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By Robin Hampton  
Staff Writer

A new major code was created last year in three of Northern Kentucky University's colleges to provide improved advising for students.

Codes for undeclared majors were created in the College of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of

## Three colleges create codes to enforce sound academic advising

Professional Studies. The undeclared major benefits students who know they are interested in one of the fields served by their respective college, but are unsure of which specific field. "Centralized advising can help the student make discriminations about their pre-major," said Nina Thomas, assistant dean of the COB.

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campus are advised through the Academic Advising Resource Center. Nine full-time and two part-time advisers assist 2,700 students through the AARC this semester.

"We'll provide better service as our numbers decrease," Dave Emery, director of AARC said.

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"Students benefit because it saves

them from taking extra hours," Dr. Paul Reichardt, vice provost said. Michelle Heatherston, adviser/lecturer for PS agreed. "Students need to understand the importance of enrolling in the particular general studies courses that are required for their majors."

Students cannot graduate with a major of undeclared. Current university regulations require students to declare a major by the time they

have completed 50 credit hours. Over 200 students switched from the general undeclared to undeclared within their colleges. The COB had one student enroll as undeclared last fall after the inception of the new code.

"We now have 133 undeclared students," Thomas said.

A&S currently 51, PS has 24, and COB has 133 undeclared students.



## DPS Cadets do time on campus

What it's like to be in training for the D.P.S.

By Scott Wartman  
Executive Editor

Within five minutes, Northern Kentucky University senior Quentin Williams and freshman Matt Fehler wrote five parking tickets. The violations were either having an expired parking pass or no pass at all. One owner of a maroon mini-van attempted to conceal the expired parking pass by turning it backwards and hanging an air freshener over it.

"They're not fooling anyone," Williams said as he wrote up a \$20 ticket.

Williams and Fehler are two of six new Department of Public Safety Cadets. The cadets, clad in school colors with a yellow shirt and black pants, can be seen day or night and roam parking lots looking for violations, escorting students around campus and perform other miscellaneous community service activities.

The cadet program is a paid internship offered through the criminal justice department, but open to all majors. Each cadet

works about 15 hours a week and can earn three credit hours a semester.

Writing tickets, Williams said, is about 75 percent of the job. About one out of every three cars on NKU's campus is parked illegally, he estimated. He said he sees many tricks people pull trying to get out of buying a parking pass, such as covering an expired pass with tape or changing the date with a marker.

"Many of these people are repeat offenders," Fehler said.

"They'll end up spending \$170 in tickets," Fehler said. If a student has any unpaid parking tickets, he or she will also be unable to register for classes until they are paid.

Both faculty and students are guilty of this crime, Williams and Fehler said. Williams said teachers can be more trouble than the students, recounting a time when a faculty member cursed him out after being told he couldn't park in a student lot.

"Faculty members, just like students, do not park in proper parking lots," Williams said. "Faculty members are the first ones to say something if a student parked in their lot, but faculty members park in the aisle ways, they park illegal and they park in student



Photos by Scott Wartman/The Northerner

From Left to Right: Cadets Quentin Williams and Matt Fehler "write" up students for traffic/parking violations through NKU's campus.

If a confrontation breaks out, a cadet will radio a police officer to handle the situation. Other than a few nasty words, however, none of the cadets said they have experienced any violent reactions. When writing his first ticket, cadet Aaron Gibbons said he was little nervous and was hoping the person he was citing wouldn't come out and start a confrontation.

"It gave me the creeps a little," Gibbons said, "but now it's simple and easy to go through."

While writing tickets is part of the job, cadet Aaron Gibbons said his favorite part about being a cadet is patrolling the campus, checking buildings, escorting people and helping the residential assistants.

"You get to know more of the student body," Gibbons said. "I have got more friends now than I thought I could."

## You've Got Mail: at least in your NKU account

By Scott Wartman  
Executive Editor

Many faculty members at Northern Kentucky University are trying to get students to access their on-campus e-mail accounts. Dana Freer, vice president of student affairs, said those who do not regularly check their on-campus e-mail could be missing valuable information such as class closings or information about their major.

"If you want to keep updated, it is really important to check your e-mail," Freer said.

When NKU's education department tried to tell pre-education majors via e-mail of mandatory orientation meetings during the fall semester, only around 100 of the 934 pre-education majors showed up. Realizing that the problem stems from students not checking their on-campus e-mail, Leslie Manke, coordinator of admissions, advising and testing of the College of Business, Education and Psychology, said she is concerned that many students won't receive important information.

Manke said e-mail is a very efficient way for departments to contact a large number of students and hopes to get the word out that students have an on-campus e-mail account and need to check it.

"I just want to get the information out there," Manke said. "I don't

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## KY State announces plans for new community college in Boone County

By Susan Bartels  
News Editor

The purchase of 41.3 acres off Interstate 75/71 at Mount Zion Road for a proposed 30,000 square-foot community and technical college was announced by the Kentucky Community & Technical College System at a news conference on Wednesday Sept. 26.

The site will be the main campus for a comprehensive community and technical college system planned for Northern Kentucky. The focus of the facility will be technical courses and work-force training.

"It will be a visible representation of the KCTCS commitment to serve students and employers in Northern Kentucky," said Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The project is being funded by a \$10 million appropriation approved by the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly. \$3.3 million was used to buy the land, and \$5.5 million is budgeted for construction of the building. Estimated time of completion is about two years.

KCTCS has additional plans of leasing 5,000 square feet of space in Covington to

serve urban students. In attendance at the news conference were a number of state and local officials, including Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton and Northern Kentucky University president Dr. James Naughton, both of whom addressed the crowd of approximately 200.

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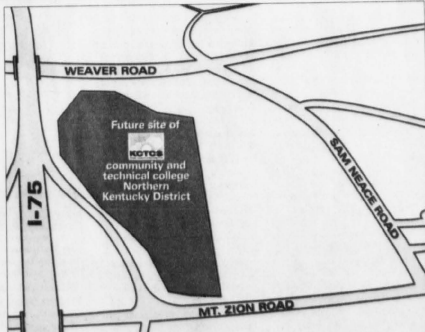
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An illustrated view of the new KY Community & Technical college site located in Boone County, expanding programs in Pendleton County, educating all health and human services programs at the Edgewood campus and developing 4 to 5 other buildings over the next 10 to 15 years.

NKU has worked with KCTCS to research and implement the community college system in Northern Kentucky.

In his address, Naughton said, "I would venture that there may be nothing that we do in

# NEWS

## Jaime Escalante stands and delivers a positive message for NKU students

By Samantha Warner  
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday an inspirational teacher known for his positive attempts in helping underachieving students, spoke to students and faculty in Greaves Center hall.

Jaime Escalante, the subject of the 1988 movie, "Stand and Deliver", was invited to speak at Northern Kentucky University by the Office of Latino Student Affairs as part of its National Hispanic Heritage Month program.

In 1982, while teaching at Garfield High School in Los Angeles, Escalante motivated 18 students to take an advanced placement calculus exam, a task which most of the students at the school probably wouldn't have done without provocation. While all the students passed, the Educational Testing Service, which administered the test, invalidated the scores, believing that the students had cheated. Most of the 18 pupils retook the test and passed, making Escalante a national hero almost overnight.

Escalante was awarded the United States Presidential Medal and the Andres Bello award by the



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Organization of the American States. He was also inducted into the Teachers Hall of Fame in 1999.

"He is a great educator," said Leo Calderon, coordinator of the LSA.

"His work speaks for itself." Escalante spoke about how to inspire students and his personal experiences with some of his students.

Winners look for solutions while losers look for excuses, said Escalante during his speech. This was something he would say to his students to encourage them. Escalante also stated that to succeed you must get it for yourself, no one will get it for you. "Believe me, I'm proud to be a teacher," Escalante said at the end of his speech.

Andrea Rubio, freshman, said she remembers when she was 11 years old, her sister watched the "Stand

and Deliver" movie in school and brought it home for her family to watch.

There are 84 self-reported Hispanic students this semester at NKU, said Calderon. The Office of Latino Student Affairs is in the process of establishing a new organization called Latino Student Union, which will be open to all students.

Twelve students attended the LSA's first meeting, said Melissa Alvarez, freshman. They would like to see other people from other ethnic backgrounds there. Alvarez said the LSA would like to help people on and off campus.

Alvarez said they want to be there to support Latino students on campus and let them know there is someone there for them, especially for the students who are away from home and feel alone.

## Students get help with job finding skills

By Sarah Black  
Northerner Contributor

Students will get to test their job-interpreting skills and possibly find their dream jobs at a gathering of employers from the Tri-state and beyond.

The Northern Kentucky University College of Business, along with the Career Development Center, will host Career Connections on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Representatives from nearly 60 businesses and organizations will be available to answer questions about their companies, including current and future employment needs.

Leslie Kyle, advisor and lecturer in the College of Business, said that attending Career Connections would be a good experience to build character and communication skills.

She said talking with the represen-

tatives would help some students become more assertive in interviews. Others can network with potential employers.

Students unsure about their career plans can use this job fair as an opportunity to discover different types of jobs and employers. Kyle said by talking to the employers, students can learn about the companies' missions, services and products.

Kelly Harper, co-op coordinator in the Career Development Center, said the forum can help students choose future employers by comparing what each company offers and by making valuable contacts in the business world.

Keep in mind that the forum should be treated as a professional interview, Harper said. Although there is no dress code, she suggested that students dress in business casual attire. Kyle said students looking for jobs or co-op positions should bring several copies of their

resumes.

Once there, students should plan their time carefully. Harper suggested that students first walk around to get a feel for the set-up, and then target employers they are most interested in.

Although the event is presented by the College of Business, the Career Development Center, Phi Beta Lambda, Marketing, Information Systems, Accounting department and the Entrepreneurship and Finance Clubs, these organizations planned the event so that it would benefit the College of Business majors. However, all NKU students are welcome to attend. "The event is not just for College of Business students. It is open to everyone," Kyle said.

Anyone with questions may contact the Career Development Center in UC room 230, at (859) 572-5681, or the College of Business at (859) 572-6641.

## Technology for a day in N.K.Y.

By Susan Bartels  
News Editor

The second annual Technology Showcase at Northern Kentucky University will take place Wednesday, Oct. 10, a day which has been proclaimed Northern Kentucky Technology Day by Governor Paul E. Patton.

Patton made the proclamation at a press conference held Sept. 26 announcing the acquisition of land for a new community and technical college.

The showcase will feature 40 to 50 booths displaying new products, technological innovations, exhibits and posters. Vendors from as far away as Wisconsin, various departments at NKU and state agencies and organizations will host the booths.

Last year's overwhelming turnout in the University Center ballroom forced a venue change to Regents Hall. The hall, which will hold 100 to 120 booths, allows for future growth.

Gary Pratt, associate provost for the Information Technology office and chief information officer, said the showcase brings in vendors to show off new technologies and the best practices of what NKU is doing.

"It's an opportunity to give students, staff and faculty a chance to see what technology is out there," said Pratt.

Pratt hopes the showcase will

stimulate people's creative juices and get them thinking beyond what they're already doing.

Last year, 11 mini grants were given out totaling \$130,000 to further the use of technology. One of the recipients, Dr. Michael Thompson of the political science department, used his grant to hold what he referred to as a faculty boot camp.

The camp taught 20 NKU faculty members how to use Microsoft Office, Blackboard, the Internet and NKU's computer system.

Another grant, issued to Dr. Brad Scharlott, associate professor of journalism, was used to buy digital cameras for use by students in the photojournalism class.

Many who received the grants last year will have booths this year displaying how the grants were used.

The same amount in grants is being offered again this year. The grants will be awarded in November.

Other scheduled events of the showcase include an invitation-only luncheon, afternoon speaker sessions and a panel discussion.

The luncheon will host keynote speaker Dr. William Brundage of the Kentucky Office of the New Economy. Open afternoon speaker sessions will include Virginia Fox, executive director of Kentucky Educational Television.



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Gary Pratt, associate provost for IT, encourages the showcase's presence for NKU's technological growth.

Also scheduled for the afternoon is a faculty development session and a panel discussion on e-learning and e-business. All afternoon speaker sessions and discussions will take place in the Otto M. Budig theater in the University Center.

Area primary and secondary schools were invited to participate but according to Dr. Valeria Amburgey of the College of Education, none have called to accept the offer. Amburgey said she saw the schools' students and faculty could still attend the showcase.

## DPS Reports

SEPT 20 2001-Thursday-10:37 a.m.

Location: STEELY LIBRARY - THIRD FLOOR - THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING-Under \$300  
Female subject reported that six (6) books were taken from their cases. The book sleeves that contain security devices were found still in the bookcase. The incident is believed to have occurred on 9/19/2001. There were no damage done to the bookcase. The incident remains under investigation.

SEPT 20 2001-Thursday-08:04 p.m.

Location: PARKING LOT Q - STOLEN VEHICLE  
Male subject stated that he parked his vehicle at the listed location at approximately 12:00 p.m. When he returned at 7:30 p.m. he discovered that his vehicle was missing. Vehicle Description is a 1993 Cadillac Eldorado 2 Door - Candy Apple Red. The vehicle was entered into the LINKNCIC Computer System and an attempt to locate message was transmitted to other local police agencies. Note: The vehicle was located abandoned by Cincinnati Police in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday 9/21/01. Incident remains under investigation.

SEPT 24 2001-Monday-09:21 a.m.

Location: 415 JOHNS HILL ROAD, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - COMPLAINT RECEIVED  
Female subject reported that several men yelled obscenities and offensive remarks to her while she was walking on campus. Several male subjects in the area were questioned and advised. Case remains open at this time.

SEPT 25 2001-Tuesday-07:24 p.m.

Location: NORSE COMMONS LOBBY - MEN'S RESTROOM - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-3rd Degree  
University Custodial Crew reported finding that subject's unknown had vandalized a toilet seat and had written graffiti on the wall. The complainants also reported that a trash can was also vandalized. The N.K.U. Physical Plant will be advised of the

damage for clean-up and repairs. The Residential Life Office also received information on this incident, for further disciplinary action, should the person(s) responsible be identified. Incident remains under investigation.

SEPT 27 2001-Thursday-01:20 a.m.

Location: DORMS - NORSE HALL - FIRST FLOOR - THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING-Under \$300  
Residential Life personnel requested an Officer to meet with a Two (2) female subjects wanting to file reports. Upon arrival, Officer met with one (1) complainant who stated that she caught her roommate stealing personal items from her. The first complainant also advised that the roommate may have been stealing personal items from the second complainant. Both complainants stated that they found their missing items in the roommates dresser drawers. The suspect was located and brought to DPS Office for questioning. (See Report #010670, dated 9/27/2001 for additional information.)

SEPT 27 2001-Thursday-01:20 a.m.

Location: DORMS - NORSE HALL - FIRST FLOOR - THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING-Under \$300  
The suspect involved in Report #010669, dated 9/27/01, was located and brought to the DPS Office for questioning. After being advised of her rights, the suspect wrote a statement stating that she did take the personal items from both complainants. The items were confiscated by DPS and placed into evidence. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Campbell County Jail. Copies of these reports will be forwarded to the Residential Life and Dean of Students Office for further disciplinary action. Case remains open at this time.

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# WORLD & NATION

## News

### U.S. in 'hot pursuit' of terrorists, Bush says; officials say special forces operating in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is in "hot pursuit" of terrorists behind the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush declared Friday, as officials said Pentagon special forces had been operating inside Afghanistan. Calls by Democrats for expanded jobless benefits gained ground amid fresh signs of a sputtering economy.

White House officials said Bush had decided to support an economic stimulus package with possible tax cuts for people and businesses. These officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president also had decided to back an extension of unemployment benefits for laid-off workers, though far less than the 52 additional weeks that congressional Democrats want.

### Authorities narrowing search for attack master-minds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a trail of money, travel tickets and communications, U.S. authorities are narrowing their search for the masterminds behind the Sept. 11 attacks to a small group of men in the Middle East and Europe, officials say.

After nearly three weeks of an intense global investigation, the FBI believes the plotting, financing and assistance was conducted by Osama bin Laden sympathizers in England, Germany and the United Arab Emirates, the officials told The Associated Press.

Authorities believe they may have some of the collaborators in custody, including an Algerian pilot whom British prosecutors identified Friday as the primary instructor for some of the airplane hijackers.

### Pakistan's talks with Taliban fail; Washington says U.S. troops already on ground

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Hopes were fading for a diplomatic solution to the standoff in Afghanistan after a Pakistani delegation returned home empty-handed from a mission to persuade the Taliban to hand over accused terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden.

Meanwhile, the trial of eight detained foreign aid workers accused of preaching Christianity was postponed until Sunday in the Afghan capital. It was originally scheduled for Saturday.

A delegation of senior Islamic clerics, together with Pakistani intelligence chief Gen. Mahmood Ahmed, tried and failed Friday to persuade the Taliban to deliver bin Laden, the main suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

### World Trade Center recovery could top \$30 billion, take years to complete

NEW YORK (AP) — The price tag of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center will be nearly \$40 billion, an early estimate of what it will cost to remove debris, pay overtime and rebuild subways and skyscrapers, officials say. Clearing up the estimated 1.2

million tons of rubble will cost \$7 billion alone and take up to a year to complete, officials said Friday in providing rough cost estimates of the destruction left when hijacked airliners obliterated the trade center.

Crews began demolishing the remains of an adjacent building damaged by the trade center collapse, crashing a wrecking ball through its roof early Saturday.

### U.N. approves resolution requiring all countries to deny money, support and sanctuary to terrorists

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Acting with unusual speed, the U.N. Security Council has approved a sweeping resolution sponsored by the United States requiring all 189 U.N.-member nations to deny money, support and sanctuary to terrorists.

The legally binding resolution adopted unanimously Friday night is a significant international response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte called it "an unprecedented resolution against terrorism in the work of the United Nations."

### National Guard soldiers take to nation's airports in attempt to keep the skies safe

DENVER (AP) — Airline passengers encountered National Guard soldiers at airports across the country as states followed a presidential order to call up troops to fend off potential terrorism threats.

National Guardsmen packing M-16s and pistols and wearing camouflage fatigues were visible at several airports Friday. Many states were in the process of activating soldiers and were expected to have them in airports in coming days.

### President Bush recommended that states begin calling up Guard units until longer-term security can be put in place.

### Man fatally shot after Britain tells Protestant group to stop riots, attacks on Catholics

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The death of a Catholic journalist who was fatally shot in front of his wife as he walked home from a pub has raised the stakes in Britain's just-launched effort to quell violence by Protestant militants.

Martin O'Hagan was the first journalist gunned down in the three-decade Northern Ireland conflict. He had made many enemies within the ranks of the Protestant paramilitary underworld because of his hard-hitting reports on their alleged criminal rackets and murders.

His death Friday came hours after Britain warned Northern Ireland's largest outlawed Protestant group to stop attacks on Catholics and police or face the political consequences.

### Palestinian killed, Israeli soldier wounded, scores injured in clashes

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a 17-year-old Palestinian during clashes Saturday in the Gaza Strip, threatening to derail a fragile truce.

declared last week.

Dozens of others were injured in the clashes, including an Israeli soldier, hospital officials said.

The violence followed clashes with Israeli troops that killed six Palestinians on Friday, the one-year anniversary of the latest Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Another Palestinian was killed when the bomb he was making exploded prematurely.

### Juliette hits Mexico's Baja peninsula, regains hurricane strength

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Juliette lingered over the southern tip of Baja California on Saturday, causing heavy flooding and claiming its third victim — a fisherman whose boat capsized in heavy seas.

Police and rescue workers struggled to form human chains across a raging river that cut across the resort city of Cabo San Lucas, stranding some 3,000 people, some of whom had sought shelter at local schools after their homes were destroyed.

The body of a 33-year-old fisherman was found floating in rough seas Friday near Huatambampo, Sonora, a mainland Mexico port 250 miles north of Cabo San Lucas. A man surfed his way to the boat in which he and two other men were traveling.

### Markets gain back nearly half of losses suffered in week after terrorist attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street wrapped up one of its biggest weeks and began pulling the Dow Jones industrial average back up after a record fall in the wake of

the terrorist attacks.

By Friday evening, the Dow had made up 44 percent of its losses from the previous week and recorded its second-highest weekly point gain, 611.75, not far off its record point gain of 666.41 in March 2000.

The Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq composite stock indexes also made significant recoveries from their lows as investors, while mindful of the fragile economy and upcoming third-quarter earnings reports, bet on bargain stocks.

The Dow finished the week at 8,847.56.

### Collector has 3 million-plus reasons to root against Bonds' home run chase

Todd McFarlane has more than 3 million reasons to root against Barry Bonds' chase to break Mark McGwire's record of 70 home runs.

Two years ago, he paid \$3.05 million for McGwire's 70th home-run ball.

Friday night, Bonds hit his 68th homer, and he has eight more going in.

"I'm the village idiot, what can I say?" McFarlane said this week from his Phoenix office.

McFarlane, 40, can afford to make fun of himself. A part-owner of the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, the Canadian-born collector struck it rich by creating the comic book and animated HBO show "Spawn."

The publicity McFarlane gained by buying the prize ball at auction in 1999 has brought him credibility in his sports business ventures.

All stories contributed by AP News Service.

## The price of terrorism

By DEEPTI HAJELA  
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"It's probably too early anyway, and no one can really say what the final costs will come to," said Kenneth Golding, a consultant who had come to see the site Friday night. "Also, it seems demeaning to try and put a dollar value on what happened."

U.S. Senate aides said Friday that government officials are looking at a price tag of \$39 billion, which includes about \$8.2 billion for rebuilding the trade center. But they said no decision had been made whether to rebuild the complex.

The costs also include \$4.1 billion for repairing and improving subways and \$3.6 billion in overtime and other associated costs for police, firefighters and other city workers.

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### Price tag of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center alone nearly total \$40 billion.

remains of the adjacent World Trade Center 4 building damaged by the collapse, crashing a wrecking ball through its roof early Saturday.

The building, which included a shopping concourse, was partially collapsed by the millions of pounds of rubble that fell after the attacks.

Kathleen Hart walked past crews working at the site late Friday and said it was too early to talk about rebuilding.

The attack is still too fresh in people's minds, and the fear of the additional terrorist attacks remains," said Hart, 28, of New York. "I think it's premature right now."

As debris continued to be removed from ground zero, mourning for victims continued. At least 16 funerals or memorial services were scheduled Saturday around the metropolitan area.

The mayor has already warned that the bodies of some of the 5,960 missing victims may never be found. As of Friday, 306 bodies had been recovered from the rubble.

City officials said Friday that officials were on the verge of announcing "this is not a rescue operation anymore."

Once the rescue workers pull back, heavy-duty excavation equipment will be brought in.

said Mark Loizeaux of Controlled Demolition Inc. The remaining workers will be trained to spot human remains and remove them "with the maximum possible dignity," he said.

Removing the debris is not without controversy. Police said Friday that some scrap metal may have been diverted to mob-controlled businesses rather than the Staten Island dump where investigators are examining the rubble for clues and DNA. A grand jury is investigating.

The traffic jams of earlier in the week were eased Friday by restrictions on single-occupant cars headed into Manhattan. Cars with solo drivers were barred from entering Manhattan via certain bridges and tunnels from 6 a.m. to noon.

"It seems to me that it worked, and it worked well," Mayor

Rudolph Giuliani said, adding that mass transit ridership appeared higher.

Traffic for the evening rush hour was helped when the Holland Tunnel — closed since the attack — was reopened to outbound traffic on Friday afternoon. The traffic restrictions were not scheduled to be in effect this weekend.

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## Invasion of the spacefruit: part II

Have they come to conquer us, or to live in harmony with us?

By James Proffitt  
Distribution Manager

Last week, we informed you that the "watermelons" on our campus are actually believed to be fruit creatures from outer space. Over the last week, we have uncovered a sufficient amount of evidence to support this theory. Junior journalism major Cheryl Ritchie, who says she enjoys "the refreshing juicy flavor of watermelons," claims that a reliable source actually saw the fruit life forms land on our campus.

"One of my homies saw a big saucer land behind campus," said Ritchie. "This just shows that aliens do visit us, and I bet they're mad. Like mad mad, yo."

Assuming this is true, one would wonder why the "watermelons," if they are from space and if they are trying to keep their presence a secret, would land in such an open spot where so many people could see them. Could it be that the aliens are stupid? Senior elementary education major Bill MacFarland, who says he was against the idea of watermelons on our campus from the beginning, offered this opinion.

"I'll tell you what's stupid," MacFarland begins, "not watermelons but the freaking Northerner. Did you see the picture caption on the back of the first issue? 'Sticky mud?' What the heck?"

### Fictitious Comedy

Coincidentally (or perhaps not), MacFarland was attacked later in the day (as was I) by the ferocious watermelon plants. We both managed to escape thanks to the help of sophomore psychology major and karate expert, Sarah Ward-Napier. Before helping us however, she snapped a couple of pictures of us struggling to break away from the vicious vines.

After the mess, she asked "What's next, a cruel cabbage patch?"

Curious as to what other people thought about the watermelons, we decided to survey a great number of students and employees of NKU. We found that almost everybody has a different opinion, and many of the people offered valuable information (intentionally or not) that could help to solve this maddening melon mystery.

First off, one can't help but notice that the invaders fit almost perfectly into the campus' structure (mudged just around the often overlooked cement benches outside of the library). Maureen Jacobs, editor and chief of the Northerner, replied in this manner when asked how the melons found such an ideal spot to live on campus.

"Oh, I think the Northerner helped them find the spot. I mean... oops... ah, no... Never



mind." Sophomore Tom Jewell, history, was angered that watermelons had attacked his fellow students, and gave the watermelon this stern warning.

"Darn dirty watermelons!!!" Jewell screamed. "I pity da melon that tries to grow on my campus. Those melons jumping students from behind is strictly chicken tactics. The fact that people claim their a threat to this campus is just jibba jabba. Let them attack students who pass by if they want to, but I just hope they know that if I'm around, they're gonna get themselves squashed."

Junior Jeremy Hill, information systems, echoed Jewell's sentiment.

"If those watermelons cause any more problems, they'll be ripped from their vines and taken out of

here in a ditty bag," Hill said. "An itty bitty ditty bag."

The issue of student safety from fruit vines is a growing concern on our campus. At this moment however, it will be left for students to look out for themselves. Even DPS can't help in this situation.

"I'm sorry," said DPS head Jeff Butler, "but watermelon patch eradication does not fall under the jurisdiction of the department of public safety."

This fact will probably make many students even more uneasy about sharing their campus with evil watermelons from space, may even give some students the dreaded "ecgiee begee's."

However, be assured good reader, that this investigation is far from over, and when we have more information, you'll have it too.

Watermelons sprouting along the campus are slowly but steadily overpowering NKU students as they go to and from classes. Please be careful!!

Photos by Sarah Ward-Napier

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## Help keep NKU's campus clean

By Kelly Whitlock  
Staff writer

On Saturday, Oct. 6, the Alpha Rho chapter of Zeta Phi beta, Inc. sorority will sponsor the Campus Clean-Up Day at Northern Kentucky University.

All students, faculty and community members are invited to participate in the event. Activities include picking up paper, cigarette butts and other trash littering the campus.

The clean-up efforts will focus on the main campus and work will begin at 11 a.m. with a meeting in the Norse Commons Circle. All necessary cleaning supplies will be provided.

For those who would like to participate in this service project, sign-up sheets will be located all over campus, including the Student Life Office, Norse Commons Desk, Kentucky and Commonwealth desks, African American Student Affairs Office and the University Center Information Desk.

One of the key principles of the

Zeta Phi Beta sorority is service.

"Our goals are to serve and educate the community," said Karyn Mize, chapter president.

She added that the members are looking forward to getting all students involved in being responsible for the environment in which they live rather than depending on others to care for it. They hope that by organizing this activity, students will become more aware of the need to keep the campus clean.

"Although we have the physical plant taking care of the campus, it is also our responsibility to make sure our campus is clean," said Tunisha Thomas, chairwoman of the chapter's service committee.

It is hoped that students will be encouraged to take pride in keeping the school litter-free and attractive to other students and visitors.

This will be the first time the sorority will host a campus clean-up day. The organization is relatively new, having only been present on campus since 1999.

One of the most notable events

hosted by Zeta Phi Beta was the "Klozing da Gaps" fashion show, which was held in September. This event promoted social interaction among various student groups and helped in making a donation to a health awareness program.

Mize, a senior-elementary education major, said her favorite program sponsored by the organization was the "Let's Be Blunt Program" which taught the affects of drugs.

"A lot of people left the program with a great awareness (of the consequences of drugs)," she said.

Members of Zeta Phi Beta hope the Campus Clean-Up Day will be as successful as some of their past programs so they will be able to sponsor it again in the future.

For further information about the Campus Clean-Up Day, contact Tunisha Thomas at zeta1920@nku.edu or (859) 572-7675. General information about the Zeta Phi Beta organization can be found by accessing its Web site by using www.nku.edu.

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## Being a Liberal has its advantages

By Cheryl Ritchie  
Assistant Features Editor

Approximately 80 people have earned the associate's degree in liberal studies from Northern Kentucky University, since its approval on Sept. 18, 2000. Currently, 50 NKU students are LS majors.

"Students are happy with this degree because it has given them some motivation to keep going," said Dr. Michele Peers, advising specialist and lecturer in literature and language. "Students who get raises at their jobs are happy with it."

"I think employers are looking for a well-rounded person," said Janis Cassiere, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Amanda Robinson, an LS major, said she just received a \$2 raise at her job. She will receive her degree this fall and said she feels like she is getting somewhere.

"I was ready to quit school," said Robinson. "I felt I was getting nowhere. So I called up the school for a general studies degree and they sent me to Michele Peers."

Robinson added that she feels secure about getting this degree and is going to continue attending school.

Any NKU student is eligible for LS degree if he or she has an undergraduate status or less than 64 credit hours in a declared major. To earn the degree, the LS major must fulfill the general studies requirements and have a grade point average of 2.00 or higher on all college work

attempted at NKU.

An LS major is also required to earn a minimum of 15 semester hours from two different disciplines within the chosen area of study. The areas are: natural science, humanities, fine arts, mathematics, computer science and behavioral and social sciences. The student must have a minimum total of 64 semester hours with the last 20 taken at NKU.

According to Peers, none of the nearby universities or colleges offered this degree when NKU started it.

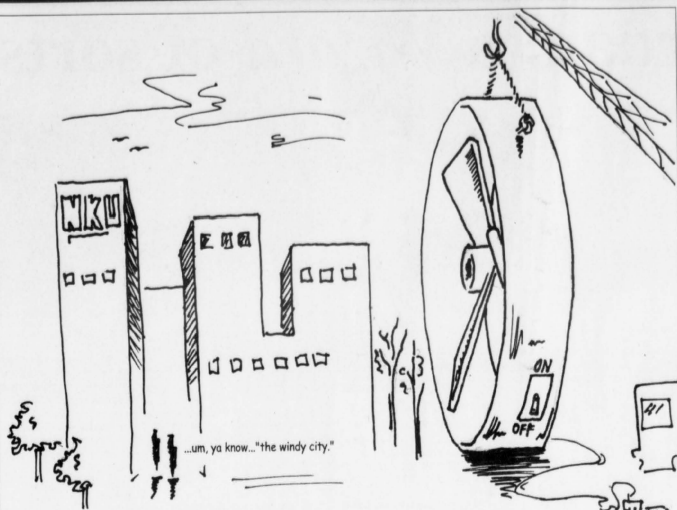
"I think one of them has picked it up since then," she said.

Cassiere said, "I hope this degree develops into a minor."

For more information contact the Academic Advising Office at (859) 572-5860.



# VIEWPOINTS



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## Cola Wars

By Karen Andrew  
 Copy Editor

I realize that soft drinks aren't as important as planes running into buildings but they are still an everyday element in our lives. Life goes on and so do the Cola Wars. Or I should say, the Soft Drink Wars. I don't think it's really a matter of which is better, Coca Cola or Pepsi. It's been my observation that most people here on campus, as well as at work, love Mountain Dew. So, why can't our vending machines and food service sell both Coca Cola and Mountain Dew, just as long as there's enough caffeine to go around for everyone? I really don't care if the university could not negotiate to have both soft drink companies here. And I really don't appreciate that most people around here either prefer Coke or don't care or love Mountain Dew.

The exclusion of Coke products from Northern Kentucky University has caused me some real problems. The day after the Pepsi-only machines were installed, I freaked out. I went to several vending

## North Poll

**"How would you feel if the United States reinstituted the draft?"**



**Darrell Garrett**  
 Pre-Law, Fr.

I would be upset. I would rather serve my country by paying taxes.

**Chad Hauke**  
 Construction management, Soph.



That would be alright with me. If they need troops that is the way to do it.



**Jim Wallace**  
 Finance, Jr.

I would go. I feel terrorist actions can't be tolerated.

**Kevin Gardner**  
 Physical Education, Sr.



I would feel really upset. I don't want to fight no one's war!

machines in Landrum and discovered the horror - no more Coke! I decided to go ahead and purchase a Diet Pepsi so I could get to class on time. What a mistake! I drank about half the bottle and had to throw the rest away. I couldn't force any more of that nasty stuff down my throat. And I wasted a dollar too!

On Friday I decided to get some lunch off-campus since I had to go to the bank too. I had forgotten that my two favorite, closest-to-the-campus fast-food places (Arby's and Taco Bell) sold only Pepsi products. I went ahead and bought a sandwich at Arby's but decided I wasn't going to be railroaded by Pepsi. I drove down to Hardee's and wasted my gas and time sitting in the drive-up

line for a Coke. Well, it was worth it. And Hardee's is my new friend - after all, they are just as close as Arby's and Taco Bell. And good news for Coke fans, we can also get Coke at Wendy's and Burger King, we just have to drive a little further. A few days ago I happily discovered a Coca Cola vending machine outside of the Skyline Tavern.

But my two experiences have taught me a couple of things: first, remember to bring a Coke from home or settle for coffee. Second, if we want something badly enough, we will have to try a little harder, drive a little further and think a little more about our plans for the day. Pepsi will not win over me. Coca Cola still rules!

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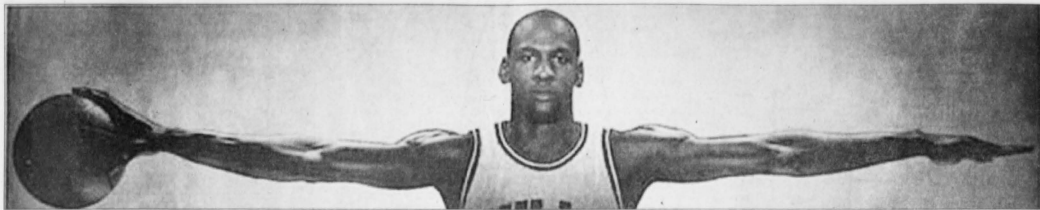
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## SPORTS

## Michael Jordan: a Wizard of sorts



His Airness: Michael Jordan announced the end of his retirement last Tuesday when he decided to come back to the NBA and play for the Washington Wizards. Jordan will donate his first year's salary—\$1 million—to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

By Genaro C. Armas  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Suddenly, everyone wants to see the Washington Wizards.

Typically one of the NBA's weaker draws, the Wizards have become one of the biggest attractions around the league since Michael Jordan announced he was coming out of retirement to play for Washington.

Phone lines were ringing off the hook in Seattle and Boston. Interest in Bulls' season tickets peaked as fans wondered what it would be like to see the man who won six championship rings in Chicago play in a uniform that wasn't red and black.

And at Jordan's new home court, MCI Center in Washington, people who thought they would never pay money to watch the Wizards play

lined up for seats.

"Did you think I was going to buy tickets to see (Kwame) Brown and (Richard) Hamilton play. No way," lawyer I. Hope Umans said Wednesday about Jordan's new teammates before paying more than \$2,000 for two season tickets.

"I just want anything that will get me into the building," Umans said.

The ticket frenzy began soon after Jordan made his comeback official in a statement Tuesday.

Citing his love for the game, Jordan sold his ownership stake in the team and relinquished his position as president of basketball operations to resume his playing career.

Individual game tickets for the Wizards' two visits to Boston have sold out. The Celtics limited the number of tickets people could buy to see the Wizards to four.

Mike Golub, senior vice presi-

dent of business operations for the Memphis Grizzlies, said the phones had been ringing since Jordan's announcement.

"When the news broke, the business probably tripled and today is our best sales day," Golub said.

"This will be a slam-dunk sellout," Milwaukee Bucks season ticket holders can purchase up to four additional individual game tickets per account to any other games,

"and obviously, they've focused on the Lakers and Washington games," sales director Jim Grayson said.

The season ticket holders anticipated Jordan's comeback and began snapping up those tickets.

"It's a benefit of owning season tickets, that you basically get first dibs on additional tickets to the big games," Grayson said.

With the Bucks reaching the Eastern Conference finals last year,

"there already was a huge buzz in Milwaukee and this (Jordan's return) only heightens the demand," he said.

The Denver Nuggets added their March 20 game against the Wizards to 10-game ticket packages. Paul Andrews, vice president of ticket sales, said he expected the game to be sold out by the time regular ticket sales open Oct. 6.

"That is the most high-demand game by far and every team will tell you that," Andrews said.

At the MCI Center ticket counter, there was a brief wait at a booth that sold only season tickets. Team spokesman Matt Williams said that was because most season tickets were done over the phone.

"This morning was the decision-maker," Mike Sami said about making up his mind to buy tickets. He paid \$3,700 for two tickets to see all 41 home games.

"Jordan is going to do the team good, and he's going to do the city good," Sami said.

Williams said as of Wednesday, 1,000 new season ticket packages were sold since Jordan's announcement. That boosts the number of total season ticket plans sold to 13,000, surpassing the previous high of 12,000 set in 1997, when MCI Center opened.

Ten- and 20-game ticket plans for the Wizards already were sold out. In addition, the Wizards set aside 1,500 seats to be sold individually, without a season-ticket plan. Those tickets go on sale Monday.

"Certainly, we've been getting more calls about tickets this early in the season than we've ever had," Williams said.

In Chicago, fans marked Jan. 19 and March 1 on their calendars. Those are the days when Jordan and the Wizards visit the Bulls.

"In the market where he played and won six championships, they really want to see him," team spokeswoman Sebrina Brewster said.

Brewster said individual game tickets don't go on sale until Oct. 6, and when they do there will be only about 1,000 of them.

She said the team is, however, selling season-ticket packages and four different 11-game packages, two of which include one of the two games the Wizards play in Chicago.

Even people like Scott Baird, a hockey fan who up to now had little interest in basketball, pondered whether to buy Wizards tickets. Baird was waiting in line at MCI Center for tickets for the Washington Capitals.

"Yeah, I'd see him play. Michael is Michael, he's such a special athlete," Baird said. "He can do whatever he wants."

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# Other News

## What the...? telepathic pets

By JANET CAGGIANO  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, Va. — Zing's owner is certain that Jim Worsley read the mind of her rambunctious American Staffordshire terrier and helped her conquer canine agility courses.

Jade Golo thinks that Worsley's long-distance telepathy saved her horse's life.

Worsley is an animal communicator. For a fee — around \$50 per session — he says he can telepathically discuss with pets any issues happening at home.

Don't appreciate your cat's sudden urge to claw the furniture? Want to know why your dog is urinating on the carpet? After "talking" to your pet, Worsley says he can give you the answers and help correct the problem.

"Typically, it's animals having people problems," Worsley, a Henrico resident, said. "My job is to find out what the problem is. That's when people make the adjustments."

Golo's adjustment occurred earlier this summer when her 21-year-old horse, Dusty, was in respiratory distress from allergies. But after one session with Worsley, she said, the horse was on the road to recovery.

While Golo is a firm believer, critics abound.

"It really reflects a general kind of reliance on very little fact ... and a

person's gullibility," said Craig Kinsley, acting chairman of the psychology department at the University of Richmond. "They want to so desperately understand the world around them that they are willing to accept it."

There is no scientific proof that animal communicators actually do what they claim. And no license or diploma is required to proclaim your self Dr. Dolittle.

Despite criticism, animal communicators are becoming more popular. "There is no focus-pocus," said Worsley, a former band director who averages five or six clients a week.

"We all live together in this world and we talk to animals all the time. All I'm talking about is communicating in a way that might make a difference."

For Golo, a Pennsylvania resident who got Worsley's name from a friend, animal telepathy might have meant the difference between life and death, she said. When veterinarians told her they had done all they could for her horse, she called Worsley, who says that Dusty spoke to him telepathically and explained his troubles.

He felt he had lost his purpose and was worried by the stress he sensed from Golo.

Worsley told Golo to write down messages for Dusty. "You only need to breathe for yourself and no

one else," "leave my stress to me" ... and tape them on the stall door.

Within days, Golo said, Dusty was eating and drinking again. He was playing with the other horses. She's even regained the 250 pounds he lost when he was sick. While Golo feels the veterinarians played an important part in Dusty's recovery, she can't deny Worsley's role.

"It's hard to prove what they do and don't do because it's not scientific," Golo said. "But I truly believe."

In most cases, Worsley said, animal communicators don't need to meet your pet face to face. Most "conversations" are done over the phone, with communicators requiring only the pet's name, age and physical description.

A session typically begins with animal communicators asking clients to close their eyes and picture their pet. They'll do the same. They say they are able to telepathically communicate with the animal by sending thoughts through pictures and feelings. They then receive images, sensations or emotions back.

"I don't consider what we do to be psychic," said Patty Summers, an animal communicator in Evinston.

"There are psychic elements to it, but what I'm doing is communicating with the animal. I'm a mediator."

Miss Stockings wasn't at all impressed when another cat in the household had kittens. To show her distrust, she would hiss at them, smack them in the face and then run. "That's when the cat's owner, Dee Bray-Ware of Thaxton, called Summers for a consult. Through Summers, Bray-Ware recalled, Miss Stockings said, "I know you think these kittens are cute, but I don't like them. I want them gone."

In front of the kittens, Summers explained to the older cat that she had

a lot of responsibilities.

Summers then asked the cat if she liked her name. Not so much, came the response.

"How about Princess Stockings?" Summers asked.

The cat seemed pleased with her new title and role. Bray-Ware said, because she immediately stopped hissing and smacking.

When Penelope Smith entered the field of animal communication in the early 1970s, there was only a handful of others. While the California resident continues to be one of the most well-known, there are hundreds more today who say they can converse with our furry and feathered friends.

As demand rose over the years, Smith stopped offering consultations. Instead, she teaches workshops so others can learn the practice.

"I think more and more people are realizing we can't live in artificial separation," said Smith, who has written several books on the subject. "We are destroying our own lives by ignoring the natural connection. Lots of people are feeling that disconnection. We are naturally returning to what natures us and the earth."

At area animal hospitals, veterinarians see the strong bonds that form between people and their pets every day. They can understand why animal lovers want that communication to be real.

"Animals can provide something no human being can provide in an unconditional way," said Dr. Ed Fallai, a partner and internist for the Veterinary Referral and Critical Care Clinic in Manakin. "People want to know everything they can about the

## EMAIL

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think we are alone in trying to contact students using e-mail."

Manke said the education department will add additional orientation meetings later on in the semester. Many other departments use e-mail to send information to students, said Dr. Gail Wells, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences because it is quick and efficient.

"Students need to be alerted to e-mail as a means of communication with their teachers," Wells said.

One major obstacle in getting students to check their on-campus e-mail is clogged message boxes. When students, who haven't accessed their e-mail for a long time try to log on to webmail, they may be unable to access their campus e-mail because it is clogged with too many messages, said Tom Stever, server and operations manager at Information Technologies.

"When they open it up with Web mail, it has to load all the message headers," Stever said. "If there are too many, it can't do it."

To combat this, Freer is spearheading a project to get students to use their e-mail more frequently. Freer said she is trying to get students who don't check their on-campus e-mail to forward their on-campus e-mail to their own personal accounts. Flyers are circulating around campus to inform students on how to forward your e-mail and Todd Duncan, director of university housing is trying to spread the word about the benefits of e-mail to the students in the dorms.

"It(NKU e-mail) gives students the opportunity to know when and where events are taking place," Duncan said. "It helps students get information on student organizations and gets them connected to the campus."

animal they love."

Fallai has no doubt that an understanding between an animal and its human companion does exist. He's just not sure that a stranger can walk into a home, telepathically communicate with an animal and then translate that into English for the pet's owner.

Zing, a 2-year-old American Staffordshire terrier, competes in agility competitions. But a year ago, her owner considered getting rid of the pooch because he was too high-strung and often attacked other dogs during training.

"She just wasn't focused," said Zing's owner, who did not want to be identified.

## Flu season

By Nancy Ball

Northern Contributor

Flu season is fast approaching. Each year, student health services urge students to get vaccinated for the flu. Last year, a shortage of vaccine raised questions regarding this year's vaccine availability.

Michele Kay, the campus health nurse in Northern Kentucky University's Health, Counseling and Testing Services center, said she plans to order 200 doses.

"I have had word from several vaccine manufacturers who say they anticipate a shortage but feel they will be able to meet the demand," Kay said.

University of Cincinnati Pharmacist Melba Wallace said she placed an order in the spring for 700 doses and expects delivery within the next three weeks.

"There can be no guarantee as to the supply that will be available if orders are placed later in the year," Wallace said. "They always produce extra, but if demand exceeds availability, priority is given to those who are at greater risk, or to those who placed their orders early. The recent catastrophe in New York may impact availability, and shift priority for who gets the vaccine."

Peggy Patterson, public relations representative of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department said its flu vaccines are scheduled to arrive sometime in October.

The vaccines will be administered at county centers and are currently being reserved for those people who are 65 years of age or older who are considered high risk due to chronic lung or heart conditions.

The flu vaccine is administered in October and November to ensure maximum benefits. At NKU, the proposed time of vaccine availability is the first part of October.

Specific dates and times will be posted on flyers throughout campus. Vaccinations will be administered until the supply is exhausted.

"If we run out of the vaccine, our department will compile a list of area agencies and organizations offering the injections," Kay said. "The list will be posted at the Health office, and students will be referred there."

The fee for the vaccine has not been set. Kay said, "There may be an increase this year due to the cost of the vaccine to the university. I anticipate the fee to be seven or eight dollars, but it may be as much as \$10."

Who should get the flu vaccine? Kay recommends as many students as possible, particularly those who live in the residence halls or other crowded environments.

"Students with asthma, diabetes or other chronic heart or lung con-

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dations are especially at risk," Kay

said.

Many students do not take the vaccine because they believe it causes the flu.

"Technically, you can't get the flu from the vaccine," Kay said. "If your health is already compromised by a slight cold or poor diet, it is possible you could become ill more easily. You could become ill if you are allergic to the components of the vaccine, but students are well-screened prior to receiving the injection."

Health officials say the best defense against the flu is a strong offense. Get vaccinated, eat properly, get plenty of rest, and try to avoid those around you who are obviously ill.

Students who wish to receive the vaccine should call the Health, Counseling and Testing Services at (859) 572-5650 to make an appointment.

## Correction

In the Sept. 26 issue of The Northerner, the article, "Nursing Course members strive for a louder, prouder NKU," listed the assistant director of student life as Guiney Martin. It should be Guiney Martin. The article also listed the director of student life as Guiney Martin. The article also listed the director of student life as Guiney Martin.

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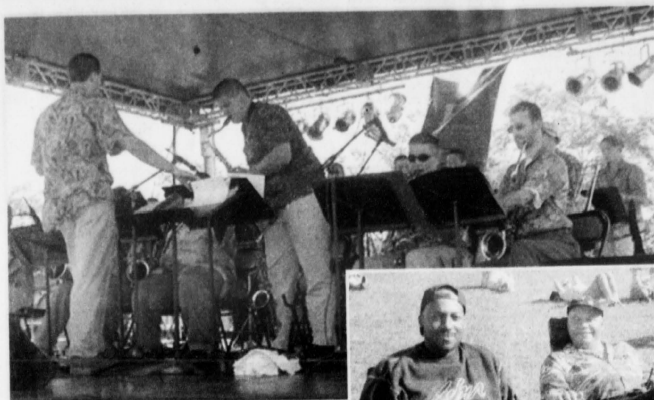
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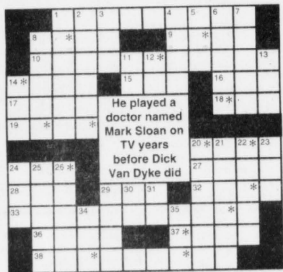


## Jazz Fest 2001

The Activities Programming Board hosted the 2001 Jazz & Blues Music fest on Sunday Sept. 30. Events began at 3 p.m. and lasted till 10:15 p.m. on Northern Kentucky University's soccer field. Featured guests included the NKU Jazz Band, Saxophonist Ron Jones, Trompeter Mike Wade, Drummer Art Gore and Guitarist Wilbert Longmire. The event was free to the public but donations went to various charities such as Habitat for Humanity. Above: NKU's Jazz Band rocks the house. Right: Guitarist Wilbert Longmire (in print shirt) and trombonist Marvin Curry of Mike Wade's band kick back with the crowd before their scheduled performances.

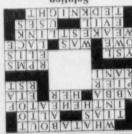


## -TV-CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
1. Jean
  8. Mowry and others
  9. Choir member
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Swedish pop quartet
  15. Husband's Affairs
  16. I of 24, in Greece
  17. \_\_\_\_\_ 13: 40 Lloyd Nolan
  18. Encyc. volume, perhaps
  19. Indian queen
  20. 78 and 45
  24. Fashion designer's monogram
  27. Whitney & Wallach
  28. Be obligated
  29. That Was the Week That \_\_\_\_\_ (64-65)
  32. Charli
  33. Sheedy TV movie
  34. The \_\_\_\_\_, unusual game show
  35. \_\_\_\_\_ That Men Do '84 Charles Bronson film
  37. Employers
  38. 76 Best Supporting Actor in a sitcom (2)
- DOWN**
1. Stein's Money
  - 1962 John Wayne movie
  - Word with tray or can
  - Actor on The Beverly Hillsbillies
  - Suffix for pay or Motor



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## WORD LINK

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P A S S I L S  
C A R M E

Now rearrange the letters you filled in to spell the name of

A Sitcom Actor:

\_\_\_\_\_

TV Words: Wagon Train, Jane Seymour, Passions, Charmed, Answer: John Goodman.

## WORD SEARCH

S F E I H C Q E S T E E L E R  
Z V B E A R S T K W A H A E S  
X V I S O C N O R B Q P R H N  
Q C S K J A G U A S E L G A E  
S A Z F I S W B C B R O W N V  
R R J G X N R B E O L I O N A  
E D P E Y U G E W N W B Z Q R  
K I F A L C O S D K G B C F X  
N C N V W T I T A N I Y A O W N  
A A F Q B R Q E H J A X L Y K  
P L X Z S N I K S D E R T S S  
X S U Q T V N O R B J T S J X  
C H A R G E R S T X Q V S Z F  
Z T D O L P H I N S B E A R S  
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**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**

Things will get worse before they get better. As long as you are working toward a goal, you can handle almost anything.



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

A friend has some unusual news and you aren't certain how to respond. You will play a significant role in a new business venture.



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

If your energy has been lagging, it may be time to take a look at your diet and exercise programs. Assume a more healthful attitude.



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

A short trip with a loved one can be much more romantic than you expected. Go with the flow and see what happens.



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

Keep your sense of humor in the workplace. Find a way to get rid of the negative energy that surrounds you.



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

An old friend helps you see a situation in a new light. This is a chance for you to begin again - do it right this time.



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

There are some circumstances beyond your control. Concentrate your efforts on a task that will make a difference.



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

You have an opportunity to make some positive changes in your life, and you should take it. Don't worry what others will think.



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

Start being a doorman in the relationships that matter most to you. If you can't be yourself with those you love, then do something about it.



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

A new person comes into your life and shakes things up. Consider taking a class or learning a new hobby.



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

Entertain your friends in an unusual way. Create a theme party and make sure they all participate. Times of great joy are ahead.



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

A friend needs your help, but won't appreciate the advice that goes with it. Someone from the past shows up, and you wonder what it means.

**Born this week:**

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 30 - Lacey Chabert | Oct. 4 - Armand Assante  |
| Oct. 1 - Julie Andrews   | Oct. 5 - Daniel Baldwin, |
| Oct. 2 - Lorraine Bracco | Joie Bissett             |
| Oct. 3 - Neve Campbell   | Oct. 6 - Elisabeth Shue  |

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