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Women's Center gets new home, program

By Anna Weaver
Editor in Chief

Katherine Meyer, coordinator of the Women's Center, said she finally feels at home in the eighth office she's had at Northern Kentucky University.

The Women's Center, along with International Student Affairs, has been relocated from the second floor of the University Center to UC room 366. In its place, rooms 210 through 230, will be the Career Development Center that is currently housed on the third floor of UC.

"We're going to be crunched for a while until after the whole move is complete, but I think this is going to be a great place for us," Meyer said. Meyer said that since July 1988, the Women's Center has been located in three different buildings including the Albright Health Center, the Business, Education and Psychology Building and UC. She said that UC is the most resourceful place because of its central location.

She said students can utilize the ser-

VICES in the UC such as room 232 which provides a private space for group meetings like Women In Transition. She also said it was convenient to be in the same building as the bookstore and the cafeteria.

Meyer said the new office had plenty of space for the Women's Center's increasing number of volunteers, student workers, and interns. She said the lounge is still small like it was in UC 210, but that wasn't a deterrent.

"Students don't have the same needs as they did 10 years ago. Having a smaller lounge area is okay because we can use that space as a work station," she said.

Another program that has benefited from the move by gaining its own office in the Women's Center is the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP), which Meyer said is "the newest way to spell welfare."

Last year, the Women's Center received a \$62,600 grant to assist students on the program.

"The program helps students who are on welfare stay in school and take

CARE of their children so that they can get in a permanent situation where they can be paid enough to support their families," Meyer said.

She said the lounge in the new office will be a place for students to study, meet with other students and use a phone for family emergencies or to call about jobs.

"It will support academics and family needs because that's what these students are trying to balance," Meyer said.

According to Dean of Students Bill Lamb, the offices where the Women's Center and International Student Affairs were located will be renovated to house the Career Development Center.

Lamb said, "[The Career Development Center] is an important function of the university, it's what we do here."

He said that while we talk about all the reasons why students should come to NKU, it is of the utmost importance for students to get jobs.

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Phillip Solomon/The Northerner
Katherine Meyer, coordinator of the Women's Center, said that the new office has plenty of room for the increasing number of student workers.

Fashion with a flair



Kelly Suzdina/The Northerner
"President Clinton" (above) was just one of the many models at the No Sweat Fashion Show on Jan. 14. See story page 4



Norse Hall slipping under stress

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Physical Plant recently discovered that there were some spots in Norse Hall where the floors seem to be slipping away from the structure.

Bill Lamb, dean of students, said that supports have been placed underneath the areas that were thought to be weak to be on the safe side.

"We don't think there's any danger... If we thought there was any immediate danger, we would do much, much more," he said.

Lamb said there is no certainty about the cause of the problem or what kind of solution will be deemed necessary. He said all they can do at this point is speculate. Lamb believes that weather over the course of time may have played a role in the situation.

"All those areas are exposed to the elements. Water has penetrated behind and to the sides," he said.

Lamb said that a specialist inspected the situation last Thursday. Lamb said they will not know how severe the problem is until they receive the report from the specialist.

"I might be something we have to repair," he said.

The students living in the affected area were unaware of what is happening. Lamb said the reason they have not been informed is because "we have nothing to inform them of."

Kim Vance, assistant director of Residential Life, said that they were planning on informing the residents this week.

Sophomore Kelly Scudder said she would like to know what is going on.

"They haven't told us anything. We have no clue what they're doing down there. No one has said anything to us," she said.

Scudder is taking not knowing with a sense of humor.

"It would be nice to know what was happening as we plummet to our death," she said.

Students such as Stacy Blackburn would be satisfied if the University said that the situation is under control.

"If they say it's supported, I'm OK with that. I want to know if it's not. If we're going to fall, it would be nice to know," she said.

Don McInish said they whole situation is a little bit scary.

"They're worrying about the new stuff they're putting in and the old stuff is falling apart," he said.

The students admitted that they are concerned but they do not feel that their lives are in danger by the problem.

Vance said other changes that Norse Hall residents can expect to see is new steps. She said the new steps will not be concrete and therefore will be much more resilient to weather or conditions. Also, she said ice will not freeze on the new steps.

New program for 'the BOS'

By Peter W. Zubaty
Copy Editor

Many people start college, not everyone finishes. The Bachelor of Organizational Studies (BOS) Program is designed with that type of student in mind.

According to a press release, approximately 250,000 people live in the Greater Cincinnati area that have accumulated at least 60 hours of college credit without attaining a degree. Fifty to one hundred thousand of them live in Northern Kentucky. With most people, family and financial concerns take precedence over school.

In the past, institutions of higher learning were rather inflexible when it came to the needs of their students. But in today's society of convenience, universities are beginning to operate with the needs of their consumers—students, in mind. The BOS program is striving to meet these needs.

The program's administrators have worked hard to sharpen the program since it came under the administration of the Department of Technology two years ago. The program is geared toward the non-traditional student, with most courses taught in the evening. The program has made an effort to make consultation and advising available in the evening as well. Dr. Tony Atwater, dean of the College of Professional Studies, spoke of the program's desire to build services around the needs of its customers, along the lines of today's one-stop banking.

"It is good to know that there is a need and that we are providing a service," Atwater said.

As the program grows, it will evolve in coordination with the needs and interests of students. Atwater hopes that evolution will include offering BOS classes at off-campus sites and on the weekends to better serve student needs.

Convenience was an important factor influencing 1999 graduate Ron Green, Green, who is employed as a service engineer at Ethicon, Inc., said the choice of classes in the BOS program and the flexibility was well-structured to suit his career.

"[Program Coordinator] Dr. [Kent] Curtis helped me to organize and clarify what you need to do, what classes to take," Green said.

This can be a problem for many non-traditional students. Atwater said students who are restricted primarily to night classes often have trouble getting the classes they need, obtaining advisement and maintaining focus. After ten semesters of six or nine hours per semester, students have a difficult time seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Green said the time process involved definitely influenced his decision to go with the Bachelor of Organizational Studies.

A student can qualify for the BOS program one of two ways. Potential applicants must have an associate degree from an accredited college or university. Students without a degree must have a minimum of 60 accumulated hours from an accredited college or university, including a technical focus of 24 hours, 2.00 GPA, 18 hours of general studies courses, and meet with and be

accepted into the program by Curtis, the program's coordinator.

The baccalaureate requires a core of 36 hours. The courses focus on developing writing and communication skills, as well as organizational skills. The area of concentration the student enters depends on the student's individual goals and objectives. Technology Department Chair Dr. Charles Pinder mentioned labor studies, office systems, leadership development, and industrial supervision as viable options for students.

"The program is interdisciplinary. This is one of its strengths," Pinder said.

Students and administrators had a difficult time hiding their excitement over the program and its growth. Green said the leadership and communication skills he developed helped him the most.

"It helped me gain a promotion at work," Green added.

The program was modeled after the program at Southern Illinois University. Approximately 100 students are enrolled in NKU's program. This is an increase over the typical 65-70 student enrollment of the past. Pinder attributed some of the increase to an ad flier for the program that was distributed throughout the campus in the fall semester.

"We hope to make this a premier baccalaureate completion program," Dr. Atwater said.

Interested students should contact Program Coordinator Kent Curtis at 572-6325 or the Department of Technology at 572-5440.

Presidential candidates reach out to young voters

(U-WIRE) MANCHESTER, N.H. — Presidential candidates Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan addressed a crowd last Friday morning and took questions from politically-savvy students who came from across the country for the first primary state for the College and High School Convention 2000.

McCain, who is leading in some polls among New Hampshire Republican voters, established his credibility with the youth audience.

"I have a 15-year-old daughter and I attended the MTV Awards. How 'bout that?" McCain said. "I know who Puff Daddy is, Busta Rhymes had a very nice dress on that night that I thought I'd borrow for campaigning."

Each of the candidates who spoke to the audience highlighted the need to get youth involved in the political process.

"If you are not satisfied, if you are not happy with what you see in the political system today, it is a free country," the Republican candidate

Forbes said. "Get up and do something about it, like you are doing here today."

"America belongs to all of us, including you," he said. "Rise to the occasion."

Reform Party candidate Buchanan, who won the New Hampshire primary as a Republican in 1996, invoked the words of President John F. Kennedy, telling college students to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

"There are issues affecting your future and your lives where both Republicans and Democrats agree 100 percent and they don't want you to hear people like me in the presidential debates," Buchanan said. Republican candidate Ambassador Alan Keyes will also address the group. Noticeably absent has been Republican front-runner Texas Gov. George W. Bush and both Democratic candidates, former Sen. Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore.

Students will be representing the

presidential candidates in a mock debate Saturday, and delegates will be voting on a presidential choice. They will also be debating specific issues, such as gun control and abortion and hear from numerous speakers, including former Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) and Democratic strategist James Carville.

The conference's organizers said they saw the lack of youth involvement through their experiences as campaign staffers in previous election cycles, and believe education will lead to activism.

"We are trying to reach out and not only get the students that are involved in the political process but reach out to students who may not be involved right now," said organizer Mike Biundo. "We want to show grassroots politics at its best, which is the New Hampshire primary."

Biundo said he expects 2,000 students from all 50 states to pass through the convention through Saturday.

Rick Mercer, 21, came to New

Hampshire from Alabama to have a chance to get "one-on-one" with the presidential candidates.

"I always like knowing what's going on and seeing the candidates in person," Mercer said.

Jessica Duffy, 19, from Rider University in New Jersey, said she sees some candidates getting more in touch with youth issues.

"By having this convention, they definitely are making an effort to connect with young people and reach out to them," Duffy said. Biundo said he believes the convention's delegates are learning what is at stake for them in the 2000 presidential race.

"Either they are leaving with more conviction or their minds are changed," he said. "Either way, I hope they have gained the tools and the energy to get involved in the political process."

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Honesty may be key

(U-WIRE) MANCHESTER, N.H. — College students from around the country will be voting in their first presidential election later this year and those gathered in New Hampshire this weekend for a mock political convention said they are looking for a true leader to take them to the 21st century.

"I think a presidential candidate definitely has to have leadership qualities," said Jessica Lawton, 21, from the University of New Hampshire. "He or she has to present himself in such a way that you feel confident that the decisions they are making are the ones they feel are the best."

Lawton said last year's impeachment of President Clinton has left students longing for a role model in the Oval Office.

"I think a lot of kids my age are looking for someone that they can look up to," she said. "I think they feel that a lot of corruption has taken place in the government and it has sort of been compounded by the issues that happened with Clinton and they are really looking for someone they feel is

strong and they can support and stand behind."

Earl Graves, 23, from Northwestern State University, agreed Clinton's tenure has left many students longing for a leader.

"I think that a big thing we lost in this last president was basic image, the respect for the president," he said. "And I want a candidate who's going to reinstate that."

Presidential candidates, appealing to youth voters at the College Convention 2000, said they need to make an effort to reach out to young voters.

"I think the key is for campaigners to have real substance, real exciting, bold ideas and an agenda that gets people excited," said Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes. Many people say they are looking for a candidate they consider genuine. "I look for probably honesty and reality more than anything else in a presidential candidate," said Charles Hennan, 19 from Baldwin-Wallace College.

Cheating easier on net

By Carrie Eppler
Staff Reporter

As a new semester begins at Northern Kentucky University, the thought of cheating might come to mind.

According to the NKU student handbook, cheating is any student who uses a dishonest or deceitful means to obtain a grade. Plagiarism is another form of cheating and is categorized by the handbook as a student who submits another's work as one's own without adequate attribution.

At NKU the professor handles most students caught cheating. Students caught cheating by their professors face a number of possible consequences. The professor may lower the student's grade or fail him or her from the course. The student may also be suspended or expelled from the university. The Office of the Dean of Students reports that they only handle about three cheating cases on average per semester.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis, college student cheating is widespread. Rutgers University professor Donald M. McCabe said in an article on the NCPA web page that the schools are simply not willing to expend the effort required to get to the bottom of cheating cases and they are afraid of lawsuits. McCabe founded the

Center for Academic Integrity, a consortium of 200 colleges and universities working to foster academic honesty through the involvement of students, faculty and administrators. McCabe reports that 87 percent of students surveyed in 1993 admitted to cheating on written work, 70 percent cheated on a test at least once, and 26 percent had plagiarized. "Faculty are worried that they challenge a student, it is they, not the student, who will be put on trial," McCabe said.

One of the most popular ways to plagiarize is copying material from the Internet. Entire websites are dedicated to selling or giving away English term papers, as well as other types of research papers. "I knew someone who bought a term paper for an English class for \$100 and got an 'A,'" said Laura Hill, a senior journalism major. "It would be afraid that the teacher had seen it before."

The Internet is also a source for ideas on how to cheat. One Internet site gives ideas from simply making a crib sheet to writing answers on the inside of your shirt pocket. A more complicated cheating idea from the web site is to carefully peel off the label from a water bottle, tape a cheat sheet to the back of it, and then tape it back onto the water bottle.

Most students at NKU haven't witnessed cheating of this caliber.

"I usually see a student with a piece of paper under their test, or they'll write on their desk," said Kelly Carson, a senior journalism student.

"I haven't really witnessed any cheating in college," said Robin Voges, a senior speech communications major. "I used to see it in high school all the time. Although just now, in my last class, a guy asked a girl to write a case analysis for him for communications law. He kept offering to pay her but she refused."

Some students feel that classmates resort to cheating because they are stressed and overworked. "I think students cheat because of stress, deadlines and laziness," Carson said.

In a 1998 poll published in *React* magazine, some of the reasons given for cheating are parents' expectations, the need for good grades to enter a good college, and because they can. "It is easy for students to cheat during tests because the professor leaves the room half the time," Carson said. To combat cheating in college McCabe recommends making students a part of the process by giving them the responsibility to administer honor codes. McCabe said cheating was much less rampant at schools where the code was strongly promoted and students were responsible for handing out punishment.



Philip Solomon/The Northerner
The Career Development Center will soon move to room 210 of the University Center, former home of the Women's Center.

DPS responded to a report that a Residential Assistant believed that a drug deal had occurred. She said she saw a green Chevrolet Corvette pull into a parking space in Parking Lot P. She said that a male exited the car and knocked on the window of a room in the A wing. The occupant of the room talked and they had a conversation. She could not see the person in the room because the male from the car was leaning into the window. She could not give DPS any information such as a license plate.

A case of criminal mischief was reported in lot G.

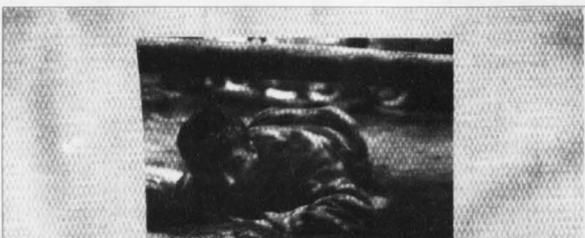
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The total value in damage amounted to approximately \$200. The case is still open.

DPS reported to the Academic Science and Technology building when a fire alarm was activated from the building. One of the students of the Japanese Language School, who was between three and five years old, pulled the fire alarm when his father has his back turned. The DPS officer advised the father that pulling a fire alarm is against

the law. The officer turned the incident over to the school to let them handle the situation themselves.

A DPS officer responded to a medical situation in Norse Commons. An unknown male had cut his finger on a glass table that had broken. The victim said the cut had been bleeding for over half an hour. The officer inspected the cut and told the subject that he believed the cut needed stitches. The officer cleaned the cut with alcohol. The victim did not want the squad called. He said his roommate would take him to the hospital.



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Fate at stake

By Forrest Berkshire
Managing Editor

Over the next few months the future of Northern Kentucky University will be decided.

But it will not be decided by the administrators, the faculty, the students, or anyone whose day to day life will be affected.

It is up to our elected lawmakers in Frankfort. Our representatives, if you will, that will decide whether to approve Gov. Paul Patton's budget request for additional funding for the state's public universities.

What they decide this session is going to affect us, the students, and our day to day lives, the most. The university has expressed the need for additional funding. In fact, university officials have said that they are going to get it.

It is just a matter of where it is going to come from. Will the three and a half million dollars come from the state coffers, or will it come out of our pockets?

NKU President Dr. James Votruba has said that if this funding is not passed, it will mean a significant increase in the tuition we pay.

And that additional three and a half million is only the first step. The next year, 2001-02, the plan calls for double that. We're talking about a lot of money, for us and the school.

NKU is the most under funded school in the Commonwealth. Our tuition already makes up about half of the school's funding.

Compare that with about a third of funding coming from tuition for other schools such as Eastern Kentucky University or Morehead State

University. While those schools will benefit from this, we have the most to gain.

That is why it is time for us to hold our elected officials responsible for their actions. By God, we put them in that office they hold, and we can get them out. In a school that has more than 10,000 students, that is a serious voting block, especially for the office of state representatives.

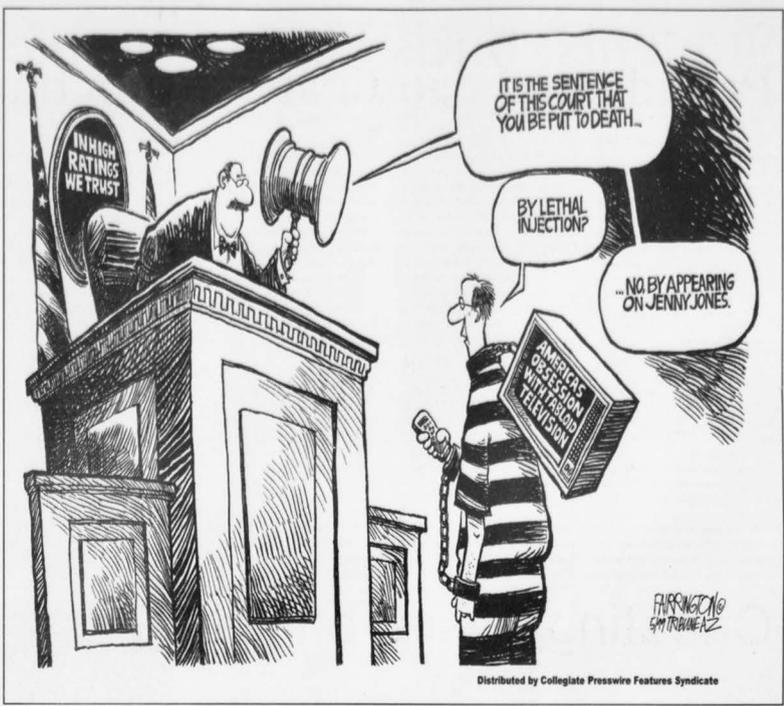
This session marks the first time Republicans have held a majority in the state Senate. They hold two votes in the majority. Gov. Patton urged lawmakers to focus on the issues and not on partisanship. He declared in his State of the Commonwealth Address, "This is a time for statesmanship."

We need to hold them accountable if they decide to behave in the same way as our national representatives. This is not the time for them to start pretending they are in Washington, D.C. and act like squabbling children.

It is up to us to let them know that we are watching. We know what we want, and what we need.

The time is ripe for us to be put on an equal footing with other schools in Kentucky. But storm clouds loom on the horizon for the S.S. NKU if the Republicans decide to flex their muscles and stick to party lines.

Student Government Association President Chris Boggs has said that he is planning a trip to Frankfort this semester to let lawmakers know how much we want this funding. The university is providing transportation for as many students as want to go to travel with SGA in our own lobbying effort. This will be your chance to meet your representative face to face, and tell him what you want and need.



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Faculty art educates

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your story reporting the part of the art faculty exhibit.

The gallery at Northern Kentucky University has become a focal point for a variety of occasions which attract individuals from both the university and regional communities.

Over the years Gallery Director David Knight has worked to bring a variety of exhibits and activities into the gallery space which, I believe, positively add much to the Northern experience for all. The gallery is not simply a part of the social ambience at NKU. The gallery functions in a direct educational sense as well and engages

the viewer in manners as intimate and demanding as performing arts events.

However, as chair I would be remiss not to point out to you that "Dzyrzr Unleashed" is part of the larger annual art faculty exhibit. This year the exhibit is a very good one indeed.

Also, as has been the practice the annual exhibit includes the work of those individuals who teach as adjuncts within the department. This exhibit demonstrates that, in addition to their positive presence as teachers, adjunct faculty add much to the program as artists.

Also, in the larger gallery is the work of first-year faculty member Nick Bonner. Nick has been

brought to NKU to form the visual studies aspect of the department - a most important role.

I would encourage you to revisit the exhibit and witness the full range of talent and expression offered by the art faculty of NKU as they exhibit work in a variety of media, methods and materials.

Too often, because the studio arts are a singular pursuit, the public can too easily overlook the contribution of the studio arts to the full experience of being at a university. Don't miss the opportunity!

Sincerely,

Don Kelm, chair, Department of Art

Ticket dangerous parkers

Dear Editor,

I would like for your paper to address the parking issues here at Northern Kentucky University.

It is getting to be ridiculous trying to drive around in the parking lot, when people have made up their own spots, making it extremely difficult for one car to get around them and impossible for two to fit where they should have no problem at all.

Most recently, the trend has turned to people showing off their parallel parking skills on the curb in the parking lot by the Fine Arts Center.

Just this morning I came in to school at around 8:20 a.m. and noticed these cars illegally parked (and was almost hit by a car who couldn't see me walking in the lot due to these illegally parked vehicles). At 4 p.m. this afternoon, I came back out to leave and noticed these same cars parked in the same spot, with NO TICKET on any of them.

I wonder why the school has to raise tuition and why the bookstore charges such inflated prices when there is a wonderful profit to be made sitting right before the administrations' eyes. If they would simply give these very deserving people a ticket,

the matter would be cleaned up immediately.

Also, why are we bothering with a measly \$15 ticket? Many students would pay that in order to not have to walk. Raise the price up to \$50 when students block up paths that are necessary for safe driving. It is ridiculous that our safety is put at risk so that some people don't have to walk a bit farther than they would like to.

I realize that our parking situation here is far from ideal, but there has to be a better way of solving the problem than the one that is being practiced now.

Jamie L. Greeson

NORTH POLL

When would you guess the new parking garage will finally open?

Rachael Devoe
International Studies
Edgewood
"You're asking me? I didn't even know they were building a garage!"



Jason Cooney
Theatre
Cincinnati
"Maybe 2010, the same year I'm planning on graduating."



Nicole Comer
Music
Covington
"What parking garage?"



Doug Simpson
Information Systems
Alexandria
"Let's see, at the rate they're going - 2050."



Kara Clark
Communications
Highland Heights
"I would guess by April. From what I've heard the delay is due to the construction company. [not NKU]."



Brad Hangler
Political Science
Independence
"I'd like to be as nice as I can, so I'll just say as soon as humanly possible."



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Students, birds flock to university dorm area

By Anna Weaver
Editor in Chief

It's almost like a scene from a Hitchcock movie.

A thousand birds whoosh toward you as you're walking to your home on campus. You cover your face and brace for the worst, only to realize the birds flew past you, darting up and avoiding you at the last moment.

But this isn't a scene from a scary movie, it's a reality at Northern Kentucky University.

Since November, there have been hundreds of thousands of birds roosting behind and around the Woodcrest Apartments, near lot Q. Dr. Tom Rambo, professor of biology, said NKU is an ideal home for roosting European starlings and house sparrows, which are both species, introduced to the United States from foreign soil.

He said the birds chose the area because there is an appropriate number of trees, and the buildings also provide shelter for the birds.

Frank Renfrow, of the Cincinnati Bird Club, comes to NKU weekly to use the health center's facilities. He noticed the roosting in November and started recording his findings. "Every time I go up and look there are more and more," he laughed.

Renfrow noticed that there was also a high population of robins roosting in the area. On Dec. 8, he recorded 15,000 robins in the area and 100,000 starlings.

The number went up to 50,000 robins on Dec. 26 when Renfrow participated in the Audubon Society's winter bird count, which has been monitoring the Cincinnati area for almost 50 years.

Renfrow said the population of robins has fluctuated from years past when the number counted was usually around 200. Renfrow said he sees the increase as a positive change and said it may be due to a couple of factors.

"I talked to several other bird-watchers and we think that it's because of this year's drought, which caused the honey suckle to boost its production of berries," he said. "If you're driving on I-275 near NKU, you can see the red clusters."

Renfrow said the large numbers were a sign that pesticide use was not affecting the robin population severely.

He attributes this largely to Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring" which explored the environmental effects of the pesticide DDT.

Renfrow also noticed from his bird-watching that the robins and

starlings were coming from all around the Cincinnati area to roost at NKU.

He said he saw a flock coming from Ohio over the Ohio River towards NKU. A peregrine falcon, an endangered species, was with the flock due to the abundance of prey, he said.

Renfrow agreed that the area by Woodcrest was ideal for the birds because of the good wooded area, but added that another attracting factor for the birds was probably a supply of water created by a ditch near a utility area on Campbell Drive by Norse Apartments.

He said the lack of hunters and safety in numbers from predators such as the Cooper's hawk are factors for the flocking phenomenon.

Rambo doesn't anticipate many problems for students or the birds as they come together when the spring semester starts. He said the birds are good flyers and can avoid cars easily.

The only problem that could arise, he said, is the same problem that is possible from the ducks that populate Lake Inferior. Bird droppings sometimes contain a fungus that can cause illness.

So, as common sense would tell us, stay away from that.



Jeffrey B. Williams/The Northerner

Reminiscent of Hitchcock's "The Birds," starlings roost in a stand of trees behind the dorms and, at the crack of dawn, fill the skies by the thousands.

NKU graduates make movie that sends a positive message

By Scott Wartman
Assistant Features Editor

After attending Northern Kentucky University for a short time, George Clooney was able to find success in the film industry. NKU graduate and fledgling director James Goldschmidt is hoping to be able to do the same.

Goldschmidt, along with a dedicated group of NKU graduates and students, are making a feature film from scratch.

The movie, which is tentatively titled "#IRC (Pronounced "Channel IRC"), is a romantic comedy about a group of six people who meet on the Internet through an Internet Relay Chat, known as an IRC, devoted to a fictitious band called the Merge.

Gabrielle Dion, one of the movie's co-producers, describes the movie as realistic and says it isn't a "Hollywoodized" version of computers and technology.

"It's the first intelligent movie written for computers," said Dion.

"We are creating a movie about human interaction and how people actually meet and talk over the net."

As an aspiring filmmaker, Goldschmidt says he wants to portray aspects of real life.

"I'm the sort of guy who walks through life and sees moments where I wish I had a camera," Goldschmidt said.

Being an experienced user of IRC, Goldschmidt said he had the idea for #IRC for a long time but

did not begin to make it into a movie until last December. Goldschmidt rounded up a group

of his most talented friends and they began to pound out a script.

Having only a love for film, Goldschmidt and his crew are building the movie from the ground up.

Burdening most of the \$12,000 budget himself, Goldschmidt is devoting many grueling hours, sometimes 40 to 50 a week, into the planning of the film.

Goldschmidt says he hopes to start filming by February.

Making an independent movie is a daunting task, and Goldschmidt said he ran into some skepticism when he decided to embark on this film project.

He said several people, including his mother, told him no one would be willing to work such long hours for no pay and they told him not to get his hopes up.

Goldschmidt said his experience making the film showed him a brighter side to humanity.

"I've learned that people will do something for the sheer love they have for it and are not always ego-driven," said Goldschmidt.

Dion said she feels the movie project sends a positive message out to NKU faculty and alumni.

"The movie will allow alumni and faculty to see what some students do and that there are motivated students out there," said Dion.

Part of the arduous work for the crew of #IRC has been assembling the fictional band called the Merge.

"The band is kind of the same concept as the Monkeys or Spinal Tap only more serious," said Goldschmidt.

The band is comprised of real musicians who are going to write the movie's soundtrack.

Chuck Meyer, a 1997 NKU graduate, plays the bassist in the band and says he really enjoys his experience at acting.

"Acting is definitely something you get addicted to," said Meyer. "I like the atmosphere of experimentalism involved in acting, especially in independent films like this one."

Goldschmidt said one of the themes in the film is how music can serve as a backdrop to people's lives and how some people will become obsessed with certain bands.

"I always wondered why people dedicate their lives to a certain group," said Goldschmidt. "I find people like that interesting."

Goldschmidt estimates that the film will be completed around April 2000.

The movie will be sent to many different film festivals in hopes of getting shown.

Co-producer Dion said they will also try to get the Esquire theater in Clifton to play the film.

Goldschmidt said the key strength of #IRC are going to be its characters.

He said people will be able to relate to the characters and their situations.

Goldschmidt says he is not making this movie for fame or fortune.

However, he does say his reasons are selfish.

"I am making the film to please myself," said Goldschmidt. "I'm doing it because I love film."



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

The No Sweat Fashion Show introduced sweatshop-free clothing brands worn by student models.

Free fashion promotes awareness

By Kelly Sudzina
Executive Editor

Sporting good fashion sense was no sweat for participants in the No Sweat Fashion Show in the University Center Ballroom on Jan. 14.

The free show to raise awareness of sweatshops was sponsored by United Students Against Sweatshops, Residential Hall Advisers and Northern Kentucky University's various fraternities and sororities.

"I just wanted to raise student awareness. I wanted a cross section of student life to be there," said coordinator Stephanie Stern, founder of USAS. "It was a great turnout and an awesome display of student solidarity."

The ballroom was decorated for the show with silver and red streamers and the runway was surrounded by silver balloons with smaller blue streamers

scattered around. Behind the runway, there was a video screen presenting silent sweatshop awareness clips. A live disc jockey gave the models some reasons to move to and the masters of ceremony introduced the models and said things about where their sweatshop-free clothes came from and how they were made.

The model who was crowned the "No Sweat" king after the show was senior psychology major Mike Hill.

"I'm just doing it for the cause," said Hill. "We should fight for the humanity and the rights of all people—especially children, because they're the ones being manipulated in all of this. Somebody has to try and show their care and I'm happy to have a chance to support the cause."

In her introduction before the show, Stern said to the audience, "Just by showing up you made a statement.

You showed you support this."

One of the students who showed support as a viewer was undeclared freshman Dan Jenkins. "A friend called me and told me about it, told me to come. She couldn't make it," Jenkins said. "I've got the flier against Nike. I don't like Nike."

The Nike flier was just one of the many fliers and other types of information available to those that came.

One of the main focuses of USAS is that they are trying to get the bookstore to sell clothing that is not made in sweatshops.

"We want the bookstore to sell clothing that is only made under socially responsible labor conditions," Stern said. "We're trying to erase any trace of sweatshop labor on campus."

"We still have to begin university negotiations and we would like to see students support this," Stern said.

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Kaysen's best-seller flops on screen

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Production Manager

Columbia Pictures premiered "Girl, Interrupted" Tuesday at the Showcase Cinemas in Springdale. It is a film based on best-selling author Susanna Kaysen's two year self-incarceration in a Massachusetts insane asylum.

The promoters slate the film, set in 1968, as a modern cross between "The Wizard of Oz" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

According to a Columbia House press release, "Girl, Interrupted," is "a wry chronicle of Susanna's two years at Claymore that questions the boundaries between confinement and freedom, friendship and betrayal, and madness and sanity at a time when it seemed the whole world was going crazy."

"Girl, Interrupted" is not and never will be on the same high level of entertainment or provocative interpretation as "Wizard of Oz" or "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The questions between the boundaries of confinement and freedom, friendship and betrayal, and madness and sanity are vague and not well represented in this film.

The issues of ethnic equality, the Vietnam War and murdered national leaders of the turbulent late '60s are mentioned only as backdrop information and play no role in this film. Except for an outstanding supporting cast, the film was not worth the cost of my free admission.

Two-time Academy Award winner Winona Ryder ("Little Women" and "The Age of Innocents") plays Kaysen in the film. Kaysen is a confused, promiscuous, 17-year-old who lacks direction in life.

She eats a bottle of aspirin, chases them with a fifth of vodka and is sent by her mother to sign herself into the asylum.

There she meets Lisa, played by Angelina Jolie. Golden Globe winner for performances in "Gia" and "Wallace." In "Girl, Interrupted," Lisa's psychiatrist (Vanessa Redgrave), her head-nurse (Whoopi Goldberg) and other characters are reminiscent of those in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Ryder's performance as Kaysen seemed secondary but Jolie turned in a great performance as the free spirited Lisa. Redgrave did well as the motherly healer, but Goldberg's performance was surprisingly weak and unconvincing. The

rest of the actors were believable, at times entertaining, but it was not enough to carry this film.

Kaysen wrote "Girl, Interrupted" in 1993 and the book continued on the New York Times Best Seller's List for 11 weeks.

"The book had and continues to have a lot of appeal to teenage girls, young women and their friends, lovers and families," said Kaysen. "Hopefully it has inspired them in some positive fashion."

I hope so too. The film will not.

"Girl, Interrupted" was interrupted about two hours into the movie by technical difficulties at the cinema.

If I had not had the task of writing this review, I, like at least one-third of the other patrons, would have left the theater and never wondered for a moment what the last 15 minutes of the film involved.

Guys, send the gals out for a night on the town to watch this one. Rent "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and invite the boys over instead of pretending to enjoy this movie.

My date liked the movie moderately and gave it two and a half stars out of four. I thought even that was one star too many.

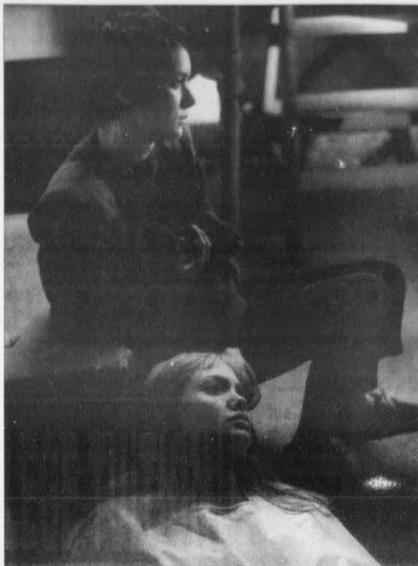


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Actresses Winona Ryder and Angelina Jolie star and co-star in Susanna Kaysen's "Girl, Interrupted."

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 19:
• Women in Transition 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. UC 232.
• Students Together Against Racism 5:30 p.m. UC 303.
• Beginning Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.

Thursday, Jan. 20:
• "Keeping Spirits High: Stress Relief Through Humor" UC Ballroom 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21:
• United Students Against Sweatshops Fashion Show 5:30 p.m. UC Ballroom.

Monday, Jan. 24:
• Survivors Support Group: 3 p.m.-4 p.m. UC 232

Tuesday, Jan. 25:
• Hoxworth Blood Drive: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. UC Ballroom
• Common Ground 3 p.m. UC 303.
• AA Meeting UC 232 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26:
• Intermediate Level Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.

'Play It to the Bone' knocks out two

By Scott Wartman
Assistant Features Editor

While watching the movie "Play It to the Bone," I had the disturbed impression that the theater which I had been sitting in was infested with lightning bugs.

I don't like bugs too much and I was about to run out screaming.

Then I realized the many flashing lights that surrounded me were from the Indiglo watches of the many bored people who were wondering when the movie would get exciting, or end. I was beginning to wonder, as well.

"Play It to the Bone" stars Antonio Banderas and Woody Harrelson as two washed-up welterweight boxers, Caesar and Vince.

They are best friends when fate

comes knocking and they get a chance to fight a preliminary match in Las Vegas at a high profile Mike Tyson pay-per-view.

This is a chance for both boxers to revitalize their careers and get a championship title shot. The catch is, they have to fight each other.

The two boxers then hitch a ride to Las Vegas with Caesar's girlfriend, who is also Vince's ex-girlfriend.

The plot has potential for a very humorous comedy. Unfortunately, two-thirds of the movie was just Antonio Banderas and Woody Harrelson riding in a car to Las Vegas, talking about their sex lives and making fun of gay people.

Writer/Director Ron Shelton brought us sports masterpieces like "Bull Durham" and "White



Men Can't Jump."

However, he spends too long struggling to come up with witty banter for Banderas and Harrelson as they drive along in the desert.

The audience sees every pit-stop and bathroom break the characters make.

Finally, the group makes it to Las Vegas for the big fight, but by this time, I was more interested in finding the last Milk Dud in my box rather than the movie.

The actual fight sequence is

somewhat dramatic and is well done. Banderas and Harrelson exchange punch after punch.

Director Shelton does a great job showing the thoughts and expressions of the two friends who mercilessly bludgeoned each other for money and a chance at glory. It's too bad the first hour and a half was crap.

Because of the fight sequence and a few good jokes, but I stress just a few, I give the movie two out of four stars.

By Melissa Riggs
Features Editor

It's not a gender thing or even a preference.

It's strictly comedy. He comes clean in his first album and it only gets better in his second.

Well, get ready for the third, he's uncensored and live. He's Robert Schimmel. "Unprotected."

Schimmel has recently been seen on HBO, the US Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen and Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

You may have even had the chance to see him yourself at Go Bananas in Montgomery, Ohio. Schimmel has most definitely made a name for himself, and a hilarious one at that.

After just finishing his third live recording with HBO, he is being considered for his own sitcom on FoxTV, much like what has been done in the past with Seinfeld and the Hughleys.

Although Schimmel is quite blunt, he's one of the most brilliant and entertaining young comics that uses his own life to create his comic tour.

His latest recording took place in Kalamazoo, Mich. for an HBO special.

His new CD introduces topics to his audience like having a heart attack, sex, dealing with his daughter and her boyfriend and coping with a pregnant wife.

Schimmel said, "sex is a subject where the truth is funnier than anything you could ever make up on your own."

Many critics agree that although Schimmel's topics can be quite personal, he is full of humor, and is interesting because he talks about his own insecurities, not just other people's."

At the beginning of the CD, Schimmel introduces himself and welcomes his audience, but within the next five minutes he's questioning the very things that aggravate and confuse him: talking during sex, his daughter's boyfriend, and even his latest hotel experience on the road.

Schimmel's first album, "Robert Schimmel Comes Clean," was released in 1997.

According to a press release, Schimmel is said to be one of the most promising in a whole new class of stand-up comedians.

His second recording, "If You Buy This CD, I Can Get This Car," released in 1998, boosted his career even further.

The cover of his second CD featured Schimmel in a red corvette with a model and with the title of the CD above his smiling face. His most recent recording is also expected to be a hit.

Recently Schimmel was named Best Male Stand-up Comic at the 1999 American Comedy Awards.

Now that "Unprotected" has been released he continues to climb the ladder of comedy which, in his case, is unbelievably honest and honestly comical.

Schimmel goes bananas 'Unprotected'

By Melissa Riggs
Features Editor

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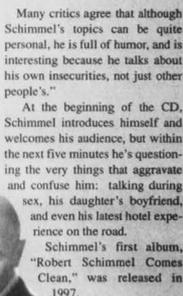
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'Silent Stadium' syndrome



By Jason R. Crisler
Assistant Sports Editor

What can we do here at Northern Kentucky University to give the fans a personality? At Auburn, the students call themselves the "Cliff Dwellers," after men's head basketball coach Cliff Ellis.

At Michigan State the students sit in the "Izzone," after men's head basketball coach Tom Izzo.

At Duke, the fans are dubbed the "Cameron Crazees" because the stadium's name is Cameron Indoor Stadium.

What are we? Maybe the "Cave Cronies" or the "Regent Rowdies." What about the "Norse Force?"

Maybe it's just not that important to the fans.

One student at Northern Kentucky University likened athletics here to a "high school's."

He said that NKU sports aren't a big deal and it's not that exciting.

I hope this isn't the consensus belief amongst the student body here at NKU.

The student section at the basketball games is usually pretty full, but it isn't always loud.

Regents Hall could at times be dubbed, "Silent Stadium."

Sometimes it is true that area high school student sections get louder than NKU's. Is it not cool to root out loud for NKU?

The band is loud, but the students leave something to be desired at times.

I would love to hear a constant hum of cheering, especially when NKU is winning, which is more often than not.

At any school with a winning team, the crowd should be boisterous. The combination of yelling and chanting can be deafening.

It can also be distracting to the opposing team. It can be the sixth player on the court.

What about trash talking? As long as razzing from the crowd is in good taste, I say let the other team hear it!

If they miss a layup, don't let them forget it. If someone on the other team shoots an airball, every NKU student in the crowd should chant "AIR-BALL!" every time that person touches the ball.

Opposing teams should dread playing the Norse at Regents Hall.

Not just because they will get beaten by our teams but because the fans are loud and proud.

Our men's basketball team is 11-2 and our women's team is 9-2. Both are nationally ranked in the top 15 and both are favorites to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

They deserve to hear us. We should let them know we are there to cheer them on.

They deserve our help to pump them up and distract the other team.

Let's show our school spirit as our team finishes the last half of the season and marches into March.

Geiman excels in two sports and life

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

In the days when two-sport athletes are rare at Northern Kentucky University, Lisa Geiman is one all her own.

Geiman, a student athlete at NKU, just recently joined the women's basketball team this year after finishing another season with the soccer team. "After my last exam during the fall semester, someone told me to go see coach Winstel," she said. "She told me that she had some injured players and needed someone to fill in. I started practicing with them, and there has only been a few bumps in the road ever since."

Geiman, a senior, is a very hard working and generous student-athlete, according to NKU women's soccer assistant coach Adam Meier. "She will do anything for you," he said. "She donates a lot of time. She is a very giving person. She is a community leader. Athletically, she is a talented soccer player and a great team leader."

NKU women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel said, "She's an extraordinary player. She's a really good kid. We know she can contribute in a positive way and can help us wherever she can."

However, Geiman is not only committed to playing sports but teaching them as well. She is a physical education, K-12 major and is minoring in health. In her last semester this spring, Geiman is student-teaching for eight weeks as a physical education teacher at Pendleton County High School.

She is also the freshman girl's basketball coach at Bishop Brossart High School, where she played basketball and soccer as a

high school student.

"I love kids at all levels. I love teaching, because you get to be around kids all the time," Geiman said. "I have been a coach since after high school. It's a career that is very rewarding and exciting."

Geiman is also involved with school activities. She is currently the president of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. "She gets teams supporting other teams," said Meier. "She gets people to come to other games."

With a rather busy schedule, Geiman has a lot of understanding people who help her along the way.

"I have a lot of people who help by making sacrifices for me. I have an excellent assistant coach, Robyn Saccone, who helps me out at Bishop Brossart," she said. "Also, coach Winstel is very understanding, and she works around my schedule."

Geiman is a very strong individual on and off the field, according to former NKU soccer teammate

Lindsay Smith. "She has a strong personality and has strong leadership qualities," Smith said. "She is always encouraging and leads by example. She works hard at whatever she does. She is someone to look up to."

Geiman said she has been through a lot in her life, and she credits her parents for helping her get through it all.

"My parents have raised six kids. They have taken on a lot of things," she said. "They have been very supportive through the good times and bad. They have taught me to work hard and be dedicated. They have always wanted the best for me. They have given me a heart."

Because of what her parents have taught



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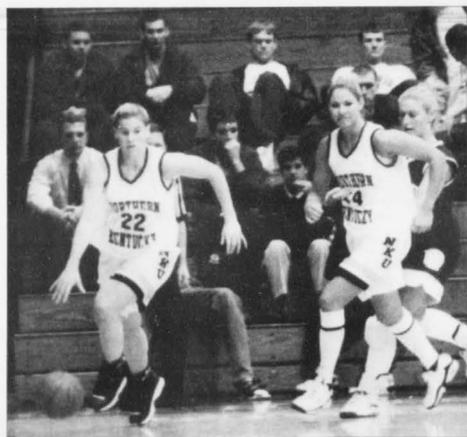
Besides playing soccer, Lisa Geiman is now a forward for the NKU women's basketball team. In her spare time she student teaches and coaches a high school basketball team.

her, Geiman has always had a strong attitude, she said. "She has a positive attitude and has never been negative," said Meier. "She was very positive after we lost in the [soccer] semifinals. She is a positive leader always."

Smith added, "She has a really positive attitude. She is always the loudest on the

bench. She is a very energetic and upbeat person."

Despite it all, Geiman feels that she is happy with the direction life is taking her. "I just want to be normal. I just want to do what I love, and then I can go from there," she said. "Things could always be worse. That is my attitude in life."



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team worked together as a team in wins over GLVC foes Quincy and Missouri-St. Louis.

NKU women prevail

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

This Saturday's women's basketball game was just like last Saturday's game against Bellarmine — only backwards.

Last week, Northern Kentucky University lost momentum against Bellarmine and never got it back. This week, they gained momentum by the second half against Missouri-St. Louis, beating them 89-68.

With that and Thursday's 74-45 win against Quincy, the Norse are now 10-2 for the season.

In the game against Missouri-St. Louis, NKU coach Nancy Winstel said that the Norse worked harder than what they did against Bellarmine. "We lost our aggressiveness in the Bellarmine game," she said. "Today, we did pretty good. We were more aggressive, especially on the boards. This was a big game for us. UMSL is a pretty talented team."

One of the main reasons the Norse were able to build a big lead in the first half against UMSL was the play of freshman Bridget Flanagan, who came off the bench scoring eight of her 11 points midway through the half.

"Bridget is a great player," said Winstel. "We needed her to step up. She needed to

bring some attention to herself. We actually have three very good freshman who will do great at any time."

Right before the half, UMSL cut a 19 point NKU lead to 11. Then, freshman Amy Mobley hit a three-pointer just before the half to stop their momentum and give the Norse a 14 point halftime lead.

It was a team performance overall, according to Flanagan. "We got our shots off quickly. We got on the offensive boards, and we hit the shots when we were open."

Flanagan said, "I was happy with my performance. I shot the ball well, especially at the three point line. I knew it was going in."

NKU goes through a stretch of games in which they play all Great Lakes Valley Conference teams the rest of the regular season. As the games progress, the Norse need to stay together in order to do well, according to Flanagan. "We need to keep playing as a team. That's the number one thing," she said. "We need to keep playing how we have been playing and stay aggressive."

The Norse next play two road games against GLVC teams. They play at Indiana of Purdue-Fort Wayne (PPFW) on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 p.m. NKU then travels to Saint Joseph's on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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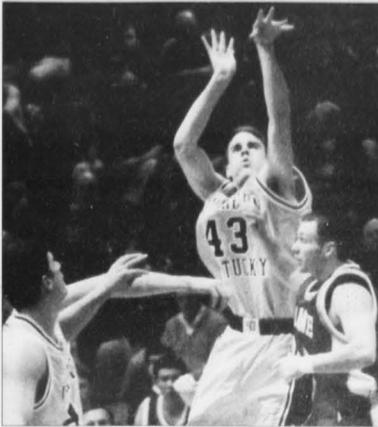
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Bench proves big in Norse win over UMSL



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Senior Scott Marston scored 11 points for the NKU men's basketball team in Saturday's win over Missouri-St. Louis.

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team delivered a performance on Jan. 15 that would make the Energizer Bunny envious.

The Norse's 92-61 triumph over Missouri-St. Louis marked one of this season's best games, which was played before a nearly-packed Regents Hall.

Coach Ken Shields said that he was concerned during the first half and the team had to play very good offense to carry the two-point lead of 39-37 into halftime. Shields said that one thing that benefited the Norse during the first half was the superb performance by Brian Lawhon.

Three-point shooting is one aspect of Lawhon's game that helped the Norse lead coming out of the first half. Throughout the game, Lawhon made five of seven shots attempted from the three-point line.

The Norse came out of the gate at the beginning of the second half and scored almost immediately.

However, Missouri-St. Louis bounced back and tied the game at 41 with just under 18 minutes left in the game. The Norse broke the tie and began a scoring spree from which the

opponents would not recover. One thing that contributed to the tremendous lead was the 62 percent success rate in NKU's three-point shooting.

Craig Conley successfully made three out of five three-point shots, while Scott Marston made three out of four. The team collectively scored eight points out of 13 during the second half.

Shields feels that the play during the second half is what sealed the win. Shields said that the Norse played better defensively in the second half.

"That was our best second half of the year," Shields said.

Kevin Listerman said one thing that helps the team's morale is the support of the fans.

"The more students we get, the better we play. It's a real advantage for us to have this place packed," he said.

The crowd, which consisted primarily of NKU students, was respectfully rowdy. They fans gave thunderous applause after every point scored by NKU.

Listerman said that another advantage of the game was the bench.

"Our bench gave us 44 points tonight," he said.

Senior Craig Conley led the Norse in scoring with 20 points. Scott Marston also shined on the court, scoring 11 points.

Freshman Josh Murphy entered the game with less than two minutes on the clock. He scored one point and had one defensive rebound during that time. However, he showed tremendous energy and aggression and demonstrated the potential of being a starter in the future.

Shields said that he was very pleased with the overall performance of the bench. He said that all the bench players have starting potential.

"They're all starters to tell you the truth," he said.

However, not all aspects of the team can be attributed to the players. This season is Shield's 36th year as a basketball coach.

Unlike other college basketball coaches such as Indiana's Bobby Knight, Shields can almost always be found sitting calmly in his chair, regardless of the score. He admits that it wasn't always that way, but now he doesn't see any logic in running up and down the sidelines and yelling at players and officials.

"I found out a few years back that they can't hear half of what you're saying," Shields said.

Shields said that he learned that being calm helps him to be a better coach because he can communicate between the coaches.

"If I'm running up and down the sidelines, I can't have that communication," Shields said.

Free throws key to win

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University's basketball game against Quincy last Thursday moved about as fast as Heinz ketchup.

Kevin Listerman said the Norse's 100 percent accuracy at the free throw line helped to account for their 66-54 win at Regents Hall.

"Any time you shoot 100 percent from the free throw line, it's

an advantage," he said.

Listerman said that during the first half they were playing more one-on-one than as a team.

"That was a little bit of our problem. Sometimes people try to do a little too much," he said.

The team made less than half of the free throws they attempted and less than a quarter of the three-pointers they attempted.

Craig Conley, who scored five points in the game, said that they did not play well in the first half.

"We were careless and we weren't hitting our shots," he said.

Listerman said that they rushed too much during the first half.

"We were trying too hard," he said.

Listerman said that they pulled together as a team during the second half.

Conley said that although it was not a good team offensively, they were a good team defensively. He said he felt it was their best game defensively this season.



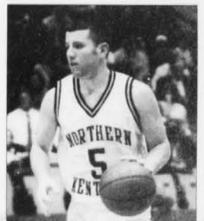
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Kevin Listerman said that NKU's offensive game against Quincy last Thursday night suffered because it was trying too hard.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Jeff McCurry
Left: Michele Tuchfarber stepped up big for the Norse in wins over Quincy and Missouri-St. Louis as she combined to score 35 points in the wins.



Right: Craig Conley was a key for the Norse in the win over Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday as he came off the bench to score 20 points.

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

Jan. 20	at IPFW	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	at St. Joseph's	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Southern Indiana	7:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 20	at IPFW	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	at St. Joseph's	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Southern Indiana	5:30 p.m.

Clarification

In the athletic budget story last week, it should have been reported that the men's basketball salary of \$91,449 was actually the salary combined of five people on the coaching staff. The women's basketball salary of \$72,666 was the salary combined of three people on the coaching staff.

Men's, Women's & Co-Rec Volleyball Leagues

**Sunday:
Co-Rec**

**Tuesday:
Mens & Womens**



Entry Deadline: Fri, Jan. 28
Captains Meeting: Sun, Jan. 30, 4 pm, AHC

Play Begins:
Co-Rec- Sun, Feb. 6
Men's & Women's: Tues, Feb. 8

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- MWF NOON
 - TUES & THURS 5:15 PM
 - MON 7:15 PM

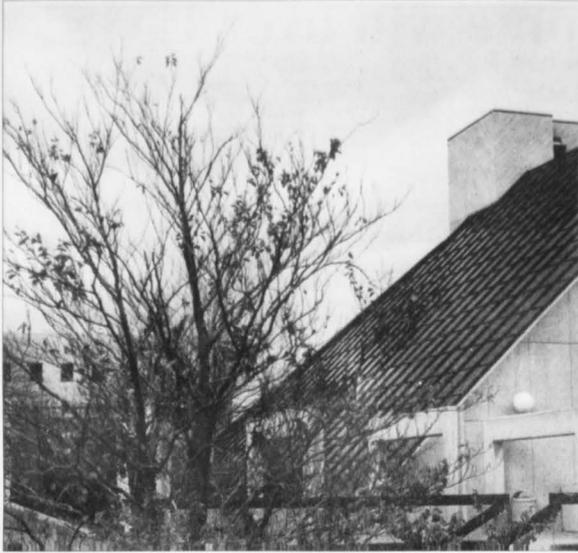
- CARDIO KICKBOXING**
- WED 7:15 PM
 - SAT. 10:30 AM

- WATER FITNESS**
- MON 5:30 PM, WED 5 PM

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Gray matters

By Kelly Sudzina
Executive Editor

One time someone joking with me said he thought this campus was known for its gray matter — but he wasn't talking about brains.

Yes, there is a lot of cement on Northern Kentucky University's campus, but I've found myself time and again saying that I wouldn't know how to learn in buildings made up of brick and ivy.

There's a certain spirit about this campus and its modern look. It's not like any other school around. It's distinctive.

And, to those who shout out that big gray buildings with little black windows look like prison wards, I would argue the architec-

ture is an art form.

Except for the science building, there's not much in the way of ivy. But there is color on campus, even in winter. With the grassy areas between the lots and the buildings and the planters at every turn, Campus Planning has tried to get as much green in as possible. And what about the island of trees, flowers, grass and art in the middle of the plaza that resembles the world's smallest park?

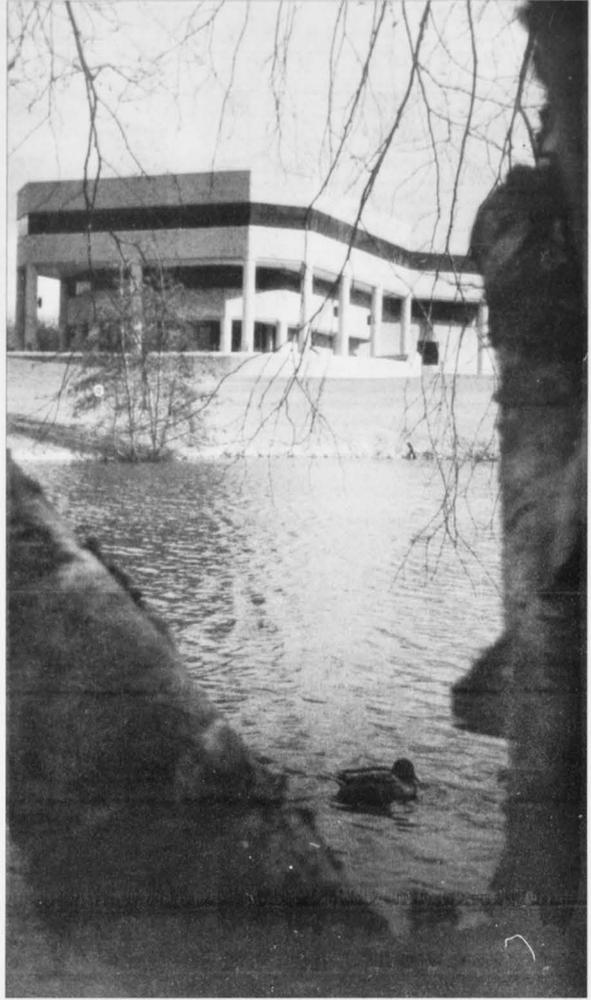
Possibly the best view from a campus building can be claimed by Steely Library. From the big, round window in the library you can see across the large grassy area between the Fine Arts Center and Applied Science and Technology, including Lake Interior and all its wildlife.

The old saying is "you can't

please all the people all the time," and that certainly shines true at NKU. It seems the students here are never satisfied. Students want more parking lots, but they complain that there's not enough trees. They want more color, but then they joke about how pointless the planters that block the parking lots are. They want new buildings, but say there isn't enough grass.

Why not just be happy with what we've got? We're at great school with a lot of character and as much greenery as they can find to put here.

I think the administration is trying to please most of the people most of the time. Now we need to just sit back and appreciate it.



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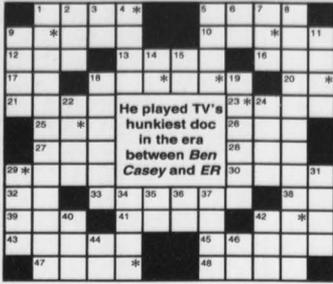


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-TV-CHALLENGE



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 this puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- '70s Show
 - Smith or Rogers
 - "Coochie Coochie" lady
 - Official representative
 - the Mayor; '86 Kevin
 - Hooks sitcom
 - Number of seasons for *Mister Ed*
 - Common contraction
 - Potts' initials
 - '91-'94 Stephanie Hodge sitcom
 - Monogram for the star of *Our Miss Brooks*
 - First James Bond movie (2)
 - Rip
 - Ending for musket or puppet
 - Suffix for journal or Catholic
 - Payer's need
 - West
 - Sandwich shop
 - Luck; '91 Danny Glover film
 - Prefix for large or rage
 - Role on *The X-Files*
 - '85 Stallone sequel
 - Squeezer's product
 - Part of the title of Richard Ruccolo's series (2)
 - Blackjack part
 - Morning show personality
 - Actor Lloyd
 - To ... *With Love* (69-'71)
 - Star of Larry Hagman's '65-'70 sitcom

- DOWN**
- Series for Weiss (2)
 - Anybody Seen My Gal?; '52 Rock Hudson film
 - Tess Harper's state of birth; abbr.
 - Health nuf's lunch



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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
You work hard to accomplish goals, and now is not the time to take the easy way out. Follow through with your plans.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Keep your confusing thoughts to yourself. You don't have the right to make someone else feel bad just because you don't have things sorted out.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Dreams concerning finances will begin to come true. As long as you believe in yourself, you can be successful in business.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
Money slips through your fingertips. Make arrangements to have part of your paycheck deposited directly into savings each month.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
You have a few challenges coming up in the near future. Keep your feet on the ground and your temper in check.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
If a partner is beginning to drift away from the relationship, you may want stoke the fire a bit. A romantic outing is in order.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Help a friend out of the winter blues by stopping by with food and a couple of favorite videos. Your gifts will be appreciated.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Keep the doors of opportunity open. You never know when you might want to make a change. A child will ask a favor.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
You'll make a remarkable recovery if you've been recuperating from an illness. Watch your diet carefully. Exercise whenever possible.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
There's nothing wrong with going after that next big project at work. Present your case in detail. When at home, give the family your full attention.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
If you feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, don't be afraid to ask for a little help. Get plenty of rest to recharge your batteries.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
If you feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, don't be afraid to ask for a little help. Get plenty of rest to recharge your batteries.

- Born this week:**
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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 16 - Debbie Allen | Jan. 20 - Lorenzo Lamas |
| Jan. 17 - Jim Carrey | Jan. 21 - Robby Benson |
| Jan. 18 - Kevin Costner | Jan. 22 - Linda Blair |
| Jan. 19 - Dolly Parton | Piper Laurie |

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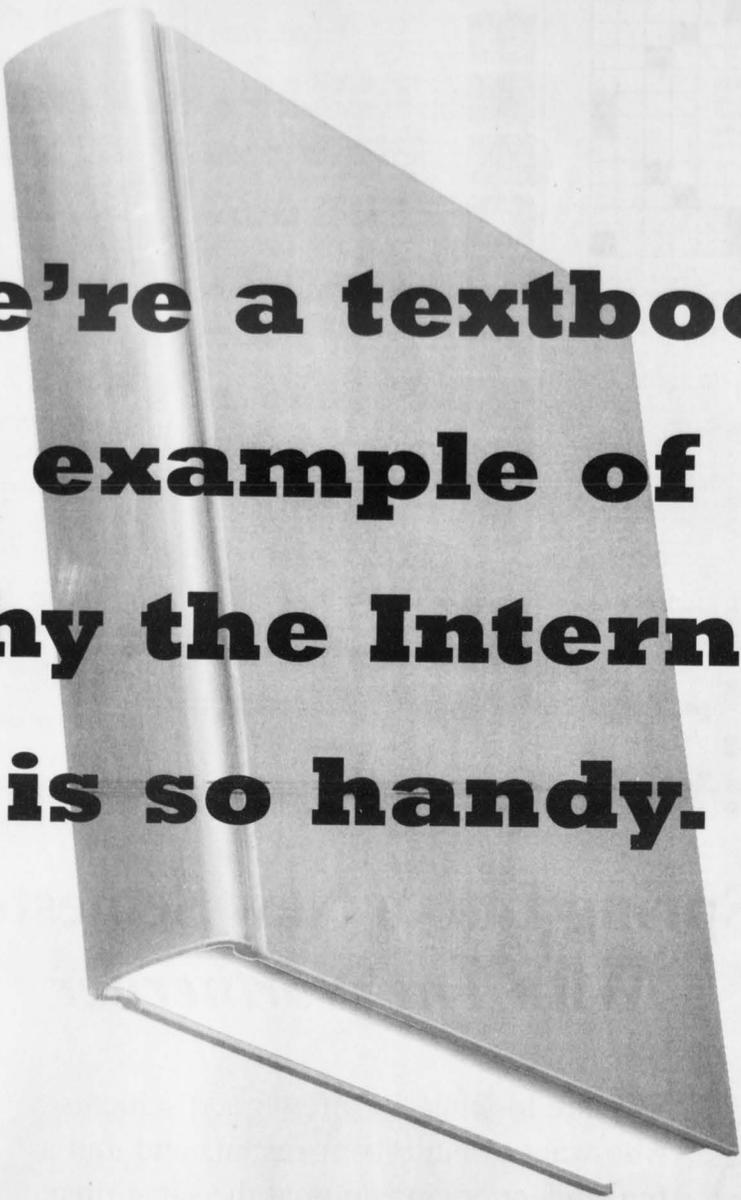


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