

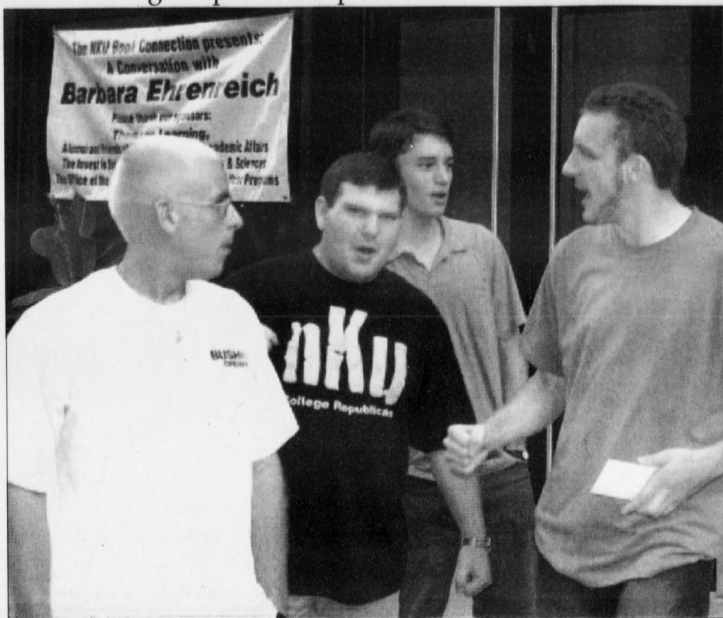
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College Republicans protest Ehrenreich's views



College Republicans (left to right) Andrew Lauer, Noah Meeks, Benjamin Harrison and Trey Orndoff distribute anti-socialist literature in front of Graves Hall in protest of "Nickel and Dimed" author Barbara Ehrenreich's book lecture Sept. 18.

Political debate comes to NKU

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Northern Kentucky University will host the only public gubernatorial debate in the region as Democrat Ben Chandler and Republican Ernie Fletcher face off Sept. 30 in Regents Hall.

A panel of four reporters and editors from local news sources will ask the two candidates for Kentucky governor about topics put together by the event's sponsor, Legacy, a young professionals group dedicated to civic involvement.

Topics for the hour-long debate, which begins at 4 p.m., will include regional university funding, education K-12 and building a special events center in Northern Kentucky.

Tricia Macke, a WXIX News co-anchor and NKU alumna, will mediate the event. Legacy planned the event because of a low voter turnout at last May's primary elections.

"The voter turnout was so low," Josh Wice, co-chair of Legacy's Governance Committee, said, "that we're trying to get a wider group of people involved."

Wice said that Northern Kentucky is very important and leads the state in many issues, but because the television market is from Cincinnati, there is not much Kentucky news resulting in an uninformed public.

Northern Kentucky University receives less than 50 cents from state funding for every tax dollar it pays, according to Wice.

"NKU, compared to other regional universities, is severely under-funded," Wice said. "It's a fairness issue."

"There's an inbuilt inferiority complex up here (in Northern Kentucky)," said Dennis O'Keefe, political science professor.

Most of Kentucky's gubernatorial races have not been close. Northern Kentucky is not a swing area and may not effect the outcome of the election.

According to the State Board of Elections' Voter Registration Statistics Report for August, fewer than 8 percent of Kentucky's registered voters come from Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties.

"No one can call Northern Kentucky a base of core supporters," O'Keefe said.

Rarely does a gubernatorial candidate come from this area of the commonwealth. William Goebel was the last Northern Kentuckian to hold the office of governor and that was over 100 years ago.

According to Noah Meeks, president of Campus Republicans, Fletcher is trying to entice more Northern Kentuckians to become involved by opening a campaign office in Florence.

"Fletcher has committed himself

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Author spurs controversy

Book lecture becomes forum for political, not book, discussion

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Author Barbara Ehrenreich visited Northern Kentucky University last Thursday already having a reputation for controversy and did nothing at her appearance to change that reputation.

Students and faculty members gathered at Graves Hall September 18 to discuss similar, and opposing views, of the working world with the "Nickel and Dimed" author. With a living room setting on the stage, the presentation was organized so students could engage in conversation with the author.

The College Republicans of NKU greeted incoming students at the doors to the presentation with handouts that read "Oppose Socialism"

and "Capitalism Works." Junior Noah Meeks, president of the College Republicans, said they came to the presentation because they felt students were hearing a "one-sided story." Meeks said by making freshmen read the book and come to the presentation, "socialism is being forced down students' throats."

Jerry Warner, vice president of academic affairs and provost, began the program by saying that the book has brought controversy, but it was chosen so students would "be exposed to new ideas." Warner also said students should keep an open mind, because "not everyone sees the world as you do."

Freshman Joy Regenbogen, an elementary education major, said, "After reading the book, my opinion towards Barbara was mixed. I liked some of

her viewpoints but to tell the truth, I think she is very one-sided and closed-minded." Warner explained that the situations presented in "Nickel and Dimed" may not be relevant to most students, however it was important to read the book not only for class grades but also to recognize the contribution of low-wage workers.

Freshman Patrick Clark thought the Book Connection was a good idea, but said that "Nickel and Dimed" seemed to be targeted at an older audience. "I couldn't really relate to it because I work for more than the minimum wage and I don't have the same responsibilities as [Ehrenreich], like paying for housing," he said.

Ehrenreich said in her presentation that she did not write the book with

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Tim Downer/Photo Editor
Author Barbara Ehrenreich

Students in favor of graduate program

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A graduate program in communications may soon be a welcome addition for Northern Kentucky University, according to the results of a recent study.

More than 60 percent of communications students are interested in a master's degree program in the field, according to a survey conducted by Dr. Brad Scharlot's advanced report-

ing/precision journalism class in the spring of 2003.

Speech communication, journalism, and radio/television majors were contacted via telephone and asked their opinions on the possibility of such a program.

"We need a master's program in journalism not catering to corporations—we need trades in the master's program," said junior Chad Snowden. "It would be neat to have hands-on advertising courses where we actually

produce commercials."

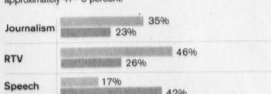
Jon Divita, a senior journalism major, said a master's program should include courses on how to do research, a study of famous journalists, advanced law and courses that would prepare students to do freelance work. He also said that one-fourth of the degree period should be spent on individual research.

Communications professors seem optimistic that the pro-

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Percentage of majors in favor of the program

The survey was conducted using a sample of 143 students majoring in journalism, radio & television (RTV) and speech. The margin of error is approximately +/- 5 percent.



Source: Survey conducted by J0U492 research class

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While students and teachers are busy on campus, their kids can be too.



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Alumni Lecture Series hosts political pundits

Three of America's best known political gurus will go head-to-head at the Fourth Annual Alumni Lecture Series in Regents Hall Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Mary Malin, former advisor to Vice President Dick Cheney; Bob Woodward, a prize-winning journalist known for his reporting on the Watergate scandal and current Washington Post managing editor and Paul Begala, co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," will be on campus to discuss "Governing in America: The President, the Press and the People."

Conservationist visits NKU campus

Dr. Mike Maeder, acting director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden, will discuss the plight of threatened plant species from tropical islands around the world. Maeder's lecture, "Islands of the Living Dead: The Race to Save Island Plant Diversity," will be Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Otto M. Budig Theater in the University Center. Admission is free to NKU faculty, staff, and students. For more information, call (513) 559-7767.

Orchestra performs in Greaves Hall

The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will perform in Greaves Concert Hall on Monday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Mischa Santora will conduct the concert. Santora will also be available for a pre-concert discussion that begins at 6:45 p.m. Pianist Claude Frank will give a guest performance. Tickets are \$20 to \$25 with discounts for NKU students and members of Enjoy the Arts/START. A reception, catered by Karlo's Bistro Italia, will follow immediately after the concert.

DPS investigating car break-ins on campus

The NKU Department of Public Safety is currently investigating several instances of cars break-ins in which a window was broken and property taken from the vehicle. Common items being removed from the automobiles include stereo equipment such as speakers and CD players; radar detectors and GPS. DPS advises students to be alert to any suspicious persons and/or activities on campus and report any suspicions by calling DPS at 572-7777 or 572-5500.

nationalbriefs

Army captain arrested
US Army captain James Yee, a Muslim chaplain, was arrested Monday, Sept. 22 on suspicion of espionage, according to government officials.

Yee provided religious counsel to 650 alleged al-Qaeda detainees and advised base commanders on Muslim affairs at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Investigators confiscated a drawing of the prison facility and other confidential documents from Yee when he was taken into military custody on Sept. 10. No charges have been filed against Yee and military officials say an investigation is in progress.

Government to fund 'faith-based' organizations

The Bush administration announced new regulations Monday, Sept. 22 that will allow religious charities to compete for \$25 billion in federal funding. The grants will be given to provide social services such as housing and drug abuse or mental health counseling.

Government officials say the funds will not be used to finance a place of worship. Civil rights leaders protest that the regulations are unconstitutional.

Hurricane hits the East Coast

Hurricane Isabel hit the East Coast Thursday, Sept. 18 with fierce winds and torrential rain that caused floods, deaths, and destruction of homes. More than 30 people died and millions of others lost power to their homes during the storm and its aftermath, which caused billions of dollars of damage to areas of North Carolina, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

METS Center celebrates learning

STAFF REPORT

A ceremony to dedicate the Northern Kentucky University Metropolitan Education and Training Services (METS) Center for Corporate Learning will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24 to celebrate the official opening of the \$12-million facility. The dedication of the new METS building is only one part of a week-long "Celebration of Learning" that offers free training sessions and tours of the METS.

The "Celebration" began Sept. 22 and continues through Sept. 26.

The METS began operation in 1999 after NKU President James Votruba acted on input from local business leaders who expressed the need for more high-tech training, but were unable to afford to buy, house or maintain the equipment within their companies.

METS, which Votruba refers to as a window to education and

a way to further economic development and better prepare the area's workforce, has served approximately 1,300 employees of 250 corporate clients since its initial opening in October 1999 at the Covington Rivercenter.

The new home of the METS Center is located in CirclePort Office Park in Erlanger.

Rob Snyder, executive director for the METS, said the center houses \$5 million worth of "absolute state-of-the-science, Star-trekian technology," which draws corporations from both inside and outside the region.

"Seventy-five percent of the corporations are from outside Northern Kentucky... (that) brings dollars into the area," Snyder said.

The training sessions and tours are free and open to the public.

Luncheons featuring keynote speakers will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday require a ticket to attend. For more information call (859) 647-6387.



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The new METS Center in Erlanger attracts corporate clients from the Northern Kentucky area as well as from across the country.

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campusreport

Several classrooms now 'smarter'

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The Office of Information Technology upgraded 22 classrooms on the Highland Heights and Covington campuses of Northern Kentucky University this summer to make them "smarter."

"They are made 'smart' with ceiling-mounted projectors, electric screens, powered speakers, Creston controls, computers, VCR, and DVD capability," Classroom/Lab Support Manager Jennifer Taylor said.

"The rooms were equipped through the utilization of the Creston control panel and the addition of the technology."

Creston controls are products such as wall-mounted keypads and other accessories that connect key elements of the updates

like computers, electric screens, and speakers.

The new equipment was installed in classrooms in the Fine Arts building, Landrum Academic Center, Albright Health Center, Steely Library, Nunn Hall, the new dorms, and on the Covington campus.

Although these new technological commodities are not necessities, they have proven to be very successful teaching aids.

For example, more faculty members are incorporating visual aids in their lectures by utilizing Microsoft PowerPoint presentations and video reinforcements.

"The upgrades are a part of the continuous effort to improve the academic experience for our students," Taylor said.

And it was students who paid for the upgrades to the classrooms, whether they knew it or



Bree Culnan/Photographer
 Smart classrooms like this one in AST are popping up all over campus.

not.

"Funding was provided through the student fees allocated toward technology," Taylor said.

Freshman Jeff Cahill, a pre-

engineering major, appreciates the technology and said his speech professor uses PowerPoint presentations during every class meeting. He said it helps students to have

visual aids because they can pay attention more.

The university offered training sessions to faculty members who use the upgraded classrooms this semester. However, the training was not mandatory.

"We are trying to standardize the technology in all of the smart classrooms; therefore faculty may know how to operate the systems because they have taught in rooms with identical technology," Taylor said.

Several faculty members are already familiar with the upgrades, judging by the reaction they have when a classroom does not have these technological advances.

"We currently have faculty members who are frustrated when they are assigned to teach in a classroom that has not been upgraded to a smart classroom," Taylor said.

"Faculty members often

design their course instruction to utilize the technology available in the upgraded rooms."

One such faculty member is JoEllen Burkholder, assistant professor of anthropology.

She currently uses the equipment in all of her classes and said she would be frustrated if the technology was not available to her since all of her teaching materials are in an electronic format. Burkholder said that she uses graphics and animations on the new equipment that she could not put into slides on an overhead projector.

This year's upgrades will not be the last for NKU classrooms.

"Our goal is to have all classrooms on campus become smart classrooms, eventually," Taylor said.

"Barring budget shortfalls, we are in the process of identifying technology upgrades for the next fiscal year."

Dorm living conditions bug students

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Home is said to be a place where you feel safe and secure. To some students living on campus, however, home is full of bugs, mold and trash.

Woodcrest Apartments is home to hundreds of students. With prices starting at \$2,257 per semester, some residents complain that they are not getting their money's worth.

A major concern is the presence of flies in the apartments. The practice of residents leaving trash in the hallways could be a part of the problem.

Others complain that even

cleaning their apartment several times a week doesn't keep the bugs away.

"There are flies everywhere," said Marchelle Crawford, a junior social work major.

Besides bugs, she said there are other concerns about the apartment, such as squeaky floors and defective power outlets.

"People wonder why Woodcrest is stereotyped as the ghetto," Crawford said. "Look how we're living."

Crawford said she spends a lot of money buying cleaning supplies in order to keep flies and mold in the shower under control, but the flies still seem to tunnel their way back inside.

Director of Residential Life

Matthew Brown said the incident is a rare case on the university's campus.

"We don't have many bug issues," Brown said.

He said this is the second incident reported during the four months he has worked in Residential Life.

The first incident occurred this past summer when students complained about bugs in their residences.

"The problem was resolved immediately," Brown said. "The bugs were found in a common area and we don't know how they got there."

According to Brown, other unknown bugs have been spotted in the apartments.

He realizes that the complex

is surrounded by a wooded area and said that could be the reason for the bugs.

"[It] could or could not be caused by students who (don't) clean up or who leaves their window open," Brown said.

The university has a contract with an exterminator who comes to spray for bugs from their door every night doesn't help the situation at all.

Exterminators go inside the home only upon the resident's request.

Alexis Fitz, a sophomore business education and finance major, says there is a problem.

"There are drain flies and you can't get rid of them. There are crickets under the doors," she said.

Fitz also said that fighting the flying bugs away from her door every night doesn't help the situation at all.

On the other hand, some students living in Woodcrest say that their apartments are fine.

"Last year a girl had maggots in her shower, however, I don't have any problems," said Sananda Brammer, a sophomore speech communications major.

Roommates Becky Smith and Lindsay Hatfield, both freshmen undeclared majors, said they have never heard of the bug problem.

"Woodcrest should close for a semester," Crawford suggested. "The apartments need to be redone, repainted, install new carpet and control the mold problem in the bathroom."

Fitz wants the school to "stop being cheap and fix the plumbing, fix the doors and the screens - it's the school's problem."

Pagans form organization

Members seek to refute stereotypes, create solidarity among pagans

By **MORGAN McCLOSKEY**
 Contributor

Students seeking a different perspective on spirituality or who believe God is synonymous with nature now have representation on campus in the Pagan Student Association, an organization that hopes to promote solidarity among pagans.

Lin Press, a junior psychology major, began the Pagan Student Association in hopes of finding others who share beliefs similar to hers.

Press said she makes a peaceful form of witchcraft, called Wicca, with Christianity.

"It's a little more liberal," Press said.

She described Wicca as a religion that involves thinking consciously about how the environment affects humans.

Paganism is not limited to Wicca, however.

Many pagans combine beliefs and rituals, and celebrate holy days from a variety of earth-based religions, such as Druidism, Shamanism, various Celtic religions and Native American religions.

"You have to respect what each other may believe, whether you believe in it or not," Press said at the first PSA meeting.

Sophomore Bryan Sheets, a computer science major, also practices Wicca.

He said he attended the first meeting hoping that this group can correct some of the misconceptions many students have about paganism.

"We don't believe in hell or Satan," Sheets said. "We don't worship the devil or an evil entity."

The nation's stigmatism toward paganism stems deep into its history, beginning with the witchcraft trials of the 1600s.

Those stereotypes are perpetuated by inaccurately portraying people who practice pagan religions.

For example, the 1987 movie "Dragnet" portrays pagans as cult addicts who sacrifice virgins.

Films like "The Craft" and "The Blair Witch Project" promote fears and myths created during the witchcraft trials.

Press encourages non-pagans who are interested in learning about paganism to attend a meeting.

She hopes that future meetings will include information about herbs, stones, candles and other metaphysical goods used in pagan rituals.

The SPA will select officers in upcoming weeks and may change meeting rooms.

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Housing: a right, not luxury

By Neil Mitten
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"Homelessness seems to have become an acceptable part of the social landscape as housing costs continue to soar."

(U-WIRE) BALTIMORE -- I hold the conviction that housing is a human right, and every time I meet another child, woman or man who is deprived of that right, my conviction grows stronger.

As a student who has always enjoyed the privilege of housing security, however, I could never fully articulate the adverse effects that America's affordable housing crisis has on citizens who are struggling to provide necessities of life for themselves and their families.

Yet, as someone who has lost hours of sleep thinking about the horrible realities of poverty and homelessness that are exacerbated by the extreme lack of decent, affordable housing, I cannot stay silent.

Before pursuing current issues, let's flash back to December 1948, when the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 25 of that document states, "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate to the standards of living adequate

for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care."

That declaration was the first instance in which the human right to housing was promoted at the international level, but it certainly was not the last.

Historically, American political leaders have supported the concept of housing for all. Franklin Roosevelt, in his 1944 State of the Union address, declared housing one of the basic rights that "spell security."

In the Housing Act of 1949, Congress linked the general welfare of the nation to its housing quality, and set the "goal of a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family."

What has happened in America? At the dawn of a new millennium, over 3 million Americans are estimated to be homeless over the course of a year and millions more low-income households struggle as they pay

considerable portions of their incomes toward rent, placing their housing security at risk!

Homelessness seems to have become an acceptable part of the social landscape, as housing costs continue to soar absent a significant national response.

Homelessness, which is inextricably linked to poverty, is a complex issue, but any effort to address it would be limited without the dedication of significant resources towards affordable housing production.

America's current affordable housing crisis has its roots in the 1970s. According to a 1998 study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, an estimated 2.2 million affordable housing units disappeared from the market between 1973 and 1993 due to demolition, cost increases, and conversion into more expensive housing units.

Despite the economic prosperity of the late 1990s, the housing crisis worsened as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported

that a record 5.4 million households had "worst case" housing needs in 1997. More recently, rents have continued to soar.

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition reported that the average wage a full-time worker in America would have to earn in 2003 to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market price is \$15.21 an hour, which marks a 37 percent increase from 1999.

What has been the federal response to this national crisis? Increases in HUD's budget since 1976 have been negligible when compared to increases in the overall federal budget, and housing assistance remains scarce amidst high demand.

It is important to point out that the largest federal housing assistance program, which provides mortgage interest deductions to homeowners, disproportionately benefits the wealthiest Americans in the top fifth of the income bracket.

To add insult to injury, the

House of Representatives, with its infinite wisdom, recently passed an appropriations bill that will leave 108,000 Section 8 housing assistance vouchers unfunded because of a \$900 million shortfall in funding.

That inadequate funding would mark the first time since the program's inception in 1974 that Congress failed to renew all existing vouchers.

Here are two recommendations that are the least that Congress should do if they care about protecting the housing security of Americans.

First, provide sufficient funds to renew all Section 8 vouchers. The program has received strong bipartisan support in the past because it utilizes the private market, helps families successfully leave and stay off welfare, and provides stable housing needed to help children achieve in school.

Second, pass the National Housing Trust Fund Act.

This proposed legislation would dedicate a source of revenue towards affordable housing production over the next decade while providing significant economic stimulus that the country desperately needs.

Language diversity is key to future

By Rebecca Martin
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(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO -- A few days ago I picked up a copy of U.S. News and World Report and began a search for column ideas.

I opened the magazine and came upon an ad with a picture of two kids and a flag, with the words "I pledge allegiance to the bandera del los Estados Unidos de America and der Republik."

Upon reading this ad, I was pleased at what seemed to be a call for diversity -- cultures coming together to pledge their allegiance to the United States.

Unfortunately, I read on only to find these words underneath: "It's coming to this."

The group responsible for the

ad, U.S. English, is fighting to make English the official spoken language in the United States. They believe that English should be the only language used in everything government-run, from schools to city council meetings.

In its words, "We just don't believe that the government should spend money providing services in multiple languages."

It doesn't sound like a bad idea, at first. Many nations have official spoken languages, and English is our main language of communication.

But think about the implications. If Congress rules that English may be the only language spoken in government-run facilities, it will affect everything from schools to city council meetings.

This means that all bilingual

programs in our schools would be terminated.

Bilingual programs not only help Spanish-speaking children integrate into the American culture, but also expose English-speaking children to a second language when they are still at a young age and can pick it up this quickly.

This gives them an advantage throughout their entire lives over monolingual people.

Those who speak a second language have more to offer and therefore more readily accepted to universities and more often hired by employers.

Whether English becomes our official language, people who work in the United States will need to communicate with people who speak different languages than they do. We live in a global society. The more

effectively we can communicate, the better off we are.

U.S. English disagrees, stating "The whole notion of a melting-pot society is threatened if new immigrants aren't encouraged to learn English." But the "whole notion of a melting-pot society" is outdated. This was how President Franklin Roosevelt described our budding diversity in the '40s.

Times have changed since then.

Our culture is expanding to include aspects of the many different cultures of our nation's immigrants. Holidays from other cultures that have become mainstream in the United States, such as Cinco de Mayo, are opening our eyes to the fact that America isn't the only nation on Earth.

San Diego State's own cultural diversity class requirement enables students to learn about other cultures that aren't their own, giving them an enriching experience -- even if uncomfortable at first.

My point is that our country isn't a melting pot of cultures; it is a supreme pizza with everything on it.

Without all its toppings, the pizza would just be plain cheese -- bland and tasteless.

English isn't just going to disappear; it will remain the dominant language in the United States for centuries to come. But we shouldn't be afraid to accept and integrate other languages into our schools and other government-run institutions.

As any biology major will tell you, diversity is the key to prosperity.

Citizens should have a right to information

STAFF EDITORIAL
Northern Star
(Northwestern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. -- The Freedom of Information Act is something that media rely upon to bring readers the most accurate information possible.

Without access to information, the media would be nothing. No one should be denied access to information that should be public record.

In October 2001, The Associated Press reported that Attorney General John Ashcroft changed the policy that was in place.

He asked government agencies to consider national security more carefully before granting access to public records. Thirty-one percent of those agencies have said they complied with Ashcroft's request.

Thirty-one percent of agencies surveyed reported they

have seen a decrease of information, the AP stated.

If that's true, some agencies are not giving full access to public records.

Without access to information, the public would be kept in the dark.

Ashcroft's move came about a month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when our nation was much more concerned about national security than it had been before.

But weren't we told to continue our lives as they were before the attacks?

So, why should agencies be keeping any information out of the hands of media, or the public in general?

We understand some things cannot be told; in fact, there are records that are exempt from FOIA.

But when it comes to government agencies, there should be little kept from the people.

According to the Student Press Law Center, "in America, the government belongs to the people."

Freedom of information law simply means by which citizens, the owners, have given themselves the ability to keep tabs on what it is their government and governmental officials are doing.

No one should be kept from public information -- that's the beauty of the FOIA.

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Fun time or sexist sime?

Consider Jell-O wrestling

BETTINA MARIE ADAMS
Freshman, art major

I was thoroughly disgusted at the display I witnessed at the Phi Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Tau, Tuesday evening rush night.

Since when did women wrestling in Jell-O promote brotherhood and fraternalism? The blinding of the women upstairs, and the hosing

off from the Jell-O wrestling downstairs were sickening to me.

Having been a student at this university for two years, I'm outraged at the administration, faculty, advisors, and the Student Life department for approving, and letting an activity like this go on.

Not only was I disgusted with the behavior of the fraternity men, I was offended and embarrassed to be a woman on NKU's

campus.

Being a member of a fraternity myself, I have never been embarrassed or ashamed to attend, and participate in all their events like I was Tuesday evening.

I hope that by voicing my opinion, fellow students, administration, faculty, and staff will take greater care when approving and participating in such events.



Tony Redell/Photographer
Jami Nagner (left) and Becky Harris throw each other around in Jell-O.

Rush festivities degrade women

JAMIE MANNING
Junior, elementary education

As I walking through our beautiful campus Wednesday afternoon, I noticed something out of the ordinary.

Our concrete outside of the University Center building was splattered with huge red stains.

At the time I did not question what it was because I was sure there was a legitimate reason behind it, until I went to my women studies class and found out it was caused by jello.

I asked myself, "Why would there be jello all over campus?"

My instructor proceeded to inform me that it was an act of a fraternity initiation where women undressed to their bra and panties to fight in jello that I hoped was not purchased with university money.

I find it very insulting that our campus would let an initiation

take place that says, "yes, women should wrestle around in jello to receive male attention."

Even worse was the note posted outside of the UC building that mentioned sex was offered inside the building where women were blind-folded and raced to see who could put a condom over a cucumber the fastest using their mouth!

How is this relevant to education or an all male fraternity?

These actions state that the university glorifies the degradation of women as a way to promote their "club."

I am very upset with the fact that this took place at NKU where I thought education, equal rights, and unity were put first and foremost. It would be extremely difficult if it was done outside of campus on someone's own private property.

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north poll responses

What is your opinion of the record industry filing lawsuits against people who download music off the internet?



Peggy Prenc
Sophomore, nursing
"I can see both sides. The recording industry is losing money but then it is a benefit to listen to the music before buying it."



Annelies Marx
Freshman, Education
"I can understand where they're coming from because that's their career and they don't want anything from us just downloading and not buying."



Misbah Khalid
Senior, Org. Sys. Tech
"They should not prosecute people right now until more laws are passed so people know what their rights are."



Jason Bronson
Junior, Marketing
"I think it is appropriate that the positive side of the lawsuits are the amnesty programs that state people will not be sued if they stop downloading music off the internet."



T.J. Western
Sophomore, Undeclared
"I agree with them because they are losing money because more people are downloading then buying."



Courtney Scidell
Junior, Art Education
"I think it's OK. If people download music for their own personal use."

Event archaic, barbaric

JULIE HERMANN
Senior, psychology/ women's studies

I am a student at this university, but first and foremost I am a woman.

I was in one of my classes on Wednesday and heard something that outraged and sickened me.

What I heard was that there was Jell-O wrestling on campus. Women were being openly objectified on the campus of a public university!

This is supposed to be an institute of higher learning, not "Girls Gone Wild" video.

This university attempts to promote a healthy, diverse environment.



Tony Redell/Photographer
Fraternity brothers Chris Allen, Jason Musser, Alex Smith, Jasper Smith, Matt Pennington and Stuart McKinzie also dove in and wrestled in the plastic pool filled with Jell-O during rush last week.

How does this event do so? I realize that some people won't feel the same way I do and may just say, "to each his or her own," but the objectification

of women is never OK under any circumstance.

The whole idea is repulsive, archaic and barbaric. The university should be ashamed.

Author promotes socialist agenda

TRACY O'NEILL
Sophomore, undeclared

Emily Chalfant's "Visiting author advocates for the working poor" (September 18) was not reporting - it was cheerleading.

Chalfant claimed that "freshmen found an insightful perspective on the working poor" in "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America."

This piece of socialist preaching was penned by radical leftist Barbara Ehrenreich. Some have rightly described her work as liberal propaganda infused with religious bigotry.

When not writing for Harper's, Time, The Nation and New York Times Magazine, she is the Vice-Chair of the Democratic Societies of America.

Her bend toward Marxism is revealed in her book when she mentions reading Mao before going to sleep. That must produce sweet socialist dreams pronounced among the young.

"Ehrenreich does not explain why she deserves her own wealth, why she does not dispense with her material possessions to help the working poor..."

context of the reform of the welfare system. From this her very profitable book was born.

Ehrenreich does not explain why she deserves her own wealth, why she does not dispense with her material possessions to help the working poor, nor why she attends expensive lunches. Maybe she can't.

Her book is either shoddy scholarship or leftist propaganda. Either way, it is hardly appropriate material for First Year Programs - or any other year, for that matter.

For example, Ehrenreich alleged that she was unable to provide herself with food, clothing, and shelter while making \$7/hr. According to the Commerce Department the poverty rate for a single person was 17.0 percent in 1999.

Barbara was earning 170 percent of that. Even the liberal Economics Policy Institute states a "living wage" is 130 percent of the poverty standard.

But Ehrenreich's claim that government assistance is not available for people in her income bracket strains credibility. In Portland, Maine, where Ehrenreich worked, a single woman making \$7.50 per hour, with two kids would qualify for Section 8 housing. A single woman in Pennsylvania earning an average of \$1120 per month would qualify for food stamps and Medicaid. Those with children would qualify for "free" or subsidized daycare for their kids. These are significant handouts for those in Ehrenreich's income bracket.

Was Ehrenreich obscuring the facts? Did she fail to research her book adequately?

Perhaps even our massive welfare state handouts cannot satisfy a full-fledged socialist like Ehrenreich.

A consistent thesis of "Nickel and Dimed" is that the poor deserve to earn more; the rich do not deserve what they earn; and the bourgeoisie are

merely robots. That's a conclusion lifted directly from Karl Marx.

Perhaps Ehrenreich's next book could deal with the earning power of those who labor in some worker's paradise like Castro's Marxist-Leninist Cuba.

Ehrenreich condemns the owner of the maid service who pays his workers \$6 per hour while charging clients \$25 per hour. Maybe her next investigative report could be about starting a maid service. After she pays for the employees, lots of taxes, insurance, licenses, bonds, marketing, and equipment, maybe she would learn what exorbitant profits are.

Would this compensate her for the risk and effort of operating a company?

Then again, such free-market concepts are anathema to Ehrenreich.

Speaking of over-charging, how much did Ehrenreich charge our cash-strapped university to grace us with her

socialist presence?

The Northerner peace-prize reported Director of First-Year Programs Vicki Stieha saying that "Nickel and Dimed" was selected because many students can identify with the idea of trying to get by as a low-wage worker."

After hearing and reading Barbara Ehrenreich, perhaps students have also gained a little insight into trying to get by as a Marxist journalist who makes her fortune by writing books for a big corporate publisher in which she complains about the very system that made her fortune possible.

Was this really the best book First-Year Programs could come up with?

Or was it just another way to shove leftist ideas uncritically down the throats of unsuspecting freshmen?

Finally, which found of socialist propaganda does First-Year Programs have lined up for next year?

Democracy depends on participation

DR. JAMES VOTEBA
NKU President

Citizen participation is key to a vibrant democracy. One of the first duties of citizenship in a democratic society is to vote.

Unfortunately, voter turnout in American elections has plunged in recent years, and the drop has been particularly pronounced among the young.

In fact, according to the Federal Election Commission, from 1972 to 1996, turnout in presidential elections of eligible voters dropped from 50% to 31% among citizens aged 18 to 24, and from 62% to 49% among citizens aged 25 to 44.

Commentators and scholars alike bemoan the undesirable consequences of this situation for our democracy.

commitment to public engagement, feels a special responsibility to encourage civic participation.

Therefore, I am declaring Tuesday, November 4, 2003 as DEMOCRACY DAY at NKU. As you know, state and national elections, including the election of our next governor, will be held on that Tuesday. To launch DEMOCRACY DAY, Northern Kentucky University is mounting a Get Out the Vote for Democracy initiative as a long-term regional effort to advance the effective exercise of citizenship through informed voting.

We anticipate that many organizations and the media will be participating with us to increase the number of registered voters, educate citizens about the issues and the choices, and increase the percentage of registered vot-

ers who actually vote.

Special events on campus this fall are designed to encourage responsible voting.

NKU is hosting a debate between the Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor of Kentucky: Democratic Candidate Attorney General Ben Chandler, and Republican Candidate Congressman Ernie Fletcher.

The debate, organized by Legacy, a non-profit group of young leaders sponsored by Forward Quest, will take place in Regent Hall, 3003 at 4 p.m. in Regent Hall.

On Oct. 2, the Alumni

Lecture Series, moderated by Nick Clooney, will feature journalists Paul Begala, Mary Matalin, and B O B Woodward discussing "Governing in America: The President, The Press, and The People."

N K U intends to help our university community, especially our students, to exercise one of the major rights and responsibilities that accompanies citizenship in our democracy.

Throughout the fall campaign season, we will be providing

registration information and encouraging all members of the NKU community to vote.

I invite every employer, every educational institution, and every community organization to join us in this effort. Encourage your employees, students, co-workers, friends and relatives to study the issues, learn about the various candidates, and then exercise their right (and responsibility) to vote.

After all, a vibrant democracy depends on all of us.

For more information or to join us as a community partner in the Get Out the Vote for Democracy initiative, please contact Laurie DiPadova-Stocks, director of the NKU Scripts Howard Center for Civic Engagement at 859-572-1448 or ldipadovastoc@exchange.nku.edu

Author: Students criticize political views

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any particular audience in mind because it would "inhibit" her writing, but said it was "gratifying that the book has been read by so many people in the situations" described in her book.

Students posed Ehrenreich with critical questions about her views on racism, politics, the economy and various aspects of her experiences including the people she worked with, the companies she worked for and the jobs she held. For instance, one student asked if she felt guilty for taking away jobs from people who could have actually used them.

"No, I don't at all," Ehrenreich said. "This was dur-

ing 1998 to 2000 that I was doing these different jobs, and unemployment was very low.

...Every place where I applied really wanted and needed new workers."

John Alberti, co-chair of the Book Connection, asked, "How do you believe we should solve the problem of low-wages and poverty?"

Ehrenreich replied, "Raise the minimum wage in this country at least to \$7 an hour, which is where it would be if they had kept up with inflation, and two, universal health insurance."

She also said the salaries of people at the top of companies should be lowered before the retail prices are raised, and

industries should curtail advertising because it is a "colossal waste."

Ehrenreich even addressed her idea of socialism and gave a response to the handouts from the College Republicans.

"I would change that flir to read 'Capitalism can work.' It is not working very well," she said. She later added, "This book does not end by saying, 'rise up, workers of the world, and overthrow capitalism,' it says 'there are things we could do, right now, within capitalism, that would make us a much more humane environment.'"

Ehrenreich received mixed reactions when she said she supported the legalization of marijuana and thought 18-year-

olds should be allowed to drink alcohol.

"If you want to legalize pot and lower the drinking age, you can come to half of Northern Kentucky University's funeral," Regenbogen said.

"That may sound blunt but if you think about it, the more accessible it is for teens to get a hold of, the more kids will experiment with these drugs."

As an atheist, students also brought up several concerns about Ehrenreich's views of religion.

Ehrenreich's responses included justifications for quoting the Old Testament in some of her work and ensuring students she was not making fun of Christianity. She did say she

felt the President "is giving Christianity a bad name." Several students left the presentation early after Ehrenreich expressed her religious views.

Despite conflicting ideas, Ehrenreich said she was "terrifically honored that Northern Kentucky University chose [her] book," and left students with a message that any college student can relate to.

She said college students are "in a period of transition," and it is ok if students do not know what they want to do after college right now.

However, she said no matter how successful people may become, "never forget where you came from; never forget your people."

Debate: Fletcher, Chandler focus on region

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to the region," Meeks said. Fletcher has promised to build a special events center in Northern Kentucky that is expected to create \$100 million in revenue, and he also hopes to bring a federal research laboratory to the Commonwealth.

Chandler's campaign focus has been job creation. He has promised, if elected, to add 100,000 new jobs by the end of his first term, and to keep businesses operating in the Commonwealth from leaving. Cutting the cost of medicine is also on his agenda.

Wice hopes that the event will give Northern Kentuckians the chance to meet the candidates and encourage them to go to the polls.

Students can register to vote at the Testing and Disabilities Services office in the University Center room 303. Learn more about the candidates and the general election at www.kyelect.com.

What are your voting policies and beliefs?

Write a letter to the Editor and tell us your views.

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Master's: Faculty support degree proposal

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gram will soon be undertaken.

"I'd put our teaching quality and attention to students up against any of our competitors in the region," said Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, communications professor. "Graduates of our program and our current students compare us to professors at other universities around the nation, remarking how excellent our courses and professors are."

She feels optimistic that the program will not only be implemented, but be a huge success.

"I know for a fact that our graduate program competitors-to-be are nervous about how quickly our program will thrive and significantly impact their programs," she said. "I'm very confident about our future."

Short-Thompson said she "had originally hoped to see (the program) begin in the fall of 2004, but 2005 seems more realistic at this point."

"It takes a lot of negotiation

and discussion to arrive at a curricular proposal this large," she said. "However, the initial market research and discussions have begun."

Short-Thompson said that budget cuts should not impede the process. In fact, she expects the program to be profitable for the university.

"Truthfully, the budget crisis should encourage us to start it sooner, not later," she said.

"A program that will succeed as quickly and unquestionably as the master's in communication will generate major revenue for NKU," she said. "We would become the university's premier rainmaker within a year of opening the doors to the master's program."

"It is no exaggeration to say that I anticipate that we will, in our first semester of offering the graduate program, receive at least more than twice the number of applications than we can accept," Short-Thompson said. "That number is based solely on

our own graduates, not to mention the dozens of students who will flock to us from other institutions and the workforce."

Dr. Gaar Ragsdale, chairman of the communications department, expressed confidence in student's interest in the program.

"There is genuine interest about our department offering a master's program," he said.

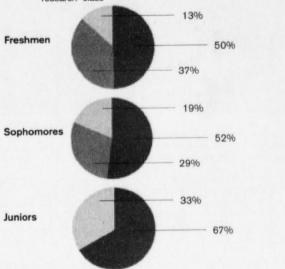
"Our present focus is developing the new public relations major, and then the faculty will concentrate on graduate education," he said. "Our goal will be to create a distinct, quality master's program that will provide long-term benefits to our graduates and the region we serve."

NKU currently offers 10 graduate programs in accounting, business administration, computer science, education, information systems, nursing, nonprofit management, public administration, technology and a juris doctor/MBA.

Percentage of students who support program

The survey was conducted using a sample of 143 students and separated by class standing. The margin of error is approximately +/- 5 percent.

Source: Survey conducted by JCU492 research class



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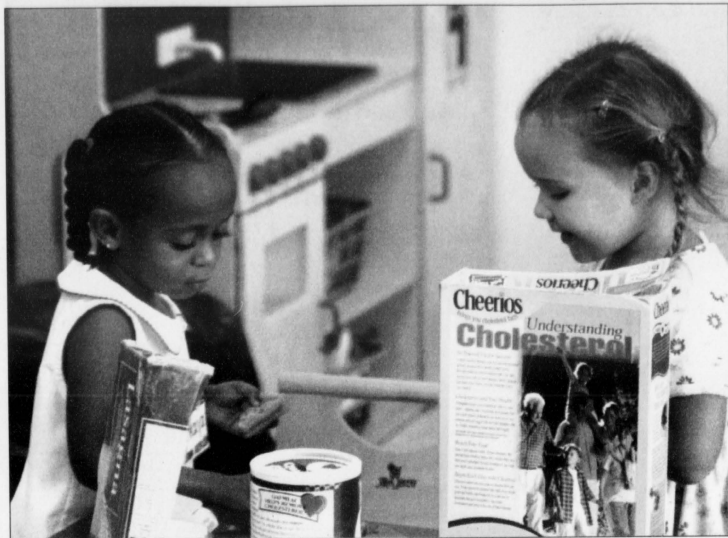


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Pretending to go grocery shopping is just one of the activities that Ajanja and Julia join in during the day at the Northern Kentucky University Early Childhood Center.

A HELPING HAND

Early Childhood Center frees-up parents

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College can be very stressful for some students, especially for those students who are also parents. Aside from doing homework, long nights studying, and taking exams, these parents also worry about who is going to take care of their children while they are in class.

The Northern Kentucky University Early Childhood Center is making this easier for parents by offering evening child care to students, faculty, and staff in addition to the full day child care that is currently available. Melanie Caldwell, Director of the Early Childhood Center, said there were a lot of requests for evening child care from students. To try and fill that demand the center applied for and received a Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Grant from the United States Department of Education. The biggest component from the grant is the evening program.

The goal of the Early Childhood Center is to provide a safe, nurturing, and learning environment where children have the opportunities to exercise all developmental domains through play, discovery, problem-solving and the unique experiences facilitated by dedicated teachers and staff. This childhood center has a really good program, Caldwell said. "I am pleased with what we have to offer, great teachers and great work studies that have pride in the center and want to do their best," she said. Aside from the evening program the center also provides full-day childcare, preschool, kindergarten, and a summer enrichment program.

The evening program is more relaxed than the highly structured program during the day, Caldwell said. "A lot of the kids aren't interested in set activities, they like to play because most of them are in school all day," she said.

Caldwell also said that some of the children like to do their homework at the program so the teachers will take time to help them if needed.

Enrollment in the evening program is on an as needed basis. If a student has a class on Tuesday and Thursday, and needs care for those two

days only, then those are the only days the student pays for. The evening program is very convenient for many students. Cheryl McClain, a senior organizational studies major and NKU staff member likes the flexibility of the evening program.

"It [the program] is great, and now with the night hours you can take one class a week and just pay for that," McClain said. "If you are not a full-time student you don't need care all of the time."

Laurie Bass's husband Patrick, a junior business management major, takes classes in the evening. Bass picks their children up at the center on her way home from work.

"There is an hour or two between when he is in class and I get off of work," Bass said. "This has been a big help to us."

Bass also likes the program because her children have activities to do while they are there, such as working on computers instead of just sitting around.

Maria Wiedeman, a senior elementary education major, teaches at the center and also has her daughter enrolled. "It is nice for me because I work here and my child goes home that way, I am not away from her that much," she said.

Wiedeman said that aside from being very convenient for parents the center helps children gain a lot of social skills and gets them better equipped for school. Wiedeman thinks that adding the evening program was a great idea.

"There was a class that I needed for graduation and the only time that it was offered was at night and I didn't have to look for someone to watch my daughter," she said.

Childcare is available to children of NKU students, faculty and staff as well as members of the community. Priority is given to children of NKU students based on scheduling availability and students also receive a discounted tuition rate.

When students enroll their children in the program everyone fills out the same paperwork which is evaluated by the director of the program to see if they qualify for any form of childcare assistance.

The center awards \$10,000 in childcare scholarships a year to students who have children enrolled in the program. These scholarships are given in the middle of both the Fall and Spring semesters, and the money is divided between the students that are eligible that semester. In order to receive the scholarship a person must already be enrolled in the program, have the financial need, and be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Evening childcare is available for children ages 2-12 (must be fully potty trained) Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The center also participates in the Federal Food Program for free or reduced lunches. The staff includes a director, two preschool teachers, a pre-kindergarten teacher, parent educator/facility coordinator, and work-study students.

For more detailed information call 572-6338 or visit www.nku.edu/~ecc/

Tea Time



with Susan

Social work beckons student

It seemed it had always been her calling to help others, said Jessica Otto a junior at Northern Kentucky University. "I remember when I was younger I felt the need to help others," Otto said. For Otto, a social work major, her drive to show love and support of people who are not as fortunate as her began when she was in the eighth grade and had to do 60 hours of community service, she said.

Her work did not stop after those 60 hours, for Otto it had only just begun. Upon entering high school, she looked for opportunities to provide services to others.

During these times Otto realized that she really enjoyed social work. "I felt a sense of worth when working with people who did not get the basic needs of life, (or) TLC (tender loving care)," she said.

At the end of her senior year Otto was offered the chance to further her knowledge in social work when her guidance counselor announced a full-time summer job at the Women's Crisis Center, a shelter for women and children who are victims of abuse.

Otto said she sent in her resume, went to the interview, and started work soon after.

"At first it was a little strange," Otto said. "I was not aware of what went on in our society. Here I am, a sheltered high school graduate, and I am working with women who have cuts and bruises all over their bodies."

But the cold splash of reality did not turn Otto away from doing a day for her fellow neighbors, Otto said. "After working there and getting used to the clientele, I loved it," she said.

The requirement of her job included answering the crisis hotline. This is a service that offers women, who have been raped, sexually assaulted or abused a chance to vent their frustrations and fears to someone who cares.

"They just need someone to listen to, to be there on the phone," she said, "they just need someone who cares."

With her summer foray into social work over, Otto realized that she found something she enjoyed. "I wanted to continue my experience in my social work field," she said.

Otto declared her major as social work without a doubt in her mind, she said.

"Experience is what social workers need," Otto said.

Without her experience Otto said the Diocese Catholic Children's Home would not have hired her.

In the beginning, it was even harder than the Women's Crisis Center, Otto said because she was dealing with children, who at such young ages, felt pain and anger instead of joy. At the home, Otto said they try to instill therapeutic skills and teach daily routines to the children. "Things like getting along with others, having good hygiene, and learning to trust and respect others," she said.

"They've never been in an environment where they can grow," Otto said. "This is a chance for them to release their anger and loneliness."

The children's anger can sometimes make the job difficult, Otto said. "Sometimes they get out of control, take their anger out on the staff, the other children," she said. Because of this Otto said she is certified to restrain them.

"It's always been my nature to care for people," Otto said. "I do this because I want to see money no there, but that's not why I do it," Otto said.

The reason she does it, "I get hugs like 5000 times a day," she said. "And that's great."



Tony Redell/Photographer

Coby plays in the sand during outdoor activity time.

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• **The NKU METS Center** for Corporate Learning Dedication will be having a dedication ceremony from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the METS Center in Erlanger, KY. Tours of the facility and a light luncheon will follow the ceremony. RSVP to 572-5810.

• **There will be a Norse Visitation Day** starting in the Steely Library Welcome Center. The tour and information session will be from 12:45-3 p.m. for high school students. Reservations are required. Contact Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

• **The Combined Giving Student Campaign** will host Lunch for a Buck in the University Center from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All donations will benefit The United Way and Community Shares organizations.

• **The NKU Board of Regents** will meet in the UC Ballroom from 1-2:30 p.m.

thursday

• **Join the Brass Choir** under the direction of W. Jonathan Gresham, trumpet from 8-9:30 p.m. in Graves Commons Hall. It is free and open to the public.

• **Zeta Phi Beta** will have their game night from 6:30-8 p.m. in Norse Commons.

• **The AKA Ice Cream Social** will be in Norse Commons at 8 p.m.

• **The SLIMBONE Gallery Show** featuring the comic strips of Slimbone creator Mike Mayday will be displayed in the third floor lobby of the Fine Arts building. The comics will be displayed until Oct. 31.

friday

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• **A soccer tailgate party** will be in front of Norse Commons before the game. A bus has been chartered to transport students to the game. There will be free food, spirit and give-aways. Come cheer on your team.

monday

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• **Theta Phi Alpha** will host a Perkins Night from 5-9 p.m. at Perkins.

• **The NKU Ruks Meeting** will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Contact African American Student Affairs for more information.

tuesday

• **The Military History Lecture** "Wasn't the Future Wonderful?" will be in LA 110 from 3-4 p.m.

• **The Gubernatorial Debate** will be in Graves Hall from 4-5 p.m.

• **The Pedro Noguera Lecture** will be in Graves Hall from 1:30-3 p.m. and from 8-9:15 p.m.

• **Theta Phi Alpha** will host a Pampered Chef Party from 6-9 p.m. in the Budget Theater.

Month embraced Latino heritage

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We have approached the time to celebrate the rich Latino culture said Leo Calderon, coordinator of Latino Student Affairs. This time is National Hispanic Heritage Month. Calderon says that Latinos are the majority of the minorities in the United States and it is important we have a well-educated Latino community. So, from Sept. 15 until Oct. 15, the Latino population of NKU will be celebrating their culture throughout the Greater Cincinnati area.

Calderon along with others, have organized a variety of events involving lectures and entertainment for the growing Latino peoples in the area. There are two major events during the month. The first is having Dr. Pedro Noguera visit and speak at NKU and at other locations in the area.

"He is one of the best well-known speakers related to urban education," said Calderon.

On Tuesday Sept. 30, Dr. Noguera will be speaking in

Greaves Concert Hall. His first lecture will be for students, faculty and staff from 1:40 to 2:55 p.m.

He will speak again later that day from 8-9 p.m. on "Civic Engagement in our Communities: The Higher Education Challenge," which will be followed by a book signing and a reception.

At the reception, you can get a little taste of the entertainers of the second major event, the Marimba Nandayapa.

The Marimba Nandayapa is the most recognized Mexican marimba band in the world. The Marimba will be performing Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 8-9 p.m. in Graves Commons Hall.

The Marimba band started playing 47 years ago and is a family band consisting of the father Zelerino Nandayapa who directs the other four members of the band, his sons. They are directly from Mexico and have performed all around the world. There will be various events throughout the month.

For more event information contact Latino Student Affairs.

OFF-CAMPUS PREVIEW

Get ready for MidPoint Music Festival



Photo by Bree Culnan

Members of the band And Andy perform at York Street Cafe in Newport, Ky. on September 19. The band is one of five bands with NKU connections that will be playing at MidPoint this weekend.

By BREE CULNAN
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The time has come to end the notion that all music from Kentucky is country and that NKU doesn't know how to rock.

The 2003 MidPoint Music Festival (MPMF) returns to the area this weekend helping end the age-old philosophies while promoting unsigned acts and educating artists how to work in the lucrative business that is the music industry.

Co-founded by Sean Rhiney, a Chase Law graduate, MPMF is the Midwest's biggest music festival, hosting over 200 artists from the US and abroad, including five with close ties to NKU.

Last years inaugural festival drew 10,000 fans, and 150 bands at 13 Greater Cincinnati-area venues over the span of four days. This year the festival has moved to venues on or near Main Street in Downtown Cincinnati. Music industry conferences will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Susan Vitiello, returning as MPMF's Production Manager said that the past month has been filled with many sleepless nights preparing for the event.

"None of us sleep any hours in September," she said.

Aside from the 200 bands performing, two days of the festival are dedicated to seminars featuring panelists and speakers from Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Nashville. Seminars include: The Business of Music, Music Management, and a roundtable discussion regarding major labels. All bands participating in MidPoint were given the option of accepting a monetary payment or free access to the industry

conferences.

Music lovers are encouraged to attend any of the artist showcases that take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Patrons have the option of paying a \$5 cover at each venue, buying a one-day all-venue wristband for \$10, or a three-day all-venue wristband for \$25. The wristbands will only allow access to MPMF venues during showcase hours.

Radio station WERN will play a hand to have patrons of the venues vote on MidPoint's best band. Ballot boxes will be located at each venue.

NKU Bands playing at MidPoint

And Andy

(Features several NKU students)

Morals Galore

(Features both students and alumni)

Eightfeet

(Features several NKU students; performed in last spring's Battle of the Bands)

Crosley

(Bassist is a current NKU student)

Wojo

(Features alumnus and a former Features Editor/cartoonist of the *Northerner*)

For a complete list of bands, where and when they are performing, visit www.mpmf.com

Stay tuned: Follow NKU students, And Andy, as they attend MPMF conferences and seminars as well as perform their showcase in the next issue of *The Northerner*.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Siam Orchid offers Kentucky a little Thai diversity

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The light from the medieval chandeliers dimly lights a room full of black tables, some exposed to the faint light while others are hidden beneath patterned fabrics. The wooden paneled walls soak up the conversation of tables around bringing to a person's ear a soothing rhythmic buzz.

Even though the lighting and the walls of the Siam Orchid, located on Route 27 about 10 miles from Northern Kentucky University, try to deceive customers as to where they are eating, a wider look shows the spirit of this restaurant. The heart and soul of this place is Thailand.

At least that is the message owners Wera and Nee Yongbunhu have wanted their customers to walk away from the restaurant which has been open for a little over two years.

The first things a person sees as they walk in the door are tourist pamphlets describing the culture, and beauty of Thailand. Next there is a glass case displaying various trinkets made from Thailand that a person can buy if they are interested. As a person is lead into the dining area, it is not the chandeliers and walls that catch the customer's eye. Instead posters depicting the country of Thailand, the Thai-patterned fabric covering the tables, and little statues are what catch the customer's eye.

The menu is extensive. Thai food is similar but different from Chinese. Thai food is accentuated by herbs such as lemongrass, ginger, Thai chili pepper, sweet basil, Thai basil to name a few.

With this thought in mind we started our meal with two appetizers spring rolls, and crab puffs. The spring rolls (three for \$3) are stuffed with chicken, vegetables and noodles. They are kinder than egg rolls, but in my opinion they are 10 times more appealing to the palate, especially with the homemade sweet and sour sauce dousing them with exquisite flavor.

If the spring rolls were good the crab puffs (five for \$3.95) were amazing. Sprinkle just a little of the strawberry sauce over the flower-shaped pastry and you will understand why my mouth still remembers the taste.

With the extensive menu it was hard to determine what I wanted to eat. I decided on the chicken red curry while my friends ordered chicken that spicy, general too's chicken, and chicken mix vegetables. All were priced at \$8.95.

The curry was excellent. It was not too thick or too hot. It was perfect. My friends' meals ranked on the same scale as my dinner, trust me I sampled each one. The General Too's Chicken was better than any I had ever tasted before, and the fresh mushrooms in the chicken mix vegetables and chicken that spicy became victims of a vicious battle that ensued after my friends realized I had stolen all of the mushrooms.

Each dinner was made with fresh vegetables, and homemade herbs-the Yongbunhu's have a garden outside the restaurant- and served with steaming rice. It was amazing. We had in a world with so much processed food that when our mouths finally come in contact with something so fresh and homemade are senses are shocked into the reality of what real food tastes like, leaving us

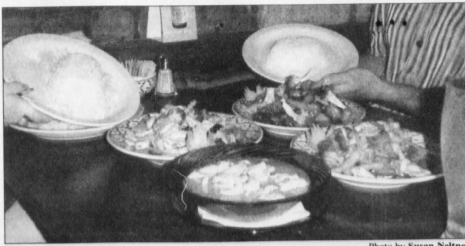


Photo by Susan Neltner

(From left) Chicken Curry, Chicken Mix Vegetable, General Too's Chicken and Chicken Thai Spicy

begging for more.

However, by the end of the meal I could not beg for anymore. By the time I had finished eating the majority of everyone's food - the rest was saved for my midnight snack - my stomach was so satisfied that I almost fell asleep driving home. Even though I was full I somehow found room for the fortune cookie that came along with our check. My fortune said simply, "You will find great happiness." And I did with the perfect ending to one of the best meals.

If you go

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Group enhances music with energy

Amernet String Quartet and featured guest pianist Paul Posnak filled the night with balanced string melodies.

By MORGAN McCLOSKEY
Staff Writer

String Quartet performed an "Italian Feast" Sunday, Sept. 21 in Greaves Hall. The concert consisted of works from, or influenced by, the Romanticism period in Italy.

The Amernet members are violinists Misha Vitenson and Marcia Littley de Arias, Michael Klotz who plays the viola, and Javier Arias-Flores who plays the cello.

Vitenson and Arias-Flores are artists-in-residence while Littley de Arias and Klotz teach chamber music at Northern Kentucky University.

The founding group members Littley de Arias, and Arias-Flores formed the quartet in 1991 while some of the members studied at The Juilliard School, a conservatory that offers professional training in the arts.

The music of the quartet was balanced nicely with the music of Paul Posnak a guest pianist from Coral Gables, FL.

During the concert Posnak and Amernet performed a piece by Vittorio Giannini, a Philadelphia composer that modeled Italian Romanticism, titled "Piano Quintet in F-Sharp Minor."

"This is a piece that requires a great deal of flexibility," Posnak said.

"In an ensemble situation they are really great collaborative players."

Because the piece was so difficult Posnak said he came into town Thursday to practice the piece with the quartet.

Freshman Jim Herman commented on the group's ability to play together.

"He (Posnak) provided a lot of balance with strings," said Herman.

Sophomore Michael Mastrandrea, a pre-pharmacy major, agreed, "They really got into what they were playing."

During the second movement of the "Piano Quintet in F-Sharp Minor," the

energy of the performers peaked.

The two violists, Klotz and Vitenson popped up off their chairs as they played passionately.

Klotz was so absorbed in playing that his glasses flew from his head.

"Amazing. The dynamics were awesome," said freshman Sergio Bridgett, a computer science major. "It seemed like they went in the studio and EQ it all."

Posnak will bring the Amernet Quartet to Miami to play this October with him at the Festival Miami, a five week festival that runs mid September to October.

"They are not only fun to be with as people, but very clear and easy to work with," Posnak said of traveling with Amernet.

Amernet's next performance at NKU will be October 8, at Greaves Hall.

They will premiere Daron Hagen's "Alive in a Moment" for string quartet and voice. Vocalist Paul Kreider will perform with them.



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Marcia Littley de Arias, Misha Vitenson, Michael Klotz, and Javier Arias-Flores form The Amernet String Quartet.

Allen's "Anything Else" actually makes sense



Courtesy of KRT

Woody Allen (right) gives Christina Ricci, Stockard Channing directions

By CHRIS HEWITT
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

At this point, it's childish to complain about the things that make Woody Allen Woody Allen.

So, take it as a given that his new "Anything Else" is misogynistic, that all the characters talk the same, that it thinks New York is the world's only interesting city, that everyone wears Ralph Lauren duads that are as timelessly out of style today as they were 30 years ago and that the lead character is self-absorbed.

If you can hang with all of that - and it's a big if - "Anything Else" is Allen's most interesting movie since "Sweet and

Lowdown."

Watching "Anything Else," it occurred to me that Allen, who made his reputation for hilarious, incisive writing, has become a better director than writer. "Anything Else" shot by the great cinematographer Darius Khondji, is fluid and inventive. If you didn't know it was an Allen movie, you'd think it was the work of a young director who's having a gas using split screens and exploring what a freeze-frame might mean (Allen does both here, and both work effortlessly).

The story? There's a guy (Jason Biggs) who is victimized by the women in his life (Christina Ricci and Stockard Channing in thanklessly one-note roles). Happily, he is also under the spell of a mild-mannered

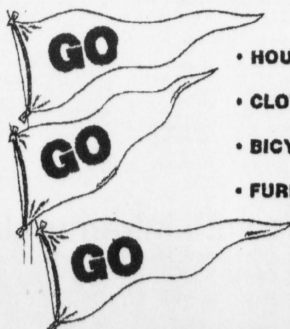
acquaintance (Allen) who quickly reveals currents of loneliness, hostility and pain. Allen the actor seems looser than he has in years... much of what he says sounds improvised... and the casualness of his performance makes this guy seem more real and, maybe, more dangerous.

Yeah, Allen the writer has given other characters lines that make no sense in their mouths (a 20-year-old woman here says, "What I love about Bogart is he's so intensely urban," a line nobody but Allen himself - maybe the annoying guy on "Inside the Actors Studio" - would say. But the things that he himself says and does make more sense in "Anything Else" than they have in years.

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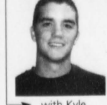
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Recruits key to success

It's the end of the season. The fans empty the seats, the players pack up and start to train for the next season. This is when the real work begins.

The recruiting season is finally starting to heat up. After sifting daily through tapes and e-mails and phone messages, coaches finally have time to see some potential. Northern Kentucky University players in action. It's time for the coaches to make their pitch, in order to continue the success of NKU athletes.

The recruiting process is a year-round job for all coaches. It starts with the videos, it continues with the e-mails and it concludes with the road trips, late-night phone calls and eventual commitments or denials from the players.

With the evolution of the internet, the recruiting process has really picked up. Step inside any coaches office and you will see a plethora of recruiting material. For example, Head Volleyball Coach, Carlos Chia, has stacks and stacks of tapes.

Hidden on shelves, under table, in drawers, they're everywhere. Head Baseball Coach, Todd Asalon is the same way.

His shelves and tables are littered with everything from tapes to tapes to folders, all having to do with recruiting.

The internet has also made it possible for talent to be found anywhere around the globe.

"I get mass mailings sent to my e-mail, from people who are interested in the opportunity to play," said Chia. "I've received e-mails from Australia, Argentina, Brazil, they come from all over."

Women's Basketball Coach, Nancy Winstel, says recruiting is a 365 day a year process. Winstel and Assistant Coach, Brian Neal find themselves doing some kind of recruiting work every day.

"We spend a lot of time going to different shootouts and tournaments," said Winstel. "I might make a phone call on Christmas Morning if I have to." Asalon says although he finds most of his recruits in the tri-state area, the road trips and the time spent going to games, really get the job done.

"We probably see 3-4 games per week," said Asalon. "Recruiting is what it's all about, it's how you build a successful program."

Chia uses his position as coach of the junior Olympics team in order to help him recruit players.

He travels across the country with the team every summer, allowing him to make contacts and follow players from a very early age.

"Recruiting is the most humbling experience a coach can go through," said Chia. "Every coach I talked to said the most rewarding part is having that one recruit decide to play for your team."

"When the player picks another school over yours, it is frustrating, but it's all part of the game," said Winstel.

"If I had a nickel for every time someone told me no, I would be a millionaire."

So when the last shot has been taken, the last pitch has been thrown, the last point scored, that is when the real dedication starts.

This is when the coaches start their dedication to building great programs and making their sales pitch.

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Lady Norse defeat Indianapolis



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Kendra Zinser kicks in the winning goal, despite attempts from Indianapolis goalie, Maggie Miller. The Norse went on to shutout Indy, 1-0.

Defense shuts down UI

"I think we came together better as a team," Rogers said. "We had confidence in ourselves."

By MICHELLE MORENO-BERRY
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WILDER, Ky. - On Sunday, the women's soccer team began their Great Lakes Valley Conference schedule by defeating Indianapolis Greyhounds 1-0 at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

The first and only goal of the game came near the end of the first half, by Senior, Kendra Zinser of NKU. Zinser was

assisted by Freshman, Krista Rogers.

"I think we can make together better as a team," Rogers said. "We had confidence in ourselves."

NKU has won five consecutive GLVC championships and defeated the University of Indianapolis twice last season.

This win was sweet considering that the lady Norse were defeated Friday night when they went up against Grand Valley State.

Head Coach, Bob Sheehan

seemed pleased with the win against the Greyhounds.

"Anytime we can win a GLVC match, we're thrilled," said Sheehan.

He went on to praise the women for their performance in light of having a very tough schedule according to him.

NKU goalie Sam Westering

go the shutout.

NKU will face Kentucky Wesleyan at home on Friday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m.

The panthers are currently 2-

Runners compete at UC

Cross-Country runners find tough competition against Division I teams

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The University of Cincinnati Queen City Invitational is a chance for Northern Kentucky cross country to face local Division I competition.

The Mt. Airy Forest race is also one of the few meets the teams have close to home, so family, friends, and alumni turn out in full force. Area high school runners come out and take the race in.

Friday's races had some of the smallest fields in the meets recent history.

Forty-five runners from the University of Cincinnati, Eastern Kentucky University, Miami of Ohio, Morehead State, University of Dayton, and NKU competed in the women's race and just twenty eight from UC, Morehead and NKU in the men's.

"I'd have liked to have seen more teams here," said sophomore Greatman Niemi.

The women were right in the mix together in their 5K. Sophomore Tracy Inman and senior Anna Moore pushed each other, within sight of the lead pack for most of the race.

Inman finished eighteenth in 19:48 and Moore was nineteenth in 19:51.

Sophomore Lisa Sand and junior Kristen Rose worked together, passing runners throughout.

Sand was thirty-second in 22:26 and Rose was thirty-fourth in 22:51.

The women didn't expect freshman Jessie Gehner, who was nursing an injury, to finish.

Gehner gutted it out and finished forty-fifth in 31:17 in very visible pain.

The women's numbers are down and Gehner is their vital fifth runner. The fifth runner is the last scoring spot and without a fifth runner a team does not finish.

After the finish line the team greeted her with hugs and encouragement.

"The team is really close this year," said Inman.

Their effort put them in fifth place, nine points ahead of Dayton.

A strong Eastern Kentucky University team won the race despite Miami's top two runners.

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More opportunities available with intramurals

By KYLE BURCH
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Each school year hundreds of students at Northern Kentucky University find a way to keep their competitive juices flowing by participating in the intramural program. Jill Kleiser was hired last year as the director for recreational programs and her staff have added many new sports and events to go along with the old student favorites from past years.

Leagues are set up in a variety of sports, from some of the more popular such as flag football to some new events such as a wheelchair world series. "There are going to be leagues and for those who don't have the time to invest in the leagues, there are day-long tournaments," said Kleiser.

Kleiser says that she isn't surprised with the turnout of students because intramurals serve as a way to get away from the stress of school and to meet new people.

One change that students may notice this fall season is



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

John Rasp drops back making a pass to teammate, Dan Gerwe.

there is no fall basketball league.

In past years there has been a very short intramural basketball league at the end of the fall semester.

Instead this semester there is a three-on-three basketball tournament, with the actual five-on-five basketball league starting at the beginning of the spring semester.

"The three-on-three tournament is just one of the tournaments we have planned," said Kleiser.

While intramurals can be a way for students to get back into that competitive mode, not all of the leagues are on a high competitive level.

"It really is just kind of what you want," said Kleiser, "you can play in a harder league, one



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Unfortunately for Gerwe, the ball slips through his hands ending play

designed just to have fun."

Also this year, students have the option of keeping the same team together and entering into multiple leagues throughout the year.

At the end of each league points will be given out to the teams, based on how well they finished in the overall standings.

At the end of the school year,

the team that compiles the most points overall, will be awarded the first annual, "Director's Cup."

"The director's cup will be good for getting a lot of the on-campus students and greek life students involved in intramurals," said Kleiser.

"It allows for the same team stay together for the entire season."

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Men's Golf

The Northern Kentucky University men's golf team captured its own invitational last Tuesday with a two-day total of 609 at Lassing Pointe Golf Course. NKU rallied from a 12-stroke deficit in Tuesday's final round and took the team title by five strokes over runner-up Bellarmine University (614). The Norse's Glenn Davidson shot a 1-under-par 70 Tuesday to lead NKU, which finished with a score of 294 in the final round.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team concluded the Southern Indiana Invitational last Monday, finishing in third place with 645 points. The Norse trailed the second place team, Southern Indiana by only one stroke, and the first place team, Depauw, by just 15 strokes. Kim Keyer-Scott finished sixth in the invitational shooting 158 to lead all NKU golfers.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team continued their unbeaten season with two victories over conference opponents last week. The Norse knocked off Indianapolis 6-3, and dominated SIUE 9-0 to run their record to 6-0 for the season.

Men's Soccer

David Lies scored a pair of first-half goals Friday as the Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team defeated Oakland City University, 4-1. Jeremy Robertson and Matt Flick also added goals for NKU, which snapped a four-game losing streak and improved to 2-4.

Volleyball

NKU captured two conference wins over the weekend defeating both St. Joseph's and Indianapolis. Kristin Koralewski, last week's AVCA national player of the week, tallied 26 digs and 25 kills in the two matches helping the Norse to the victories. Freshman, Andrea Lanham had a two game total of 94 assists and 18 kills helping them to a ninth straight victory.

— Sports Information contributed

NFL picks



with Elias Hajjar

Week four in the NFL looks like a good one.

On tap this week's got the Cincinnati Bengals taking on their arch rivals from up north, the Cleveland Browns in Cleveland.

The last time these two teams met in the battle of Ohio was in week 11 last season, when the Browns survived with a 27-20 victory despite Jon Kitna's 258 yard passing performance, 103 going to receiver Chad Johnson.

This time around I see Kitna and Johnson repeating their performance and the Bengals coming back to Cincinnati as winners, 20-13.

Another big rivalry game this week is on Monday Night Football, when the Green Bay Packers head to the windy city to take on the Bears.

Week 13 last season was the last time these teams faced, with Green Bay winning 30-20 behind Brett Favre's 221 yards passing.

This is an easy one to predict and I'll tell you why. Green Bay has Favre and

Chicago has Kordell Stewart.

Need I say more?

Didn't think so. Green Bay wins 31-13.

The Sunday night game should be interesting as the Indianapolis Colts head down south to play the New Orleans Saints.

The last time these two teams squared off was in week 10 of the 2001 season. The Saints left Indianapolis 34-20 victors behind Ricky Williams' 120 rushing yards.

Too bad Ricky is in Miami now.

Colts win, 24-17, behind a strong performance by Payton Manning.

My game of the week is an AFC Divisional Playoff rematch between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Tennessee Titans.

The Titans robbed the Steelers 34-31 in overtime, knocking them out of the playoffs.

A few questionable calls in OT gave Titans kicker Joe

Nedney three chances to make the game winning field goal, and he did.

The Steelers are looking for revenge this time around in Heinz Field.

They have arguably the best receiving core in football, with Hines Ward, Plaxico Burress and Antwaan Randle El. I've got the Steelers winning big, 34-21.

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Men's and Women's Cross-Country

Saturday, Sept. 27
@ Greensboro Invitational (Greensboro, N.C.) at 2:45 pm

Men's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 26,
vs. Kentucky Wesleyan at 8 pm
Sunday, Sept. 28,
vs. Bellarmine at 2:30 pm

Volleyball

Wednesday, Sept. 24,
vs. Findlay at 7 pm
Friday, Sept. 26,
@ Wisconsin-Parkside at 2:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 27,
@ Lewis at 3 pm

Women's Soccer

Friday, Sept. 26,
vs. Kentucky Wesleyan at 5:30 pm
Sunday, Sept. 28,
vs. Bellarmine at noon

Men's Golf

Friday, Sept. 26,
@ Eastern Kentucky University
Saturday, Sept. 27,
@ Eastern Kentucky University

Cross Country: Racers face off against Div. I teams

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ners finishing first and second with times under the 18-minute mark. Miami placed second. Eastern finished with 29 points, followed by Miami with 37, UC with 74, Morehead St. with 111, NKU with 140, and University of Dayton rounded out the field with 149.

The Norse stayed competitive

with the bigger schools, finishing nine points ahead of Division I Dayton.

The men met a tough early season race. They were out of it early and were mostly racing themselves in the small field. Junior Doug Fulmer finished thirteenth with a respectable 27:28 and Niemer was just behind, fourteenth in 27:41.

Junior Kevin Arnold was eighteenth in 28:50, freshman Jerry Bridentender, nineteenth in 28:56; sophomore Justin Clark, twentieth in 29:02; sophomore Josh Lane, twenty-first in 29:14; junior Andy Kennedy, twenty-second in 29:21; senior Matt King, twenty-fourth in 29:33; junior Dave Adams, twenty-fifth in 29:37;

senior Joe Beck, twenty-sixth in 29:40, and freshman Allen Pettigrew, twenty-seventh in 32:39.

UC finished in first with a perfect score of 15. Morehead State finished in second place, with a total score of 48 points and NKU rounded out the field finishing with a total of 76 points for the race.

These races are one of the few times the runners get to compete against the local Division I schools.

"I was tired. We pushed it [in training this week]," said Niemer.

The race was a chance for Norse Head Coach Steve Kruse to face his alma mater, UC. Coach Kruse believes his

teams are talented and said they are working a lot harder this year.

"We are starting the season off slow," said Kruse. "But there's no doubt in my mind that we'll finish strong."

Both teams continue their seasons this weekend at the Greensboro Invitational in Greensboro, N.C.

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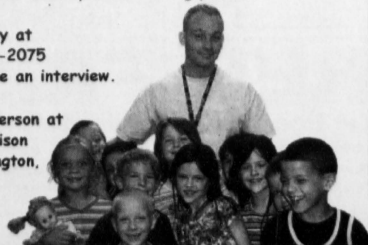
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FitFirst



with Jen

If the sigh of relief you exhaled over the end of another bare-skin season caused the button to pop off of your favorite pants, you're probably not alone. But you're in luck... September in the Ohio valley brings mild weather and agreeable conditions for taking advantage of the great outdoors. So take a deep breath of fresh fall air, sew the button back on those pants, and take your workout outside.

PLACES TO GO:

Lunken Airport features a 5-mile paved trail surrounded by dense trees that is ideal for walking, running, biking, or rollerblading in addition to a golf course and driving range, baseball fields, a child play area, and (a skate park). Do the whole loop of five miles, or go a mile in and turn around for a two-mile trek. Parking and use of the area is free and open to the public, but be aware of any weather changes and don't get caught in the middle of the trail at dark, because once you're in, there's only two ways out-to go forward and finish or turn around. (262 Wilmer Avenue, Cincinnati, OH)

DeVou Park is the largest park in the city limits of Covington and encompasses 340 acres of land. In addition to being notoriously beautiful, the park has also recently undergone extensive trail renovation. According to Cindy Swagles of the City of Covington Recreation Department, DeVou Park now has roughly 2 miles of fresh, newly paved trails for walking, running, biking, and hiking. (West Covington Area)

FitTip for the Week:

Slow down. Try doing your exercises in slow motion. Instead of doing 25 crunches in one quick spurt, force yourself to take 10 seconds to do each one, and really feel the burn. It may be strange at first, but going slower forces your targeted muscles and the supporting muscles surrounding to work harder against the resistance. Going slow also allows you to focus on your form, which may prevent injuries. Have a fitness question, success story or favorite recipe? E-mail Jen at jen_fitnu@hot-mail.com

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Picture of the week



Tony Redell/Photographer

Our photographer's lens captures a unique perspective of campus as the colors of the sunset fill the evening skies directly behind the Old Science Building.

Horoscopes

By LASHA SENEK
Knight Rider/77th Avenue News
Service(RT)

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Group acceptance is an important influence in key relationships. Be expressive and wait for loved ones to make their needs clear.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Career choices and fast family discussions are accentuated over the next few days. Ask loved ones for permanent financial strategies. At present, reliable habits and a structured plan may be needed for success.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

A subtle romantic attraction

demand response. Explore delicate flirtations but opt for slow progress. Business or financial negotiations may be briefly delayed. Carefully consider all legal restrictions, group expectations and deadlines.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Planned family events or special gatherings will work to your advantage. Loved ones may ask for your continuing acceptance and support. Allow unresolved group disputes to fade. Travel or foreign cultures are accentuated. Remain diplomatic.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Loved ones respond positively to your emotional style. After a brief phase of low social interest, self-

confidence is a strong factor in successful relationships. Workplace relations also improve. Take time to clarify daily expectations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Roommates or close relatives may press for revised family goals. Daily promises, chores and home obligations may be a strong concern. Impress others with your continuing dedication. Stay alert. There's much to do.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Neglected business details, forgotten paperwork and outstanding payments will demand completion. React with enthusiasm. Genuine interest and cheerful dedication will

be respected. Social or romantic proposals may be quickly reversed.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Romantic overtures are difficult to resist. Sensuality and charisma will have a powerful influence on new friendships or workplace attractions. Explore short-term enjoyment but temporarily avoid detailed commitments.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Outdated ideas need to fade from team decisions, agreements and partnerships. Present fresh concepts to the group and clarify long-term schedules. Respond honestly to new flirtations or overtures. All is well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Social agreements will be difficult over the next two days. Watch for friends and lovers to misinterpret public statements or find fault with new group plans. If possible, avoid serious discussions and wait for clarity.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Workwhile business suggestions will be criticized for lack of planning or minor mistakes. Remain cheerfully dedicated.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

At present, trust between friends may be difficult. Get extra rest and pamper the body. Enjoy cozy, quiet moments with loved ones.

Classifieds

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Lakeside park, 20-25 hours per wk. Two children, light housework. \$10 hour, flexible-mornings preferred. Transportation and references needed. Call Debbie 859-341-5548

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Gallagher Student Center
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Unable to attend?
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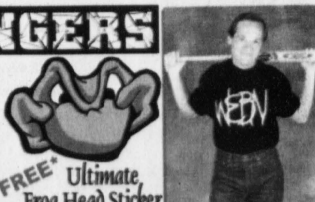
Attention NKU Students...

Come join the fun this Friday, September 26, when the Arby's Charity Tour comes to the Arby's in Cold Spring... 12 Martha Layne Collins Blvd. WEBN's own Eddie Fingers will be there live from 11AM - 1PM!

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