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### CAMPAIGN 2000



The *Northerner* caught up with Karenna Gore-Schiff, daughter of the Vice-President, on her recent tour spot at Newport's Millennium Peace Bell Monument. She spoke about issues in her father's campaign, such as education, protecting family farms and the youth vote. See page 4.

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"Backstage" takes a look inside the rap game. This documentary focuses on the careers of million-sellers Jay-Z and DMX and their lives behind the scenes. Page 5.

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NKU soccer player Betsy Moore has accomplished much in her career. See why she's one of NKU's MVP's. Page 7.

### WEBSITE OF THE WEEK



Log on to the Witness for Peace website and learn of this organization's efforts to protect human rights in Central and South America. Current news as well as opportunities to sign up for a delegation to visit these countries are available online at [www.witnessforpeace.org](http://www.witnessforpeace.org).

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## Curriculum to focus on 'applying knowledge'

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

After two years of dissecting and analyzing Northern Kentucky University's general requirements curriculum, a faculty task force is putting the finishing touches on a proposal for a new program.

"I think we're on the right track," said Rudy Gams, chairman of the General Education Subcommittee. "We've got a good idea about where concerns are and how to meet them."

Gams said President James Votruha assembled the subcommittee in 1998 to evaluate the General Studies program and develop a simpler and more coherent plan for students.

The proposal documents show a new General Education curriculum that will require a minimum total of 38 hours, a decrease in 10 hours from the current system.

Course work will be hierarchically structured in four levels. Students will take classes in an established order, completing each level's work

before proceeding to the next.

Gams pointed out the lack of course integration as a problem with the system in use. "Courses are isolated from each other," he said. He said the subcommittee designed the new program to improve upon the problem.

The proposal also shows changes in course perspectives. Unlike the current courses which are each based on a single discipline, new classes will look at themes and issues of the world from a multiple disciplinary point of view.

Some theme suggestions in the proposal include diversity issues, such as the Underground Railroad, United States Hispanic culture and American immigration.

Chemical warfare, hunger, AIDS and Christian values are some global perspectives covered by the curriculum.

Plans for the new courses were directed toward knowledge application, said Gams. "We want our graduates to be able to handle real world problems. People learn things better if they learn about them in a real world context."

Gams added that the first exposure of the proposal to NKU students through focus groups conducted over the summer was successful. "I think students were excited just being there," he said. "They really liked the new model."

Brooke Gillette, a political science major, spent time as a focus group participant. "I personally feel that the new proposal will greatly benefit incoming students," she said.

Theme-based courses provide a thorough learning experience, said Gillette. "Students will have a greater chance at relating with the subject, thus allowing the student to advance and succeed."

In regard to the current General Studies program, Gillette mentioned problems with advising. "I feel that it really leaves the student in a guessing game as to what classes they should be taking," she said. "In most cases, the adviser fails to properly direct the student, therefore he/she is left to determine what classes will fit what requirement."

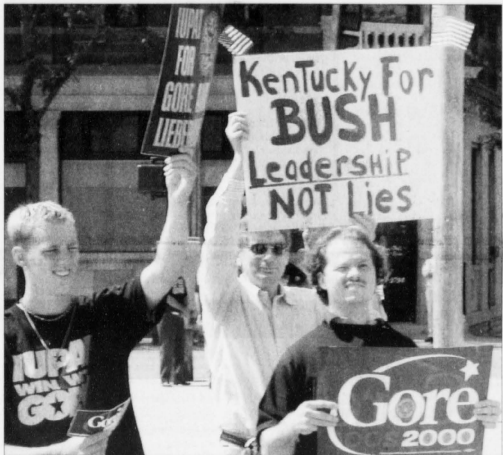
Transfer students are another concern for Gams and the subcommittee to deal with. Gams said the group hopes that the new program will make the transfer process easier than it has been for some students.

Once the proposal is final, Gams said, approval by the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate will be needed to put the plan into action. "We're looking to take it to the faculty for a vote in December," he said.

Gams said the earliest scheduled time for total program implementation is fall 2002. "We'll need at least a year for faculty development," he said. He said that some of the new General Education courses may be offered as electives by next year. "It would be a nice trial run."

Gams said other universities' course layouts were considered before the designing of NKU's new curriculum began. "A lot of schools are doing this," he said. "We'd like to see Northern out in front."

## Democracy at work



Peter W. Zubay/The *Northerner*  
Protesters and supporters from both sides of the political spectrum turned out to let Vice-President Al Gore's daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, just where they stand on the issues. See page 4 for more.

## Philanthropy program lets students give something back

By Rachel Dietz  
Photo Editor

Starting this fall semester, the fate of \$80,000 will be left in the hands of Northern Kentucky University students.

NKU received a gift of \$100,000 from the Manuel D. and Rhoda Mayerson Foundation, January 2000.

The money is given to support a two-year program of courses in which students have the opportunity to become involved with philanthropy; voluntary action directed toward public good.

The students will act as a "board" of philanthropists to decide the fate of the money. They will choose from a list of more than 300 non-profit organizations that were sent letters explaining the project.

Four classes, one with two sections, will be participating in the project each semester for two years making the total awards given equal to \$80,000.

This fall, each of the classes will have \$4,000 to invest in a community non-profit organization. They

can invest the whole \$4,000 in one organization or split it up among a few.

President James C. Votruha said he was interested in a project where college students could both learn and give something back to the community.

Last semester he spoke with Neil Mayerson, the son of the originators of the foundation, and together they collaborated to create a project where students could evaluate different non-profit organizations and choose to give the grants to the ones they believe do a good job.

"As I've been researching this project, I believe that we are the only college in the United States that allows the students to use real money in giving back to the community," said Robin Crippler, project leader for the Mayerson Project.

The Mayerson Project will be a great opportunity for the students involved; as well as the organizations receiving the grants.

By interviewing professional philanthropists and visiting many of the non-profit organizations, students will have an opportunity

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## FreshFusion: Warm welcome for incoming freshmen

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

Northern Kentucky University's FreshFusion was a shagadelic good time for at least one participant.

Austin "Danger" Powers made a special appearance at Luau 2 Thout, Thursday during the opening ceremonies at Regents Hall.

Austin Powers led a slew of NKU students dressed in colorful '60s garb onto the floor and proceeded to work the crowd as only Austin Powers could.

Following his opening show, Austin introduced a doctor who was Dr. Evil's rival, NKU President James C. Votruha.

Votruha addressed the students, at first, in a red wig. He spoke of changes in freshmen's lives because of college. He told the crowd how excited he was by the size and diversity of this year's freshman class and assured them they all can succeed.

Student Government Association President Kara Clark addressed the students next and told everyone to enjoy their years in college and to meet new people. She stressed that NKU cares about students and learning.

The opening ceremonies ended

with a performance by the NKU dance team and a dance by University 101 professors and students.

The festivities moved outside after that.

There was a car to smash, provided by Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Students could take three or four whacks at a car with a sledgehammer.

There was a trampoline with poles attached to each side and bungee cords connecting a harness to the poles.

Students were strapped into the harness and bounced upwards of 20 feet into the air.

There was a booth for making was replicas of your hand, free food and the psycho swing.

The psycho swing propelled students in a circle, head over heels.

All the while Austin Powers mingled with the crowd, trying to form cha-cha lines with NKU faculty and asking Austin Powers trivia.

"He's crazy," freshman Julie Prabel said. "He's got it (the impersonation) down."

Hardin Minor, a.k.a. Austin Powers was brought in by Student Life, he said. "I am a mime, fire eater, juggler and clown," Hardin said.



Rachel Dietz/The *Northerner*  
Austin "Danger" Powers gets shagadelic with NKU students at FreshFusion 2000. Make sure and check the back page for more highlights from this year's FreshFusion.

He said that as many times as he watched the movies to learn his part, his children have watched them even more.

Minor said his experience as an

actor helped learn the voice and moves easily. He also said he loves what he does. "It's a blast."

Three African-American fraternities and two sororities performed a

step show exhibition. Each one started their performance by telling the crowd of their fraternity or sorority's history and

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# Volunteers pitch in for United Way

By Karen Andrew  
Staff Reporter

Volunteers from Northern Kentucky University will meet to paint and repair the Redwood Rehabilitation School in Ft. Mitchell, as part of United Way's Community Care Week.

"It's a good mix of [people]," said Jennifer Surgalski, student volunteer coordinator and SGA's public relations vice president.

Martha Malloy, NKU director of Human Resources, said that this is the second year the university has participated in Community Care Week. Last year's project was also held at the Redwood facility.

"They were satisfied with us last year," said Malloy. "This provides some assistance with projects which would not otherwise get done. The staff is busy with appointments and doesn't have much time."

She said that the school provides

instructional activity for people with disabilities. Ages range from babies to adults.

"Last year, 110 volunteers participated," said Malloy. She said she is hoping for at least 110 this year.

"This is 'The Feel Good Project of the Year,'" she added.

"It's a social event but also benefits the community," said Surgalski. "It's when all the different types of people in the university community can come together - there's a lot of dialogue."

There will be a wide range of activities, including painting and repairing classrooms, cleaning buses and repairing toys and supplies.

Surgalski added that artists are also needed to paint children's murals on doors.

NKU volunteers will meet Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Redwood Rehabilitation School on Orphanage Road. Free breakfast, lunch,

and t-shirts will be provided. If they have them, participants are asked to bring cleaning and painting supplies, including gloves.

"People can show up for the whole day or come and go throughout the day," said Surgalski.

"We'll be very appreciative if folks can come even if for a few hours," said Malloy. "Community Care Week is a partnership between the United Way and community businesses and organizations."

Sponsored by the university's Human Resources Department and the Student Government Association (SGA), NKU's Community Care volunteer group composed of university alumni, administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Those interested in volunteering or getting more information, including directions to the school, call the University's Human Resources department at 572-5200 or Jennifer Surgalski, University Center room 208, phone at 572-6410.

## Peace in our time



Peter W. Zubaty/The Northerner  
Student government representatives Brad Hungler, left, and Josh Wice, right, attended the Kareena Gore-Schiff speech at Newport for info on her father's education policies.

# Parking for dorm students limited by construction

By Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff Writer

Beginning this semester dorm students are no longer allowed to park in the lots between Norse Commons and Landrum (E and F). They aren't allowed to park beside Norse Commons either (M). They are restricted to only parking in the lower lots behind Norse Commons (P and Q).

Warning tickets were being handed out on vehicles of residents who parked in forbidden lots. "Reserve" tickets were starting to be issued Sept. 5.

\*Kim Vance, assistant director of residential life, said that due to the

construction of the new science building one parking lot was shut down. The commuters needed more parking spaces and the dorm students weren't using lot Q.

Over the summer 200 spaces were added to 93 spaces in lot P for dorm students. The fall of 1989 there were 10,332 students enrolled and 2,982 parking spaces.

This fall there are 10,356 enrolled and 5,775 parking spaces, according to DPS reports. Don McKenzie, director of DPS, said "This year is the first year I've seen we haven't maxed out the lots."

"We have to think about safety and security issues too,"

McKenzie said. He said that the areas are well lit and with all the dorm students though DPS can better watch them.

Dorm students had their own opinion on the subject. Dawn Colangelo, a freshman dorm resident said "It's pretty convenient." She said the parking is close to her dorm.

Wendy Longazel, a freshman who lives in dorm said, "It's ridiculous. It's much easier to park in lot M."

John Roller, junior dorm resident said "I don't really mind."

"Anything can change if enough people get behind it," Kim Vance said.

A chain reaction was set off when the fire alarm went off last week. A young father and his two children were in the Lucas Administration building when one of the children pulled the fire alarm. The alarms in Landrum went off at the same time and were supposed to be linked to the same system.

The father told witnesses "my child did it" and left the building quickly.

In room lot T, a green Mazda was parked in violation of the signs. An officer was getting out of his vehicle and it began to roll into the back of the Mazda. He tried to put on the brakes but was unsuccessful. The officer was issuing a parking citation when he noticed that there was a blank envelope under the windshield wiper to make it look like he already had a citation. A note was left with the citation telling the

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owner to contact DPS in regards to the damage to the vehicle.

There was minor damage to both vehicles. Highland Heights Police Chief Mullins arrived and took a state report.

A fraternity bench was reported missing last week. Officer Baker spoke to the president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and said their bench was missing one year around springtime. He stated that it was a rival fraternity was responsible missing bench last year. They were supposed to rebuild a new bench for damaging it last year. It is unknown if the incident was done by the same fraternity. The bench is described as being brown in color and estimated at \$250.00. The president

advised the officer if the same fraternity had something to do with this bench, they would handle it between the different organizations.

An officer responded to a student who said her keys were missing, her alarm clock was broken and her cell phone charger was taken from her apartment on campus. She had been in a verbal argument with one of her roommate's the day before this happened. The officer advised her to call DPS when her roommates got home. The roommates said they did not know anything about the missing items. Officer Lynch advised them to separate rooms for the night and to go to residential life in the morning regarding the living situation.

Approximately ten minutes after the talk, the roommates called and asked if they found the missing keys.

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## Bush speech rated PG-13

By Matt Cumming

Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

George W. Bush tells it like it is. At least that's what I've heard. On Monday, presidential candidate and proud servant of God George W. Bush was caught making a questionable comment to running mate Dick Cheney. A microphone inadvertently captured the exchange.

While smiling and waving to a crowd at a Labor Day rally outside Chicago, Bush turned to Cheney and whispered, "There's Adam Clymer. A major-league asshole from the New York Times."

Cheney agreed, "Oh yeah. Big time."

My initial reaction was confusion. Was this the same man who had won the confidence of millions of Americans, myself included, at the Republican National Convention just over a month ago? Was this the same man who answered "Jesus Christ" when asked to name his political role model?

But then I realized that I had carelessly overlooked the well-known fact that the media is not composed of human beings but winged, pitchfork-wielding demons of death set forth on this planet by Beelzebub.

After recognizing my folly, I realized that by calling New York Times writer Adam Clymer an "asshole," Bush wasn't making a vulgar, unpro-

fessional comment that might discredit his heavily publicized position as a family man and carrier of Christ's message.

Quite to the contrary. By calling Adam Clymer an "asshole," he was courageously taking on Satan and his army of darkness.

Seeing the situation from this perspective, my faith was confirmed and I realized that Bush is the type of leader America needs to pull us out of this dark era of immorality.

In fact I'd even venture to say that if Jesus were here today, he would probably call Adam Clymer an "asshole" too! Don't you think?

But just for curiosity's sake, let's see if we can figure out why Bush singled out the New York Times' Adam Clymer for judgement.

After all, with the forces of evil so heavily concentrated in the realm of our culture formally known as the media, why choose Adam Clymer of all people? What did Bush know that the rest of us didn't?

The media (therein referred to as "the hatemongers") claims that Bush's animosity was due to several articles Clymer wrote regarding the Republican presidential nominee's record as governor of Texas.

These articles, which contained facts (a notoriously typical tool of the hatemongers) about health care and environmental issues in Texas, apparently had Bush hot under the collar—or so the hatemongers would lead us to

believe.

However, a minor amount of research reveals a different reason behind Bush's verbal attack. With a little work, the letters of the name Adam Clymer can be rearranged to spell the phrase, "read my clams." The ignorant observer may find this phrase cryptic and bizarre but the cosmopolitan reader will recall that the indigenous people of the South Sandwich Islands (a small, volcanic, mini-archipelago at the east end of the Scotia Sea) held a religious belief system in which the clam was a hated symbol representing evil spiritual forces and gun control.

As a man of worldly intelligence, George W. Bush immediately recognized that Adam Clymer was not merely a foot soldier in Satan's evil media army, but a sort of leading anti-savior, as in "The Exorcist." By "inadvertently" allowing the world to hear his vulgar comment about Adam Clymer, Bush was warning us about this benchman of horror who has penetrated the already-corrupted information distribution channels of our nation.

While the hatemongers question George W. Bush's lofty claims of morality and wonder if there is any substance behind his vague plans and platforms, I wonder if we can afford not to elect such a visionary, holy man as our president.

Join me in support of George W. Bush. Let us recite his battle cry together: "I'm a uniter not a divider, asshole!"

By Seth Wood  
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

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LOTTESVILLE, Va. — As a general rule, newspaper columnists choose not to focus on vice presidential candidates during a major campaign season. The reason for this is obvious. Vice presidents generally do not play a major role in the administrations of their ticket mates.

A vice president does not directly have the responsibility to do anything, save preside over the Senate and await the president's death. However, in the case of the 2000 Democratic ticket, the vice presidential candidate has assumed an almost-omnipresent role.

He has helped to resurrect the seemingly lifeless Gore campaign from the tombs of political irrelevancy. In fact, what this vice presidential candidate has done amounts to nothing less than a miracle. I refer, of course, to God.

To be truthful (He'd want it that way), God doesn't hold the official vice presidential post with Al Gore. That spot currently belongs to Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman. However, that fact shouldn't fool anybody. While Lieberman functions as the current earthly Veep nominee, Gore would like to convince the all-powerful one Himself to join forces with the most qualified presidential candidate since Adlai Stevenson.

For those who might think that God would never want to involve Himself in a political campaign, Team Gore thinks otherwise.

After all, imagine the press conference for such an announcement. They could probably even convince Jimmy Carter to attend.

Furthermore, one of the new campaign signs. Of course, Gore's name would stay on top, but God's name would just fit perfectly on the sign. Despite how good a guy he is and all, Lieberman's

name is a bit long. God just fits much more snugly.

For those thinking this idea may be a bit of a lark, Lieberman has shown Gore's desire to have God campaign with him at almost every speaking engagement. Joe can't let a moment go by without invoking a psalm, a piece from the Talmud, or some sort of religious text.

Team Gore may even have God's endorsement for a few policies. On "ABC This Week," Lieberman was quoted as saying that the Democratic prescription drug plan agrees with the Bible's commandment to honor thy father and thy mother. One can't get a much stronger endorsement for policy.

If the sarcasm has not adequately permeated this column, allow me to clarify. What the Gore team has done over the past month with regard to instilling religion into the daily, public operation of a political campaign has been nothing short of disgusting.

Prior to selecting Lieberman as his earthly vice presidential nominee, Gore found himself at the losing end of every national poll, despite being in office during one of the nation's strongest periods of economic growth. The reason for such a lack of support was fairly clear — Gore lacked character.

More specifically, his attachment to President Clinton and his ludicrous abuse of the truth ("I created the Internet" and "no controlling legal authority" among them) hurt him significantly. Enter Joseph Lieberman.

Prior to his nomination, Lieberman's convictions in following his beliefs as an Orthodox Jew contrasted sharply with Gore's own aforementioned character problems. With his religious credibility, Lieberman literally brought Gore out of the depths of the Clinton brothel and into a more sanctified, respectable light. Although Lieberman's pick was

clearly a political one designed to distance Gore from Clinton, it is an understandable choice.

The Gore campaign, however, has crossed the line of respectability in its almost daily use of Lieberman as the token religious guy. Knowing that Americans, by and large, like the notion of God in a broad sense, Gore has appeared virtually nowhere without his trusted religious friend.

Recently, Gore stated, almost awkwardly, that he thought about the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" before making policy decisions. (As George Will stated on Sunday's "ABC This Week," "What would Jesus do about ballistic missile defense?")

In these cases, the Democratic Party has elected to instill questions of religion directly into a campaign, so that a voter may choose between the issues on health care, education and whether or not the president and vice president will go to Hell. This is not a good thing.

Although religion (or lack thereof) plays a part of everybody's daily life, it should not be something of a constantly public nature.

While the public is entitled to hear of the principles (religious or otherwise) that will help shape politicians' viewpoints, the candidates themselves do not need to invoke the name of God in reference to every other issue or action.

In the past, Republicans have scarcely mentioned the name of Jesus without unleashing a Gomorrah-like storm of controversy. The standard of leaving religion as a largely personal matter has made sense in the past. The Democratic ticket should place less of an emphasis on attempting to convince voters of their piety and more of an emphasis on convincing them of their sincerity and commitment to a list of attractive issues.

## NORTH POLL

### "Do you like the replacement of McDonald's with Burger King and Chick-Fil-A?"

Dale Pontz  
Speech Communication  
Covington

"If Chick-Fil-A would stop burning the chicken it wouldn't be so bad."

Christy Reed  
Anthropology  
Newport

"I would prefer a coffee house or a juice bar, however, we are in Northern Kentucky so that is not going to happen. I suppose two choices are better than one, so I like the change."

Danien Hester  
Business  
Highland Heights

"I like Chick-Fil-A and Burger King because I like their food more."



Stacy Bricker  
Engineering  
Dayton

"Burger King has more variety, but it would be better if the food was cheaper because I'm a poor college student!"

Michael Smith  
Economics  
Anderson

"Damn the man for taking my McDonalds!"

Beth Lorenz  
Applied Cultural Studies  
Highland Heights

"I liked McDonalds better because they were more organized. I'm not impressed with the change."

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# Karenna Gore-Schiff makes campaign stop in Newport



Karenna Gore-Schiff spoke Wednesday at the Millennium Peace Bell Monument in Newport on behalf of her father, Vice President Al Gore.

By Laura Parsons  
Assistant Sports Editor

Karenna Gore-Schiff, the eldest daughter of Vice President and Presidential hopeful Al Gore, brought the candidate's message of education and tuition cost reform to Northern Kentucky last week at Newport's Millennium Peace Bell Monday.

Schiff arrived to a cheering crowd waving signs and making her way through the crowd shaking hands. When she reached the podium, Schiff spoke about the kind of President her father would be and the issues that are dear to the Gore campaign.

"My dad would be the kind of President to build on prosperity...to do the right thing and be better off for it," Schiff said.

Schiff, a new mother and recent

law school graduate, dealt mainly with the two issues that concern her most: the Vice President's platform of education reform and the importance of 18-24 year old voters in the November presidential election.

Schiff said she believes that one of the most pressing issues for students is the rising cost of higher education. Strengthening public schools, issuing targeted tax cuts to families and making college more affordable with tax deductible tuition are some of Gore's core issues. The Gore/Lieberman campaign proposes a \$2,800 tax credit for families working to send their children to college. Also, Gore wants to establish the National Tuition Savings program, much like a 401k savings plan, which would enable students to save for college through a tax-free savings account transferable

from state to state. Gore campaigns on the platform of creating new HOPE scholarships, expanded PELL grants, lifetime learning credits, work study and other financial support.

Schiff links education costs with the economy. In talking with students and recent college graduates, she sees that both employers and potential employees are having trouble, despite the economic boom. "Employers are looking for skilled employees," she said. "And in order to be skilled, you have to be able to pay for college." Schiff, 27, is a close political advisor to her father, as well as the national chair of GoreNet, the youth initiative to elect Gore president. She graduated from Harvard University and Columbia Law School. Schiff is married to Drew Schiff, a practicing Manhattan physician. The couple

have a 14 month-old son, Wyatt.

Josh Wice, student legislative coordinator for the Northern Kentucky University Student Government Association, said that the event had been moved to Newport to bring more national recognition to the Millennium Peace Bell. "It [the Bell] is a great asset to Newport, but Karenna Gore Schiff represents the youth vote, and it would have been nice to have her come to NKU to swing the undecided vote on our campus. College Democrats is working to get the Gore/Lieberman campaign to NKU."

Before Schiff arrived, many local and state Democratic party leaders were introductory speakers to an audience composed mostly of elderly voters. They praised the leadership of the Democratic party for the progress and prosperity of the Northern Kentucky area.

David Tandy, co-chairman of GoreNet and political advisor for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to the Gore campaign, said he sees the vote of the 18-24 age demographic as vitally important. "The future of the country is right now. The key to making the country great is the transfer of the political challenge made by President Kennedy to the youth of the 1960's to the Generation X and Y of today."

Schiff said she firmly agrees and expects a high turnout in the 18-24 demographic. She has said, "We are the largest voting-age block, bigger than the Baby Boomers by 10 million. What we say and do, if we speak and act, will decide the fate of the nation." She emphasized this point again Wednesday. "The youth vote represents real hope. Unfortunately, it is not a proven demographic. Professionals feel like, 'why bother?' But, the Gore campaign feels that it is worth the time and effort to cultivate the youth vote," she said. "This demographic is powerful in numbers and in idealism. If we can harness that spirit, only good things will happen."

By Peter W. Zahuty  
Executive Editor

After attending the Karenna Gore Schiff speech in Newport last Wednesday, I am left with some serious tugging at my political heart-strings. I found Schiff engaging, intelligent and entertaining, a fine ambassador for her father.

Which brings me to the crux of my dilemma: Whom to vote for?

I have problems with Al Gore. I have always found him to be the quintessential politician, sorta shady, insincere and very out of touch with the real world. The original "plastic man."

I always found his father, former Senator Albert Gore, Sr., a likable politician with an intense strength of conviction for issues such as family farms, the Vietnam War and the highway system.

The Vice President Gore is not nearly so likable. He has the personality of a dead fish. Even more amusing is his response to his personality problem, attempting to remedy it by changing his persona to fit the situation. Classic politician.

But I am certainly no Republican. My fears of Al Gore and

Schiff said she will do if elected are great. I have always been turned off by his wife, Tipper, and her crusading attempts for censorship of popular music. However, his stance on issues of the environment and education are issues near to my heart.

The prospect of voting for George "Dubya" Bush was never an option. No talent dim bulbs bathed in oil money are not the type of guys I

want running the country. At least, even though I disliked him intensely, his father was a capable administrator.

The thought of Dubya in the big chair brings back troubling memories of Ronald Reagan and the horrendous excesses of the eighties. Rich people getting richer at the expense of the poor and elderly is not a prospect I can face. If Dubya is elected, I am pretty sure I will leave the country and pursue journalism overseas.

So here it is. The old classic cliché of "The Lesser of Two Evils." Both candidates are hacks and clowns; our troubles are that our political system cannot offer more capable and charismatic options for the most powerful office in the world.

I have said all along that I will likely vote for Ralph Nader for president. I would like nothing more than to see big business have the wind taken out of its sails. Nader would bring that. But the moneyed elite in this country stand to lose too much if a guy like Nader is elected. He's far too dangerous.

So instead we get to choose between twiddle-dee and twiddle-dum; our corporate owned and operated candidates for president. A vote for someone like Nader would be a "wasted" vote, or at least that's what I'm told.

I'll probably take a wait-and-see attitude Nov. 7. I will do anything in my limited power to see to it that Dubya is not elected. So if the polls are close, I will vote for Gore. He can probably thank his daughter for that. If Gore appears to be running away with it, it's Nader. And if the nightmare happens—I'm leaving the country VERY soon after I graduate in May.



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# DMX, Jay-Z and Posse Take Viewers 'Backstage'

By Billy Sprankles  
Staff Writer

Females getting naked in limousines, hotels and, of course, *Backstage* was just a part of the film that documents the 50 city Hard Knock Life tour, beginning in Charlotte, NC. The flick focuses on behind the scenes footage of headliners Jay-Z, DMX and a collaboration of other ill emcees such as Methodman, Redman, Ja Rule, Beanie Siegel, Memphis Bleek and Amil.

In 1993, the limelight of Hip-Hop culture and rap music shined on the Wu-Tang Clan, 2-Pac and The Notorious B.I.G. At the same time, the underground rap scene witnessed a battle between two emcees that have now emerged as premier leaders in a new movement of Hip-Hop.

Jay-Z, the rap-god from Brooklyn, and DMX, the rap-god from Yonkers, NY, frequently hearing of the other, were fated to battle. Finally, a room full of eager crew members and spectators surrounded a pool table in the basement of a club in the Bronx.

Jay-Z and DMX, each taking a side of the table, furiously battled and spit heated lyrics for four hours.

In the fall of 1999, these two emcees lead the much anticipated Hard Knock Life Tour Tuesday, Sept. 5. I viewed the film *Backstage*, which is a real life documentary of this Hip-Hop tour.

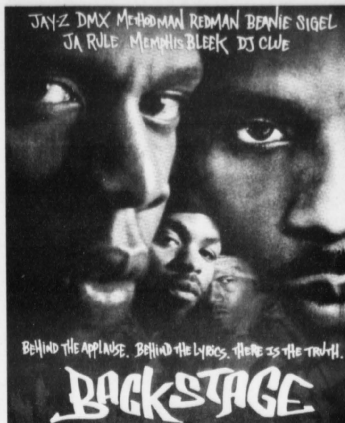
To anyone that is intrigued by rap music and not so educated on Hip-Hop culture, this film is a great introduction. To all my Hip-Hop heads, this flick is hot, word is bond. This documentary is a reminder of why we so greatly appreciate and are thoroughly fascinated by these artists, as well as Hip-Hop culture.

Dimension films teams up with Roc-a-fella Records and Def-Jam Recordings to produce this documentary. It gives live footage on the road, in the hotels, the after-parties and backstage. DMX brings one of his eleven pit-bulls along. Guest appearances are made by Eve, Puffy and Busta Rhymes. Methodman and Redman open one of the shows by swinging down from the rafters, strapped in harnesses, and performing none other than "How High."

Situations get heated when the CEO of Roc-a-fella Records, Damon Dash, has it out with Kevin Liles, the CEO of Def-Jam, because he feels his record label is being overshadowed. Memphis Bleek has a short leave from the tour because his best friend was killed in a dice game over \$300. This film, however, does flourish with plenty of humor.

Beanie Siegel imitates a hillbilly as he conducts a tour of the well equipped bus. DMX and Jay-Z are quite surprised by the flow skills of a Muslim in a free-style contest. Jay-Z donates all the proceeds from the performance in Denver, CO to the families of those students killed in the Columbine High School shootings.

This film is exceptionally rare because it is uncensored and uncut. All music and on stage performances are unrehearsed. The cameras get up close and personal with each artist, giving their raw views and opinions on this new movement in Hip-Hop.



## Lit & Language Dept. Professor receives Outstanding Award

By Maureen Jacob  
Features Editor

Katherine C. Kurk, of the Department of Literature and Language at Northern Kentucky University, is the latest recipient of the Frank Sinton Milburn Outstanding Professor Award for 2000.

"It is very humbling. I didn't expect to receive this award. It makes you reflect on what you do and makes you want to continue being good at what you are doing," said Kurk.

Danny Miller, Chair of the Department of Literature and Language said, the award is highly coveted and is the highest teaching award that NKU can bestow.

Kurk's nomination was reviewed by a committee composed of faculty members from all the departments at NKU.

"This award is also a recognition of one's scholarship, service and teaching," said Miller.

Which is no surprise, as teaching is an old friend to Kurk.

She has been a Professor of Comparative Literature and Modern Languages at NKU since 1984.

Kurk teaches more than a dozen courses varying from Elementary and Intermediate French and Spanish to Western World Literature to Contemporary European Literature and much more. Kurk says that this wide background in varying courses allows her to have a greater impact on more students.

"It has given students a chance to respond successfully," Kurk said.

Kurk's students agree.



"Professor Kurk is an interdisciplinary who is a master teacher. Her teaching is applicable to all

other classes and not just in French," said Lisa Reeves, a former student of Kurk's who now teaches at Glen Este High School.

Greg Shelton, a senior French major at NKU, agrees that Kurk's teaching and willingness to help her students is unique. "Her door is always open. She legitimately cares about all her students and is willing to do anything to help you succeed."


Not only has Kurk had an impact on her students, but her contributions have strengthened the Literature and Language Department.

"We owe the presence of major programs in French and Spanish, and the fact that NKU can now certify people to teach in foreign languages to her efforts," said Hilary Landwehr, Associate Professor of Spanish and Foreign Language Coordinator.


"I believe that my wide spectrum of classes and student relationships were in my favor for this award," said Kurk.

NKU agrees. Dr. Kurk. Congratulations.

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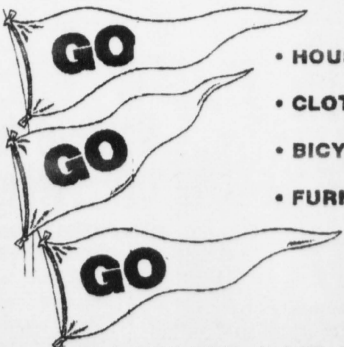
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# 'Cats' of Oval Opus on 'Top'

By James Profit  
Assistant Features Editor

When you give your band a name like Oval Opus, one of the questions you can expect to hear in every interview is "Where did the band's name come from?"

"It's a disease in South Africa," Josh Edmondson joked, the confessed to having already used that joke in another interview, and said people would start thinking he says the same thing in every interview.

"There are actually two answers," Aaron Patrick said. "The truth (which revolves around a fondness for a Perkins menu item called the Country Club Sandwich, and a sign they saw advertising it), and the lie (which uses the words definitions to refer to a roundness of sound quality the band possesses).

Local band Oval Opus has enjoyed a great deal of success in Cincinnati since its formation three years ago. This year they were voted "Cincinnati's Favorite Band" and "Cincinnati's Best Alternative Rock Band" in a Cincinnati Enquirer readers poll. In 1998 they were named "Cincinnati's Best New Artist" at the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards, and have also played live with such acts as Sister Hazel and Vertical Horizon. The Why Store (in their last Cincinnati appearance), third Day, and even the Doobie Brothers. They have also been featured on 97Xposure, a yearly compilation album featuring 20 of the area's top bands (which are selected from a field of over 200). With so many local acts vying for attention, one may wonder what makes

Oval Opus stand apart from other local acts.

"We're way cuter" he answered.

Oval Opus consists of Amos Heller (bass), Aaron Patrick (vocals), Josh Edmondson (guitar), and Dan Edmondson (drums).

Oval Opus has developed quite a fan base in the area, and have even earned a weekly spot at the

would they describe their own sound?

"Just call it rock and roll!" Heller said.

"Our music is really about having a good time. Twenty minutes into a show, people will be saying 'Have I heard this before?' Patrick added in.

"It's pop" said Dan Edmondson. "I don't think anyone will say 'Wow, you remind me of this or that band'" Dan Edmondson said.

"Yeah, We have a very radio sound, but it's our own sound" Patrick said.

Oval Opus has already released one album, entitled Wagon Wheel (which was released in June of 1998, and can be purchased at live shows), and are currently working on another album, scheduled for November release throughout the mid-west.

"It's definitely going to show maturity," said Josh Edmondson.

"It will have more radio-friendly tracks," added Heller.

The band will play a special fan appreciation show Sept. 16 at Top Cats.

Anyone sporting an Oval Opus t-shirt will receive \$2 off admission. Top Cats is 18 and up, and admission is \$5. Doors open at 9 p.m. You can also get more information about the show and the band at its official website, [www.ovalopus.com](http://www.ovalopus.com).



Oval Opus

Cincinnati Rhythm and Blues Cafe on Wednesday nights. They said that when they started at the RBC, it was virtually empty. However, the band has been playing there for a little over a year, and now the RBC can usually expect about two to three hundred people every Wednesday night.

Oval Opus sound does draw a crowd. But how

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When stupid people meet  
And start to sleep around  
Let's turn Stupid People Town  
Stupid people who drive a car  
after leaving Stupid People Bar  
and then moan and wail  
when thrown in Stupid People Jail  
Let's laugh at all these stupid people  
It's their own fault  
Let's laugh in their faces  
while drinking a malt  
We'll laugh down low  
We'll laugh up high  
Laugh, Laugh, Laugh,  
Laugh, Laugh,  
Laugh, Cry,  
Cry, Cry, Cry,  
Cry, Cry,  
then sigh,  
Sigh then laugh,  
Laugh then cry.  
With the last drop  
when our malt is through  
we'll search for specific people  
by what they stupid do  
A walking example of this idiosyncy  
is Muffin McDoogle McFarlin McFee  
He's super good at stupid things

like pronouncing his dog a ruling king  
And though he doesn't cheat  
or sleep around  
Muffin McDoogle  
can throw 'em down  
One Case. Two Case.  
Red face. Blue face.  
Muffin McDoogle  
throwing up green foodpate  
Prancing in the bathroom  
finding Muffin on the floor  
Was Diggle Dee Doo  
The dog king of whores  
And though he didn't drink  
all or go to jail  
Diggle Dee Doo  
Was one sexual male  
One person. Two person.  
Red person. Blue person.  
Diggle Dee Doo  
would love by coercion.  
So here it is,  
So you see...  
Diggle Dee Doo  
with McFarlin McFee  
A situation that makes me remember  
a similar occurrence last September  
With this story I realize hypocrisy  
Some of it resembles stupid  
The plans have changed on what to do  
with stupid people and their crew  
We will not put all these stupid people  
in stupid people groups  
We will not take them skydiving  
without parachutes.  
By Chad Autlick

## Monsters stalk Dr. Roemer's classroom

By Scott Wartman  
Staff Reporter

Once every fall at Northern Kentucky University, a course crawls out from the dark recesses of academia to take students on a trip through the macabre.

This class, entitled Heroes and Monsters, is taught by Dr. Danielle Roemer and looks through the history of the relationship between creatures and the brave men who have fought them in both literature and folklore.

Many of the students in the class this semester said they are looking forward to see what the class is going to be like. "I like the concept of heroes and monsters," said Dana Divine, a senior English major. "Monsters like gargoyles and dragons I have always found to be very interesting."

"Ellen Violand, a sophomore speech major, echoes Divine's comments. "It should be very interesting," said Violand. "I'm looking forward to reading the many different stories, especially Beowulf."

Roemer said she has been teaching the course since the mid-1980s and first conceived the idea because she wanted a class that combined modern techniques with old tradition. This means not only does the course go over traditional legends involving beasts, but contemporary literature as well makes references to the same beasts. Roemer said each year she chooses about two beasts to study in depth, and this year, the gargoyle and griffin will be the two main monsters covered. Both these creatures, Roemer said, are not confined to the past, but still appear frequently in modern times.

"The griffin was fiercely protective of what ever place it was associated with," Roemer said of the half eagle, half lion animal. "That's why many businesses will use it as their logo." Gargoyles, also, are still put in buildings for decorative purposes, as well as popping up in the occasional horror story.

The significance of gargoyles, on the other hand, is more mysterious, said Roemer. "The original carvings of medieval statues didn't leave any record of what the gargoyles meant."

Because the statues served as a type of gutter for the cathedrals they adorned, Roemer said, some people of the Renaissance began to believe these demon-like statues represented lost souls of people who were excommunicated from hell to serve the church as rain spouts, while others believed them to be demons conquered by the church. Fortunately, literature and legend both provide heroes to keep monsters like these from running rampant across the countryside.

Roemer said to be a traditional hero, the person has to put his life on the line to defend his people. Perhaps the best example of a traditional hero, according to Roemer, is Beowulf, the mythic figure from an ancient English epic poem. "Beowulf is a very traditional hero," Roemer said. "He battles the monster Grendel and then Grendel's mother. Then, to further illustrate his status, when a dragon is threatening his people years later, he fights it because that is his job." Other classic literature that is covered in the course are gothic works by Edgar Allan Poe and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Roemer said the overlying intent behind the course is to help students read and write effectively, and come to a better understanding of community and isolation. Heroes represent the community, Roemer said, while monsters represent isolation. This little bit of knowledge, she said, can help one avoid an attack by a malevolent creature. "When you are away from the community, you are most vulnerable to a monster attack," Roemer warned.

Heroes and Monsters is taught every fall semester. For more info, contact Dr. Danielle Roemer of the Literature & Language Dept. in LA 518 or at 572-6493.

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# Junior forward shows willingness on field to be competitive yet unselfish soccer player

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

Those that know her best, her teammates and coaches, describe NKU women's soccer player Betsy Moore as competitive and hard-working. "She is physically very tough and strong," coach Bob Sheehan said. "She can pick up a ball from 50 yards. She changes speed and direction superbly. She can change the outcome of the game."

"She is ruthless and doesn't ever quit," Norse teammate Tricia Ruark added. "She has great speed and quickness."

Moore accomplished much last season, which earned her many honors that she was proud of. "I am very honored to be known as one of the best players in the GLVC," she said about being named GLVC Player of the Year. Moore, a junior forward, scored 21 goals and 12 assists last season and was named first team National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association (NSCAA) Division II All-American.

Moore is an exceptional athlete not only for the records she has set

but for her unselfish attitude based on what teammates and coaches said. That is what makes her a truly special soccer player and is the main reason why she is so good. "She has a good game mentality," Ruark said. "She steps up when goals need to be scored, and she passes well. I always know I have the opportunity to get it (the ball) back."

"She wants the team to win," Sheehan said. "She likes the team to be successful."

Moore usually finds a way to score in every soccer game and that is why she is one of the best scorers in the GLVC and respected by her opposition. "She can make things happen on top. She has a nose for the goal," said Camie Bechtold, St. Joseph's College head coach. "She has the willingness to

go to the goal. Every coach looks for that in a forward."

Coach Sheehan agreed, "She is clever. She can be very unpredictable."

With everything Moore has accomplished as a soccer player for the Norse, she always tries to do better each season. "I build up each year," she said.

Moore has come along way from when she first started playing the game she loves, she said. Moore started playing competitive soccer at the age of five and eventually became one of the key players for McAuley High School. Now she has made a home at NKU.

"I liked the location and the environment of it," Moore said, on the reason she came to NKU. "It was a new team. I knew good recruits were coming in."

Off the field, Moore likes to chill out and take it easy. "I like watching television and sleeping," she said.

Moore also likes the friends she has made on campus. "I like the people here. They are cool," she said. "I lived at the dorms, that was fun."

Ruark said, Moore has a great personality which makes her so friendly. "She makes you laugh," Ruark said. "I love her."

In addition, Moore has a rather busy schedule during school days. "I get up, go to school, go home, take a nap, go to soccer practice, and do some homework," she said.

Soccer is, however, the biggest thing in Moore's life, so when it's game time, Moore makes sure she's ready and motivated to play. "Usually before a game, I eat a good meal," she said. "On the way there, I listen to pump-up music that I like."

If the Norse are going win their third straight GLVC crown and go far in the NCAA Tournament again, Moore will be the player that will lead them there. "We want to win the GLVC and go undefeated in the conference," she said. "Hopefully, we can make it back to the NCAA's and get to the Final Four and win it."



Rachel Dietz/The Northern Kentucky University junior women's soccer player Betsy Moore works hard every game in helping get the team a victory.

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## Defense key to 3-1 win

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
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The NKU women's soccer team outshot the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals 20-5 in overall shots on goal Friday.

That helped pave the way to a 3-1 Norse win at the Town and County Sports Complex in Wilder, Ky.

NKU assistant coach Tyler Lucas said, the defense was what prevailed in the Norse victory and was the reason it had a lot more shots on goal than its opponent.

"The defense was very solid. They only gave up a couple of shots," he said.

"Our experience is helping out a lot. We have Jennifer Williamson, Melissa Stevenson, Amanda Trout, and Eva Broeg," Lucas said. "Our defense off the bench was solid too. It's good to know we can use the bench and not lose talent."

NKU junior Jennifer Wilhelm said, "Our defense has stepped up a lot."

The Norse took the lead early in the game as junior Betsy Moore poked in a goal 11 minutes into the first half to give NKU a 1-0

lead. Junior Tricia Ruark dished out the assist.

Ten minutes later, Ruark scored another goal, her fourth on the year for the Norse. They would go into the half with a 2-0 lead over the Cardinals.

Both teams played very aggressive in the first half, but NKU had the edge in outlasting Wheeling Jesuit in the game.

"We are concentrating on being more aggressive," NKU junior Jeanna Martin said. "We are focusing a lot more."

"They are a very aggressive team," Lucas added. "We didn't want to come down to their level. We don't want to be pushed around, but if we are, we can take it."

The rest of the scoring came early in the second half. The Cardinals got their first and only goal three minutes into the half as freshman Joana Galvao Da Silva sneaked in a goal past freshman goalkeeper Megan Zalla.

However, four minutes later, NKU rallied back as freshman Denise Kunz scored a goal, her second of the year.

The assist belonged to sophomore Bessie Black, who has

recorded four goals in her first year on the team.

So far this season, different players have contributed every game for the Norse.

Jeanna Martin and Jennifer Wilhelm said, the unselfish play by the team is critical to its success. "It's a big asset for us," Martin said. "The non-starters are pulling through for us."

"It proves we have depth on the bench," Wilhelm added. "It proves we are a team."

NKU is now 3-0 at home, and according to Lucas, playing on the homefield is a big advantage for the soccer team.

"We didn't lose at home all last season," he said. "We know the size and speed of the field. The other teams have to overcome that."

With the victory, the Norse extended its winning streak to three games and improved to 4-1 on the year.

NKU next goes on the road as it begins conference play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Norse first take on powerhouse rival Missouri-St. Louis Friday, Sept. 15., then Quincy Sunday, Sept. 17.



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Men's & Women's- Tues. Oct. 10th, 4 p.m. AHC  
Co-Rec- Sun. Sept. 24th, 6 p.m. AHC

Campus Recreation, AHC 104, 572-5197

# Soccer team lacks offense in loss to WJU

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

Last season Northern Kentucky University embarrassed Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va., to the tune of a 4-0 drubbing.

Friday WJU was looking for revenge.

WJU, the number 10 ranked team nationally in the Division II men's soccer poll, rolled into Wilder like the ominous clouds and rain that kept the spectator's umbrellas open throughout the game.

The first half was a tight defensive struggle as neither team was able to get good shots at the net.

The Cardinals dominated play

as the ball hardly left NKU's side of the field.

Despite most of the action staying hot and heavy near NKU's goal, the Norse had 9 shots on goal in the half, just three fewer than WJU.

Still, NKU couldn't put any points on the board and trailed 1-0 at halftime.

"We're just not finishing," junior A.J. Pitzer said.

As a fog settled on the field in the second half, WJU's offense seemed to settle as well.

The Cardinals scored two goals early and led 3-0 heading into the final five minutes. Two of the goals were scored by WJU's speedy striker, Joel Bailey.

"The intensity isn't there," head

coach John Toebeben said.

As the second half drew to a close, WJU pulled their first string goalie and NKU took advantage of it.

"We worked the ball through the midfield and caused some problems for them in the last five minutes," junior Kevin Crone said.

Sophomore Jeff Anderson scored a break away goal with less than four minutes to play.

Senior Eric Borg followed suit just minutes later with a header off a corner kick to cut a seemingly insurmountable lead to 3-2 more than a minute to play.

"The whole team needs to work harder the whole game, not the last ten minutes," Toebeben said.

WJU's defense didn't allow

another good shot on goal in the final minute and walked away victorious, but not before the Norse made it interesting.

"We need to get some breaks," Toebeben said.

Crone said that the teams continually isn't there.

"We have a lot of new players," sophomore Steve Hahn said. "Most of us have only played together two or three weeks. I definitely think we're going to get some wins."

Crone said, "Hopefully we'll win all of our conference games."

Maybe the beginning of conference play will light a fire under NKU's men's soccer team.

"We'd better turn the corner soon," Toebeben said.



## Tennis team wins openers

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU women's tennis team continued its dominance over its conference opponents. With its 9-0 victory over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Saturday, NKU has not lost against a GLVC opponent since 1997. The win also came in the debut of NKU head coach J. Webb Horton.

Junior Jamie O'Hara led the way for the Norse with a straight set victory over Kim Mulherin. O'Hara also won her doubles match with Claudia Ruelh.

Ruelh O'Hara beat Mulherin

and Laura Zeeb 8-5. O'Hara kept up her undefeated record against GLVC opponents. She is 23-0 all-time in her career.

Other winners for NKU included junior Lauren Spears who won in three sets. Also, freshman Elizabeth Brunsman, juniors Joceline McQueen and Amity Chapman and Ruelh each won their singles matches in two sets.

The Norse won all three of its doubles matches. Coach Horton said, winning all three doubles kept the Norse to victory.

"We set the tone early," he said.

"SIUE came prepared to play. We sustained the charge. They were

down 3-0, and it put the pressure on them. They knew it was hard to win five out of six singles against us."

NKU came back and won the afternoon match Saturday by a score of 9-0 against conference rival Quincy University.

O'Hara dominated her opponents in both singles and doubles and is now 24-0 all-time against GLVC competition.

Horton said, "We are playing better doubles," he said. "We are establishing the tone right out of the gate. We are playing deep in singles."

## The Northerner Athletes of the Week



File Photos

Left: Tricia Ruark

Ruark contributed with a goal and an assist in the Norse victory over Wheeling Jesuit Friday.



Right: Jamie O'Hara

O'Hara extended her streak to 24 consecutive wins over GLVC opponents with victories over SIUE and Quincy Saturday.

## Hall earns first place medal

By Bruce Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

In only its second year in the NKU athletic program, the women's golf team has found a way to be a competitor against its opposition.

That can best be said when NKU finished eighth (out of 11 teams) at the Laker Fall Invitational at The Meadows Golf Course in Allendale, Michigan last Tuesday.

"It was our first really big golf tournament," said NKU golf coach Darryl Landrum. "It was a really tough field. There were a few Division I schools involved too."

The highlight of the tournament was freshman Breanne Hall, who

shot a 156 during the two-day event and finished first, winning by one stroke.

Hall became the first woman golfer at NKU to win a first place medal at any tournament. "She is a very good golfer," said NKU golf coach Darryl Landrum. "She is gritty and tough. She thinks she can win. She can play with anybody. She proved it last weekend."

"It was nice to go home and win a home tournament," Hall said. "It was exciting to win the first tournament."

Junior Diana Camacho also did well for NKU. She finished tied for 18th place with a two-day score of 169.

The University of Toledo came in first overall in the tournament. They had three players place in

the top 10 in the individual standings, including Stephanie Young who came within one stroke of Hall.

The team has had a slow start thus far, but they are a rather young team this year.

On the five player team, there are two juniors, Camacho and Jill Gardner.

There are also three freshmen on the team, Hall, Nikki Weber, and Staci Littleton. "Weber and Littleton were nervous the last time," Landrum said. "They will get better as the year goes on."

The team, however, can't do anything but get better. Landrum said.

"We'll all start shooting the scores we want," Hall said. "We will be more competitive."

### Volleyball team loses first two

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team lost its composure in losing its first game of the season at the Fairview Inn Classic on Friday.

The third ranked Norse won the first set 15-7 but lost the next three sets to Grand Valley State, who are ranked 21st in the Division II Poll.

Kathy Vis lifted GVSU to the win with her 33 kills and a .473 hitting percentage. Carly Miller added 21 kills and 11 digs in the victory.

Bethany Gastright led the way for NKU with 19 kills and 12 digs. Jessica Buraker also had 14 kills and 12 digs in the loss.

The next day, at the same tournament, the Norse lost their second straight match to Northwood,

Mich. in four sets.

Romana Morakova had 20 kills and Dena Zizkova came up with 14 kills and a .423 hitting percentage in the Northwood victory.

Buraker once again led the way for NKU with 11 kills in the game.

The Norse finished up the two-day tournament by beating Ferris State in five sets as senior Bobbi Casey served five consecutive points in the comeback.

With the two losses, the Norse dropped to 6-2 on the year.

### Men's Golf team places third

The NKU men's golf team finished third at the University of Indianapolis Invitational at the Links Golf Club last Wednesday.

The Norse tied Wisconsin-

Parkside with a score of 310.

Senior Josh Jarvi led the way of NKU with a score of 76. Also, junior Steve Landrum and freshman Brandon Brown scored 77.

### Women's Soccer wins 5th

The NKU women's soccer team beat ninth ranked Mercyhurst 6-2 Sunday.

Junior Betsy Moore scored four goals in the game, including three in the second half. Moore also had an assist in the game.

Sophomores Bessie Black and Kristen Noakes each contributed a goal in the win for the Norse.

NKU, ranked fourth in the Division II national poll, improved to 5-1 on the year. They have won four straight games.

# SOCCER

## Men's & Women's

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# HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark • eTVData Features Syndicate

September 10 - September 16, 2000

**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**  
There is a good chance you are learning a major life lesson the hard way. Remember to always show loved ones your appreciation.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**  
A subtle change in your lifestyle can make a big difference in how you feel. Learn to let the small stuff go.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
Change is good, especially where the adaptable Gemini is concerned. Follow through with your promises.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**  
You've been preoccupied with your job and responsibilities. There's no time like the present to make a little room for those who care about you.

**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**  
The only way to get through this troubling time is to find some humor in it. Once you can laugh, the world becomes a better place.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**  
Your belief system may be hit hard by unusual circumstances. Accept a friend's offer of a helping hand.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**  
Lately, you've been all over the place emotionally. Try to discover the underlying reason for your odd behavior. It may be related to diet.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**  
Stop pushing yourself and those around you so hard. Learn to be a little more easygoing, and life will be much sweeter.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**  
Someone close to you is determined to get his way. If it means a lot to you, stand up for your beliefs. You have rights, too.

**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**  
It's time for you to get up and rediscover what life is all about. Do something, whether it's camping, swimming or walking.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
A budget is a necessary evil. Tighten up those purse strings and organize your finances once and for all.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
A major challenge lies ahead, and you must be ready emotionally and physically. Listen to those who have been through it before.

## Born this week:

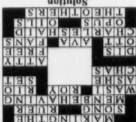
- Sept. 10 - Colin Firth  
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Sept. 12 - Linda Gray  
Sept. 13 - Fiona Apple  
Sept. 14 - Faith Ford  
Sept. 15 - Tommy Lee Jones  
Sept. 16 - Lauren Bacall

# TV-CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- Band
  - Brian's; '71 James
  - Caan TV movie
  - Regretful one
  - Badly
  - Where? '52-
  - '52 quiz show
  - Clark or Rogers
  - Rita; '42 Abbott & Costello film
  - 1975 Wimbledon champ
  - 'Off; '96 Queen
  - Lafian movie
  - Durning or Kuralt, for short
  - Dharma's Greg, for one: abbr.
  - Prefix for like or mount
  - Country; short-lived
  - '78 Rob Reiner sitcom
  - Athlete Mel
  - Role on *Evening Shade*
  - Supporters
  - Actor on *Hill Street Blues* (2)
  - Work
  - Treats with WD-40
  - 2000 sci-fi movie (2)
- DOWN**
- Series about a teen
  - Potts' namesakes
  - Soviet police agency
  - Billy of *Father Knows Best*
  - Phone button No. 8
  - Names in a will
  - Role on *My Three Sons*
  - Hits; '89-'91 music video series
  - Series for Ming-Na
  - 'It Made (1983-84)
  - The From Walla
  - Walla; '52 Judy Canova film
  - A Current; '96-'96 newsmagazine series
  - 'Happy to you ...
  - Takes care of
  - Answer to the query: "Did Dragmet run for 12 seasons?"
  - 1975-76 Barnard Hughes sitcom
  - Some Like ... '59
  - Lemmon-Curtis movie
  - Infamously
  - To boot
  - Day; 5/8/45
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  - Grandma's portrayer on *Safe Harbor*
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## PHILANTHROPY: giving back

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to learn to work together and with organizational leaders to meet community needs. NKU professor and the Project Evaluation Director Jean Ferrante of the Mayerson Project said, "Offering students this hands-on experience gives practical meaning to the information gathering and research skills they learn. In addition, the Mayerson project is a valuable resume item and it prepares them for the challenges of living as active members in their communities and for using these

skills in the service of others." During the spring semester, at least one student from each of the current four classes will reunite to review the outcome of the money they contributed to all of the organizations. This will be an additional class that the students will receive credit for. "Not only do the students learn more about the non-profit organizations in the area but they are also learning about themselves as well," said Crigler.

## FRESHFUSION

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what they stand for.

The step dancers used claps, stomps and slaps to keep heat and make their own music while they danced in rhythm with each other.

Angel Chichester, director of campus traditions for the activities planning board, said this was the first time NKU's black Greek organizations put on a show like this. "It shows that diversity is here," she said.

Adam Seibert, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, said he enjoyed the exhibition. "It's nice to hear the African-American fraternity's history and see what they're about."

The evening was concluded by a live performance by the local band Denial, who performed at Riverfest the previous weekend.

The freshman who attended had

differing opinions on what the best part of the evening was.

"The assembly dragged on," freshman Ben Franks said. "Once we got outside it was a good time. I enjoyed smashing the car."

"I enjoyed getting put in jail," Alicia Stevens said, in reference to the booth in which students could pay 50 cents to have a friend put "in jail" and they had to pay a dollar to get out."

Stevens said he thought that Freshfusion did a good job of helping freshmen get acclimated to campus life.

Alicia Shaffer said she loved the band and "all the free food."

Sophomore Paul Spitt said he had "an all-around good time. I have yet to have a bad time tonight," he said.

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