

# The Northerner

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Northern Kentucky University

## Din disrupts FA activities

by Connie Vickery

"Could you repeat that? What did you say? Can you move in a little closer?"

The clamor of staccato drilling has brought to the Fine Arts Building and its inhabitants, as workmen continue repairs to the faulty ventilation system in the F.A. print shop.

Although drilling in each janitors' closet on the four floors for a safe and improved system has been a year coming, faculty and students are having problems contending with it.

"It's almost impossible to teach with this noise," said Dr. Edd Miller, chairman of the Communications Program.

"In fairness, I can understand that the work must be done—but it is unfortunate it has to be done at an awkward time.

"People are just frustrated with it," he said.

Physical Plant Manager John Deedrick said the project would have been completed before fall classes resumed. However, the backlog of paperwork in Frankfort prevented approval of a contract in time.

To work at night would "increase the cost astronomically," he said.

Tommy Jones, the electrical contractor for Clyde Johns Electrical Contractors, Inc., of Lexington, explained "the odor down here is probably toxic if you get enough of it. Basically, we're putting in a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, including new fume hoods.

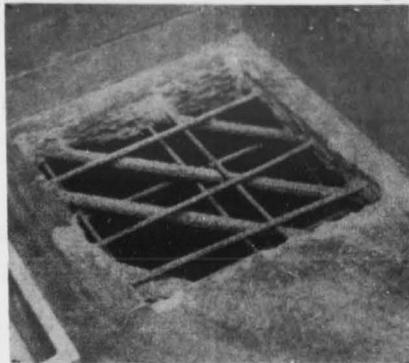
"They'll be two air conditioning units bringing fresh air in, and the fume hoods will take the bad air out."

Classes in the print shop were canceled last semester, as well as this semester, for repairs. According to Dr. Verne Shelton, Fine Arts chairman, "We've asked for this conversion, and now we got it. It was a necessary alteration.

"I'm glad it's going through, and I'm sorry for the inconvenience—but it has to be done."

Shelton said he knew the drilling would begin after Labor Day. "As far as going through the walls, it's supposed to be over by Thursday [September 29] afternoon or Monday."

Duct work should be completed by November 1, according to Deedrick.



**CLASSES MOVED** out of their regular meeting areas this week as major drilling work created a deafening noise. The NKU Chorale (upper left) fled to the stairwell while a communications class (lower) tried a more natural setting. The drilling produced two holes (upper right) in janitors' closet for the duct work.



## Albright asks committee to meet with wrestlers

The on again—off again status of the Northern Kentucky University intercollegiate wrestling program now appears—for the time being, anyway—for to be on again after a memorandum sent to the NKU Athletic Committee by University President A.D. Albright.

In a memo to Dr. Vince Schulte, Chairman of the University Committee on Athletics, Albright asked that opportunity be provided for members of the wrestling team to meet with the Athletic Committee as a whole, or a subgroup of the Committee, to discuss the committee's decision to reduce wrestling at NKU to the club level, dropping it from the ranks of intercollegiate sports.

Albright's request stemmed from a meeting with three members of the wrestling team held on September 19 (exactly one week

after the committee's unanimous vote to discontinue the program). The conference had been requested by the wrestlers in order to describe and discuss their viewpoints with Albright in regards to the committee's decision. Robert Knauf, director of public relations at NKU, also attended the meeting.

According to Albright, in the course of the discussion, the wrestlers, "provided information which I had not been aware of beforehand, which I presume the Committee had at hand."

Albright disclosed that the conference was in no way a heated condemnation of the committee's action, and professes admiration for the way in which the wrestlers presented their case.

"The conference was truly a remarkable one in several ways. There was no rancor...no quarrel...not even a raised voice, but a

straightforward steady discussion. No one could have failed to admire the way these students described their thoughts on the matter."

According to Albright, the wrestlers "simply described how they thought the implementation of this decision would affect some of them this year." (NOTE: see Sports scene column, p. 5).

The Athletic Committee's recommendation was made without consulting the opinion of any of the NKU wrestlers affected by that decision. Albright said that it was only fair that the wrestlers get a chance to have their say. "Inasmuch as an opportunity has not yet been extended to team members for a conference with the Committee."

Although directing the Athletic Committee to meet with the wrestlers,

Albright emphasized that the memo was not to be misconstrued as a directive to reverse the committee's stand on the issue.

"There is not even a hint that any particular conclusion is to be reached, certainly no abridgement of the basic decision and recommendation.

No question was, or is, at stake on the fundamental decision of the Committee...The question was, and is, the effect of the timing the implementation will have upon the various members of the team," Albright reiterated.

Though funds had already been allocated for the 1978-79 wrestling season, the Athletic Committee voted to drop the program after a "complete and total profile of the program, begun last spring, was submitted by NKU Athletic Director Lonnie Davis.

## opinion

# Faculty evaluations mean quality education

"Students have the opportunity, through a questionnaire disseminated toward the end of each semester, to assess the performance of the professor in carrying out his/her academic responsibilities."

This excerpt from the code of student rights and responsibilities has proven to be one of those principles that are great in theory but ineffective in practice. Faculty evaluations have become, in many circumstances, worthless at NKU.

Faculty members have taken the liberty of reading evaluations before recording grades. Some student comments are easily recognizable, therefore they are placed at a distinct disadvantage. Professors are only human, therefore the opportunity arises for discrimination when assigning grades.

Others read the criticisms, then throw them away without further consideration. Why bother giving them to begin with?

Worse yet, some professors last semester chose to not provide evaluations at all. That is a direct violation of the code of student rights.

Faculty evaluations are, and should be used as, a useful tool to upgrade the quality of higher education. They provide a student with the only means of defense against poor teaching. Grades may be appealed, but what about the "A" student whose time spent in class was equally as valueless? A student is the best judge of class

quality. It is unfair that he/she should waste valuable time and money on a worthless classroom experience.

The problem may lie not with the instructor but with the class itself. The curriculum may need revision, and the evaluations should be structured to indicate this. A dated subject, or a class that attempts to include too much material in too little time may be equally as damaging as an ineffective teacher. Often a class may not be necessary at all, and can be incorporated into another.

Most teaching difficulties are minor and can be corrected if pointed out, such as incoherent speech or confusing lecture habits. Occasionally an instructor misinterprets such criticism and the solution becomes much worse than the problem.

For example, one professor was told he must use a textbook rather than rely solely on lecture. He assigned the textbook, to be read within six weeks, after which he gave a comprehensive test. It was obvious he had not read the book himself, because many of the test questions were not mentioned in the text. Students in that class were much better off without a textbook.

When evaluations indicate the existence of a greater problem, they should not be ignored. There are those people who do not belong in a classroom. Most professors are dedicated teachers, but there are those few who are

inadequate. To some teaching is a last resort—and it shows, either through unprofessional attitude, total ineptitude or lack of ability to relate to the students.

Department chairpersons should seriously consider faculty evaluations, and act accordingly if a severe problem arises. Although they are not directly responsible, they do make recommendations as to contract renewal and tenure. They have a responsibility to the university and the students to insure the best possible educational opportunity in the respective disciplines.

Students, too are responsible for the effectiveness of evaluations. In order to generate improvement, criticisms must be both constructive and legitimate, and not looked upon as a means of "getting even." Education works only with mutual cooperation.

SG has made an attempt, through letters to Dr. Albright and Dr. Travis, to make the administration aware of the inadequacy of faculty evaluations, and has recommended that the university administration create an administrative council to deal specifically with the issue. It is time faculty evaluations were taken seriously, for the sake of both the students and the university. Quality education is the right of everyone. Proper use of faculty evaluations is a means to achieve that goal.

—Bev Yates

## Mother May I?

by Helen Tucker

I suppose everyone has a friend like Marva, one of those totally involved students who jump feet first into everything and never show any ill effects. I ran into her in the grill yesterday. Literally. Marva never walks when she can lope. She was carrying her usual nutritious lunch of green salad, an orange and diet cola. My attempt to shove my cheeseburger, fries and pecan pie onto another student's tray was an utter failure.

"Tch, tch," said Marva. "All that cholesterol. Not good at your age."

In order to distract her from my lunch tray, I made my first mistake.

"What did you do all summer, Marva?" I asked innocently.

"I carried a full load of classes. The first five weeks I did a practicum but after I completely reorganized their filing system and updated all their obsolete forms-it became a bore! The second five weeks, my sociology class did a field study up the Yalu River. I

did a term paper on the correlation between the occupation of Korea by American GIs in the '50s and the overpopulation problems of the '70s. Fascinating! I skipped Intercession this year. It's a drag. What did you do?"

I shoved a handful of fries into my mouth and mumbled something unintelligible about a summer job.

"It certainly is good to be back on campus," sighed Marva happily. "I miss the social activities during the summer. I'm only taking 18 hours this semester. My part time job is so demanding! I mean, modeling can be so WEARING once you're in demand. Exhausting work, really. And I do want to have time for more involvement in organizations. You'll love my latest project! I'm organizing a new sorority for girls who aren't accepted into existing ones. Sororities as such status symbols but it IS a blow when you aren't accepted. I declined acceptance by three sororities last year because they were too snobbish. I plan to make this one very

democratic. Why don't you come to our pool party by the Dust Devil tomorrow night? ANYONE can come."

I attacked my burger savagely and excused myself on grounds that I had to work.

"Too bad, Sweetie," cooed Marva. "It would be beneficial for you to have some interesting social involvement and I do plan to get in philanthropic work after we get organized. Say, why don't you come with me now? I'm going to a meeting of the ecology club I organized. We're protesting the use of battered fish in the cafeteria. I'm opposed to violence of any kind! You'd love it and the activities wouldn't be too strenuous for you."

"Thanks, no." I replied weakly. "I've got to see the school nurse. I think my blood pressure is acting up again."

"Well, take care of yourself. Life is short, you know. Gotta run. So nice seeing you. We really must do this again soon."

## Letter to the editor

In the last issue of *The Northerner* of the Spring Semester, Robert Anstead and Donna Lloyd said in a Letter-to-the-Editor that those who profess themselves to be Nazis are not entitled to exercise freedom of expression guaranteed in the First Amendment because, in their opinion, Nazis and their ideology are so odious and horrendous that exception must be taken and the Nazis repressed. I strongly disagree, and offer these arguments in rebuttal.

America should be an open society, where all points of view may be expressed through such proper and legal ways as rallies, demonstrations, parades, leafletting, broadcasting, mailings, boycotts, lawsuits, strikes and wearing of insignia (improper and illegal ways are those that damage property, hurt physically, or interfere with legal and proper ways). People of all shades of opinion: Trotskyites, Birchites, Fundamentalists, Satanists, et al. should be able to make their

views known.

The advantages of this are the enhancements of freedom of thought, where an individual may find and have access to all viewpoints, mull them over, and come to one's own conclusions, and to change them on further consideration due to new inputs if one should like, without someone dictating to you in advance what your beliefs should be. Freedom to change is preserved, so that an individual or society may discard old conclusions and adopt new ones when a preception of reality comes into vogue.

When you stamp one set of opinions as totally and forever unacceptable and castigate anyone for daring to think it might be right, that is where freedom of thought ends. An official dogma of "acceptable" allowed opinions and "unacceptable" repressed opinions comes into existence, taking away from someone the right to think for him or herself and consider things from all

viewpoints and perspectives, which is necessary to prevent a narrow-minded entrenchment of societal thought.

There isn't, in my opinion, any absolute universal standard of right and wrong for all of time. Each person and culture must decide for itself what is to be considered correct and incorrect in light of its own situation. If you dislike what a group espouses, oppose them through fair and legal means when they try to implement their views, but don't try to silence them to begin with.

I personally have a vested interest in this, because I am of an opinion that is only slightly less unpopular, in some quarters, than Nazism: Atheism. For decades, Atheists have had to put up with opprobrium and repression whenever they expressed their viewpoints and fought for their rights. It starts with repressing the universally unpopular, the Nazis; then repression creeps up

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on others. With the precedent set for repressing the popularly unacceptable, other sets of opinion that the "majority" may view with a jaundiced eye such as Atheists may find themselves shut down. And so it grows, with more and more opinion groups silenced, to where society becomes, in the name of antifacism, fascist in its self. When the liberty of all is preserved, all are safe. The rationale they use to suppress your enemy may be used against you.

Lieh Geis,  
(signed)  
Andrew Lutes

# SG holds elections next week

NKU will turn to politics when Student Government holds elections on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Volunteers will man voting booths at four locations and at varying times to coincide with student schedules. Booths will operate as follows:

Science Building, 2nd floor 9 a.m.—6 p.m.  
University Center, 1st floor 9 a.m.—2 p.m.  
University Center, ground floor Noon—2 p.m.  
Nunn Hall, 1st floor 6—9 p.m.

14 candidates will compete for 12 representative-at-large positions. The nine candidates with the highest number of votes

will serve until Fall 1979; the remaining three will hold office until Spring 1978.

"Reps-at-large represent the campus in general," explained Maryevelyn Wilson, SG director of public relations. "They are voting members and serve on university committees."

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"Anybody can run as a write-in candidate, and either program reps or reps-at-large may campaign as such," Wilson said.

Students will have a chance to become familiar with the candidates when each is offered the opportunity to express his or her viewpoint in a candidate rally on Monday, Oct. 2. The rally will begin at noon in the Nunn Hall lobby.

## Meet the candidates

### Chuck Young Pre-law freshman

"The reason I am running for student government is, not everyone has the time to get involved in such student affairs. I have the time to devote, and the experience, I hold an office in student government at my high school.

### Sam Bucalo Business Administration freshman

"Working in a leader's capacity in Student Government throughout high school, I can bring an experienced as well as enthusiastic view to the Student Government at NKU.

If elected a Representative-at-Large, I will be active working for more successful student activities and bringing students' needs to the NKU administration.

### Greg Steffen Anthropology senior

"The most important priority of Student Government should be the re-establishment of the Student Activity Fee Board. The present subjugation of student monies to unadvised, administrative spending is untenable. This situation must be changed."

### Robert A. Sweetser Radio and television junior

"As a student government representative my focus will be aimed towards making the student body more aware of what's going on around campus as well as finding out exactly what their likes and dislikes are about the institution. This will enable me to implement action on improvements as well as changes that need to be made."

### Kathy Sponser Political science freshman

"As a second semester re-entry student I feel I can relate to the entire student body. Special attention needs to be given to the problems of the re-entry student, such as: what subjects to start with, how to play the 'parking lot game', how to dress, and—worst of all—where the heck is this or that building?"

This awareness will I believe enable me to bring suggestions to the Student Government's attention and give them the opportunity to smooth the pathway for all students."

### Debbie Harmeling Biology education freshman

"The Student Government activities interest me very much and I would like to get involved. At the present time, I am working as part time secretary for Student Government. This experience has already helped me in getting involved. I would like to get involved in the affairs of the students."

### Julie Bare Freshman, undecided major

"I feel that as a freshman I will be a good influence on the Student Government because I may have ideas which have never before been brought forth and since NKU is a fast-growing university, new ideas are always needed.

### Charlie Parker Political science/ history junior

"The basic problem facing Student Government today is recognition and accessibility. Students just do not know who their representative is or how to go and approach him about a problem they may be having that he could help. I, myself until this semester knew only one or two members, this alone would hurt the effectiveness of any representative organization.

### Marc Emral Radio and television senior

"I have served on various committees around campus for SG. I am a leader not a follower and would like to continue as one. I am the fifth name on the ballot. Please vote for me and I will continue to serve you. Don't be beat, do Greek."

### Irene L. Norton

"I hope I can and will represent all people most of the time and be an asset for all my contemporaries here at the University. I would like to generate interest on campus in starting an environmentalist group this year and promote many new ideas in the interest of all of my colleagues. Thank you for your vote and see you at the polls."

### Stephen Humphress History junior

The Students here at Northern need to be involved in the affairs of this University and I encourage this involvement highly. I personally will be heavily involved in student government and I urge any student to confront me and state their problems so that I can present their views before the Delegate Assembly or to who ever in authority that can handle this.

### Taylor "Chip" Root Political science sophomore

A representative must have the time, and most importantly, the desire to devote his full attentions to the conduction of his office. I believe that I fully understand the required duties of the office and am prepared to spend the time and effort to successfully represent the students in our government."

### Robert J. Anstead

"Too many of the present members of student government represent more their fraternity than the student body as a whole. Too many are concerned with cultivating their relationships with the administration rather than being forceful representatives of the students. The large majority which does not vote in student government elections reflects that many feel left in the process. We need a student government that will seek majority consent from the students on key issues but equally important we need a student government that will endeavor to listen to the concerns of minorities in their constituency.

### Mike Monce Political science senior

"The parking problem at Northern aggravated by the constant increase of students on campus each year, can only worsen if the TANK referendum on Nov. 7 goes down in defeat.

"With my continued representation of your needs at Student Government meetings and other campus committees requiring honest student representation, plus the voter registration and petition drive that I have originated, I can insure you that this issue, of such vital concern to students on this campus, will end in a successful conclusion. Please vote on Oct. 3."

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### REPS-AT-LARGE

- Irene Norton
- Stephen Humphress
- Julie Bare
- Chuck Young
- Marc Emral
- Charlie Parker
- Debbie Harmeling
- Sam Bucalo
- Robert Anstead
- Mike Monce
- Kathy Sponser
- Taylor Root
- Greg Steffen
- Robert Sweetser
- (write-in candidates)

### CLUSTER REPS

- Graduate Cluster Reps
- Vote for not more than 2
- (write-in candidates)

### PROGRAM REPS

- Vote for not more than 1
- Communications
- Becky Sturm
- (write-in candidate)

- Education
- (write-in candidate)

- Public Administration
- Joan Baioni
- (write-in candidate)

- History
- (write-in candidate)

- Literature & Language
- (write-in candidate)

- Social Sciences
- (write-in candidate)

- Masters of Education
- (write-in candidate)

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# NKU contributions shine in softball

## Norse coeds lead Pabst 'B' champs

by Tammy Race

Due to outstanding success this past season, the women's USSSA World Tourney champs, Pabst, will move up from class "B" to class "A" competition next season. The local favorite closed out their summer softball season with an astonishing record of 102 wins and 14 losses, including seven tournament wins. The tournament was held over the Labor Day weekend in St. Louis, where 63 national amateur teams competed for the championship.

But just as remarkable as the team as a whole, were the 17 players themselves, ten of which are presently attending Northern or have at some time within the past few years.

Peggy Ludwig, a senior and three time NKU volleyball MVP, led Pabst in batting averages with .637 on the season (.592 in World Tourney play), and in base hits (201). Ludwig, who plays volleyball, softball, and basketball for the Norsewomen, was chosen for the All-World Team and was named MVP for the tournament.

Another senior, Jenny Niehaus, was re-

ferred to as "super consistent" by Pabst coach Melvin Webster, former assistant sports director at NKU. Niehaus is in charge of the NKU Women's Athletic House. She ended the season with an outstanding .667 batting avg. in the tournament and .457 for the over-all season.

Jenny's sister, Linda, is a graduate of NKU. This season was Linda's eighth year on the team. Linda set a new team record with 29 sacrifice flies, and was another player chosen to be on the All-World Team. She carried a batting avg. of .587 with 116 RBI's.

Brenda Ryan, a freshman this year, finds Northern "different." Brenda set three team records during the season with 30 homeruns, most doubles (29), and 149 RBI's. Brenda is attending NKU on a full softball scholarship.

Other outstanding players include Northern trainer Pat Wieland, who doubled as the team's catcher and trainer; Jenny Romack, with a .435 batting avg., another player attending Northern on a basketball scholarship; Jenny Bray, a Physical Education major, the only player to play in all 116 games; Joyce Wimmers, who played volleyball for NKU in '76; and petite Paulette Bryant who surprised her World Tourney opponents with a tournament batting avg. of .696 with 16 RBI's. Bryant was also chosen to the All-World Team and ended the season with a .473 batting avg., 111 RBI's and 19 home runs.

## Greg Sandy paces Cincinnati Suds

by Vickie Helbich

Greg Sandy, an NKU junior, has found an interesting sideline in addition to his aim for a radio-television degree.

While most people involve themselves with jobs outside of school, Sandy prefers to devote his time to the Cincinnati Suds professional softball team.

Two years ago, Sandy was playing for a semi-pro team, the Rocketts Olds. Tryouts for the Suds came up and it was suggested to Sandy to make an attempt. He got the job and began playing left field and second base.

After just completing his first full year with the team, Sandy has compiled an impressive .530 batting average in 64 season games. The team recently ended their season with a 40-24 record, ranking them first in their league and third in the playoffs.

The Suds, in their second year of pro ball existence, have been enthusiastically accepted by Cincinnati and Kentucky softball fans. "Once you start something, people expect it to be knocked out of sight or to become a booming success," said Sandy. "I look to see us grow and do even better next year."

An average Suds weekend will attract 5,000 spectators. The team, however, failed to maintain this average during the past rain-plagued season.

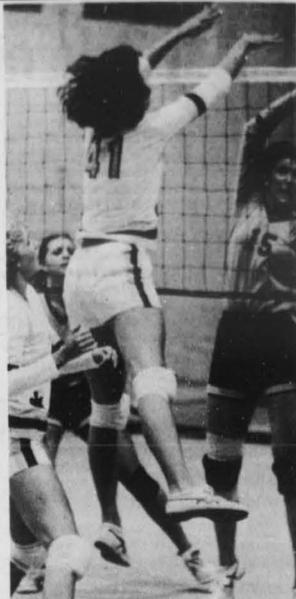
Sandy also takes an equal interest in his education. Presently, he is the only Suds member enrolled in college. In addition to his two years at Northern, Sandy holds a degree in business from Southern Ohio College. After he obtains a degree from NKU, Sandy hopes to get a job within the Cincinnati vicinity so he can continue to play with the Suds.

"Radio and television is such a strange field, I may have to go to a different state," Sandy said.

The Suds will open practice in March under a new owner. At present, 90 percent of the team is owned by the players. Sandy said he plans to return for another season.

It is also rumored that the Professional Softball Team is considering expansion to 18 teams, adding six new cities to the 12 existing ones.

Sandy predicts the Suds will have a good shot at the title next season, with or without expansion. And Northern's contribution to the ranks of professional softball plans to be a major factor.



## Norse lose to UK

CEAL FRANZ wins the battle but the Norse lost the war, as the University of Kentucky handed Northern their first defeat of the volleyball season. NKU's Peggy Ludwig looks on as Franz, a freshman, slams home a point over this worried UK defender. Northern's record now stands at 6-1.

## Baseball team hosts tourney

The baseball team will be taking their 6-4 record with them into this week's Northern Kentucky Invitational Tournament here at NKU.

The tournament, which gets under way on Saturday, Sept. 29 and continues through Sunday, features the universities of Cincin-

nati, Xavier, Eastern Kentucky, Louisville, and Thomas More College.

"It will be a struggle for us to win it, but we can," said Coach Bill Aker. "I do think it will be important if we can win. It will kinds pull us around for the season."

## Wesley vs. Taplits

RICK'S PICKS (favored team in CAPS) (winning margin)		TAPLITS TABS	
CINCINNATI at San Francisco	6	Miami 24	St. Louis 10
Houston at CLEVELAND	2	Denver 24	Seattle 12
KANSAS CITY at Buffalo	3	Pittsburgh 21	New York Jets 12
MINNESOTA at Tampa Bay	4	New England 22	San Diego 14
NEW YORK GIANTS at Atlanta	9	Oakland 21	Chicago 13
PITTSBURGH at New York Jets	4	Green Bay 14	Detroit 9
St. Louis at MIAMI	11	Los Angeles 18	New Orleans 14
San Diego at NEW ENGLAND	1	Atlanta 18	New York Giants 16
Detroit at GREEN BAY	8	Philadelphia 23	Baltimore 21
LOS ANGELES at New Orleans	10	Cincinnati 16	San Francisco 14
OAKLAND at Chicago	13	Minnesota 14	Tampa Bay 13
Seattle at DENVER	7	Buffalo 21	Kansas City 20
UPSET OF THE WEEK		UPSET OF THE WEEK	
PHILADELPHIA at Baltimore	1	Houston 14	Cleveland 13
GAME OF THE WEEK		GAME OF THE WEEK	
DALLAS at Washington	3	Dallas 23	Washington 21
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS		OVERALL	
The Sports Editor—8 right, 6 wrong 57%		33 right, 23 wrong 58%	
The Professor—7 right, 7 wrong 50%		31 right, 25 wrong 55%	

## Animal House?

by Rick Wesley

The residents of NKU's Men's Athletic House (Northern's abbreviated version of on campus "dorms" for student-athletes) have requested that the University consider making repairs on the Johns Hill Road facility, in addition to looking in on some other "beastly" problems "plaguing" the structure.

Tennis player Chris Fuentes initiated the petition, signed by those athletes currently living in the house. The house is reportedly badly in need of repair in regards to worn out rugs and furniture, chipping paint and plaster, broken pipes, etc...

In addition, uninvited "visitors" have been frequenting the house, making "pests" of themselves. The athletes have reported finding spiders, rats, and mice at an average of one per day in or around the house. Also, a "pretty fair size" milksnake was reported found in the basement. The snake, "Jake", was promptly deposited in a jar and labeled "Exhibit A."

A university spokesman promised "to look into the situation." In the meantime, if you hear Northern athletes humming the Jim Stafford tune "I Don't Like Spiders and Snakes," you'll know the reason why.

## Correction

Due to a misunderstanding by a Northern sports staffer, the name of wrestler Kevin WOLBERS was incorrectly spelled in the last two issues. "Nobody ever gets it right," Wolbers lamented. "But that's the worst (Wolbers) misspelling yet." Sorry Kevin.

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REP-AT-LARGE

# What does the Future hold for ex-wrestlers?

(Part 3 of a series)  
by Rick Wesley

**EPILOGUE:** It was a subdued group of wrestlers who met in The Northerner office to give their reactions to the Athletic Committee's decision to drop wrestling, and to discuss the ramifications that decision has on their futures.

Their comments reflected a feeling of betrayal by the University. They are angered and dismayed about the sudden turn of events and unsure about their futures. Indeed, several said they had no future since they would have to give up their pursuit of college degrees in order to pursue menial jobs.

Almost to a man, the wrestlers said they were contemplating a mass exodus from NKU—And the sooner the better.

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Kevin Wolbers said he plans on leaving school after this semester to go to work. "I'm going to try and go to night school...somewhere else though," he quickly interjected.

Why not just enroll in night classes at Northern?

"I just don't have a good impression of this school," said Wolbers. And they say first impressions are the lasting ones.

John Barker has already quit school, according to fellow wrestlers Randy Ruberg. "He said 'the hell with it,' and went out and got a job." Last season Barker qualified for the national tournament.

"This is costing a lot of us our education," lamented Wolbers.

Junior Dave Thuneman was the most outspoken, and acted as unofficial spokesman for the group. His situation perhaps best typifies the wrestlers' plight.

Thuneman said he plans to transfer to Eastern Kentucky University "as soon as I can transfer my classes." He hopes to leave by Christmas.

Thuneman was all set to enroll at Eastern his freshman year, but changed his mind at the last minute and came to Northern. The reason?

"I heard Eastern was dropping wrestling so I came up here." Now, he is once again "The Man Without a School."

Thuneman lives in nearby Covington, so why transfer to Eastern?

"I just feel bad towards this school. I don't think I could do good here," he reflected. "The last week since I've heard [about wrestling being dropped], I've been totally depressed. I just want to get away from this school and Dr. Davis [NKU Athletic Director] as far as I can."

Davis has pledged to do his utmost in trying to find scholarships for the wrestlers at other schools.

"We're presently preparing a portfolio on each wrestler to sent to other schools in hopes of finding them all positions," Davis explained. "That's our first obligation."

Thuneman, injured much of last season, compiled a record of 3-4. If the 20-4 Ruberg will have problems getting a scholarship at another college, Thuneman's chances are practically nil.

"The way things are for me right now, I can't afford to go out of state [to school] and I don't have a good enough record to get a scholarship anywhere else," he realistically assessed.

The wrestlers had been working out for months in preparation for this season. Wolbers explained that for him, it was an especially wasted summer.

"I had an operation on my knee [July 7] which I wouldn't have had if I wasn't coming here [to wrestle]," he explained. "I could have been working all summer and making money, but I had the operation so I could come to Northern and wrestle."

Wolbers only a week ago got the go ahead from his physician to work out on the knee full speed. "What good is it now?" he asked bitterly.

As for the future of the Club program, Davis stated: "That will be determined by the wrestlers themselves—how active they want to be and how much interest they show."

If that be the case, the wrestling club at NKU has no future. All wrestlers interviewed indicated they wanted no part of club wrestling (except for Ruberg, who said he might, "just to stay in shape for another school.")

"It's not really worth it," said Thuneman, explaining there were no goals, such as a berth in the nationals to shoot for. "There's no sense wrestling if you're not going anywhere for it."

Irregardless, Thuneman said he will probably join the wrestling club at Eastern because "I just love the sport," but added "there's too much bad feelings" for him to do so here.

Thuneman offered a counter-proposal to dropping intercollegiate wrestling at Northern. "If wrestling costs too much money, just give us the same money as a club [is allotted]. But just don't call us a club so we can qualify for the Nationals."

The wrestlers all said they felt there was a definite correlation between the controversy over the men's housing and the program being abolished.

"No doubt about it," said Thuneman. "That's the whole problem," Ruberg added.

"No, that wasn't it," asserted Davis. "Several things entered in, but I don't think the conflict over the house had anything to do with it."

"If Turner wouldn't have resigned, we would still have the program," Ruberg maintained. "And the reason Turner quit is the house over the house," Wolbers added.

Q.—If Turner had stayed on, would there still be a wrestling program this year?

"That's hard to say," Davis replied. "We all knew we were going into this year on a temporary basis. We were going to take a long hard look at the program, irregardless."

The wrestlers to a man vehemently denied the reasons given by the Athletic Committee for the program's termination. Indeed, they gave their own unanimous opinion of the committee's unanimous decision.

"That's all just a big crock of bull [expletive deleted]."

Thuneman said that wrestling participation was at its all-time highest before the program was dropped. "Hey, we've got wrestlers coming out of everywhere...more than we've ever had before," Ruberg maintained. "We would have had at least 20 strong wrestlers." "We had ten walk-ons alone show up at our first meeting," Thuneman added.

Ruberg took exception to Davis' assertion that dropping wrestling is a nationwide trend. "KEEPING wrestling is the nationwide trend," he exclaimed. "Wrestling is the upcoming sport."

However, what drew the wrestlers' sharpest criticism was the fact that no member of the team was present when the decision to drop the program was made.

"Nobody on the team even knew there was a meeting," Thuneman maintained. "Davis told us that 'it was an open meeting...you could have been there.'" At this point, Wolbers angrily interjected: "That's stupid. How can they be open meetings when nobody knows when or where they are?"

Disgruntled as they were, Thuneman indicated that the wrestlers still planned to make one last ditch effort to save the program by appealing the decision to NKU President A.D. Albright. Albright, must approve the committee's decision for it to become law.

"He [Albright] said he would be glad to listen to us, but I doubt if it will do any good," Thuneman said. (See story, p. 1).

And if Albright should happen to grant a stay of execution?

"It would get us back on the road," assured Thuneman. "We've lost a lot of people, but we could still pull it back together."

The wrestlers were victims of incredibly poor timing.

"If they had done this at the end of the season, we would have known what was coming and could have been prepared. Then, if we wanted to come back to school we could have worked and saved money for it," Thuneman reasoned.

"But by waiting to the beginning of the semester like this, they have screwed up a lot of people's lives."

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And so this strange tale winds—no, grinds—to an end. (\*) Though not written by Homer, it certainly qualifies as an Odyssey.

Only one fact shines through the murky complexities of this story.—The wrestlers lost out. And through no fault of their own. They were merely the innocent bystanders.

(\*) Or so we thought. For the latest development in this topsy-turvy NKU-wrestling situation, see story p. 1.



## Cafeteria specials for the week of Oct. 2

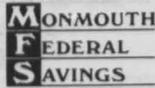
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# Bio students find dieting food for thought

by Lisa Graybeal

Would you like to eat a grilled cheese sandwich, asparagus tips, soup and a plum for lunch, or maybe a tomato stuffed with tuna fish, crackers and a frozen chocolate dessert (dietary) for lunch and lose at least a pound a week? Nine Northern students are doing exactly that—successfully.

"It's not a club, but all the students are enrolled in the nutrition class, Biology 106 [which with Biology 120 will fulfill the science requirement] for non-majors," explained Dr. Debra Pearce. "The nutrition class is a science course so we do go through the chemistry of what they're eating. But they also learn what they need to eat, how to eat sensible," she said.

The dieters, nine students from 58 in the nutrition class, meet every day for a lunch of under 300 calories.

"Each student keeps a chart of their progress, a diary of what they eat each day, and how many calories they take in," explained Pearce. "They weigh in also. I

watch their diets for nutrition deficiency. Many are taking calcium tablets because they don't drink milk and all students are supplementing their diet with a multiple vitamin plus iron."

Arlene Lemon has lost eight pounds in four weeks. "I keep my calorie intake under 1300, about 1000-1200. It's not hard because I learn how to eat sensibly," she said.

Beverly Veach, who has also lost eight pounds in four weeks, agreed the dieting is not hard. "I eat a little under 1300 [calories]. It takes will power, but it's not hard. I just cut out some foods, usually sweets so I can have enough of what I need," she said.

During lunch, the group discussed the psychology behind weight loss and tricks to dieting. "There are safe short term tricks to dieting, like monotony [eating the same foods] and eating slower. At first you probably don't feel full, if you wait a while you will find you are full," explained Pearce. "There are even tricks to long term dieting, like eating string beans which are low in

calories instead of kidney beans which are high in calories," she added.

"Dieting, though, is a way of life. You learn to modify your way of eating, and even change your diet behavior and whole attitude toward food to where a fruit salad will look

as good to you as a pizza," she said.

Exercise is not required for this type of dieting success, but "parking in Lot G and walking to the fifth floor for class instead of taking the elevator [recommended by Pearce] has helped. A little exercise plus a little diet equals weight loss," said Lemon.



## NKU buys bus for students

NKU has recently made purchase of a slightly used bus which will be employed for various student related activities.

"The vehicle was purchased from the Price Hill Coach Co., a Cincinnati firm, for a purchase price somewhat less than the fair market value," according to John Deedrick, director of the physical plant.

Deedrick described the vehicle as a "Greyhound type bus, 1968 model MC-7." The forty-seven passenger unit is heated, air conditioned and equipped with restroom facilities.

Once purchased, the only alterations

made to the vehicle were purely cosmetic. The maintenance crew appropriately painted it gold, black and white with the letters NKU emblazoned on its side.

The bus will be used for field trips planned for the school year, including those arranged by the U.C. Board.

"Every type of student group is welcome to use the bus," encouraged Deedrick, "from the boys and girls athletics to the band—everyone."

Requests for use of the bus are made to Deedrick (Nunn Hall, fourth floor) on a first come, first serve basis.

**Collage**, NKU's literary magazine, is now accepting submissions for the Fall '78 edition. Any student desiring to contribute art (sketches), photography, prose or poetry, may leave their work with Ms. Oakes, English Department, first floor of the Academic Building. Prose and poetry must be typed. All work must bear name and phone number in the upper left hand of each page. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 6, so if you'd like to see yourself in print, start typing!

# Collage

Any student desiring to work on the **Collage** staff, please call 331-1203 and leave your name and phone number. The only prerequisite is that you like to read good writing—and you need not be an English major. Your help will be greatly appreciated and you'll also get your name in print. So call!



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# Forensics offers excitement, reward

by Kevin Staab

NKU established a forensics program last year under the direction of Dr. Mary Ann Renz, assistant professor of communications.

Forensics involved a number of different areas of public address. Forensic tournaments are divided into two categories: debate and individual events.

Debate involves two teams, the affirmative and negative. This semester's topic is the proposition that "The United States should guarantee employment opportunities for all United States citizens in the labor force."

Individual events tournaments include prose, poetry, and dramatic duo interpretation; informative, persuasive, after-dinner, extemporaneous, and impromptu speaking; radio news; and sales presentation.

At present, there are only fifteen people in the forensics program. "We would like to have more people," Renz said. "With our increased budget, we can allow more students more activity."

"Forensics is a learning experience, plus socializing, the chance to travel, and the glory that goes with any competitive activity," she added.

This semester, the forensics program will be participating in tournaments at Western

Kentucky University, Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, Butler University, Indianapolis; and Wayne State University in Detroit.

During the spring semester, trips will be

made to tournaments in Kentucky and Ohio, and possibly West Virginia and Tennessee.

In addition, NKU will host a tournament in both debate and individual events next spring.

Anyone interested in the forensics program is strongly urged to see Renz either Monday, October 2 (10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) or Tuesday, October 3 (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) in FA 205.

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## Free workshop

A workshop on the fundamentals of writing a research paper will be held on both Monday, Oct. 2, from 2-3 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Writing Lab, N200.

All students are invited to attend.

## GEM WISE

### The King and His Court

Gold, silver and platinum are the trio of precious metals most often used in fine jewelry. Today the finest gemstones are only set in gold or platinum, since silver loses its polish more easily and it too soft to provide adequate protection.

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# SG resolves to battle for TANK

by Carolyn Brueggemeyer

The "eyes" were in the majority at the Student Government meeting of Sept. 18, as SG passed six resolutions proposed by NKU students.

The first resolution stated SG support of the "fight to save TANK" (Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky), and proposed ideas to help the cause. Students will circulate a petition for signatures of those who support the TANK campaign. A voter registration booth will be set up during the week of Oct. 2, so that students may register, to vote on this issue.

Gordon Wade, representative of the "Northern Kentuckians To Save TANK," spoke at the SG meeting and urged support of the campaign.

The second resolution stated the need for another battery charger for NKU students who face car trouble during the winter months. SG sent letters to Dr. Joseph Ohren and John Connor, of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, asking that a total of three battery chargers be available during the coming winter.

A resolution concerning NKU's snow policy prompted letters to A.D. Albright, University President, and John P. DeMarcus, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, requesting a standardized snow policy. According to SG members, the policy should include a means of communicating to the students of school closings or class cancellations in the event of snow.

Dan Dressman, SG President, said that he felt students were forced to take unnecessary risks by travelling to school when sessions were not even held. Dressman

suggested a "snow line", which students could call to receive news of cancellations.

In a fourth resolution, SG urged the University to establish a permanent committee for faculty evaluations, so that forms could be standardized and simplified and students could retain their rights to evaluate faculty performance.

Previously, instructors were to have evaluation forms available; students completed them within class time and individually returned the forms to the department chairpersons. However, according to Dressman, some faculty members abused this process, thus abusing students' rights. Dressman said he felt a permanent committee would prevent these abuses.

Another "winter weather resolution" requested that emergency phones be installed

throughout campus parking lots, as a service of safety for NKU students.

SG members also voted to send two representatives to attend a National Conference on Student Legal Rights, to be held Oct. 27-29 in New Orleans.

Dave Bender, a senior at Chase Law School, and Brian Humphress, NKU senior, were elected to attend, in an attempt to make Student Legal Aid Service available at NKU.

The final resolution under discussion concerned the condition of the Keene Complex, which houses the television studio and production classes. Dressman said conditions are serious enough to pose danger to the students and the equipment: inadequate ventilation, and faulty air conditioning are fire hazards; the ceilings leak, the floors are buckling, the burglar alarms don't work.

## Help on papers

The Career Services Center will be conducting free workshops open to all students during the first week of October.

The topics to be discussed will include resume writing, interviewing and basic job-hunting skills.

These workshops will be held in UC305 on Monday, Oct. 2, 1-2:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 3, 3-4:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:15-8 p.m.; and Thursday, Oct. 5, 9-10:50 a.m.

Students should report to the Career Services Center, UC305, to register for these workshops.

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