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Speech apprehension class helps ease fears

By Tara Ewing
Staff Reporter

If one of your biggest fears is speaking before an audience, then you are not alone. Lisa Barresi, personal counselor in the Health, Counseling, and Testing office said that it is common for people to fear public speaking.

Every student at NKU must take Principles of Speech Communication before completing his or her junior

year. If you are anxious about taking the course NKU offers a slightly different option. A special section of the course is offered each semester to help those who are apprehensive about speaking in public.

Principles of Speech Communication for apprehensive students is taught by Vickie Abney-Ragsdale. She said students who have taken the course have told her that the reason they fear speaking in public is because of making mistakes

and turning red in front of their audience.

Barresi added that students fear being the center of attention. When people are in front of a classroom of peers they feel as if they are being judged.

The class for students who are apprehensive requires the same amount of speeches as the other Speech 101 classes do. The difference between the courses is that the speech apprehension requires more

work. Abney-Ragsdale said students may think of the course as being easier, but it is not. In fact, the course requires journals, written goals, an extra text to be read and individual conferences. She requires more work so that students can realize what is making them so nervous and learn techniques to help them control it.

The class has a variety of ages, majors, and grade point averages. She said that there is not a "typical"

kind of person found in this class. You will find students who want to learn how to control their nervousness.

The course was developed after Abney-Ragsdale was tutoring students in 1988 and noticed a great amount of nervousness among students about speaking in public. She began researching speech apprehension. She found a class at Penn State on a similar topic. Once she finished

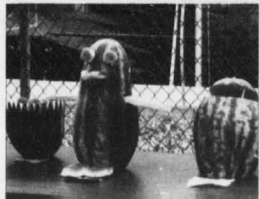
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Slop or bust ...

Photos by Melissa Riggs/The Northerner

Watermelons were flying Oct. 23 on the intramural fields. Teams of students gathered from all different kinds of organizations on campus such as Student Government Association, alumni associations, sororities, fraternities and even a few faculty joined in on the excitement of the first Watermelon Bust.

According to Tiffany Mayse, event program coordinator for the Student Life Office, the event raised \$1,500 for a student scholarship fund. Student participated in events such as watermelon, bowling, tug o' war, speed spitting for distance, watermelon carving, watermelon eating contest, football and money was raised from a pig roast.



Macke's success rooted in NKU

Anchor alumna awards NKU with passion for reporting

By Scott Wartman
Staff Reporter

In order to have a successful career in television it takes hard work and a little bit of luck, says Tricia Macke, Channel 19's newly appointed news anchor. Macke seems to have what it takes.

After graduating from Northern Kentucky University in 1992, Macke has carved herself a niche in TV. She got a head start in her reporting career before

she started into the talk show world with "19 in the Morning." Now, Macke has become the nightly news anchor for the 10 o'clock news.

Macke said she enjoyed doing the morning show because it was a relaxed atmosphere, but says it is much nicer being an anchor.

"While I was doing '19 in the Morning,' my day started at 3:30 a.m.," she said. "But now I have the nice structured schedule of a news anchor."

While on the 19 news staff, she has covered a number of topics. The one that sticks out in her mind is being in Los Angeles covering the O.J. Simpson trial.

"The whole affair was bizarre, with Simpson adamantly proclaiming his innocence and the differing opinions to his guilt," Macke said. "It was exciting to be a part of perhaps one of the biggest media events of the century. Everyone knows where they were when the verdict came in."

But before anchoring news programs or hosting talk shows, Macke did a NKU campus talk show while she was a student.

"Doing the campus talk show is one of my more vivid memories of college," said Macke. "It may not have been real entertaining but we had fun doing it."

Macke said her time at NKU has helped her career.

"NKU gave me great guidance. They sat me down and told me what I needed to do to further myself," Macke said.

Now that Macke has become successful, she said she enjoys the limelight and likes getting spotted in public.

"It's always nice to get recognized for what you do," Macke said.

But Macke doesn't confine herself to just TV. She has done both runway and magazine modeling and considers herself a sports buff.

"I love to play sports, namely golf, basketball, tennis, volleyball and swimming," said Macke.

Macke started the FOX 19 Celebrity All-Star Basketball team which raises money for local charities and according to Macke, are willing to take on any challengers.

CHURCH VS. STATE

BSU sparks debate

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

By Laura Hill
Staff Reporter

Separation of church and state, a topic of current news nationwide, has recently sparked controversy at Northern Kentucky University.

The problem at NKU does not involve teachings in the classroom, but does involve a particular building, the Baptist Student Union.

Donna Hoffman, a non-traditional student currently working on her second degree at NKU does not have a problem with having religion on campus.

"They all need to be represented equally. Having that one building there with the Baptist name on it, it's almost a university religion. I

find that offensive," Hoffman said. Hoffman said it is having the Baptist Student Union in the center of campus that offends her.

"I don't care what they do. If I were Muslim, I'd be complaining. If I were Catholic, I'd be complaining. If I were Methodist, I'd be complaining. It's a public school," Hoffman said.

Joie Kidwell, a junior anthropology major, said that the BSU makes people who are not Baptist feel very uncomfortable.

"I think it's very discriminating. It's like having a 'white-only' student union," Kidwell said.

Thomas Green, a BSU member disagrees. Green was saved at a BSU event, and said he did not find it offensive when he was a non-Christian.

"I didn't find it offensive when I

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SEPARATION: Church vs. state takes a local twist and students examine campus baptist center

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Christian, but I was not interested in [it], Green said.

Kidwell finds the BSU offensive because she said it is impossible to go to class without seeing it, she said.

"You can't go from your car to Landrum without it bumping in your face and saying 'Hi, you're not one of us. Join our cult,'" Kidwell said.

Bill Ellis, campus minister of the BSU, said that even though the building carries the Baptist name, all denominations are welcome to come into the BSU and participate in BSU activities.

Kidwell said that she has been inside the BSU and her experience was not a pleasant one.

"Everybody looked at me and gave me weird looks," she said.

Kidwell said no one talked to her or invited her to participate.

"As soon as I walked through the door, they started talking again," she said.

Ellis said that one purpose the BSU serves is to spread the word of God without being judgmental, but says that there may be some individuals in the BSU who are judgmental.

"I can't control what every person says and what they do," said Ellis.

Kidwell believes that there shouldn't be a building identifying a particular denomination without offering a place for other religions and beliefs.

Other religious-based organizations connected with NKU include the Catholic Newman Center, which is located at 512 Johns Hill Rd., and also the Christian Student Fellowship organization at 311 Johns Hill Rd.

Bill Lamb, dean of students, said that there was some discussion about ten years

ago for creating a inter-faith center.

"Efforts began to secure funding for an inter-faith center. The first thing they did were to see which organizations on campus were interested," Lamb said.

Lamb said that the Baptist Student Union opted not to be part of the inter-faith center plan.

"The Baptist Student Union were not interested in being part of that coalition. They felt their mission were better served as their own organization," Lamb said.

Bill Ellis, campus minister of the BSU, said that the Baptist churches in Kentucky gave \$800,000 for the building of the BSU. Ellis said "no money that was earmarked for the inter-faith center" was used to build the BSU.

"The ministry is funded by Baptists. Baptists pay my salary. My salary doesn't come from the university or the state," Ellis said.

Ellis said the reason the BSU was constructed instead of the inter-faith center was a purely financial one.

"We got the money and they didn't," he said.

Hoffman said that there are a lot of different religious beliefs on campus, including many international students.

"There are Jews on this campus. There are Muslims on this campus. We need equal representation especially with building names," Hoffman said.

Al Cucchetti, director of the Catholic Newman Center, believes there should be a place for all students, including international students, regardless of belief.

"A true inter-faith could accommodate that," Cucchetti said.

In addition to being offensive, Kidwell believes that the BSU took away from the

beauty of NKU's campus.

"It took away from the beautiful trees. NKU looks like the concrete Emerald City. It looked like a campus before," Kidwell said.

Tom Clements, a music education major, believes BSU is being on campus grounds is a violation of the separation of church and state.

However, Ellis does not see it that way. "As I read of church and state, it's not separation of church and the state. It's the separation of the church from the state," Ellis said.

The Supreme Court created three criteria in 1971 to determine whether a violation of church and state has occurred:

- 1) must serve a secular purpose
- 2) must not advance nor inhibit religion
- 3) must not cause "an excessive government entanglement with religion"

Many courts still follow these criteria. Since there has been a case regarding separation of church and state filed against NKU's Baptist Student Union, it has not been determined whether any of these criteria have been violated.

Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Life, said "the BSU is a great organization".

"They have never [been] pushing in your face with their beliefs," Mulkey said.

One action by the BSU that has sparked some debate recently is the fliers for a seminar that they are conducting. These fliers carry various eye-catching phrases including, "Are you ready for the end of the world?"

Originally these signs did not carry the BSU name, but it has since been written in.

"We humbly apologize...We in no way



File Photo/The Northerner

Some find the Baptist Student Union a positive part of campus. Others find it offensive.

wanted to mislead anyone," Ellis said.

Ellis said that he doesn't believe these fliers are any more forward than anything else he has seen on campus.

"We thought we'd capitalize on the Y2K thing. We thought people might have questions," he said.

Lamb said that the wording of the fliers is not in violation of the poster policy in the NKU student handbook.

"Unless it's obscene, defames, or libelous, they can express points of view you or I might not agree with," Lamb said.

Ellis said that he personally does not believe that the millennium is the end of the world.

"I firmly believe that Christ said that He didn't even know when the end of the world might be," he said.

Ellis said he doesn't think that this seminar will lead to people becoming a Christian due to fear of the end of the world.

"Even if you come for the wrong reasons, God honors it," Ellis said.

Hoffman recalled that the university moved the Grooms sculpture because some people found it offensive for racial reasons.

"I find the BSU offensive," Hoffman said.

While it might not be possible to move a building as easily as it is a piece of artwork, Hoffman does offer a suggestion.

"I think the school should buy the building and make it into an ecumenical (inter-faith) center," she said.

Hoffman said that by the university moving the Grooms statue and not doing anything about the issue with the BSU, it appears they feel racial issues are more serious than religious issues.

"If they're going to talk diversity, [they're] going to have to do diversity," Hoffman said.

Selling class-notes online

Some people are worried it cheapens the educational process

The Auburn Plainsman (Auburn U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas — Controversy from professors around the country is heating up as students are embracing the concept of Versity.com, an online

"knowledge center" that collects lecture notes from colleges across the U.S. and publishes them on the World Wide Web. According to the Web site's mission statement,

"I don't think it is right for students to sell the notes on the web."

-Helen Ligon

"Versity.com aims to be the primary destination site of college students by understanding the desires and values of current and future students and delivering useful study tools to the Versity academic family."

The site, which boasts top quality lecture notes from more than 3,500 classes on 88 campuses, includes 90 classes from Texas A&M University and 93 classes from the University of Texas at Austin.

Baylor is also on the list with

approximately 17 classes that highlight the themes and ideas from classes such as accounting, biology, marketing and philosophy.

Even though universities such as Harvard have banned the sale of lecture notes, students continue to sell their material for approximately \$8 per lecture.

Dr. Helen Ligon, emeritus professor of Information Systems, uses PowerPoint slides that then download and serve as an outline to help her students study better.

"The main purpose of the notes on the Web is so students will not have to frantically write down every word that is said, and it is an excellent study tool to review the chapters," Ligon said.

However she does not agree with the concept of Versity.com.

"I don't think it is right for students to sell the notes on the Web," Ligon said. "My students can download the outlines, but they still have to follow the outline in

class and take additional notes."

Dr. Don Bradley, lecturer for sociology, sees the positive and negative aspects of the Web site.

"I generally think it's a shame if students use that as a substitute for going to class," Bradley said. "I wouldn't say it's a good idea, but it's one of those things that could be used or abused."

According to Leah Martin, a Bowie junior, the idea of Versity.com is not acceptable for college students.

"I think it is morally wrong, because in a way you are cheating," Martin said. "That is just being lazy, and I am surprised that it would be allowed."

According to the Harvard Crimson, although the lecture notes on the Website are free, professors from around the country are warning students that the notes may not prove helpful or even accurate.

Many say students who go to every class and take their own notes will be more involved in their courses and are more likely to do better.

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suspect. The suspect was informed that further behavior of that manner could result in criminal penalties.

DPS reported to the scene of an accident involving two university trucks. There were no injuries inflicted in the accident.

DPS responded to the intrusion alarm of Fidelity Investments located in the basement of the Lucas Administrative Building. DPS responded in a "silent and tactical manner". The officer recognized three members of the scrub crew. The supervisor said he neglected to call for authorization and that is the reason the alarm went off. No further action was required by DPS.

A DPS officer responded to a gas leak from a vehicle in the Norse half circle. The Cold Spring Fire Department arrived with one fire truck and needed to gain entry to the vehicle. The DPS officer used the lock out tool to gain entry to the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle arrived and was advised by Cold Spring Fire Department to have the vehicle towed.

A DPS officer responded to a theft at the Learning Resource Center at the BEP building. A puppet of a witch was missing from behind the circulation desk. The puppet was not checked out.

DPS responded to an attempted theft at WNKU radio. The DPS officer

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that responded talked to the announcer and she said she saw a male placing the headphones in his backpack. She asked him to hand them over and he did. The DPS officer told her to tell everyone at the station about the incident.

A female student, who was living on campus, reported receiving harassing telephone calls. She said there were several male students calling her and the officer spoke to them. They informed the officer to speak with another individual. The female confirmed that this individual was a possible

Solving one of life's mysteries



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

Students who were having trouble choosing a major or were rethinking their major found help at the Major Fair last Thursday.

NKU is not interested in closing student media

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Rumors were afoot last week that WRFN and WNTV might be closed by administration due to lack of interests.

According to Bill Lamb, dean of students, the rumors are false.

"There is no effort on my part nor on the part of the Student Media Board that I am aware of," Lamb

said.

Lamb said that he supports both organizations and believes it is unfortunate that the two organizations are under-funded.

"I personally think they are both funding from student fees. They both serve as co-curricular functions," Lamb said.

According to Student Life, both organizations were allocated money this year to purchase better and necessary

equipment. WNTV received \$8,000, while WRFN received \$12,679.

Eric Croxton, an RTV major, is involved in both WRFN and WNTV. He said that he believes the hands-on experience help him get a job.

Lamb said student media offers students many opportunities.

"The students involved have opportunities to manage, produce, direct, and to be on the air," Lamb said.

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Success or not

Another student's opinion

By Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

What is the message conveyed by the signs around campus proclaiming success can be found at Northern Kentucky University? At first glance it may appear that NKU officials are saying success can only be achieved through a professional degree, as Phillip Solomon pointed out in the Nov. 3, 1999 issue of *The Northerner*.

Look closer at the signs and one sees that the sign says, "Success. It begins with education."

Success does begin with education on some level. A child learning not to touch a hot stove by being burned is a form of education. Solomon's trip across the country was an educational experience for him. These and many other ways, including a college education, can lead to personal and professional success.

While these points Solomon made are factual, his editorial soon became an attack on NKU and insulting to one and maybe others who are pursuing a professional degree at NKU.

Solomon believes that an "obvious" message of the signs is that NKU wants students to "Give [NKU] all your money!" I don't think this is as obvious to most of us. Even if NKU's goal is to take our money in the form of tuition and fees, they are taking less than other major state universities in the Commonwealth.

NKU's base tuition and fees for in-state students is \$1,160. The University of Kentucky charges \$3,016, the University of Louisville charges \$3,246. Morehead University charges \$2,253. Murray State charges \$1,200 and Eastern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University both charge \$1,195. NKU takes less of my money than the others.

NKU is definitely suggesting that gaining a degree is a way of gauging success. Whether it's a degree in business, law, journalism or theater, a degree shows a measure of success.

Solomon only mentions business men and women when questioning NKU's choices of who is successful, and asks NKU to show diversity in their signs. NKU does, it's Solomon who didn't. Michael A. Wilson is a success story NKU officials mention on one of the

signs and he graduated with a degree in art. He is a professional photographer. *The Northerner's* photo editor should appreciate this. Wilson may not be the vice-president of First Bank, but he has become successful in his chosen field.

Solomon suggests that NKU is "brainwashing" us because the signs show only NKU graduates' success. Who are the signs supposed to depict as being successful? I don't care if John Smith has become successful with a degree from the University of Kentucky. I attend NKU. I want to know if going to NKU is a good springboard into my chosen career. Why would the signs advertise for other schools?

NKU doesn't dig us a path, as Solomon suggests. I can take whatever courses I choose. My career is in my hands, not NKU's. Solomon suggests that because the individuals on the signs have become business people (lawyers etc) in the area they don't have "the originality to bust out of Northern Kentucky and do something exciting with their lives." Who are we to tell people that they are not doing "something exciting" with their lives? Are Solomon's statements meant to let accountants in the area who love their job and graduated from NKU know their job isn't "exciting?"

Call me boring and unoriginal, but I have no qualms with staying in this area and having a career here. What makes other states and cities so much more exciting than the Tri-state and Cincinnati areas?

It is not "dismheartening to read about people, who for the most part, have not made it out of the Cincinnati-area yet." These people have made the most of their education and it is unfair for someone to question NKU's right to let students know that success can be had at NKU.

I'm glad your success, Solomon, began years ago and it's great that you have plans to be a success in the future. I wish you the best of luck.

But remember, while you were lying "around for hours, day-dreaming" about what you were going to do, some spent hours achieving theirs. And some people are doing just that, right here in the Cincinnati-area with a degree from Northern Kentucky University.

Lectures that sell

Professors want profits for publication

The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — What is more worrisome to professors — students selling the "intellectual property" of the professors without permission or professors not getting a cut of the profit?

A professor's domain is their classroom. They are allowed to pontificate to students for about three hours a week on whatever subject they chose to specialize in.

We all know that many times a lecture can be, well, a bit of hot air. So give students who want to capitalize on the boring lecture a break!

Currently, intellectual property rights are a hot topic among professors because the Internet cannot be regulated.

For example, listen to this professor's complaints about his "intellectual property rights" concerns: "What concerns me is that students, potentially my students, are selling the materials from my classes to this (Internet) marketplace for a profit."

"I have given no one permission to use that material, much of which is the product of years of hard work, practice, and research, in any context outside of my classroom. I certainly did not give anyone in my classes permission to sell the material at a profit to themselves."

"It seems to me that there is potentially a serious breach of intellectual property rights here that needs to be addressed. What are my rights concerning the material I give students in class that they could resell?"

The professor's complaint can be summed up like this: "Where's my cut?"

The Daily Aztec agrees with the majority of students who voted in last week's online opinion poll that "students should be allowed to sell their lecture notes to fellow classmates."

If a student blatantly tape records a lecture and sells that for a profit, that is not acceptable.

But, if a student takes notes and writes his or her own version of what the professor said, he or she should be allowed to sell those notes, because the notes are now the student's own version or interpretation of what the professor had said.

On a lighter note, this is not an underground crime ring, it is enterprising students answering opportunity's knock. Taking notes is what students are forced to do day in and day out. If they make a little money on the side, what's the problem?

The Aztec bets that some professors are a little paranoid that what they are saying in class is being distributed on a mass level.

Professors are not held accountable for their own opinions that they always perpetuate in class. (Are some professors scared their socialist agenda may get out?)

The topic of intellectual property rights will be in the spotlight until professors get their buck. Students, take advantage of the Internet while you can.

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The cost of Coca-Cola may be rising

Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — A story reported recently in *The New York Times* said the Coca-Cola corporation would be looking into installing a mechanism on its vending machines that would automatically raise the price of its soda pop to account for increased demand during periods of hot weather.

Coke has denied the story, but its statement just doesn't pass the bs. test.

The company says it was simply looking into "innovative technology and communication systems that can actually improve product availability, promotional activity, and even offer consumers an interactive experience when they purchase a soft drink from a vending machine."

It's just one more example of corporate greed sucking the life out of everyday pleasures Americans used to enjoy. One of the great joys of American life used to be being able to plunk down two quarters into a vending machine, pop open a cold can of soda and guzzle it down after a hard day of blood sweat and tears.

Now one of these corporate cultures has at least considered robbing us of this simple joy. The question people should be asking is, when will these people have enough money? What's one more yacht in comparison to an ice cold Coke on a 90-degree day?

Public outrage has quelled the storm for now. But don't worry, these corporate fiends will be back with more greedy schemes as soon as they sense that the public has become even more complacent than it already is.

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Educational spending a national issue

The State News (Michigan State U.)

(U-WIRE) East Lansing, Mich. — The excitement about educational spending that is coursing through Congress during federal budget discussion should be encouraging to students and researchers. Congress' plan to increase the maximum amount of an individual Pell grant by \$175 is an especially noteworthy provision of a bill that passed the Senate on Tuesday, 49-48. The bill also would increase funds for the College Work-Study Program by \$64 million and raise the budget for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program by \$12 million. Congress' proposed increases go above those proposed by President Clinton, who has vowed to veto the legislation.

The appropriation bill also calls for an increase of \$2.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health, which funds a substantial portion of university research projects. Though much of the bill does out money for important programs and services, Congress has hit a few snags it must overcome to ensure continued quality education in America.

A minor setback involves Clinton's threat to veto

the bill partially because it does not guarantee 100,000 new teachers for kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms. The GOP would rather give the funding to the states and allow them to spend it depending on their individual education needs.

The Republicans' plan for the money should be upheld because not all districts need new teachers. Some need more technology; others demand major infrastructure improvements.

Another challenge to the bill's passage is the deferment of \$7.5 billion of the health institutes' \$17.9 billion until September 2000. This strategy, supporters argue, will help keep the budget balanced by deferring this payment until the end of the fiscal year.

But what the delay really does is endanger important research projects and simply delay an important decision (what items should be cut to make up for the health institutes' increase) until next year. Congress cannot be afraid to make necessary cuts if the dollars aren't there.

Because the National Institutes of Health is the leading supporter of university-based research, payment of grant money to researchers could be delayed

or even put on hold. The medical and scientific research that universities perform is too important to be delayed by political inaction.

The issue that threatens the bill most is a provision that would cut one percent from every appropriations bill.

While this seems a fair way to ensure fiscal responsibility in all departments, it is actually another ploy by members of Congress to delay meaningful action. — *DAVID ALLEN*

Instead of mindlessly cutting 1 percent from each department's budget, politicians have the duty to examine these departments to decide which need cuts in funding and which may deserve increases. Legislators seem determined to delay budgetary decisions, even as this session of Congress comes to a close. Budget solutions must be found to fund these important education and research programs in a fiscally responsible manner — not by dodging responsibility or by betting on how healthy the economy will be next year.

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NORTH POLL

Do you agree with separation of church and state?

Travis Bowling

Justice Studies
Pendleton County, Ky.
"Our government should not be given the opportunity to infringe upon a person's individual beliefs; and by joining these two institutions that would be inevitable."

Sierra Lewis

RTV
Edgewood
"Yes, I agree because in order to be fair to everyone's beliefs we must be objective. And to remain objective there must exist that separation."

Leah Barnes

Theater and English literature
Somerset, Ky.
"I believe in the separation of church and state, but they cannot be completely ignored in either context."



Eric Sheffelt

Marketing
Alexandria
"Yes, I agree, for the simple fact there are too many different religions and ethnicities for the government to accept one and not the others."



Amy Bausch

Undeclared
Florence
"Our country was founded on church-like values, but that should not be forced on anyone."



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• Students Together Against Racism: 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117
 • Lunch Seminar in Faculty/Staff dining Room: 12:10 to 12:50 "Serving the Community and Providing Students with Environmental Experiences: NKU's Environmental Resource Management Center"
 • NKU Military History Lecture Series: Patton Trooper: "I was There": 7 p.m. BEP 200.

Thursday, Nov. 11:

• Women in Transition: 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. UC 232
 • Alcoholics Anonymous: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. UC 232
 • Sigma Alpha Iota Faculty Recital: Greaves Concert Hall: 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12:

• Keyboard Kaleidoscope Greaves Concert Hall: 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 15:

• Survivor's Support Group: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. UC 232

Tuesday, Nov. 16:

• National American Indian Heritage Month Lecture: University Center Theatre: 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
 • Re-visioning Native America in the Academy. An Indigenist View: 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., University Center Theatre.

By Susan Schumacher
 Staff Reporter

The Baptist Student Union at Northern Kentucky University welcomes everyone into its halls to have a great time.

Alicia Kleid, president of the BSU and a senior majoring in history, said the BSU is not only a place where students come to know Jesus Christ better but a place where any religion is welcome.

Students can also hang out and play pool. "A lot of times churches don't have a college connection," Kleid said.

The BSU is a place where students can get together, worship together and serve the Lord together," said Kleid.

According to Kleid, each week there are 10 Bible studies and once a month there are fellowships.

Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. the BSU holds a student-led crossroad contemporary worship service.

Every Wednesday at noon is food for thought which is lunch for \$1. "Churches from the northern Kentucky area each week donate food," said Kleid.

The BSU is a non-profit organization. The money they make from fund raisers and the weekly lunches gets put into a fund for summer missions,

which are also sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and donations from alumni.

Summer missions are when different groups of students get together for 10 weeks and participate in several different activities, ranging from sports events to music events, said Kleid.

Sometime this month the BSU will be holding a silent auction fund-raiser, said Kleid.

Betsy Blair, a senior speech major said, she has had the opportunity to serve on summer missions and travel through Kentucky.

"The BSU is a great opportunity to meet other Christians who believe the same thing you do," Blair said.

Blair also said the BSU has helped her to develop strong leadership qualities, develop her personality and has furthered her growth in Christ.

Kleid said, "This organization has offered me a lot of support to help obtain my educational goals."

Bill Ellis, Baptist campus minister, said he listened to K's calling.

Instead of becoming an accountant he became a minister in January 1987 and came to the BSU in January 1992.

"The BSU provides support for students to develop two types of relationships, one with God and then one with people," Ellis said.



The Baptist Student Union building is located in front of Landrum Academic Center.

Ellis said he enjoys working with the students because they are still excited about life and have not yet been ruined by society. They put God first in their lives.

According to Ellis, things have been

better ever since Cheri Dobbs, associate campus minister, came to the union because she is able to reach out to the girls better than he can.

"Developing a spiritual side of your life is as important as the educational

aspect."

"If we miss out on God, we are missing out on a significant part of life," said Ellis.

'Random Hearts' rates three

By Katie Kerth
 Business Manager

A plane crashed leaving no survivors at the Showcase Cinema in Springdale sparking an unlikely relationship between Dutch Van Der Broeck (Harrison Ford) and Kay Chandler (Kristen Scott Thomas).

The emotion-filled movie "Random Hearts" silenced an audience of about 200 as Dutch and Kay were played as fools as they figure out that they don't know the meaning of trust.

The plane crashed into the Chesapeake Bay carrying Dutch's

wife Peyton and Kay's husband Cullen. The two were traveling on "Mr. and Mrs." tickets and were holding identical apartment keys in their pockets.

The grief-stricken spouses, Dutch and Kay, were thrown together to unravel the truth of this mutual betrayal. Only, out of this unraveling of the truth came two random hearts to form a union.

This is not a movie about heroes, but a movie about survivors.

"I see Dutch grieving in every scene, in every frame of the movie. And that's the story the tension between the past and some potential

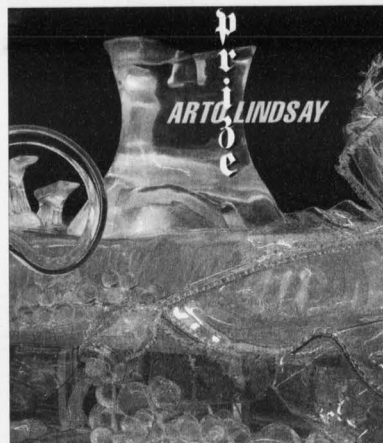
in the present or future," said Ford about his character in the movie.

The movie not only shows the life of the survivors after the plane crash, but the grieving public and the madness of the media.

Producer Sydney Pollack modeled this movie after a novel written by Warren Adler in 1984, and has been writing it since the 80's.

His dedication to the movie and to the characters is seen through the devastation of Dutch and Kay as they learn the truth of their marriages.

I rate this movie 3 stars out of 4 stars.



Arto-Lindsay's 'Prize' is new, creative album

By Chris Barlow
 Staff Reporter

Arto Lindsay's new CD, "Prize," is a masterpiece of creative weirdness.

A native of Brazil, Lindsay got his start playing in New York's punk and modern rock clubs 20 years ago and has been neck-deep in the American music scene ever since.

This CD, while very modern sounding, reflects Lindsay's American and Latin roots.

Lindsay's sound often reflects inspiration from early 1980's performers and peers who founded the alternative rock we know today including such greats as Thomas Dolby, Laurie Anderson and Devo.

Each song on the disc contains Lindsay's trademark electronic noise, an interweaving of often chaotic electronic sounds with layers of traditional guitar, saxophones, percussion and sometimes strings.

These sounds and rhythms illustrate Lindsay's various abilities, ranging from the industrial sounds of Nine Inch Nails to ethnic, Latin music.

While all of his songs are fresh, some of them now, like 20 years ago, might be a little too progressive for some tastes.

The first track, titled "Ondina,"

is an invigorating emergence from the mainstream pop hits so overly played today.

It is clean and laid-back. The lyrics verge on the nonsensical but Lindsay's Lou Reed-esque tone compliments the taut, snappy snare drum and moaning saxophones.

Unity through chaos seems to be Lindsay's musical goal. While he is successful most of the time, allowing the disc to play through non-stop can get a little unnerving.

The song "Prefeelings," particularly, flies all over the place but never lands anywhere.

Five of the disc's 12 songs are sung in Spanish. While very different from the popular Latin dance music of Ricky Martin, it fills a relatively empty niche in Latin-influenced, alternative rock.

Lindsay has performed with and produced records for other big artists, including solo artist Laurie Anderson and David Byrne of "Talking Heads." Lindsay also sang on Byrne's first solo album.

"Prize" clearly isn't a disc for everyone, but true audiophiles and those who appreciate good musical ability will find it enjoyable. Lindsay has had his finger on the pulse of modern music through two decades of great change and his experience is reflected in his work.

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Exuberant Burkholder joins NKU

By Susan Schumacher
Staff Reporter

She enters the classroom with a smile on her face and she runs all over the room to get students involved when she teaches.

She is Dr. JoEllen Burkholder, the new assistant professor of anthropology at Northern Kentucky University who describes herself as being "exuberant."

Burkholder said her grandmother, an anthropologist who taught in Saudi Arabia, inspired her to become an anthropologist.

But Burkholder said her favorite thing is teaching, and becoming a professor is what she really wanted to do.

Burkholder said it was a great accomplishment being offered a job at NKU. "NKU is a good and promising university," she said.

"I was looking to come to a university where my primary emphasis was to teach undergraduates," said Burkholder.

Barbara Thiel, professor in sociology, anthropology and philosophy, said Burkholder has brought a new skills and new opportunities for students.

Thiel said she enjoys having Burkholder in the anthropology department.

Burkholder said, "My goal in teaching anthropology is to make students aware of diversity on all different sorts of levels; a diversity of historical backgrounds and



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Helen DelaCruz, a freshman majoring in business management, said, "Her teaching style is very unique and she has a strong passion for what she teaches."

Burkholder is involved in the United Students Against Sweatshops group and is working with a student to form a group for

alternative philosophies focusing on different world views.

Burkholder said she is also helping to re-establish a branch of the Women's International League with Peace and Freedom, which will be an organization for faculty and staff members.

After growing up in southern California, northern Illinois,

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York State, Canada and New England, Burkholder attended undergraduate school and received her masters in 1993 at Wellesley College, an all women's college in Massachusetts.

She received her Ph.D. at State University of New York which is now called Binghamton

University.

After graduating, Burkholder taught part time at SUNY and the past year-and-a-half at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Burkholder said she has achieved two big goals in her life, earning her Ph.D. and getting a great job at NKU.

"I am in search of a new goal," said Burkholder.

When Burkholder is not teaching, she enjoys hiking, cooking pasta and reading murder mystery novels.

"I am addicted to murder mystery novels," said Burkholder.

She said her favorite book though is a fantasy trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien entitled "The Lord of the Rings."

Burkholder said, "This is a great book to read when you are in the field at a digging site for three months."

Burkholder said the most interesting thing she has ever found at a site was a large piece of a broken pot.

"When I saw it I immediately knew what it went to and it indicated we had certain vessels at this site I didn't know we had," said Burkholder.

Burkholder said she lives her life by a quote her grandmother told her: "Confusion to the enemy."

Burkholder said she likes the quote. It leaves you confused because no one knows who the enemy is, she said.

Theatre Tribe Knows Poe

By Nikki Marksberry
Staff Reporter

The works of Edgar Allan Poe are often recognized during the Halloween season. There's something a little frightening about his stories and poems. This Halloween season was no exception.

The Know Theatre Tribe presented various works by Poe in neighborhood bookstores during October. "We want to bring theater to the community," said executive director of The Know Theatre Tribe Jay Kalagayan.

Touring the city and performing at bookstores gives the public an open invitation to see live theater for free. Kalagayan said one of the tribe's goals is to "make theater more accessible."

He said he feels that by performance touring, the troupe may be able to reach an audience that does not typically go to theatrical performances.

Poe's work came to life Oct. 29 through Halloween night. Performances were at Gabriel's Corner in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine downtown district.

The tribe performed short stories such as "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Black Cat."

Northern Kentucky University's own graduate student Tamara Jo Goldkey works for the Tribe.

The Tribe tries to perform multicultural work throughout all seasons.

Procrastinators get help from campus organizations

By Chris Barlow
Staff Reporter

The semester is quickly drawing to a close and final exams are breathing down our necks. Preparations for finals among students are as varied as their sleep schedules.

Officials at Northern Kentucky University said that the availability of help during and after office hours is in place. Reference information accessible

from home and computers for late night use on campus is sufficient for even the best procrastinators.

Paul Ellis, director of NKU's learning assistance program, said successful study habits vary from student to student but that the key to success during exam week is doing well during the other 14 weeks of the semester.

"The Learning Center offers free tutoring to students throughout the semester," Ellis said, "but near exam time, it may be

difficult to schedule a session."

Ellis recommends that students taking difficult classes arrange for a tutor early in the semester to minimize time spent cramming for finals.

Ellis said the Learning Center provides computers and assistance for writing papers.

Additionally, students can pick up forms outlining various writing formats for research papers.

Ellis recommends study groups and he said he believes discipline is a critical element of good study habits.

"Study groups lead to discipline, you have to schedule your study time in advance," he said. "Group study provides a student with several ideas on one topic. Students should bring questions to the group for exchange and discussion."

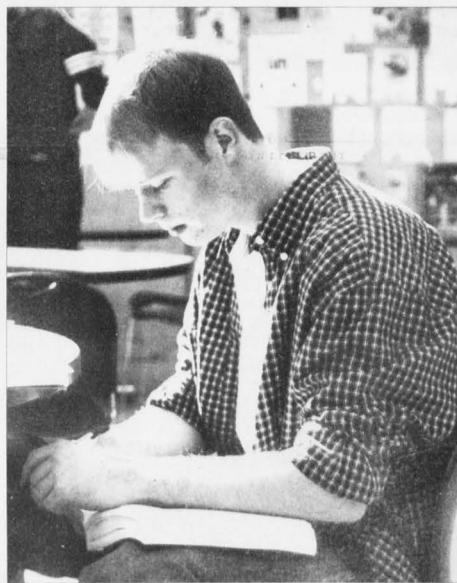
Facilities exist for students wanting to form study groups. Emily Werrell, coordinator of instructional services at Steely Library, said students can reserve group study rooms at the library by signing up for them at the circulation desk. The library is open until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Werrell said.

Students who want to study after the library has closed can meet in the loggia outside the library. Werrell said the loggia is open until 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday night but has only one computer.

Werrell said students who need access to online research resources can access many of the library's online resources from home. "Students can click on the Steely Library's link on NKU's homepage and gain access to searches and other libraries in the area," she said.

Students needing late-night access to computers can find 150 computers available until midnight Monday through Thursday in the Applied Science and Technology Building.

Joe Drury, the help desk manager in Academic Technology and Services, said



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Junior Justin Franz studies in the Steely Library loggia, which is open until midnight.

the computer lab has PCs and Macintosh computers and is supervised at all times to help students. "There are other computer labs on campus that are exclusive to departments, but this lab is accessible to

any student with an I.D. card," Drury said.

Drury said computers are available in the Natural Science Center, but the lab doesn't have as many computers.



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Junior communications major April Moore and sophomore elementary education major Alison Stone study in a group, which is supposed to help enhance discipline.

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Norse shut down GLVC

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team played in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament over the past week. They won their first round game at home, 2-0 against Missouri-St. Louis. The Norse then travelled to Southern Illinois at Edwardsville where they took on Southern Indiana in the semifinals of the tournament. NKU won the game by a score of 2-0 as they advanced to the GLVC Championship against SIU-Edwardsville.

The team's defensive efforts are one of the reasons it has won most of its games, according to NKU sophomores Betsy Moore and Lauren Piening.

"Defensively, we have picked it up. It has kept us in the game," said Moore, who had two goals in the first round game of the tournament. "It keeps our team's chances for getting a shutout."

"We play as a team. We rely on them in tough situations," said Piening. "We play solid defense."

Offensively, NKU has had plenty of opportunities to score goals all season and hasn't took advantage of all of them. According to Piening, "We haven't

taken advantage of all our opportunities, but we finish the ones that count. We need to take in consideration as it gets later in the season. We need to stay competitive."

Moore said, "As a team, we attack but have trouble finishing."

As the Norse prepares for the NCAA Tournament, there are a few things the team needs to continue to do in order to go far in the tournament, according to Piening.

"We need to keep playing as a team," she said. "We need to finish putting more balls in the net. We will then be very successful."

If the team continues to play as a team on the field, they will go far in the NCAA Tournament, according to Moore. "If we play like we know how to, we will get to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament, she said."

The NKU women's soccer team next plays in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament on Nov. 13 at a site that has not been determined yet. The top two teams in the region make the tournament and the number one team in the Central Region gets to host the tournament. Before the GLVC Tournament began, the Norse were the top team in the region.



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

TRUCKIN': The NKU women's soccer team has wheeled into the regional tournament with momentum.

Outdoors is where to find freedom

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

You're hanging from a rope, dangling 100 feet above the ground. The only thing below are jagged rocks. This is outdoors and to some this is total freedom.

Kentucky is a place where the outdoors are alive. There are parks, lakes, and national forests that surround the state in a blanket of green.

Many Northern Kentucky University students are interested in outdoor excursions, however there are no clubs or gatherings for the students to participate in, as Sophomore Jon Palmer points out.

"There is no outdoor clubs at this school, and Kentucky is an amazing state," Palmer said.

One spot in particular that he points out is that is the Red River Gorge in Slade, Ky.

According to sophomore anthropology major Trampus Craig the "Red River Gorge is my favorite place to see the outdoors. The rocks for repelling are wonderful, the whole place is just so peaceful."

An outdoor excursion not only gives someone a

chance to get a breath of fresh air but it could help with boosting self-esteem, according to Palmer. "It's a way to build self-confidence, to test your limits," said Palmer.

"Being outdoors, having to rely on only your strength and endurance can make you feel good about yourself. You think if you can get through a weekend in the woods then finals can't be that bad," said Palmer.

There are a lot of NKU students who would like to experience the outdoors but can't find the means to do so.

Palmer said he hopes to start an outdoor club as soon as possible.

"Hopefully I'll be able to get one (outdoor club) started soon, so look for the fliers." This is good news to Norse students like freshman Chris Davis.

Davis said that he has been looking for an opportunity to spend some time outdoors but most of his friends prefer to spend their time indoors.

"It's hard to get out to the wilderness, but if there was a club I could join I could be outdoors at least once a month."



Photo Contributed by Jon Palmer

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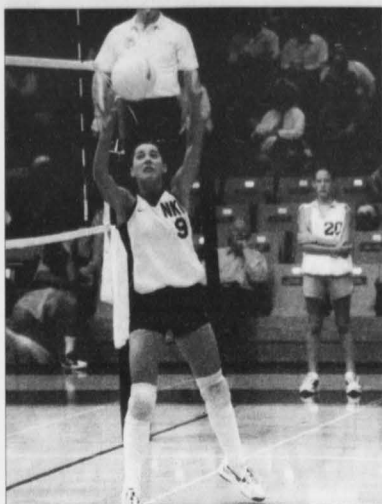
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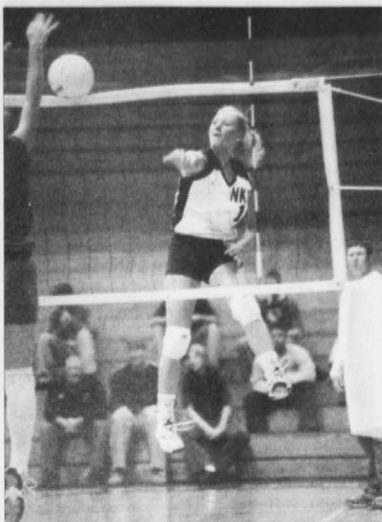
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Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
BUMP, SET... : Setter Bobbi Casey executes a set to help propel the Norse into the GLVC tournament.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
AND SPIKE!!!!: Senior outside hitter Jenny Jeremiah powerful spikes have helped set the Norse up for a shot at the NCAA tournament crown.

Come and see your Norse win

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

There is joy in Highland Heights, or at least there should be. At Northern Kentucky University we have teams that can be champions.

Our volleyball team is ranked third in the country. What that means is there is only two teams in the entire U.S. of A. that are better than us. They're lucky to pull in over 100 fans for a match.

As recently as last week the NKU women's soccer team hosted a first round GLVC conference game at the Wilder Town and Country Sports Complex, there were more people standing in line at the University Center McDonald's.

The 10th ranked team in the country can't outsell a Big Mac on their home campus. This is more than just a little problem.

Forever students have been screaming that there's nothing to do, meanwhile our attendance

rates for sports contests is pathetic. The local pee-wee football teams pack more fans into their games than our entire fall sports athletic program does in a season.

This week could see NKU hosting two major tournaments. The Norse volleyball team is hosting the GLVC tournament, starting Nov. 11 and the women's soccer team could host a match in the Great Lakes Valley Regional Tournament.

Wouldn't it be a shame if there was no one there to support them? Preparing to be ashamed because nothing is going to change.

Who knows, maybe things will be different once basketball season starts, maybe the stands will be full every night, maybe I will get a 4.0 this semester.

Point is, fan attendance will never happen. Not as long as the school gives us a reason to go home every weekend.

Women's Volleyball National Poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. BYU-Hawaii	621	1
2. hawaii-Pacific	601	2
3. Northern Kentucky University	564	4
4. West Texas A&M	541	3
5. North Dakota State	538	5
6. Nebraska-Omaha	496	7
7. Northern Colorado	467	6
8. Augustana College	451	8
9. University of Tampa	431	9
10. Cal State Bakersfield	391	10
11. Nebraska-Kearney	370	11
12. South Dakota State	330	12
13. Barry	314	13-tie
14. Regis	311	13-tie
15. Northern Michigan	243	17
16. Rockhurst	220	18
17. Minnesota-Duluth	204	19
18. North Alabama	204	21
19. Florida Southern	187	16
20. Cal State Los Angeles	151	20
21. Central Missouri State	145	15
22. Grand Canyon	106	22
23. North Florida	72	24
24. Western State	45	NR
25. Grand Valley State	36	25

Final Volleyball Standings (Regular Season)

Green Division	GLVC W-L Pct.	Region W-L Pct.	Overall W-L Pct.
Northern Kentucky	16-0 .938	19-1 .950	27-1 .964
Bellerme	8-8 .500	10-12 .455	13-18 .419
Missouri-St.Louis	7-9 .438	7-10 .412	11-15 .423
Southern Indiana	5-11 .313	5-11 .313	12-12 .500
Quincy	4-12 .250	4-11 .267	7-17 .292
Kentucky Wesleyan	0-16 .000	0-16 .000	7-19 .269

Norse Notes

Women's Volleyball:

The NKU volleyball team completed it's regular season with win over Kentucky Wesleyan last weekend, 15-3, 15-7, 15-8, stretching it's winning streak to 20 games.

Sophomore outside hitter Bethany Gastright had 20 kills and senior outside hitter Jenny Jeremiah added 10 kills as the Norse improved it's record to 27-1 overall, 15-0 in the GLVC.

NKU, which jumped to No. 3 in the National Poll will host the GLVC tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Regent's Hall. The first game is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against the No.4 seed from the GLVC Blue Division.

Women's Soccer:

The NKU women's soccer team defeated SIU-Edwardsville 2-0 to capture their second straight GLVC tournament title. The Norse will compete in the Great Lakes Regional tournament this weekend.

Men and Women's Cross Country:

The NKU men's and women's cross country teams ran last weekend in the 1999 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Cross Country Championships hosted by Missouri Southern State College at Missouri Southern Cross Country Course, in Joplin, Mo.

The top teams were Central Missouri St., Lewis, and Truman St. for the men and Southern Indiana, Grand Valley State, and Hillsdale College for the women.

The Norse men finished 18th out of 22 teams, and the Norse women finished in a tie for 17th with Indiana Purdue-Ft. Wayne.

The top NKU men's runner was freshman Ryan Carskadon, with a time of 34:50.9 in the men's 10,000 meter run and the top NKU women's finisher was Junior Tabatha Smith. She finished 28th overall with a time of 23:47.4 in the women's 6,000 meter run. The invitational marks the end of the cross country season.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Jeff McCurry

Left: Lauren Piening
Sophomore goalie Piening recorded three shutouts last weekend as the NKU swept through the GLVC tournament.

Right: Bethany Gastright
Gastright, a sophomore outside hitter recorded 57 kills as the Norse won three games. She was also named the GLVC player of the week.



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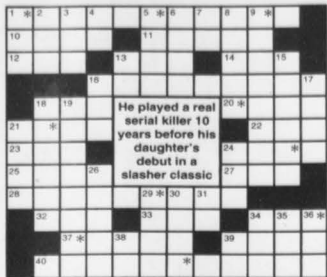
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 - Sweet Pea's place, often
 - Ulmann and others
 - Mari's Family (1949-'52)
 - Actress on Millennium (2)
 - The _____ of the Rainbow; '58 Bob Barker game show
 - _____ for Your Life (1965-'68)
 - Trigger topper?
 - Wansley; '86 Patrick Swayze movie
 - At _____; '83 Jimmie Walker sitcom
 - See 1 Across
- DOWN**
- My _____ Dads (1967-'90)
 - _____ to Marry a Millionaire ('57-'59)
 - Linear measure: abbr.
 - Once _____ a Crime; '92
 - John Candy film
 - Head holder
 - Geena's initials
 - Zeal
 - Exposure
 - You Trust Your Wife? (1956-'57)
 - Wonder (1989-'93)
 - Foreign auto
 - One; '75 Jackie Cooper adventure series
 - The _____ Hour (1962-'64)
 - '76 best actor in a drama series Emmy winner
 - Sleeper's dad
 - McKee; '34 Joan Crawford movie
 - Summer, for one
 - Yours, Mine and _____; '68
 - Henny Forda film
 - Setting for Club Dance: abbr.
 - Actress Charlotte
 - 1957-'58 war drama series
 - Answer to the query: 'Did Get Smart with an Emmy?'
 - Initials for Astaire's partner
 - Alamein; '53 Rita Moreno movie



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the research she began creating a class for speech apprehension at NKU.

Abney-Ragsdale said the class is successful thanks to a team approach. She works very closely with Barresi, Dale Adams, coordinator of Disability Services and Susan Mospens, director of Student Support Services.

The class began at NKU spring semester of 1994 and is in its tenth semester. The class size normally has an average of 12 students and a maximum of 15. So far there have been

between 120 and 130 students who have taken the course.

"The small class makes it easier for me to give students individual attention," said Abney-Ragsdale.

Abney-Ragsdale said about 98 percent of students finish the class feeling better about speaking in public. She added that students in the class show progress with controlling nervousness.

"I enjoy teaching this class because I get to see students progress. It is very rewarding to watch the progress from the first day of class to the last day of class," Abney-Ragsdale said.

Heather Requaert, senior office systems technology major took the course with Abney-Ragsdale, said.

"Before taking this speech apprehension class I feared speaking in public. I was afraid to make noticeable mistakes in front of my classmates. The class taught me that everyone makes mistakes. Although the fear of speaking never completely goes away this class, taught me techniques of controlling my nervousness."

During the semester Barresi speaks to the class about stress management. She teaches the students visual and relaxation techniques to help control nervousness during speeches.

"I ask the students to close their eyes and imagine a time when they were successful. Then remember how it felt. Last I ask them to remember that feeling and bring it with them on days when they give speeches. If you think negatively about something it will probably turn out negative, but if you think positive then confidence will prevail," said Barresi.

Abney-Ragsdale's major goals of the class are to help students think about what makes them nervous and what techniques can be used to control the nervousness. From this goal she hopes for students to become their own teacher for controlling nervousness.

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Miscommunication has left someone close to you hurt and confused. Try to clear things up as soon as possible.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Good, honest, hard work is what you need to clear your mind. Take your time when considering making a large purchase.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Good news is on the way, and you should celebrate your happy time with friends. You may meet someone who is sympathetic to your cause.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

You will be recognized for your efforts concerning a special project. There could be a break in a close relationship.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Make sure you consider all your options before making any sort of commitment. Your peace of mind should be an important priority.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

You have a goal within reach, but you will have to push hard to make it. Keep your temper and emotions in check.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

There may be a need to travel for business purposes. Keep your budget in mind when considering any risky ventures.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Past mistakes are often the best life lessons. Don't brood over something you can't control. Be discreet in all matters.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Change is inevitable, and you need to learn to go with the flow. Look to a professional for help with financial difficulties.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

You are under a great deal of pressure, and it may be causing health problems. Eat properly and get as much exercise as possible.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Find a way to get yourself organized. Once everything is in place, you will have more time to do the things you love most.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Romance is in the air. There's nothing wrong with a little daydreaming as long as your feet stay firmly planted on the ground.

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