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NKSC Religion Courses Examined

By Terry Duschinski

Americans United In Opposition

Northern's two new religion courses, Religion In Life, and Historical Survey Of The Bible, have come under the scrutiny of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, a 28-year old national organization based in Silver Spring, Md.

Representatives of the group met with Northern officials for two hours Wednesday, urging the college to drop both courses. Religion In Life and its textbook, "The Faith of the Christian Church," they charged were particularly questionable.

"Of course we object in principle to the teaching of any religion in a state institution," stressed Gaston Cogdell, minister of the Clifton Church of Christ.

Mr. Cogdell was accompanied to Northern by Mrs. Gayle Van Deren and Mrs. Dorothy Yelton, president and vice president, respectively, of the organization's local chapter. Mrs. Van Deren is also president of the state chapter, and Mr. Cogdell, a Cincinnati, is the former Director of Organization for Americans United.

"Our objective is to register a protest and to inform the authorities that a segment of the population does not agree with what is taking place," explained Mr. Cogdell, who discounted any possible court action.

Teaching religion in a school supported by the tax dollar is "against the very

stipulation of the first amendment," Cogdell contends, citing such supports as the famous McCollum supreme court case and Engel v. Vitale (1962). However, the minister admits that religion courses in state schools do exist.

Dr. Jerald Richards, under whose guidance as NKSC associate professor of Philosophy the two courses are included, names the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Louisville, and Western Kentucky among the many throughout the country which offer courses in religion.

"Not only does Western offer an undergraduate major in religious studies, but they also offer a masters in humanities with a concentration in religious studies," revealed Richards, a member of the Western faculty his seven years previous to joining Northern in 1972.

"I asked Mr. Cogdell to make a distinction between the teaching of religion and teaching about religion," disclosed Richards, who was present at the meeting along with a Northern congregation headed by Dr. Ralph Tesseiner, vice president on academic affairs.

Therein lies the question of what determines a so-called "comparative religion" course and what constitutes a course in religion.

"All of us at the meeting agreed that a public institution should not be indoctrinating students into a particular religion," disclosed Richards. "What we are doing is studying about particular religions."

Not so in the Religion In Life course, counters Mrs. Yelton. To begin with, she objects, the course is taught by campus ministers, Fr. Ray Holtz, Bill Kooztz and Ralph Hopkins.

"Why aren't the other religions in the area who can not afford a student union on campus invited to participate?" she demanded. "And only Mr. Hopkins is qualified to teach on the university level."

The three clergymen are not paid, eliminating the use of state funds to some extent. However, Americans United view non-salaried faculty members as a "very questionable" practice. "Teachers should be paid," they figure.

Mrs. Yelton calls Religion In Life "a very limited view of the Christian church," and uses such adjectives as "slanted and doctrinal" to describe the text, written by Gustaf Aulen, a Lutheran bishop and native of Sweden.

"It contains many false statements and is very offensive, particularly, I would say, to the Catholic faith," she reacted.

Some 80 students are enrolled in Religion In Life with approximately another 30 studying Historical Survey of

the Bible, both courses being new to Northern this semester.

"It is a disservice to the students," Mrs. Yelton feels. "We requested that the school drop both courses and substitute something other than religion."

Americans United contends that it is in no way an anti-religion sect.

"We are church-state separatists," says Mr. Cogdell. "Religion is too sacred to be taught in schools."

"Most people do not see the implications of this," he continued. "It's not alone the practice taking place right now but the long range effects. Once you grant permissible teaching of religion anything can happen; you've opened Pandora's Box. You make it possible for the establishment of a state religion."

"Whoever has charge of the religious instruction mechanism can propagandize his particular religious viewpoint."

The Northern representatives assured the organization of the creditability of the campus ministers. "Don't you trust them?" they wondered.

"I trust them to teach what is right and what they think is right is not my religion - necessarily," Cogdell responded.

The group's visit is expected to have only minimal effect.

"From my own point of view, courses in religion have a legitimate place in the curriculum of a college," Richards maintains. "And I think that Dr. Tesseiner, Dr. Steely and Dr. Price share that view."

"But we will be more aware of their feelings and take that into consideration," he added.

Student Gov't Seeking Input

SG is seeking student input, and to assist in the matter, it was decided that two suggestion boxes be constructed and placed in Nunn Hall. The money for this project was appropriated at Monday's SG meeting.

The boxes will be available to allow students to make general comments and suggestions and ask questions of their elected representatives. They will also serve the new Student Programs committee.

Six students were approved at Monday's meeting as the recipients of \$100 scholarships. They are: Ann Furman, Mike Duncan, Omololu Solaru, Chairon Siani, Lori Schnieders, and Ken Wagner. These students were screened under the SG regulations and also cleared by the Financial Aid Office.

Various constitutional questions were also examined at the meeting. The SG members voted unanimously to post the full wording of any amendments to be voted on a week ahead of election time. They also passed by a vote of 14-2, a resolution opening up the Judicial Council elections to any student who wished to run. This resolution will have to be voted on by the entire student body, however.

'Peeping' Scales Resigns Public Safety Position

By John A. Jasper

Roger Scales, the campus officer caught spying on the Highland Heights Post Office, has resigned his position as Assistant Director of Public Safety.

In a telephone interview with the Northerner, Scales openly admitted to "watching" the Post Office in hopes of identifying the author of an anonymous letter critical of the administration.

"I did it for a little excitement," Scales said when asked to explain the reason for his snooping. "There were no orders from the administration or anyone else. I just did it out of personal curiosity."

According to Heywood Ward, Director of Public Safety, Scales handed in his resignation at the end of the fall semester but it did not become effective until January 15.

When asked if Scales' leaving had anything to do with the incident at the Post Office, Ward said, "No, it had nothing to do with that whatsoever. He and I reached a certain agreement. It was my inclination that this should be the case, and he went along with it."

Asked if there was any pressure from the administration to dump Scales, Ward explained, "No, this had nothing to do with the administration. In fact they didn't even know about it until after I already had the resignation."

It was a "lack of immediate supervisory experience," said Ward, that prompted the resignation.

Scales, however, said in a separate interview that he resigned because he was bored with his job.



Roger Scales

"I got tired of the college environment," said Scales. "I had graduated from college and there I was still working at a college. I felt like I was stagnating out there."

Both Scales and Ward were critical of the Kentucky Post for its article in the January 10 issue which implied that Scales had been dumped because of the Post Office incident.

"The Kentucky Post had the facts all wrong," said Scales. "Everyone knows they strive for sensationalism. They're like a teen magazine."

Scales refused to disclose any definite plans concerning future employment but did say he was looking into a possible position in Cincinnati. He said it had to do with the law enforcement field.

When asked if he had any regrets about the Post Office incident Scales said, "No, I did nothing illegal. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion."

"I'd probably," Scales added, "do the same thing over again."

The Scales Episode: Was There A Lesson?

Roger Scales, assistant director of the Department of Public Safety, has resigned his post and is no longer with the college. But we note with a slight smile the reason for Mr. Scales' resignation.

"According to DPS director Heywood Ward, Scales left NKSC voluntarily because of "lack of immediate supervisory experience."

We must remember that Scales was good enough to run the public safety department for at least the last three years, and was moved to the assistant's position after the hiring of Ward. If Scales was inadequate for the job, why was he retained at the college? The official reason for his leaving appears inadequate. It has

always been our experience that persons incapable of performing their duties are fired. Yet an unsatisfactory Scales, as we are now told, was kept on the NKSC payroll for the last four months.

Northern Notebook

Everyone knows we have an energy crisis, but for some unknown reason the economists of the country have refused to tell the American people why. We feel it is our civic and journalistic duty to do so.

The reason there is an energy crisis is because of the high price of food.

You see people used to go to the grocery and spend their food budget on five or six bags of food. But then the prices of foodstuffs increased and the budget would only buy about two bags.

This means there are fewer of these large brown paper grocery bags in the hands of the public. Now, what are those brown paper bags used for after the groceries are taken out? Garbage.

Since there are fewer brown paper grocery/garbage bags in circulation the public was forced to use plastic garbage bags. Plastic, of course, is a petroleum product.

Therefore if we reduce the price of food, there will be more brown paper bags in the hands of the public and less plastic bags being used and the energy crisis will be resolved.

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Alumni Director Darlene Martin, P.R. Director Sharrianne Standley and Roger Meade, Director of Research and Institutional Studies, are attending a convention in Biloxi, Miss. this week. They will probably have a lot of stories to tell when they return next week... maybe even some about what went on at the convention.

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It is good to see one smiling face back on the job on the fifth floor of Nunn Hall. Sue Bruns, Student Affairs Coordinator, took a couple months off last semester. Due to circumstances beyond her control she had a baby. Welcome back Sue.

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You think Madison Avenue won't jump on whatever bandwagon is available? Listen closely to radio and TV commercials and see how many of them mention the economy in one way or another. Phrases like "in these inflated times" ... "with prices like they are today" or "you can't afford..." fly out of virtually every pitch. The ironic thing about it is that the commercials that use these phrases are usually trying to get you to buy something that you really don't need "in these inflated times with prices like they are today because you can't afford it."

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If Mote Hils was seen in front of Regents Hall the other day bowing in reverence to the northeast, think nothing of it. It was 83 years ago this week that a guy named Naismith nailed a peach basket to the gym wall in Springfield, Mass.

Just think, if Dr. Naismith hadn't seen the need for a winter time indoor sport, Wilt would have never become The Stilt; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar would still be Lew Alcindor; Bill Russell would never have gotten to make telephone calls on TV; and Bill Walton wouldn't have gotten to make a fool of himself.

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Buddy Rich has never been known for his diplomacy, but the longtime jazz drummer reached new heights (or lows depending on your point of view) this week. Rich took some verbal potshots at country music calling it "terrible" - as well as blasting the South in general. It really isn't what Rich said that is amazing - it's where he said it. Nashville, Tenn. We assume he made it out of town before the tar started to bubble.

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Beta Phi Delta is sponsoring a free hearing test for all students, faculty and staff, in cooperation with the Northern Kentucky Easter Seal Center next Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

John Staubach, president of Beta Phi, said fraternity members would assist in the tests. John Helton, Mary Burt Nirmaier, speech pathologists, and Lee Snyder, audiologist, plus staff members from the Easter Seal Center will supervise the tests.

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Walter Tevis, author of THE HUNTLER, will lecture at NKSC on Wednesday, January 29, at 1 p.m. in Nunn Auditorium.

The lecture, entitled, "The Uneasy Marriage of Novel and Film," is a presentation of The Lecture Series.

Tevis, Director of the Creative Writing Program at Ohio University, has an A.B. and M.A. from the University of Kentucky and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Iowa.

It is our assumption that Scales could have remained at this college for as long as he wanted whether he was inadequate or not. A title and pay for that title are not created if the individual is destined to leave. This was true before he involved

himself in an extracurricular activity. Scales claimed an overriding care for the institution as the reason for watching the Highland Heights Post Office and that he had not done it on orders.

That latter part always struck us as being a little strange. Why would anyone risk his position and the reputation of the beloved institution unless there were orders to do so? At any rate, once caught, we did not expect to see Scales much longer. Indeed we were surprised he lasted through the Christmas holidays.

Scales now admits to wanting a "little excitement" (as Scales told The Northerner) in his job, which may be indicative of the department he left. Let's face it, this campus isn't like the Dick Tracy comic strip where crime abounds. It must be a boring job, but that does not excuse the spying incident nor the fact that there has never been an admission of wrong doing.

But we assume the officials are resting easy with Scales' departure. The bad PR thorn is out of their side and we no longer look over our shoulders to see who is spying on us.



IOC Fights For Life

The Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) is trying to pull itself together after a six-month decline in activities.

The purpose of the IOC is to co-ordinate the activities of all campus groups. In the past, IOC has helped organize Rites of Spring. Recent ideas for a United Appeal project and Haunted House, however, fell through because of lack of interest.

In a meeting Monday, delegates from such groups as Christian Student Fellowship, Student Government, several fraternities, and various specialty organizations discussed plans for IOC's future. If IOC breaks up, the money in the treasury would revert back to the General Fund. The IOC's activities would then be in the hands of Student Government.

Greg Kilburn, one of the students trying to get IOC back on its feet, says that "we are trying to keep an organizational voice alive."

Anyone who is a delegate to IOC, or would like to represent a campus group, can attend either of two meetings next week: Monday at 2:00 in S210 or Thursday at 12:00 in S210.

Editorials represent the opinions of the editors and not necessarily those of the college.

The Northerner appreciates letters to the editor. We ask that letters be signed and of reasonable length. We maintain the right to edit letters submitted and names will be withheld upon request.

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Letters

to the

Editor



Keeping in Touch

relieve academic suffering/sit
fish needing a wrabbit
by Kenneth J. Berne

Have you found recently that all your conversations with your friends and family begin with their asking, "What are you good for?" Do you find yourself changing majors every time you succeed in getting a "B" in a course? Or every time an instructor happens to get off a good joke? Or every time you find a good looking person in a class? Does the grass always look greener two steps to the left and behind you, even after you have taken two steps to the left and turned around? Then maybe we have something for you.

In the nether world of the Science building (that is the one where they made the carpets charcoal grey on purpose to avoid the trouble of dyeing them in coke and coffee), its fluorescent bulbs brightening the dank and dreary caves of the alchemists and other assorted faculty vagabonds, is the office of the Director of Psychological Services, Dr. George Rogers. Do not let the title get to you, the man smiles. There is even an unaccountable rumor that he took the position because he likes undergraduates.

So for those of you who have begun to see the school as a Howard Johnson's of majors, twenty-eight flavors, all of them pistachio, and have a little trouble deciding what to do, there may be a way to find out what you are good for. Dr. Rogers has available tests to indicate what your basic interests are. You may even be able to find a major you like.

And not just majors. Maybe you have looked at the job market recently (no nausea, please) and have found that, all things considered, you have no great preferences when it comes to choosing between threshing grain in Nebraska and selling tokens in the New York City subway system. There is a way to set an idea of where your true occupational interests lie — go see Dr. Rogers.

But maybe this is all settled. Uncle Albert is going to get you into his plastics factory after you graduate, and you are going to major in nursing. But lately you have found yourself sleeping until noon, and all your classes are at nine, ten and eleven. Or you are starting to look with great envy at the uncomplicated life of the kid who works the fries at your local McDonald's, and are considering taking a break in your education until you settle down, at, say, forty. Or maybe forty hours of work, twenty-one hours of class and fifteen hours of oboe practice each week have left you a little wrung out. And you were going to talk to your instructors, but they turned into rest rooms when they saw you coming down the hall. So go see Dr. Rogers, and talk it out a bit.

So much for the easy ones. Maybe your problems are a bit tougher. You started

Dear Editor,

It is with great displeasure that I write this letter, but I feel there is a definite need for what I have to say.

I have attended a few of Northern's home (men's) basketball games and I am really disturbed at the obvious lack of interest the student body shows in the athletic programs at our college. This apathy doesn't exist just with basketball, but also with baseball, wrestling, women's basketball, and all other events.

to figure it out when you found yourself watching the Bob Newhart show for help. Maybe the whole damn thing is just getting to be too much. You have not seen a friendly face since you got here, even when you look in a mirror. Dr. Rogers has a friendly face, he is licensed, and if your problems are really severe he can introduce you to people who can help over a long haul.

The purpose of all this, of course, is to let you know that there is someone there, in room 228 of the Science building. Not only you, but that friend of yours who has given up reading, even reading *The Northerner*, which isn't even reading, or this column, which is hardly even writing. But if your friend is still talking, let him know that there is someone here who is ready to listen. In room 228.

Greeks Speak

By Rick Meyers

Professional fraternities, such as Pi Sigma Epsilon and Nu Kappa Alpha, are "business" in that they provide professional work opportunities for the students involved.

One such fraternity on campus is Pi Sigma Epsilon.

PSE is a national professional fraternity in marketing sales management and selling which provides collegiate brotherhood for the marketing students, educators and professionals. This well-rounded organization is dedicated to the building of the marketing profession and to the stimulation of improved marketing and selling educational techniques and standards.

Student benefits from PSE include contracts with working professionals (such as business executives from Cincinnati) and extracurricular education through regular meetings, experienced speakers and faculty assistance. The group also sponsors charter projects providing leadership training and sales and management experiences (such as the PSE booze raffle) as well as current supercard project.

Nu Kappa Alpha, the other business fraternity, is for the student majoring in accounting. The advantages to belonging to any one of these professional organizations is invaluable when applying for a job.

In other greek news: PI KAPPA ALPHA is sponsoring a raffle of the basketball which will be used in the Thomas More-Northern game of March 3rd. All you have to do is take a chance for 50c from any Pike member ...

Sports Apathy Blasted

I am guilty of a poor attendance record for sports activities on our campus, but the main reason for this is that I don't know when the events that I speak of take place. Is it not the duty of a school newspaper to inform its readers of what happens at the school? If it is, and I'm sure it is, why isn't more space given to UPCOMING events? Granted, games and matches are covered well, after they occur. But more publicity is needed to promote better support for athletic events.

I find that many students don't even know that a validated student I.D. card will gain them free admittance to the above-mentioned events.

At the last SG meeting, the SG voted to purchase three megaphones for use by anyone to help support our teams vocally.

There really should be a better turnout for these events. Does this poor attendance reflect a lack of pride in our school? I hope not. Maybe what is needed is a student pep club. If enough people are interested, maybe something could be worked out. Anyone interested can call me at 581-3563.

I know our athletic teams will appreciate stronger support than they are

now receiving. Why not try to make the next home event (if you hear of one)?

Sincerely
Dean Leitch

MSA Says Thanks

Dear Editor,

The Music Students' Coffeehouse/concert was a success! Operating funds for the M.S.A. are no longer a problem, thanks to the larger-than-usual turnout which Elberon (one of the few bands about which Gary Webb and I agree) always brings. But the show could never have gone on without a lot of help from students outside the M.S.A.; the Squirrel Cagers and gentle people all who supplied the know-how and manpower we poor musicians lacked, and all for no more than the love of art and good times. My thanks to them, and the hope that the M.S.A. can manage to continue on to bigger and better things at NKSC.

Thomas Ruddick, public relations
Music Students' Association

Withdrawal Deadline

The last day to withdraw from a class without a "W" appearing on the student's record is January 24. All withdrawals that are received by the Registrar's office after January 24 and before March 1, 1975, will receive a grade of "W".

SG Pres Protests

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to an article in the "Notebook" section of *The Northerner* in the past issue ... For the record, I have never thought of and never intend to litigate this matter concerning the comic newsletters and their circulation. They were very funny and so was your reporting of it.

Humorously Yours,
Gary Eith

PSC Student Awarded Internship

Steven Thomas Scott, junior and political science major at Northern Kentucky State College, has been named to serve as an administrative intern by the selection committee of the Kentucky Administrative Intern Program. Scott will begin work with an agency of the state government January 16 and continue working for a period of seven months.

The internship will be substituted for two semesters of study at NKSC. Scott will receive 15 credit hours for his work in the government and for additional research projects. In addition, he will receive a monthly stipend while engaged in the program.

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SIGMA NU now has nine members. In order to get a charter it must have 20 members, so if they have a successful rush it will only be a matter of time. The nine members are: Mitch Hatter, Larry Roberts, Greg Berryman, Steve Embree, Tony Nienaber, Dean Leicht, Gary Eith and Col. Darrell Meader Sr.

All greek organizations must hand in any news concerning their respective organization at *The Northerner* office by noon Wednesday, in order to be recognized.

Never Say Die

Norsemen Win Two

By Terry Boehmker

The never-say-die Norsemen pushed their record over the .500 mark with a pair of victories last week.

Northern, which had an 0-3 record earlier in the year, edged Marian College 96-92 and dumped Franklin College 98-83 to advance their season's record to 7-6.

At Marian, the Norsemen fell behind 45-41 at halftime when Coach Mote Hils was charged with a technical foul just seconds before the close of the half.

The technical proved to be a blessing in disguise, however, as Hils' cagers "went to war" in the second half.

Northern outscored Marian 10-1 in the early minutes of the second period to move them into a 51-46 lead.

Marian fought back and managed to tie the score at 73-73 with five minutes left to play. But as the clock ticked away neither team was able to build a commanding lead. Finally, in the closing minutes, NK guard Mark Wilcox sunk six straight free throws to enable Northern to pull out the victory.

The Norsemen returned to Regents Hall

Saturday night to post their sixth home game victory of the season over Franklin College.

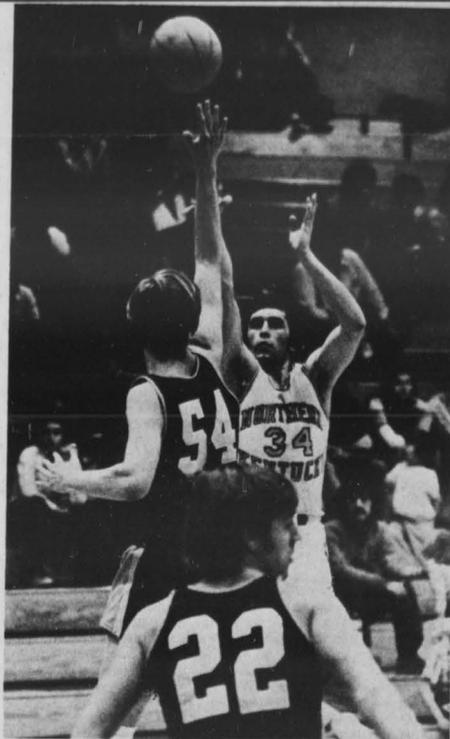
This contest may well have been the Norsemen's finest winning performance of the year.

Northern raced to a 16-point lead early in the first half but had to settle for a 47-39 score at the intermission. The Grizzlies held NK scoreless during the first two minutes of the second half and managed to knot the score at 47-47.

It was then that Northern's senior guard Chuck Berger, who finished the game with a record high 12 assists, put the Norsemen on top to stay. With eleven minutes showing on the clock, Berger scored eight consecutive points for NK to put Northern ahead 72-60.

The Norsemen stretched their lead to seventeen, 90-73, and coasted to the easy victory.

All five of Northern's starters finished the game scoring in double-figures. Berger and Ken Noll led the team with 20 points apiece while Jeff Stowers added 19 and Richard Derkson and Greg Von Hoene scored 18 and 12 points respectively.



(photo by Karl Kuntz)

Kenny Noll tries for two against Franklin.

PLAYBOOK

By J.A. Daugherty

The word from John Deedrich's office about the tennis courts is that they are "substantially finished".

Apparently cold weather hit the campus before the construction crew had put down the final layer. Mr. Deedrich described it as, "just one of those things."

He now estimates that the final surface layer will be put down by the end of March.

There will be 6 courts, a wooden practice backboard and bleachers to seat 150 people.

The Norsemen basketball team will play at Cumberland Monday, January 27, and then start a four game homestand Saturday, February 1 against Slippery Rock State.

The Norsemen lost their home opener of the season to Georgetown but since that time have gone undefeated at

Regents Hall, winning the last 5 times out.

Sat. Feb. 1 - Slippery Rock
Thur. Feb. 6 - Tennessee St.
Sat. Feb. 8 - Christian Brothers
Mon. Feb. 10 - U. of Tennessee-Chattanooga

Norsemen basketball games will be shown on videotape in the lounge at 1:00 p.m. on the first weekday of school after the game.

This is a project of Northern's radio and television department.

NKSC's wrestling team continues their season Saturday, January 25 in a triangular meet at Centre with Huntington College.

The matmen will then come home for their first three home meets of the spring semester.

Wed. Jan. 29 - Wright St. and Centre, 4:00 p.m.; Fri. Jan. 31 - Hanover, 4:30 p.m.; Wed. Feb. 5, Georgetown and Urbana, 4:00 p.m.

All home meets are held in Regents Hall.

Three of the next four games for the Norsewomen basketball games will be played at home.

Tues. Jan. 28, Spalding, 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 31, Louisville, 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 1, Western, 10:00 a.m.

The Norsewomen will travel to Georgetown for a rematch Tuesday, February 3.

The Northerner Sports

Cagers Streak Broken

By T. Boehmker

Northern Kentucky State had its four game winning streak broken by Wright State University Wednesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

Wright State totally outplayed the Norsemen to post the 90-76 victory which was Northern's seventh loss in 14 games.

The main reason for the Norsemen's defeat was their poor offensive performance. Northern only connected on 38% of its field goals while the Raiders shot a more respectable 56% from the floor.

Three of Wright State starters, guard Rick Martin, forward Lyle Falknor and forward Bob Grote, scored twenty points or better and combined for 71 out of the Raider's 90 points.

Northern stayed even with Wright State

through most of the first half thanks to fifteen free throw conversions but still trailed 46-43 at halftime.

The Norsemen once again suffered a breakdown in the early going of the second half and fell behind 64-55 before Coach Mote Hils called time out to try and regroup his charges.

Still the Norsemen could not penetrate the Raiders tight zone defense and Wright State ran the score to 82-70 before they applied their stall tactics and coasted to the victory.

The Raider's Bob Grote led all scorers with 29 while Jeff Stowers topped the Norsemen with 21.

Northern will journey to Cumberland College Monday for the second meeting with the Indians whom they defeated 97-95 last week in Regents Hall.

The Norsemen's next home game is February 1 against eastern basketball Slippery Rock State College.

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Mum's the Word

Faculty Silent On Tenure Controversy

by Jan Kipp

Tenure is an issue which will affect many of Northern's faculty members in the months to come.

Because the issue is so important to the faculty, the Northerner decided to ask faculty members from various departments for their comments about the tenure situation. The response of the majority of those questioned is typified in the answer of one faculty member who, when asked for his comments, replied, "I'll comment on anything but that."

In review, the regents adopted a tenure plan in 1972 which allowed every faculty member a 3-year probationary period before tenure was granted. This means that within a few months, 59 Northern professors will be eligible for tenure.

Fifty-two of Northern's 157 full-time professionals are already tenured. If these two groups of tenured faculty were combined, nearly 2/3 of the faculty would be tenured. This would leave the administration little room for revision of the teaching staff.

Several months ago, a tenure committee was appointed to rework the tenure policy. This committee proposed a six-year probationary period, with the termination of contract dates to remain the same as under the old policy. Under the present policy, a professor in his first year at Northern must be notified of contract termination by March 1st, in the second year, by Dec. 15, and after two years of service, a notice of one year must be given.

The Administration's counter-proposal specified that the notification of termination of contract for all faculty members on probation would be by March 1 of each year.

Faculty members argue that this notification date would not give them enough time to find new positions.

"I think tenure is very important to people in the academic profession," stated Dr. Adalberto Pinelo, Dept. of Political Science and member of the faculty senate. "Unlike the people in other professions who, if they lose their jobs can walk down the street to the next plant or lab and get another job, if we lose our jobs we usually have a much harder time finding a new job. It entails moving, moving our families.

"If you are an engineer," he continued, "and you work for Ford, you can go to G.E. or Millicon and find a new job. For someone specializing in a particular branch of, say, political science or physics, you must go to other universities in the area and it is very unlikely that they need someone with your specialty at that time. Tenure gives people a little security in their jobs."

Other faculty members expressed their sympathy for the administration's point of view.

"It's a two way thing," stated Dr. Thomas Rambo, Department of Biological Sciences. "I think that the administration should have some way to get rid of someone doing a really wretched job - but I think there should be some sort of hearing in those cases. The way it is now, there's no sort of appeal."

One of the administration's arguments against the current set of termination notification dates is that faculty members who have been given their one-year notice are more apt to be "trouble-makers."

"People on one year contracts spend time causing trouble or doing things not beneficial to the college," agreed Rambo. "It has to be handled, however, so that it's not just some sort of dictum from above."

The majority of the faculty members who The Northerner interviewed seemed to have faith that the tenure decision which is reached will be a fair one.

"I am confident the Committee of Regents will make every effort to reach a

satisfactory decision on a very difficult problem," stated Th. P. Lindsey, Department of Humanities.

The majority of the faculty, however, seems to be afraid to voice opinions on the issue. Most of the professors who were approached by The Northerner declined to comment when they heard the subject of the questions was tenure. Two faculty members said they lacked sufficient information to comment at this time.

One professor commented on the situation only when The Northerner promised not to publish his name.

"The Board of Regents will decide what the policy is going to be," he stated. "The faculty had its chance to present its point of view, and so had the Administration. So a policy will be enacted. I suspect that it will be, basically, a fair policy."

"I just don't want to get my name mixed up in it," he concluded.

Campus Ministries Organize

By Susanne Britt

As the needs of Northern students are gradually being filled it is not surprising that NKSC has a full spiritual guidance staff. What is surprising however is that few persons know about them or what they do.

Three organizations are available for Northern students to become involved. They have come together as the United Campus Ministry to offer more to students.

One of these is the Christian Student Fellowship (CSF), an interdenominational organization having Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, and United Church of Christ memberships. According to Bill Koontz, CSF minister, it is supported by the Christian Brotherhood of Churches in the area.

The organization co-sponsors with the Baptist Student Union, the House of the Carpenter Coffeehouse every Saturday night from 9 p.m. This Saturday they feature THE RISING HOPE.

Koontz invites everyone to prayer breakfast on Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m.-9 a.m. in room N417. CSF also offers rap sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. where students talk while eating lunch about problems and issues also in room N417.

The group also meets for Bible studies, two on campus and six in student's homes. Besides sponsoring music and drama groups, on Monday nights at 9 p.m. students gather to listen to and critique music in terms of Christianity.

CSF, active off campus as well, cooperates in the inner-city tutoring program with Dave Bailey and sponsors volunteer students to work in an orphanage one month during the summer in Mexico.

For personal counseling or listening Koontz is in room N417 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday and until 3 p.m. on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and on Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Another of the three religious organizations is the Catholic Student Union (CSU) under the guidance of Fr. Raymond Holtz. Aquinas Hall is the meeting place for activities and is located at 512 John's Hill Rd.

Fr. Holtz, previously from the counseling program at Thomas More, was relocated at Northern to "fill the needs of the large number of Catholic students." He lives at Aquinas Hall which is owned by the Catholic diocese of this area and is working in cooperation with the administration and the United Campus Ministry.

CSU is an organization of students who

have open discussions, and meetings. Last semester they held masses and retreats which they plan to have again. Fr. Holtz is also available for counseling at Aquinas Hall.

The Baptist Student Union, another of the three religious organizations, provides the only recreation facility on campus at 514 John's Hill Rd. Mr. Ralph Hopkins, Baptist campus minister, said the facility has a lounge with a stereo, a fully equipped kitchen, study and meditation room, and a large meeting room with accommodations for 50 persons.

Chapel services are held in the Science building in room 500 at 8:15 a.m. on Monday and Thursday. BSU meets for lunch and rap sessions on Thursday at noon at the center and gathers on Saturday nights at 7:30 for "fellowship and just being together to enjoy the center."

Bible studies and a seminar on

Thursday at 7:30 allow student participation and education.

Hopkins, previously director of admissions at Cumberland College, is available for spiritual counseling at the center.

Together under the title of United Campus Ministry (UCM), these groups offer residency for men at The Community House and plan a similar facility near campus for women. This semester UCM is offering two full-credit courses in religion and a seminar featuring outstanding speakers on topics of interest such as "morality in government."

UCM encourages attendance at the French Lick, Indiana Retreat where 800 students from all over the midwest will attend.

UCM also extends a welcome to Fr. Monroe from All Saints Episcopal Church in Covington, who is organizing Episcopalians students on campus.

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by GARY WEED



My wife's coffee was so bad, it was grounds for divorce. Now, I realize that joke has nothing whatsoever to do with music, but I couldn't resist springing it on you. My reason for this being that I thought I would add some levity to the situation before plunging you into despair with:

Dan Fogelberg—*Souvenirs*
Epic

This album was recommended to me by some clown in a record store a while back. Having heard nothing about dear Dan, I so stated and the aforementioned clown replied with, "Do you like Joe Walsh?". I didn't press the matter any further and quickly put the album back in the rack.

I thought the album would leave me alone, but no. The editor of this scam sheet forced it upon me and, hence, this review.

I don't like Joe Walsh and I'm not too fond of Fogelberg either, although that's where their respective similarities end. If similar to any one singer or group, Fogelberg could most realistically be compared to Poco and the Eagles. Ah, the truth leaks out. Yes, Fogelberg is another country/western rock singer (zzzz) and true to form, sings with a twang and through his adenoids.

Muscially though, Fogelberg is deceiving. Through cliched songs about Illinois harvests, sweet sweet love and irritating refrains which consist of nothing more than thrice-repeated lines, flashes of promise shine.

The opener, "Part Of The Plan", is a good, fast-paced number with background vocals sounding surprisingly like those of Steely Dan. The instrumental break features some classy electric guitar which carries on through to the end of the song; very appetizing. But with the very next song, he falls on his face. "Illinois" is little more than a rehash of "Colorado". The chorus, "Looks like you're gonna hafta see me again" is repeated three times, which shortly begins to grate on the nerves.

The second side starts off with a bang with "As The Raven Flies", a spooky-sounding, highly electric tune, but again, the album deteriorates very rapidly after that.

If repetitive country/western crooners get you off, you'll probably like this. But if you're as bored with pedal steel guitars, falsetto backup vocals, and lead vocal nasalities as I am (Crosby, Stills, Nash and that other guy tripe) avoid this like a case of beri-beri. Four stars.

Gallagher and Lyle—*The Last Cowboy*
A&M

Benny Gallagher and Graham Lyle have, with this album, restored to Scotland the musical respectability which has been recently ruined by The Average White Band.

No newcomers to the music scene, *The Last Cowboy* is their fourth album to be released here (they have also released several in Scotland after leaving McGuinness Flint, with which they released two, including the now classic, *Happy Birthday, Ruthie Baby*) and their experience shows. Though the songs are precisely arranged semi-jazz pop, the feeling of such controlled works is not there at all. Instead, the songs are smoothly relaxing, not unlike some of the Beatles' later stuff and very much like Simon and Garfunkle.

It's an album you can feel entirely at ease with. They throw in some very campy tunes, brilliant saxophone by Jimmy Jewell and clean acoustic guitar which, coupled with Gallagher and Lyle's textured vocals, make for an extremely pleasant record. And lyrics like:

I'm the king of the silents
I'm laying low
waiting till the talkies blow over
I was acquainted with Greta Garbo
just like a sister and brother

give the album a wholly professional aura. Part of this due, no doubt, to producer Glyn Johns' influence, one of modern's music's best. This is definitely music worth hearing. Eight and one half stars.

HOT FLASH DEPT.

This is an unabashed plug, but I'm going to sack my morals and do it anyway. Some of you may know of the Cincinnati Renaissance and those who have been there needn't be told how great the atmosphere is. Those who don't ought to. The Renaissance is an old body shop which has been converted, through no small effort and expense into quite a musical experience. The whole place is just congenial as hell. Terry, the manager, told me, "I treat people here like I like to be treated myself." And if you're tired of being herded into arenas, pushed, shoved and generally maligned by security forces at "big rock shows" try the Renaissance. They're under semi-new management and several outstanding acts have been booked for upcoming months, including Loudon Wainwright III, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and New Riders of The Purple Sage. Stay tuned for exact dates and more upcoming concerts.



Wex Weed says, "A-Bomb 1976 makes Earthquake look like a garden party."



Bombs Away! Another Disaster Flick



Apocalyptic Pictures today announced that its newest and BIGGEST disaster flick EVER, "A-Bomb 1976," will open nationwide on December 7.

"Briefly," the film's producer Durwood "Crash" Fallen explained, "the picture will detail how this group of courageous citizens rebound when, during a holocaust, their respective sons, daughters, wives, lovers, husbands, mothers, fathers, pets, personal possessions and grandparents are blown to bits. It will also include a tender love story, amid the shambles, between the World's Leading Radiologist and the World's Most Beautiful Woman."

Fallen, previously responsible for such disaster classics as "Flood," "The Sizzling Volcano" and the low-budget, "Head-On Collision," added that Apocalyptic wanted to sign Charlton Heston as the Radiologist and Cybil Shepherd as the World's Most Beautiful Woman. Also included in the catastrophic cast, at least tentatively, will be Ernest Borgnine and The Guy Who Sells Out, Faye Dunaway as The Second Most Beautiful Girl In The World, Sid Caesar as The Plumber, Richard Loo as The Bombadier and Greta Garbo as Gloria Swanson.

When asked to explain his famous obsession with disaster movies, Fallen relied, "People want escapism. They don't want that artsy-fartsy stuff. We give 'em suspense. Those in the audience see the people on the screen being burned alive and falling 135 stories and it gives 'em a charge. It makes 'em feel good because they begin to think that maybe they ain't got it so bad. Hell, paying a buck for a loaf of bread ain't as bad as being blown up in a bread factory, which is what happened to Steve McQueen and Ali McGraw in my last movie, "Toasted Alive." I think, by making these disaster movies, I'm really helping people cope with their problems. Y'know what I mean?"

The celebrated female special effects genius, Dee Strucktion, was also on hand to explain the revolutionary new device, "Explodeupon," which will be used for the first time in "A-Bomb 1976."

"Actually," according to Dee, "what this means is that everytime a character is blown to bits, we'll have it rigged so that various pieces of the anatomy will be thrown off the screen. We are greatly indebted to Undertakers Local No. 501 for their part in helping us perfect this exciting new device. As an extra attraction, each seat will be equipped with its own geiger counter."

The film's actual disaster sequences have already been shot and the rushes are currently being shown to influential personages within the industry. At a recent benefit screening for Those That Got It At Hiroshima, critics, Wex Weed

and Judith Crisp finally got to see what's done of the film. Weed reported that "A-Bomb 1976" will mushroom above all other disaster films. It makes "Earthquake" look like a garden party." Crisp, on the other hand, dismissed the film as just "another bomb."

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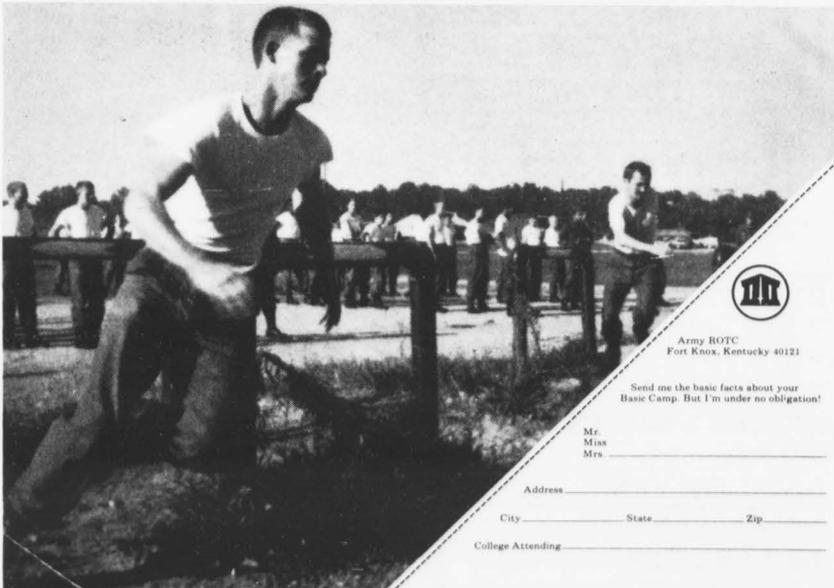
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