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Northern Kentucky University



## Board of Regents approve reorganization

The reorganization of NKU got underway with the approval of the plans by the Board of Regents Monday. It is supposed to be implemented by July 1, according to NKU provost Dr. Janet L. Travis.

"Northern itself proposes to offer no graduate program in any of the basic disciplines," according to the approved plan, because "confining the level of activities almost entirely to undergraduate programs will help the university in developing its priorities, in attaining a satisfactory measure of quality and in shepherding its resources."

In line with this and the four missions of the university (reported in *The Northerner* April 8), the 14 departments at NKU have been regrouped according to their orientations.

Nine programs, each headed by a chairperson, are under the jurisdiction of the dean of basic disciplines. They are: biological sciences, fine arts, history, humanities, mathematical science, physical science, government and public affairs, psychology and social sciences.

The arrangement of these divisions "probably had more discussion than any other area," said NKU president Dr. A. D. Albright.

The programs having career or professional emphasis will be grouped under a dean of human development and service. Like the basic disciplines, each of the following will have its own chair: business, education, health, social

work, technical programs, and communications.

According to the current set-up, social work is combined with anthropology and sociology and communications is a part of the fine arts department.

The three new deanships created will probably be filled by present NKU personnel, said Albright. Travis indicated previously that a search committee is being formed to recommend persons for the posts.

An evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the new structure will be made after 12 to 18 months. If it is found to be deficient at that time, the Regents have already approved a possible alternative which provides for further combination of basic disciplines. Under that arrangement, there would be four rather than nine programs: fine arts, natural and mathematical science programs, social sciences, and humanities.

The advantages of this "untraditional" division system include economic factors, according to Albright.

Usually, universities have 10 or 12 areas of programs. "This makes costs two or three times what our kind of arrangement costs," he said. Further, "american higher education is often criticized. It seems to have ossified," he added. "We want to get geared up before we're caught" by the lessening of funding for higher education forced by its growing unpopularity, Albright explained.

## DPS to carry guns out of campus proper

Department of Public Safety officers were authorized to carry guns in the parking lots and in "all areas adjacent to the buildings," by the NKU Board of Regents Monday.

Officers "on building patrols in the campus proper" will be unarmed and will not wear the usual police-style uniform, according to the new policy. Instead, said Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the president, the officers will wear blue blazers. This part of the policy is already in effect, he added, and the rest "is being phased in now."

A third section of the report governs when and how guns may be used. "The weapon is for the protection of the officer and the public he protects. It is to be used only if his life or that of another is threatened," according to John B. Connor, director of Public Safety.

The gun regulations are part of a new DPS policy currently being written by Connor and, he said, "drawn from the Public Safety committee report." Because of the importance of the "gun issue," he explained, this part of the report was submitted to the Regents before the whole recommendation is complete.

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Pres. Albright presents reorganization plans

Maryevelyn Wilson photo

## SG elections turnout disappointing

by Maryevelyn Wilson

A total of 577 ballots were cast in a "disappointing turnout" at the Student Government (SG) elections held Monday and Tuesday of this week, according to Dave Harden, elections committee chairperson.

In the only contested race for the executive board, Sam Makris won out by almost a two-to-one margin over Steve Wolff and Marty Sheehan.

Running uncontested, Suzanne Kunkel will be vice-president; Mike Monce, treasurer, and Anne Gerner secretary.

Senior class representative was based entirely on write-in votes, of which Linda Schaefer gathered the most. Tied for the second representative were Patty Bushe and Jim DiAmbriso.

With two being elected in the junior class representative spot, both Steve Elsbernd and Maryevelyn Wilson won with no challenges by write-ins.

Sophomore class representative was also based on write-ins. Eric Ringo placed first with Doug Kropp and John Griffith tying for the number two position.

In order of votes received, Rob Randel, Tom Dressman, Marian Johnson, Karl Heffner, George Overby and Jack Clark were elected as representatives at-large.

In the race for judicial council, Linda Schaefer once again edged out the candidates, but chose to serve as senior rep and bow out of the judicial council. After Schaefer, top vote getters included Steve Walters, Ray Beck, Vicki Romito, Marian

Keegan and Holly Schulte.

Greg Steffen, as the only candidate on the ballot, won a position on the student activity fee board and, in a write-in campaign, George Overby got the second spot with 59 votes, a feat current SG president John Nienaber deemed "truly remarkable."

In the survey, students overwhelmingly disapproved of the recent tuition increase, 293-166 with 93 registering no opinion.

They also expressed the opinion that Chase College of Law should remain a part of NKU by casting 426 votes for the status quo, 65 for a switch to UK, 43 for an independent status, 2 for non-existence and 60 had no opinion.

The constitutional amendment, which stated election days would be changed from the third Wednesday and Thursday of November and April was approved 437 to 35.

All ballots cast came from the Highland Hts. campus, although Harden had made arrangements for Chase to vote. "I thought arrangements had been made to pass out the ballots, but they apparently were not," said Harden.

When asked how he felt about the election results, newly elected president Makris said, "Ecstatic. The two other candidates do deserve a lot of credit, though, for running and putting out such a good effort. It says they care and if we had a lot more people like that, SG surely would be a tremendous success."

# around northern

The NKU Board of Regents Monday approved a recommendation to inaugurate Dr. A. D. Albright officially as the president of Northern Kentucky University during commencement exercises May 15.

The Honorable Julian Carroll, Kentucky governor, Supreme Court Justice Scott Reed, and Albright will receive Honorary

Law degrees from the university during the ceremonies.

The radio-TV department is still in need of acts for the two remaining Ham shows.

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## Kings take tournament with surprise victory

Northern's fearless prognosticator and sports editor, Rick Meyers, proved he was not Jimmy the Greek last Sunday as NKU's intramural basketball tournament provided a surprise winner in the AAA Division.

King of the Quarts, a team which entered the AAA tournament with a quiet 3-2 record, won their semifinal and championship games by a total of three points. A 15-foot jumper by Keith Walroth with one second remaining won the semifinal contest over tourney favorite

Untouchables by a 59-57 score.

In the championship game, the tournament Kings held off another surprise team, the McVees, with a 55-54 victory in overtime. Keith Lamb led the Kings with 20 points. The McVees, 2-3 in the regular season, missed three shots in the final 14 seconds of play.

In the AA tournament, the Critters muscled their way through three games on the final day to become AA Champions. The Critters took the title impressively, defeating the Gunners (52-42), the No Names (70-55), and in the championship game jumped to a 12-3 lead over Zumsteins and held off a late rally to win, 63-54. Zumsteins defeated Northerner favorite Over The Hill Gang, 72-56, to reach the final game.

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## Alan Tucker gets creamed

Rites of Spring takes on a new light as the pie-in-the-eye contest gets into action Wednesday afternoon.

## Pitching record superb

Northern Kentucky University, which enters today's action with a 41-5 record, had the No. 1 pitching staff in the nation the week of April 9.

NKU ended that week with a 1.94 earned run average (ERA), according to NKU baseball statistics released on April 12. Jacksonville (Ala.) and Eckerd (Fla.) had nation-leading ERA's of

1.97 that same week, according to the Official NCAA Division II baseball statistics released April 9. NKU's statistics, apparently, were not sent to the NCAA that week.

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# Pictures at an exhibition

by Jan Kipp

Imagine yourself standing in a large art museum studying a work, not by Rembrandt or Picasso, but something you created yourself. Barry Andersen, photography instructor at Northern, has recently had that experience.

Andersen has four prints included in a current display at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

"I'm very happy to be shown in a prestigious place close to home," Andersen stated. "It gives your work merit - it must be art. That's really nonsense, but it's true."

Andersen, who has been seriously working in photography for over seven years, commented on showing his work.

"You have to exhibit, it's necessary for your emotional survival as an imagemaker. But showing your work should be secondary, if it's too important to you, it's too disappointing if you get rejected for a show.

"You make photographs for yourself - not to exhibit them. I didn't find out that there was going to be a show in Cincinnati and then go out and make a lot of pictures. You just send what you have on hand."

Andersen explained his pictures in the display were taken several years ago as part of his graduate thesis.

"Sometimes when an image is new both you and it are fragile - criticism hurts. It's like raising a child. When it's new, you protect it, but after it's been shown it's



Barry Andersen

like its 21 - you pat it on the head and wish it luck," mused Andersen.

Andersen, who did his graduate work at University of Florida studying under renowned photographers Todd Walker and Jerry Huelsman, has been teaching at Northern for almost two years. He explained that he likes teaching photography

courses, especially basic photography, for several reasons.

"It's a course that serves the entire university. It's open to anybody, not just art students.

"The course gives people who have never photographed before an opportunity to learn about photography. At the end of the semester they have a lot more skills. Photography gives people an opportunity to craft something, to make something with their own hands and to see the results. It's a medium that almost anybody feels comfortable in."

The exhibit, which consists of photographs and watercolors by Cincinnati area artists, will be on display until May 29.

## Psych department makes course changes

Introductory Psychology has been changed from a two-semester to a one-semester course, beginning this spring, according to Dr. Vincent Schulte, department chairman.

Schulte said the change resulted from decisions made by an ad hoc committee on introductory psychology.

According to the committee report, the following reasons necessitated a change:

Many students receive a distorted view of the field since they take only the first semester (PSY 100);

Many students are disappointed with the first half and therefore do not continue to take PSY 101, and;

The student may be getting a narrower view of the area of behavioral sciences if he does take the six hours of psychology to fulfill his basic requirements, rather than three hours of psychology and three of some other behavioral science.

Also, Schulte added, there may be some overlapping between the two semesters since various instructors may include slightly different things in their courses.

The new one semester PSY 100, is a more meaningful course for non-majors, said Schulte, and is designed for more individual tailoring on the part of the instructor.

"Some things we would definitely cover in all the courses," he said, but the remainder will be left up to the instructor.

The committee suggested the following topics be included in the intro course: introduction, history and methods, learning, developmental, intelligence, personality, abnormal, therapy, and social psychology.

Schulte emphasized that while the new PSY 100 would be "more interesting and desirable for non-majors," the department is also

increasing its 200-level courses so "smaller groups can take a more concentrated look at some specific areas." These areas include psychology of adjustment, introduction to behavior modification, and psychology of human sexuality.

While the course will be changed, there will be about as many sections offered as in the

past, added Schulte.

He also suggested that in the fall, and experimental class will be held in room A110, relying "less on direct lecture and more on the media." Schulte said it would be a larger class utilizing films, slides and other media more often than straight lectures to see how the large-class approach will work.



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# THE Northerner's View

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## SG should represent more than 577

### What is Student Government?

Many people should have been asking that question this past week as they encountered tables set up in various campus buildings for the purpose of electing members for next fall.

Many people should have stopped and realized that the elections of SG mean almost as much to their college careers as do the general elections to their outside lives.

Unfortunately, very few did either.

I doubt that even I, a successful candidate for junior class rep, can answer the above question. All that comes to mind is that SG is the only true body representative of students' needs.

The problem with that statement, however, is how representative the body really is and what exactly they represent. Only 577 students cast ballots in the recent election, a total percentage of less than ten percent of the eligible voters. No one can say that 577 people represent the opinions, needs and

desires of a campus population of 7000. They could however say that the absence of 6000 voters represented a "who cares" attitude predominant on campus.

Apathy? Yes, but more than that, a sleepy dream in which the students think that they will never need or want SG for anything.

Not true. more than 577 people out there on campus will have to shell out more bucks at registration time next semester, and most likely not with a smile on their faces. But they as individuals couldn't stop it, so they will do it when the time comes. SG tried to do something.

And, although the results were not in the students' favor, two members traveled south to Frankfort to represent their campus and work out a viable solution to the certain and justified increase. They, with other schools, asked for an extension of grant and loan deadlines as well as a lowering for standards in financial aid programs so that more people

could take advantage of available monies.

More than 577 people out there on campus will be affected, in one way or another, by the Rites of Spring. A portion of those activities was financed by the Student Government with both student activity fee money and other various revenues. They pledged much needed support and helped to sponsor the events every student will be touched by.

More than 577 people out there on campus are affected every day in many ways by things the present, as well as past, SGs have done. Whether or not they know it, or care, they will continue to be affected until they leave this great institution of learning. Whether or not SG works is up to those more than 577 people whom

SG is supposed to represent. When academic or social problems occur on campus, SG is the place to take them. If suggestions are to be made to the administration concerning the well-being of students in everything from picnic tables to added facilities or discrimination, SG is the place to make them.

In short, SG is the only organized, unified group on campus that can go to the administration here in Highland Hts. or south in Louisville or Frankfort or in the state legislature and even possibly the national legislature with student concerns. But they can only do those things if they can truly represent the entire campus and not 577 people.

-Maryevelyn Wilson

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Hey, look, just what's wrong with the Northerner lately? You appear to have developed an editorial policy of no editorial policy. The last two issues (April 8 and 15) have included no editorials, no columns by Colston or Beirne no letters to the editor, no nothing. I feel like my student activity fee is being wasted and, considering I'm on staff and don't pay an activity fee, this is remarkable. The April 15 issue contains: (1) obligatory and unreadable interviews with the SG candidates; (2) record reviews by Gary Webb on two

groups that nobody's ever heard of - Webb's specialty; (3) a five-minute interview with an actor nobody's ever heard of, onto whom Mses. Kipp and Cafazzo obviously stumbled in Florida over spring break; and (4) an insightful but horrendously punctuated article by Tom Cate. The remainder of the issue consists of Rites of Spring schedules, classified ads and other items with the excitement and intellectual fascination of the Pendleton County phone book.

Previous issues have contained at least some redeeming virtues; could you please revert slightly to

the relative Renaissance of your editorship? Thank you.

(signed) Ray Muff  
Tutoring Co-Ordinator  
Special Services

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

(1) unreadable only to those who are not obliged to vote in the

election;  
(2) you've heard of them now, haven't you?  
(3) you missed the point; go read it again;  
(4) we have to have something from our illustrious faculty members, and  
(5) Pendleton County doesn't have a phone book.

	
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