continue to be District Court Judge.

Continuing a job, regardless of gender, is a big responsibility.

"I'm honored to be the first female judge in Campbell County, but being a good judge is what's important," Judge Thomas said.

## DPS Reports

### Bump-Bump

A DPS officer observed a vehicle swerve and cross the double-yellow line to avoid hitting the speed bumps on Kenton Drive. The driver said that he swerved because speed bumps cause suspension problems. The officer issued a citation for improper driving.

### Iron Burn

A student burned her calf and ankle with a clothes iron, but refused medical attention. The DPS officer responding to the call, wrapped her leg with gauze, and provided gauze and bandages to the student for future use.

### Watch Out For Falling Irons

While reaching into her closet an iron fell from the top shelf and struck a student in the face. There was a small cut on her nose. She said the blow caused her to lose consciousness for a short while.

### Drugs Found in Search

When a DPS officer approached a vehicle for possible car trouble, the officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana. The driver consented to a search, and the officer found a leafy substance and seeds that fieldtested positive for marijuana. There was also a small brownish-yellowish rock the officer believed to be crack cocaine. There was a uniform citation for possession of marijuana.

### Drug Odor

While on foot patrol, a DPS officer approached two subjects standing near a vehicle parked in the handicapped spot. He approached the subjects and detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana. The odor was in the immediate area of the two subjects. As the officer approached, the subjects began to walk in the direction of Commonwealth Hall. They were given a citation, and the report was referred to the University.


### Illegal Alcohol Possession

A male was seen carrying a twelve pack of Bud Light from Lot E to the dorms. When questioned, the subject stated he was heading to his girlfriend's room and had seven beers prior to arriving on campus. He was a

non-resident but a student at NKU. A state citation was written, and the report was forwarded to Dean William Lamb.

**Drunk Driving/Hit and Run**

DPS dispatch received a call from a motorist who was following a pickup. The motorist informed DPS that the truck just hit a parked car in Lot F, and was possibly drunk. Upon approaching Lot F the officer observed a person by the driver side of the pickup. The person was staggering across the grass barely able to stand up. The officer issued a state citation and the person was arrested. The officer cited the person for DUI under 21, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, hit and run, and disorderly conduct. The report was forwarded to the Dean Lamb.



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Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) takes pride in providing that the campus is a safe and enjoyable environment. Friends and family members are naturally concerned about the safety and welfare of their loved ones when they are away from home. EKU understands this concern and accepts its responsibility to the students to employ a public safety program which will provide a safe, secure, and enjoyable environment in which to further one's education. However, public safety requires the cooperation of the University, students, faculty, and staff. The purpose of this report is to furnish information pertaining to security for the benefit of the University community.

In accordance with the Federal "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990" and the U. S. Department of Education's regulations pursuant to law, NKU provides information relating to crime statistics and security measures to prospective students, matriculated students, and employees. The University's Department of Public Safety forwards uniform crime report information to the Kentucky State Police. Crime statistics for the most recent year periods, which reflect the incidents reported to the state police are enclosed.

The NKU Department of Public Safety provides several service oriented functions to the University community. To ensure that each student has a safe place in which to pursue his or her educational goals, the Department of Public Safety employs eighteen sworn police officers and three guards. The department also employs seven full-term clerical and support staff. All sworn University police officers have arrest powers, and receive training through the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Kentucky Justice Cabinet. Officers are responsible for a full range of public safety services, including all criminal offense reports, investigations,

Individuals aware of drug/alcohol problems, whether they are friends, roommates, or family members, are encouraged to act responsibly by consulting with the counseling service. Remaining silent or waiting until a situation has escalated is neither respectful nor responsible. The University supports the idea of a community where students help one another to cooperatively solve alcohol and substance abuse problems as they occur.

Northern Kentucky University seeks to encourage respectful relationships among all members of the campus community. In keeping with this goal the Department of Public Safety works with the Women's Center and the Rape Prevention Task Force to educate students about personal safety issues. Because only a small percentage of rapes are perpetrated by strangers, NKU's Rape Prevention Task Force focuses on the development of healthy, open, and honest relationships among all stu-

1. **DO** report such conduct immediately to the University Police Department (572-5500) or your Residence Hall staff.
2. **DO NOT** change your clothing.
3. **DO NOT** bathe or clean yourself or your clothing.
4. **DO NOT** apply or take any medication.
5. **You should** seek medical or counseling assistance (Student Health Services 572-5650) after speaking with the authorities, whenever it is necessary.

There are two traditional style residence halls located on campus, which house approximately 200 students each and have three wings. Additionally, there are two apartment style residence halls, each housing approximately 300 students. The capacity for on campus living is approximately 1,000 students. All units are for single, full-time students of the University, only. Children of a resident are not permitted to live with the resident unless the children are also full time students of the University.

looked from the inside so that exiting is always possible. Of the six wings, two are male, three are female, and one is coed by floor. The sex of a wing may change according to the need and the single sex wings house mainly new students. The coed wing houses upperclass residents. The entrances to the wings are locked and each wing contains three floors with 22 people per floor.

There are three wings per building. Five of the six wings are accessed solely from the lobby of their respective building, with a key specific to that wing. The coed, upperclass wing, locked with a specific key is accessed

Opposite sex visitation occurs between noon and midnight Sunday through Thursday and from noon until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. All guests must be escorted by their host from the lobby area to the host's room and to any other part of the residence hall visited. Overnight guests must be of the same sex and check in at the main

### HIGHLAND HEIGHTS CAMPUS

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Homicides	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	2	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Assault (Felony)	7	11	6	4
Burglary	2	1	5	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	0
<b>Thefts</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>128</b>
Liquor	17	10	12	18
Drugs	3	4	6	11
Weapons	3	1	2	2

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Sex Offenses	0
Robbery	0
Assault (Felony)	0
Burglary	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Thefts	3
Liquor	0
Drugs	0
Weapons	0

The Physical Plant Department maintains the University buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. It inspects campus facilities regularly, promptly makes repairs, and responds immediately to reports of potential hazards such as broken windows and locks.

The University campus is well lighted and furnace lighting improvements are being made. The Department of Public Safety assigns Physical Plant personnel by reporting potential safety and security hazards. Students, as well as faculty and staff, may also call Physical Plant (572-8294) to report any safety or security hazards.

Escorts are provided by Public Safety from dusk to dawn to assist students walking alone at night on campus at night. By calling 572-5500 (on-campus phone) or using any one of the distinctively marked yellow campus emergency phones, an escort can be requested to accompany an individual to any University academic building, parking lot or residence hall.

Northern Kentucky University seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that both respects individual freedom and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of all members of its community. In keeping with these objectives and in compliance with the laws of Kentucky, the University has established policies and guidelines governing the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the University campus. Underage possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is a crime and is not permitted on property owned or controlled by the University. Legally permissible consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages is limited to designated locations under certain approved conditions.

The University does not condone possession, use or distribution of marijuana, LSD, or other hallucinogens, narcotics, or any other legally controlled substance by anyone on campus. Any individual known to be possessing, using, or distributing such drugs, is subject to disciplinary action and possible arrest, imprisonment and/or fine according to state law.

Consistent with its educational mission, Northern Kentucky University assists its members in finding alternatives to alcoholic beverages, promoting social interaction and stress reduction, and providing information and resources for community members who experience alcohol-related difficulties.

Keeping "informed" is an important step in developing a healthy lifestyle and in knowing how to cope with problems as they arise. Therefore, NKU provides useful and informative prevention education programs throughout the year. A variety of departments sponsor workshops and lectures on alcohol and drug related issues to support and encourage healthy, productive lifestyles. These programs are made available through:

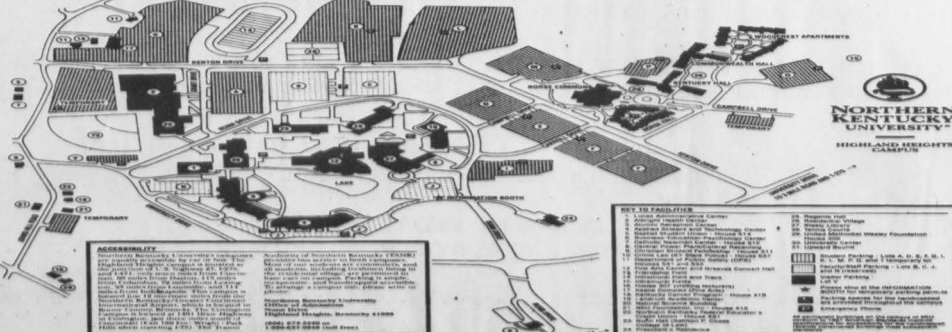
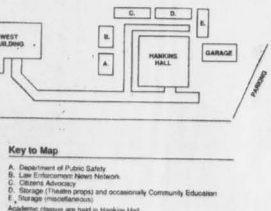
Assistance is available for students with substance abuse problems or concerns, at Health Counseling Testing Services. The experienced professional counselors at the counseling services offer support for students in an atmosphere of understanding and confidentiality. Counseling Services offer individual assessment and referral to both on and off campus resources and provides supportive counseling to students recovery.

The cooperation and involvement of students themselves in a campus safety program is essential for maintaining a safe campus. Students must assume responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking simple, common sense precautions. For example, although the campus is well patrolled, any male or female student may feel more com-

valuables should be marked with engraving instruments provided by the University police at no charge. Bicycles should be secured with a sturdy lock. Students with cars must park them in their assigned area and keep their vehicle locked at all times. Valuables should be locked in the trunk. Students should record at serial numbers and model numbers of all valuables bearing such identification. Students should report any suspicious-looking individuals whom they feel do not belong in their residence halls or any unusual incidents in and around the residence halls to the residential life staff or to the University police.

Your review of this report and attention to the expectations included will help us to promote a safe environment at NKU. The data shows that watchfulness, responsiveness, and your cooperation has helped us maintain our safety. Your responsiveness and watchfulness is helping to reduce campus crime to zero.

The Covington Campus of Northern Kentucky University is located at 1401 Dixie Highway in Covington, Kentucky, four miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. The campus of the University is located on Interstate 75 (Interstate 75 is accessed by Interstate highways 71, 74, and 275). When on Interstate 75, travel north or south on Interstate 75 to the Covington Campus, exit at 189, labeled "189 Fort Wright Park Hill." Proceed west to the traffic light at the intersection of KY 189 Lane and Dixie Highway. Turn right (north) onto Dixie Highway, travel approximately one mile and a half to the right at the sign labeled "Northern Kentucky University."





# Upstart NKU Women's Soccer Team Goal-Oriented

## First season hopes for precedent of respect and success

By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

Forget about the Great Lakes Valley Conference title and don't even mention the NCAA Tournament.

The NKU women's soccer team is just happy to have uniforms. After playing four seasons at club level, the team says it's excited to begin its inaugural season as the NCAA Division II NKU Norse.

The transition from an unrecognized club-level team to an NCAA squad was not easy. Sophomore forward Lisa Geiman said it took a lot of time and hard work.

"There was a lot of talk about us going NCAA, but there was never that push or that incentive. It took a lot of players on the club team to say, 'Look. We really want this.' We did a lot of things. We talked to a lot of people," Geiman said.

"I guess you could say we were naggers. We kept knocking on people's doors and looking for answers," she said.

Finally, fueled by Title IX questions of gender equity, NKU answered. A \$20 athletic fee was passed, and an NCAA women's soccer program was born.

"When the decision was made, we were all ecstatic. We couldn't believe it," Geiman said.

Now that the team is at the NCAA level, Geiman said, the competition will be much tougher. Junior back Kelly Magee agrees.

"It's a lot more competitive and a lot more serious," Magee said. "I think we work a lot harder."

Coach Bob Sheehan said that hard work is an asset of his team. He said hard work and enthusiasm are intangibles that translate into a team strength.

Sheehan said his team is excited just to have new uniforms, meal money and an athletic training staff. "Things other athletes kind of take for granted," he said.

Sheehan said his main goal is to represent NKU. He said he wants his players to be polite, to carry themselves well and to establish a good reputation.

"When we leave our opponent's field...I'd like other coaches and teams to say, 'There goes a class act,'" Sheehan said.

He said that doing so is important because there is no tradition at NKU.

Sheehan knows a lot about tradition. In 13 seasons at St. Ursula, he compiled a 195-48-28 record. His teams lost only eight games during his final six years there and brought home the state championship in 1991 and 1993.

He said he hasn't set lofty goals for NKU this season. "We need to focus on what we do well. As long as we try hard...we'll improve as the season goes on," Sheehan said. "We just have to try to get a little bit better every day."

Geiman said that despite tougher competition, NKU can still be successful. "We're still playing soccer. It's still a game, and everyone loves the game. That's why we had the club team," she said.

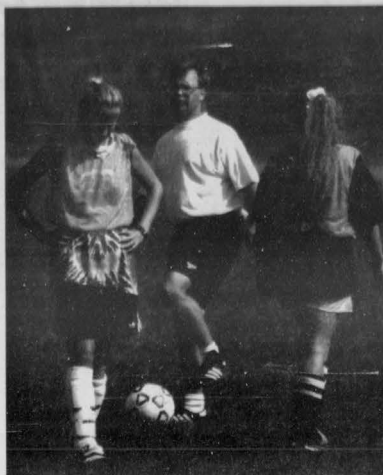
According to Ginger Riley, who was on the club team for two seasons and is now a sweeper for the Norse, the club team was no stranger to success either. In 1993, in its first ever game, the team tied Thomas More 1-1.

The team improved over the next three seasons, Riley said, and this summer won their division of the Ohio Games soccer tournament.

NKU will not be eligible for the NCAA Tournament this season, because their schedule was not completed on time.

"You have to start a program sometime," Sheehan said. "We're started...and we're moving forward. We do have a program. There is a good class of 1998, and we have to let those kids know that there's a good program for them here at Northern Kentucky."

NKU played its first game at the NCAA level on Sunday against Southern Indiana. The Norse dropped a 2-0 decision to the Screaming Eagles at Strassweg Field. USL limited NKU to just four shots on goal in the Norse's varsity debut.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner  
Success Story: Bob Sheehan built a powerhouse at St. Ursula. Sunday marked the beginning of his reign at NKU.

### 1997 NKU Women's Soccer Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	CL	High School
	Laurie Wallace	GK	5-6	Jr.	Ryle
	Lisa Willenbrink	GK	5-5	Jr.	Notre Dame
2	Bridget Manning	D	5-1	So.	Highlands
3	Lisa Schmidt	F/M	5-5	Jr.	Notre Dame
4	Nikki Hensath	M/D	5-3	Fr.	Holy Cross
5	Jenny Egan	S/D	5-1	Fr.	Notre Dame
7	Tara Smith	F/D	5-8	So.	Amelia
9	Beeth Costa	M	5-8	Jr.	Millford
10	Jenny Tabe	M	5-6	So.	Anderson
12	Brittany Evans	D	5-6	Fr.	Oak Hills
13	Kelly Magee	D/B	5-7	Jr.	McNicholas
14	Lindsay Smith	M	5-7	So.	McAuley
15	Kelly Oberschlake	M	5-7	So.	St. Henry
16	Nancy Day	F	5-5	Fr.	Ludlow
17	Lisa Geiman	F	5-7	So.	Brossart
18	Andrea Allen	D/B	5-7	So.	Anderson
19	Keri Paddock	D/B	5-7	So.	St. Henry
21	Ginger Riley	S/D	5-6	Sr.	Dixie Hgts.

Head Coach: Bob Sheehan

Assistant Coaches: Kelly Buch, Adam Meier

### 1997 Women's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sun.	Aug. 31	at Southern Indiana	2 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 6	at Lewis	4 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 7	at North Central (Ill.)	noon
Wed.	Sept. 10	THOMAS MORE	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 20	at Bellarmine	1 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 21	MERCYHURST (PA.)	noon
Tues.	Sept. 23	GEORGETOWN (KY.)	4 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 28	at Miami (Ohio)	5 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 1	at Midway (Ky.)	3 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 4	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	noon
Wed.	Oct. 8	UNION (KY.)	4 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Indianapolis	noon
Sun.	Oct. 12	at Saint Joseph's	4 p.m.
Mon.	Oct. 13	at Wisconsin-Parkside	noon
Sat.	Oct. 18	at Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	12:30 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 1	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	noon
Sun.	Nov. 2	at SIU-Edwardsville	2 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 8	vs. Missouri-St. Louis (at Quincy)	1 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 9	at Quincy	2 p.m.

Home games in bold.

## Experienced Runner Joins Norse

By Bryan Sandfoss  
Staff Reporter

It's not that unusual these days for a freshman athlete to step right in and make a major impact in collegiate athletics. However, Jeff Smith is not your average college freshman.

Smith, a 41-year-old retiree, is making a strong push towards being one of Northern Kentucky University's top cross-country runners this season.

"Jeff absolutely has the ability to

be a top runner this year," said NKU cross-country coach Steve Kruse.

Smith, who started running just a few years ago said, "I hope to run as long as I'm breathing."

According to Smith there are several reasons why he likes to run. "I do a lot of good thinking. It's good therapy if I'm depressed or if something bad has happened, it puts everything in perspective for me."

"Jeff is a very dedicated and serious runner, who will compete as hard as he can," said Kruse.

Besides seeking a teaching

degree at NKU, Smith also coaches cross country at Lawrenceburg High School in Indiana. Smith has participated in the Boston Marathon four times.

He plans on qualifying for next year's event by competing in a race in Columbus, Ohio, this November. He said he runs just about every day, and that he once ran 30 miles in one day.

Smith's main goal for the future is to get his teaching degree. "I just want to have a positive influence on kids, they're our future," he said.

The cross country season begins for NKU on Sept. 6 with a meet at Bellarmine College in Louisville.

The NKU men's cross country team finished in seventh place at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships at Quincy, Ill.

Joining Smith on the men's team is senior Nick Kleiner, who could be the Norse's top runner in 1997.

Kleiner posted a 24th-place finish at the GLVC Championships last season by completing the 10-Kilometer even in 34 minutes, 47 seconds.

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# NKU Tennis Team Hoping To Serve Up A Piece Of Great Lakes Valley Conference Crown This Season

## Sports Views

By Pat McEntee  
Managing Editor

Last season's record may be deceiving for the Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team.

A 5-14 record may not seem impressive, but when you look at NKU's schedule—loaded with NCAA Division I teams—and NKU's 5-4 conference record, you may want to reconsider.

"We don't play a schedule that's going to allow us to look great in the win-loss column right now," NKU head coach Dave Bezold said.

The five Great Lakes Valley Conference wins were the most for the Norse since 1987.

Bezold said the Norse should improve despite losing seniors Angie Geraci and Andrea Lampe.

Their replacements are Lori Brown, from Scott High School, and Jill Winters, from Anderson High School. Winters transferred from Miami (Ohio) University.

Bezold said both could be No. 3 singles players for the Norse, but will likely play lower than that this year.

"I think both of them (Brown and Winters) will be winning at their matches for sure," NKU senior Karen Messmer said.

"We became very solid at three, four, five, and six," Bezold said.

The Norse will be tested early when they face defending GLVC Champion Indianapolis, Bellarmine and SIU—Edwardsville to open the season.

Here's a look at each member of the Norse Tennis team in order of their projected spot:

**Natalie Giuglio** - Senior - No. 1 Singles — Giuglio is coming off a season in which she amassed a 1-15 (1-8 GLVC) record at No. 1 singles.

Bezold said Giuglio sacrificed her personal goals for the team.

"We asked her to play up a spot or



**Double Trouble:** Nikki Thompson teamed with Leah Hanna to form NKU's most dangerous doubles team last season. The two finished 9-6 overall and 7-1 in the GLVC. Hanna says her goal is to win every doubles match with Thompson this season.

two...and she did it strictly for the team, knowing that playing No. 1 was going to help us for this year," Bezold said.

Bezold added that Giuglio is one of NKU's best doubles players.

**Leah Hanna** - Junior - No. 2 Singles —

Hanna decided to play tennis last year after two seasons of playing only softball.

Hanna finished last season 7-7 (5-1 GLVC). Her conference record was the best on the team.

Hanna said she was excited about playing No. 2 singles. "I just have to expect a lot more out of myself, and come out with a better attitude and confidence."

"Win the conference—that's the biggest thing right now," she added. Hanna also teamed up with Nikki

Thompson for the best doubles record for the Norse at 9-6 (7-1 GLVC) last season.

**Karen Messmer** - Senior - No. 3 Singles — Messmer finished the 1996 season at 7-9 (7-2 GLVC).

Her seven conference victories were the most on the team last season.

"I don't know if there's anybody better in the conference at the No. 3 spot," Bezold said.

Messmer has high hopes for this year's team. She feels the

Norse can win the conference or at least place in the top three.

"I think our team is very solid," Messmer said. "I think it's probably the most solid as far as strength that we've had since I've been here."

**Lori Brown** - Freshman - No. 4 Singles — Brown comes to NKU from Scott High School, where she



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

was the No. 1 singles player each of her four seasons.

"She's got a world of talent," Bezold said.

"Is she ready for the four spot? We're not sure, but she could be ready for the two spot."

"We expect her to be very good—maybe not today or tomorrow—but down the road, she's going to be a very good player," Bezold said.

**Nikki Thompson** -

Sophomore - No. 5 singles — Thompson compiled the most wins for the Norse last year with eight. She finished 8-8 (6-3 GLVC).

"Nikki is one of the hardest working players we have," Bezold said. "She could very well be playing three or four, and she may well be by the end of the season."

Thompson's improvement will come from new shots she's developed, she said. The biggest obstacle for her is getting comfortable with them.

"She is optimistic about the team's future. 'I'm hoping we'll take the

whole thing. I know if we all work hard at it we got a good chance of getting it," Thompson said. "We have all the confidence and all the ability to win the big one."

**Jill Winters** - Freshman - No. 6 Singles — Playing Winters at No. 6, Bezold said, gives NKU a balanced and strong lineup which he says will help make the Norse successful this year.

"Jill's probably capable of playing at about the three position," Bezold said. "She's very solid, very consistent, and she's another very hard working kid who's going to turn herself into a very good tennis player by the time she's a sophomore or junior."

Winters was a first team all-conference selection in her junior and senior seasons at Anderson High School for No. 1 doubles.

Winters is uncertain what the college game will bring. "I haven't actually seen the competition," she said, "but I hope to get some good matches in."



By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

Now that football has been tabbed at NKU, there are whispers around campus about the \$20 athletics fee passed last semester.

People are beginning to question where their money is going, and it is only a matter of time before some students try and make a case for getting the fee revoked.

Disappointed that their football hopes and dreams have fallen through, some students are beginning to voice frustrations from paying a \$20 fee for a program that does not exist.

Well, it may come as a surprise to some of you, but a new program does exist. Women's soccer. The women's soccer program was established at NKU under the assumption that the \$20 athletics fee would remain in place.

The fact is, \$20 per student every semester isn't even enough to run a quality women's soccer program. Consider the fact that within two years, NKU's soccer field will likely be destroyed.

Two teams simply cannot share the already-hurting field. Sooner or later, a women's soccer field will be necessary.

If people would take the time to look at the athletics department at NKU, they would see that a \$20 fee is just a fraction of the money desperately needed.

The fact is, \$20 isn't nearly enough. The fee should be \$80 per semester.

I know that's a lot of money for a college student struggling just to stay afloat, but I pay my way and I'm not complaining.

We're paying \$48 for a parking garage that's not there. If students really want something to complain about, complain about that. At least with the \$20 athletics fee, we have a product—a women's soccer team.

I'm sure that a lot of students may not appreciate that, but it's really quite remarkable. NKU has only 12 varsity sports. Every time one is added, our credibility increases.

Whenever a sport is added, the cost to operate the athletics department increases as well.

Uniforms, travel money, meal money, an athletic training staff and equipment are just a few of the costs that come with a women's soccer program.

NKU could barely afford to operate its 11 programs before women's soccer was introduced, and without the \$20 athletics fee, the department would be in turmoil.

The only way this college can grow is to expand, and the only way to expand is to spend a little money.

So if \$20 is too big a burden, why don't we just get rid of all the sports, and then maybe tuition would go down a little bit. Is that what everyone wants? Yeah. And then we could get rid of the library, because a lot of money goes into that every year.

We might as well get rid of the art department too. And while we're at it, let's cut out that expensive science department. We don't need computer labs either, really. They cost way too much.

Let's all just drop out of college and save that \$40 a year. Heck, that'd pay for a trip to King's Island, a couple of tanks of gas or maybe even a Bengals ticket.

The point is, as NKU grows, it becomes more expensive to run. But it's \$40 a year really that much? If you are willing to dish out over \$2,000 a year to attend NKU, what will \$40 hurt?

And what do you get for your dollar?

A men's basketball team that has become a national power. A women's volleyball team and a women's basketball team that could also challenge for a national title. A men's tennis program that featured the GLVC Player Of The Year last season. A baseball program that saw half of its pitching corps drafted last season. A men's soccer team that had its star drafted by the pros also.

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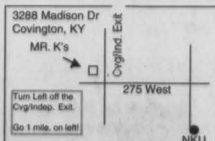
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## Volleyball Team Opens 3-1, Beats No. 23 Florida Southern, Drops One To Wayne State

By Beth Ramer  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, NKU defeated Grand Valley State University in a tightly contested four-set match.

Sophomores Jenny Jeremiah and Jenni Long led the Norse with 11 kills each. Jeremiah also had 17 digs while Long had 10.

Donovan had a game-high four service aces and 21 assists while Fisher helped at the setting position recording 13 assists.

Freshman Jessica Buroker contributed seven kills, one solo block and two block assists.

"Jessie did a real good job in her first college appearance," head coach Mary Biernmann said.

"We were kind of struggling, and she came in and played like she was unconscious. Not anything like a freshman."

NKU	15	16	15
Ashland	6	14	8

NKU	11	15	16	15
GVSt	15	8	14	3

The Norse also defeated Florida Southern, currently ranked No. 23 in the nation. After losing the first set, NKU rebounded to take the next three sets and win the match.

Donovan contributed 16 kills, 39 assists and 11 digs.

Jeremiah helped lead the Norse with 14 kills, while Blomer had 10.

Sophomore Liz Lamping helped out defensively for the NKU, contributing 17 digs.

"Florida Southern was a good win because they are nationally ranked," Donovan said. "And by us defeating them, it boosted our ranking."

"Ashland, Grand Valley and Wayne State were our most important matches, because those teams are in our division," Biernmann said.

NKU	9	15	15	15
FSU	15	4	7	0

NKU finished its weekend with a loss to Wayne State University. The Norse dropped leads in the first and third sets of the match, and could not overcome WSU.

The Norse played most of the match without starting setter Molly Donovan, who battled illness all week. The Norse are taking the loss in stride. "One loss is not bad against teams like Wayne State," Fisher said.

Blomer led the Norse by contributing 40 assists and eight kills.

The Norse play GLVC foe Indianapolis on Wednesday and host Wheeling Jesuit (W.V.) on Friday at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, NKU plays host to Indiana (Pa.) and at No. 19 West Virginia Wesleyan.

## Becky's World

By Becky  
Bergman  
Features  
Editor

Thousands of parents send their children off to college each year in hopes of giving them the opportunity of a better life through higher education. Even though it is a common occurrence, the thought of letting their "babies" go away from home doesn't get any easier for the parents. For many of these young adults we call freshmen, it is just as scary to be on their own for the first time in the "real world."

While living alone in the dorms, who is available to answer those important questions and make sure that students come home at night? Who is there to call in case of emergencies?

The answer is two simple letters: R.A.

An R.A. is a Residential Assistant who is in charge of overseeing residents in the dorm during their stay at NKU. These specially selected students have duties such as checking residents in, monitoring assigned areas of the dorms, desk duty, and other needs that may arise for individual students. In exchange for these duties R.A.'s receive free room and board, free meals and \$25 a week.

Jessica Enderle, a junior Anthropology major, is a first year R.A. Enderle said that she absolutely loves her job even though it is very demanding with endless responsibilities.

"It's like a 24 an hour day job. No matter where you are, on or off campus, you are a role model. Every once in a while when I'm in a bad mood I need to remind myself that I can't let my moods effect how I do my job," she said.

Emily St. John agrees that being an R.A. is a very important job. "We are a confidant and a counselor at times. We have to deal with minor problems around campus, but we have also had to deal with problems such as racial issues, or people dropping out of school if things like this occur," she said.

St. John said that a former counselor once had to deal with the issue of date rape.

According to St. John the hardest part about being an R.A. is time management. She said, "I not only have to juggle my time between school and being an R.A. I am also the vice president of my sorority and of Panhellenic."

"Being a part of these activities keeps me busy, but it also works to my advantage," she added. "It helps me to encourage hesitant freshman to become involved in activities that R.A.s have already gotten a chance to become a part of."

"I like the ability to shape and mold young minds," chuckled Greg Mecher, an R.A. and the Vice President of External Affairs for SGA. On a more serious note he said, "It's nice having the free room and board. Since I've been here for so long I enjoy teaching freshman what college life is all about."

Kim Kenning, a senior Speech majors says her favorite part of being an R.A. is getting to know new people. She says that there is never a boring moment in the dorms.

Kenning recalls a recent incident when she was in the bathroom and got dizzy because of a bad sinus infection. She passed out and hit her head on the door. Later she awoke, walked into her room, and passed out again. She remembers her R.A.s panicking and saying, "There is something wrong with our R.A."

"I felt like an idiot because I was causing more problems than the residents," Kenning said.

When trying to find out more on the NKU R.A.s one should ask the experts, the residents of course. Freshman Jeff Stanoford summed up his feelings by saying, "They are all pretty cool. I feel like I can go to them any time I need advice or when I'm having problems!"

By Amanda Tittle  
Executive Editor

He has been named Professor of the Year after only six years of teaching at Northern Kentucky University. What's next for Russell Proctor?

Proctor has been named co-chair of President James Votruba's "Visions, Voices, and Values" discussions.

Why Russell Proctor?

He said he believes it is because of his love for NKU.

"I love this university. And if that's why he chose me, because he wanted to be working with somebody who not only has a love for the school, but hopes to be here for the long haul to bring these visions to fruition, then he got the right person," Proctor said.

Steven Weiss, Communications Department chair, said, "I think one of the obvious reasons is having been named Professor of the Year, he's

very visible on the campus and in the community as an outstanding member of the university."

Another reason, Weiss said, is because of his connection with students and also the Northern Kentucky community that he was chosen.

The goal behind the "Visions, Voices, and Values" discussions to Proctor is to what a variety of different groups think NKU should be all about, particularly in terms of Votruba's five year plan.

By the end of the discussions, Proctor said, he and President Votruba "hope to have a sense of what the core values are and what these people believe should be on our agenda for the next five years."

The results are not going to sit on a shelf, but Proctor said, "In a sense, we could be writing his Presidential Address for 2002. When he gets to the end of these five years, I'm hoping he'll be able to stand in front of the university and say 'Here is what

we said in 1997 we wanted to do, so here in 2002 is a report on how we've done in achieving those goals."

Proctor said it was an honor to be chosen because he wants to serve the students.

"Every decision we make at this university ought to be framed by how will it serve our students," Proctor said.

But this honor, Proctor said, will require a great deal of his time.

"This committee that I'm on with Dr. Votruba involves 32 two-hour meetings that I'll be co-chairing between now and the end of October."

The first official discussion was Tuesday.

"There are times when I'm concerned this may infringe on my family life a bit."

Proctor also said he tries to remember that it is only for two months.

"I'm guessing that somewhere in the middle of this I may be tearing out



Russell Proctor

my hair, saying where did my life go. But knowing that there's an end to these activities allows me to say 'Okay, by Thanksgiving, some measure of sanity should return to my life.'"

Proctor said, though, he doesn't want to portray this as a negative duty. To him, he said, it is an honor.

Many students enrolled in Interpersonal Communication because it was being taught by Proctor. But students soon discovered the course was not being taught by Proctor, but by former Regent, Robin Crigler.

Carrie Bowling, a senior communications major said "My husband said he was a great teacher and taking him is reason enough to take the class."

The reason senior management

major Tracy Tabben took the course was, "I had to and a lot of people said Proctor was really good and a lot of fun."

Bowling said she was a little disappointed to learn Proctor was not teaching the class, but is still interested in the course.

Because she didn't know what to expect, Tabben said she was a little disappointed.

Weiss said he was also a little disappointed Proctor had to give up the class. "The students really get a charge out of him, so they'll miss having him around."

Many said that while they took the class because Proctor was supposed to teach it, Crigler has amply filled his shoes and is said to be a great replacement for Proctor.

A sought after professor, Professor of the Year and co-chairing a committee will let Proctor make his mark on NKU. One has to wonder, what's next?

## Calendar Of Campus Activities

## September 3

- "Greek Life and You" in Norse Commons room 117 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## September 3-5

- Web Week Activities

## September 6

- Butterfly Garden Planting Day on NKU main plaza at 8 a.m.

## September 8

- NKU Baseball Tryouts on Baseball Field NKU Baseball Team

## September 9

- Orientation Reception for Minority Students at Mark Hermann Alumni Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## September 11

- Yoga instruction at 12:10 p.m. call campus rec. at 572-5197 for location.

## Say cheese



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Former president of the Northern Kentucky Medical Society Sharon Guenther presents a check to Jim Alford, president of the NKU foundation to support NKU Pre-med students.

from left to right: Connie Combs, Teresa Hudepohl, Sharon Guenther, and Jim Alford.

## Soups On



Anna Weaver/The Northern  
NKU first-semester students wait in line for the grub at Freshfusion on the main plaza.

## Minority Orientation Coming

Becky Bergman  
Features Editor

On Tuesday, September 9 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be an Orientation Reception for Minority students held at Mark Hermann Alumni Center at Northern Kentucky University.

This orientation was originated last year in order to devise strategies to include students in activities from minority cultures.

According to Michelle Roszmann-Millican, Assistant Professor of the School of Education, it is an opportunity to increase the number of educators in the field who are minorities.

She said, "There is very much of a need for minority teachers

because the number of minority students is increasing greatly in our districts. This orientation is just an opportunity to let people know their possibilities and increase their knowledge of diversity."

The orientation will begin with an introduction. Faculty and students met at the door will receive a registration book and packet with information about resources and mentoring activities.

Roszmann-Millican said that she expects a larger turn out than last year because it is now open to undeclared minority students involved in University 101.

"It really is a social kind of reception. There will be a lot of talking and refreshments," added Roszmann-Millican.

## The Blahs Are Back

By Margie Wise  
Assistant Features Editor

My head hurts, my backpack strap has already dug a huge angry welt into my right shoulder, my sinuses are swollen and inflamed, my skin's broken out into lovely red blotches, and I have the half aware, blood-shot gaze of the sleep deprived. For those of you who haven't guessed already, school's back in session.

With visions of naps in my head I down my prerequisite 20 cups of coffee, grab my \$300 worth of books, and read resolutely on to class with Christmas break dreams and spring break fantasies floating impatiently around my consciousness.

As I step inside what I desperately hope is the right classroom, I pull out the syllabus, try to calm my sense of panic at the deadlines looming before me, and immediately begin to repeat my meditative mantra (oohm, oohm...). This year, I vow,

will be different.

You may have heard of New Year's resolutions, well, here are my New Semester resolutions.

- I will drink less caffeine.
- I will get more exercise.
- I will get organized early...and stay that way.
- I will get more involved on campus.
- I will try to meet new people.
- I will actually read my books.
- I will not procrastinate.
- I will go to class.
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- Did I mention, I will go to class?

So, my challenge to you all, as you fight your way through this fall semester, is make your own "New Semester Resolutions," define your own goals, and go after them. Nothing happens to you, you happen to it.

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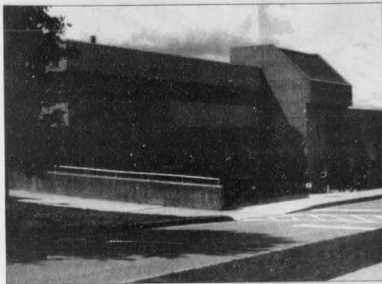
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## Just Giving Up

NKU is a young university. We're a toddler and we're learning our lessons. Bill Erpenbeck is teaching NKU a hard lesson. He's teaching us not to look a gift horse in the mouth.

Ever since football has been tabled in July, people who didn't support football have rejoiced. They gloat and say "We won!" like it some sort of war. Well, the truth is, non-supporters, no one won. We all lost, big time.

That's what the non-supporters have to realize. It's nice for things to go your way. But don't gloat about it. That just makes the people who did support it mad. Especially supporters like Bill Erpenbeck and the rest of the Football Report Committee. And don't forget about the Student Government Football Committee who worked hard to try and make this dream a reality. And they came so close. It's just that the numbers just don't quite work. It's just not quite going to be affordable.

How would you feel if you spent months and months of time and effort working towards a goal only to see it miserably fail? How heartbroken would you be, especially when you hear that people are rejoicing about it?

It shouldn't matter if you hated football and never wanted to see it at NKU ever, it still hurts for those who spent countless hours trying to make it happen.

As President Votruba said, if only everyone would put that much effort into things here, then would could really make things happen.

For those who didn't support football because we should focus more on academics, why don't you put together a 50-page report on it, like Erpenbeck did?

If anyone wonders why he pulled out of giving us money, maybe it's because NKU didn't appreciate his hard work.

But Erpenbeck has to look at reality. We can't afford football. We can't build a stadium when we don't know if we'll ever be able to use it.

Obviously we have problems with money at this university. This is not a good time, nor is it every good time, to dangle money in front of us, then snatch it away.

Plus, isn't Erpenbeck being rather selfish? If he was going to give us \$1 million for a stadium, why can't he give us anything toward some of our other suffering programs? Is football the only thing he's concerned about?

Erpenbeck only supported NKU if it had to do with football. And he was only going to support us if we went ahead with football, even if it made us bankrupt. Can't he see that we just aren't able to afford it?

Why can't he give us just some of the money for some other cause instead of just giving up? He must realize how much we need it.



## Fireworks A Cincinnati Tradition

By Anna Weaver  
Photo Editor

Labor Day was just another three day weekend before I moved to Cincinnati.

The phrase "fireworks show" meant going down the IU football stadium in Bloomington, Indiana on the 4th of July. We would get their early for good seats, but the show was never more than ten minutes long, and I was usually more concerned with covering my ears than an "ooh" - green flash- and "ahh" - red flash-.

Don't get me wrong, I have great memories of growing up with those fireworks. The best part was afterward lighting those snake fireworks that would slim out and stain your porch black

until the next year.

To me, sitting on the football field and watching the pyrotechnic display was as good as it was ever going to be. But that was before I moved to Cincinnati.

The Labor Day fireworks are something that Cincinnatians should take pride in.

When I first attended Riverfest, I just couldn't understand why people were coming out of the cracks to see a couple of fireworks on Labor Day of all days. Of course I had never seen the show.

After hours of watching the day slowly turn into night, and the crowd grow from a few to thousands, I wondered if the fireworks could possibly live up to everything I'd heard.

I was getting tired of sitting and

tired of flicking bugs off my now sun burnt legs. I thought I was going to leave a permanent indentation on the flood wall.

Someone sat next to me with a radio tuned into WEBN and the booming deep voice started spitting out terms like "decade of decadence," and "the station you blew up with."

The voice then demanded us to yell as loud as we could to show that we were ready, to show how much we wanted our wait to end.

And when the voice said, "Now let's hear it from the Kentucky side!"

I screamed my heart out and I knew we were so much louder than Ohio. (Probably because we had more drunk people on our side.)

And then the sky exploded. It

was so bright it could have been daytime. The voice on the radio stopped and music started playing. Immediately I noticed that the fireworks were going right along with the music. My mouth hung open. The sky was dancing.

The next hour held surprises that I never would have thought of sitting on a football field in Indiana. Even though I have special memories for the time I spent there, I will always want to spend Labor Day in Cincinnati.

It cracks me up when people say "You mean they don't have fireworks for Labor Day in Indiana?" That's like people in California wondering if everyone has oceans to look at.

Cincinnatians take for granted what so many will never experience.

## North Poll

What's the one thing you would change about this university?



Phil Holt  
Radio/Television  
Burlington, KY

"Nothing so far. It's been pretty good to me."



Carly Haynes  
Undeclared  
Highland Heights

"I think they need another cafeteria area."



Jason Pratt  
Biology  
Ft. Thomas

"The shopping mall attitude from a lot of students. They just come and go."



Jenny Lynch  
Education  
Erlanger

"We need more trees."

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## News From APB

The Activities Programming Board is excited that everyone is back. We've had great attendance at our events so far, and we're working hard to plan more events. The Street Dance was very successful, with more than 400 attending. Students also seemed to enjoy the free caricatures and cotton candy at Freshfusion.

APB's focus for this year is on quality rather than quantity. APB hopes to bring several big names to campus this year, in an effort to impact students. APB is currently researching to find entertainers. We would welcome suggestions from the campus community. If you have a suggestion of a lecturer, comedian, or bands let us know. Please keep in mind that we do have some financial restrictions, and some entertainers are not attainable in our price range. You can bring suggestions to the APB office, University #10 or e-mail us at apb@nku.edu.

APB has changed the date for Musicfest. It is scheduled in the student handbook for September 17, but has been changed to October 1. APB will have more details about Musicfest soon. Watch for Musicfest publicity!

APB is currently recruiting several new members. If you are interested in planning and producing quality events for NKU's campus, stop by and pick up an application. Prior programming experience is welcomed, but not necessary. Students who are creative and willing to work hard are excellent candidates! We hope to see you soon. For more information regarding APB, check out our new webpage at <http://www.nku.edu/~apb/>.

-Mary Chesnut

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Update & Meeting Notes



By  
Chris  
Saunders

SGA  
President

Dear Students,

It's another school year, and there are new opportunities awaiting us. I wanted to take this time to personally wish all of you a successful year. I hope that you are as optimistic about this school year as I am.

We have such a tremendous group of individuals representing the student body on SGA this

year that I can't help being overwhelmed with enthusiasm.

"Here To Represent The Students," is the theme for this year. That is what we are all about. There are so many things that we want to do this year, but we can't make the decisions without all of your help.

Our job this year, as always, is to look out for all students and student interests. What I am asking from you is your input and involvement.

I understand that the school year will become busy and sometimes stressful, but I hope that we can work together to make sure that students are always number one here.

To stay top priority, I encourage all students to attend our meetings, and just take interest in what is going on around here.

I am hoping that like always, we as SGA representatives can make a difference, but it makes it more fulfilling to know that what we are doing is what YOU want.

Your Student Body President,  
Chris Saunders

### Highlights of the SGA August 25 meeting

•Dr. Norleen Pomerance and

Dean Lamb attended to answer student's questions concerning football.

•The student directory is under construction. If anyone does not want their number published, call 572-5149.

•A change being implement this year is the agenda/speaker policy.

Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to speak at meetings. In order to maintain efficiency, a sign-up sheet, will be posted on the SGA office door, UC 208.

•SGA would like to inform all students that Web Week is

September 2-5 in which senator Andrew Millar will be speaking on Internet Navigation.

•SGA will be participating in Date Rape Awareness Week which takes place September 15-21.

•During an open floor question and answer period with Dr. Pomerance with Dr. Pomerance students voiced their concerns about the \$20.00 athletic enhancement fee.

It was decided that SGA would compile their suggestions and submit them to the Board of Regents at a later date.



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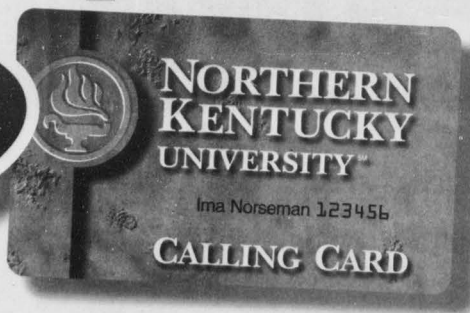
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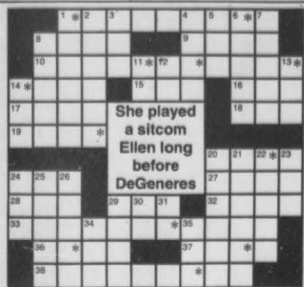
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## ACROSS

1. Brothers Joey, Matt and Andy
2. Skin opening
3. Promise
4. Actress on *The Hogan Family* from '87-'91 (2)
5. Cagney & Lacey actress
6. Howard, for one
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and *Cry*; 1947 Jack Warner movie
8. Easy \_\_\_\_\_ (1949-50)
9. Insert
10. Advanced degrees: abbr.
11. Stuart and Magruder
12. \_\_\_\_\_ *Wednesday*: 1973 Liz Taylor film
13. Layer of the eye
14. Judge seen on TV in 1995
15. Who's \_\_\_\_\_: '77 Dan Rather newsmagazine series
16. Robert De \_\_\_\_\_
17. The Trials of \_\_\_\_\_ Last (1990-92)
18. Virginia \_\_\_\_\_
19. Part
20. Star of Holly Robinson Peete's series (2)

## DOWN

1. Lent
2. Star of *Gunsmoke*
3. Unite
4. Person, place or thing
5. With 12 Down, 1956 quiz show (2)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Sketch; child's drawing board
7. Grant \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Out; 1968 Jack Nicholson movie
9. 1/1 to 1/1: abbr.
10. See 5 Down
11. Church's role
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Roots; 1948 Susan Hayward film
13. Riley's son on *The Life of Riley* (1943-58)
14. In a malicious way
15. "Uncle Miltie"
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Power; '56-'58 Cronkite series
17. Star of *My Little Margie* (1952-55)
18. Old Testament book
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ Show (1955-82)
20. Don \_\_\_\_\_
21. \_\_\_\_\_ the Rocks (1975-76)
22. Ending for good or mood
23. Miscalculate

## Last Week's Answers

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**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**

Try being an optimist for a couple of hours; you may be surprised by the positive effects it has on your life.



**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

It isn't easy but it is important to move on with life. Get out your planning calendar and start making some social dates.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**

A shopping spree at the home interiors store may be just what you need. Sprucing up your living space will lift your mood.



**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**

Between business and home commitments, there doesn't seem to be much time to fun these days. Get outdoors and take in some fresh air.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**

A cooking class or metaphysical lesson will lighten your mood. Prepare yourself for a very busy fall social season.



**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

Don't let your imagination get away with you. Daydreams have their place, but it is important to stay grounded.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**

Leave yourself some time to do what must be done at home. Don't expect someone else to do all the work on a new project.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**

There is no need to hit a loved one over the head with his or her faults. You can be much more subtle and get your point across.



**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**

Open your heart to someone who may be down on his or her luck. It is never a bad time to create some good karma.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

A forgotten event will come to mind, and you will relish those happy memories. A co-worker may need some help, but is afraid to ask.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

You have a tendency to talk without thinking things through first. Be careful not to monopolize conversations with friends. They need you.