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Student inquiries prompt housing referral service

by Kevin Staab

Are you in need of housing? Or are you willing to rent an apartment or a room of your house? If so, NKU's Student Affairs Office and Student Government are looking for you.

Last fall, Student Affairs created a housing referral service because of student inquiries at the office.

According to Jane Faight, Student Affairs, there is a procedure for looking for housing or providing housing. First, those interested fill out an application. An applicant must include name, address, costs, and in the case of students looking for housing, their willingness to share housing.

The information for people willing to rent goes into a notebook which is subdivided into the Northern Kentucky counties of Campbell, Kenton, and Boone. There is also a file for Cincinnati.

Information cards of people looking for housing is kept in a file box.

"We have had lots of students looking for housing, but we have little to offer," explained Faight. "I look through the newspapers to see what is available and, if it looks good, I'll give the information to the students."

"What we need though," added Faight, "is participation from the community to rent to students."

Faight said because of this, the students do not get much of a choice of housing so must take what they can get.

One area of housing that had looked promising but failed to materialize was Thomas More College allowing NKU students to stay in their dormitories. According to Dr. James Claypool, Dean of Student Affairs, there were questions of legal relationships between a state university and a private college.

"Thomas More asked us about having our students over there but our lawyers looked into the situation and decided against it," said Claypool.

Claypool stated that there were three problem areas with the Thomas More deal. "For one thing, they wanted us to collect money but also wanted us to stand liable for

any damages," Claypool said.

"The written proposal would have charged our students for two meals per day whether or not they ate there. In most cases, our students would not be over there to eat two meals each day," explained Claypool.

Claypool said the third problem area involved differences in semester times for both schools.

Meanwhile, Student Government has begun working with Student Affairs on the housing referral service.

According to Sam Bucalo, SG Representative-at-Large, "Last December SG began working with Student Affairs to start publicizing it. We plan on publicizing it through posters as well as through *The Northerner*."

Faight said she also plans to publicize the housing referral service by getting a bulletin board in the University Center to show information pertaining to housing.

Faight added she has a plan to improve the housing referral service. "I have a letter to send out to other colleges that are basically commuter to see how their housing services work. I hope to get feedback from them to improve our program," Faight said.

Anyone needing or willing to provide housing may contact Student Affairs, 292-5485 or Student Government, 292-5149 or 292-5190 for information.

Students may also check the housing service files in Room 348 of the Dean of Student Affairs office during University Center hours.

Correction

In last week's edition of *The Northerner*, the vote of the Board of Regents on cancelling summer commencement was reported as "unanimous." The vote was actually eight in favor, none opposed, with Student Regent and Student Government President Dan Dressman abstaining.



Do You Mime?

Mime Keith Clemens gives President A.D. Albright the silent treatment in the University Center cafeteria Tuesday. Clemens and partner Jean St. John, professional mime company from Lexington, Ky. entertained a noon time audience. (Harry Donnermeyer, photo)

Black students honor top journalist Brown

His nationally-syndicated television programs have been described as the series "about black people for all people."

He once said, "We had a black consciousness in the 50's and 60's. It was a matter of defining ourselves. I think we can say, 'Yes, I'm black, now let's get on with it.'"

Public affairs program host and newspaper columnist Tony Brown will speak in the NKU's University Center Ballroom on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. on the media and its relationship with the black community.

Brown, and Emmy-nominee for his 10-year Public Broadcasting series "Black Journal," will also receive an award from the Black United Student Organization on campus at its second annual Awards Day Banquet.

Ken Blackwell, Cincinnati City Council member, won last year's award.

The black student organization's advisor, Lewis Randolph, said the purpose of the award is "to honor Brown's outstanding contribution to the black student movement

and the total black community."

From 1971-74, Brown served as dean of the Howard University School of Communication. Howard University is a prominent black university located in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the one-season-old "Tony Brown's Journal" series and New York News World column of the same name, Brown is visiting professor of journalism and senior consultant to the Central Washington State University mass communications program.

"Tony Brown is the person — he is the expert in both public broadcasting and commercial television," Randolph said. "But I'd like to stress that he is known for his pioneering in public broadcasting."

"His effort has helped to open up media to black students."

Locally, "Tony Brown's Journal" airs on Channel 5 at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

NKU President A.D. Albright and community leaders are expected to attend the banquet. The public is invited to attend.



Tony Brown

opinion

Meanwhile, back at The Northerner . . .

Brrriinnngg!!

"Northerner."

"Is this the editor?"

"Y-e-e-s?"

"This is Wilbur Witherspoon from over in Albright Hall. I have managed to arrange for a world-famous experimental lobotomist from Afghanistan to speak at our next meeting. This is big. Really big. Did you know he has won six major awards from the International Somnambulists Society for his work with delinquent cockroaches? We expect a really big turn-out. EVERYBODY will be there.

"But--"

"But you don't realize how big this is! We've planned this for months. I WANT A REPORTER!"

"I can't just--"

"You have to--you're the editor, right? I can expect a front-page feature in this week's issue?"

"Well, I can--"

"Good! It's about time we got some publicity around here. You cover everybody else. After all, we buy enough ads. You owe us something for that."

"But, Mr. Witherspoon--"

"Of course, I'll need a photographer to cover the meeting. Maybe you'd better send two. This certainly merits a center-page spread. But you should interview me first, because--"

"WAIT A MINUTE!!!"

"What's wrong?"

"First of all, you do not call and DEMAND a reporter. It's not as if 25 of us are sitting around in the office waiting for major news to break. These kids are students who have schedules and work commitments. We're not here for your convenience."

"I don't see--"

"That's the point. You don't see beyond your own realm of interest. What's major news to you is probably not important to the majority of our readers. That's not to say it is not important at all. You, along with a lot of people on this campus, can't tell the difference between publicity and news value."

"But all I want is a nice, little story. Maybe a few pictures. I think you owe me at least that much."

"Listen, buying ads does not entitle you to your own public relations staff. We have to sell ad space, but they benefit you as well. FOR TOO LONG THIS PAPER HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A P.R. RAG. I'm tired of people calling us and demanding a reporter, two photographers and an in-depth personal interview for something that affects only a limited audience. Remember, there are 7000 students at this university."

"But what the hell do you do over there?"

"Certainly not what we're supposed to be doing. You're always looking for a pat on the back, a glowing presentation of how great you are. But when we ask for the real news, you don't talk. Activities belong in the paper--especially in a student newspaper--but not to the extent that they exclude the real news."

"Well, if my speaker isn't news, what is?"

"If what you have to tell me is sufficiently interesting to the general student body, then it warrants in-depth news reporting. Trust us. If it's news, we'll do all we can to cover it. Let us know what's going on, but let us decide what to do with it."

"Does that mean I won't get my full-page feature?"

—Bev Yates and Connie Vickery

FORUM

Rapline praised

Dear Editor,

The Northerner's Rapline has to be one of the better innovations of your publications this semester. Corky Johnson's hot-on-the-trail investigative, yet objective reporting rivals the best of Tim Funk and Drew Vogel, past Northerner reporters. I strongly urge students, faculty, and staff to contact The Northerner about inequities and equities experienced at or about NKU.

Sincerely,
John Fragosa

P.S. What ever became of the mystery of the hidden \$30,000 stairwell in the Library?

Mote, Please, don't do it! You alone are the single reason why the men's basketball program is the success story it is. Of course, you finally had help the last year or two, but anyone at NKU years ago knows that you did it alone. You were both coach and athletic director. You had no assistant, a part time information director, and your wife was secretary without reimbursement.

Now, all of these positions are filled with full time paid people, while you still get the shaft.

I could not blame you for following your ex-part-time S.I.D. to your alma mater. If you stay, thank you. If you leave, good luck and thanks for the memories.

Sincerely,
John Niember, Jr.

Truth in question

Dear Editor,

Last week you ran what seemed an interminable editorial the theme of which was that apathy is the worst of the seven deadly sins. For those who do not know the difference between apathy and concern, I offer the following definition as a consumer service: Apathy is disagreeing with ---- (an SG member), being concerned about something beneath his august dignity; concern is being a rubber stamp who says "yes sir boss" to him.

Last week you ran a story that indicates ARA was controlled by the Mafia, if The Northerner lasts another 100 years they will never print a story of remotely comparable importance. If this story is true our school is furnishing money to vicious criminals who murder law enforcement officers and make 12-year-old children heroin addicts. If this story is untrue our school paper, financed by the activity fee which incidentally ought to be cut 50 percent in the February Election, is guilty of one of the most savage, brutal, vicious, yellow journalism that it has ever been my misfortune to read. Reputable papers like The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal do not print stories unless they can verify their truth. Shabby publications like The National Enquirer, The Kentucky Post and The Northerner do operate on a lower ethical standard.

While our student government is studying such excruciating matters of earth shaking importance as sparse attendance at wrestling matches, and what band will play at the Cotillion, while either vicious criminals are being enriched by their contract with our school or innocent persons are having their reputations ruined by our activity-fee subsidized school paper. It is time to expose the hypocrisy of a student government which under the leadership of ---- which adopts resolutions proclaiming our perpetual fidelity to truth, justice and the American Way while being embarrassed to discuss whether our university is financing people with, let us say, other commitments. People too dumb to know the difference between censure and censor really ought not to do either and ought not to do either and ought not to be the arbiter of morals for our student government.

Sincerely Yours,
(signed) Robert J. Anstead

Pro-lifer speaks out

Dear Andrew:

Before reading your letter in The Northerner, I was a silent supporter of the Pro-Life movement. I have worn the Pro-Life bracelet and have walked in two of the Pro-Life marches. Your letter, however, has prompted me to speak out.

You speak of "the right of a woman to control her own reproductive destiny," that "her womb and its contents are not the domain of the government or church or

When all think alike--no one thinks very much.

—Sarah Jewitt

anyone," and "...they shouldn't be allowed to force their dictates on her, on what she has to or cannot do toward her organs." You say nothing about her child. Her child is NOT an "organ" of her body. Her child is another life-dependent on her, yet a life separate from her own. You were born of your mother, and yet, would never consider yourself one of her organs. Life, and the rights entitled to that life should begin at the moment of conception, when that life begins.

There is a conscience in this society which urges people to recognize the rights of the unborn. This conscience urges us to bear the responsibilities of our actions. You ask not for freedom in society, but for freedom from responsibility. How sad this world would be if we all chose to ignore our responsibilities in lieu of our wants. How sad to consider the beginning of a new life as a mere "disruption." How sad to die at the hand of your own mother.

In closing, I urge you to look deeper into your motives. Do you struggle for a freedom in society, or for freedom of responsibility?

Peggy Boehmer

Abortion rebuttal

To the editor and readers:

I would like to have equal time and respond to Andrew Lutes' letter in the Forum column in the January 26, 1979 issue of The Northerner.

There is not choice. Abortion is Murder. This is not just a "Catholic" issue but it is a "catholic" issue.

If you believe this and want to get some more information about what is going on, you can join Northern Kentucky Right to Life at P.O. Box 1202, Covington, Kentucky 41012. It is only \$5.00 a year or whatever you wish to give. We need your help. We need your help.

Thank you,
(signed),
Ann Maher

Plea to Hills

Dear Editor:

AS a 1977 graduate of NKU and one who was and still is interested in the fine athletic program, I feel compelled to write concerning the reports of Coach Mote Hills leaving Northern to take the head coaching post at Xavier.

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REPORTER'S RAPLINE



—Corky Johnson

The Rapline phones have been ringing off the hook this past week and Ma Bell has threatened *The Northerner* with an excise tax.

After begging Editor Bev Yates for another line to handle the calls, I was told "Sure, if you pay for it yourself!"

So at great expense (\$33.50 a month) to my personal economy, the Rapline has gone out on a limb and installed a computer controlled switchboard to handle your requests.

Please, justify this income tax write-off, call 292-5260 immediately.

CRIME ON THE INSIDE

A recent rash of burglaries at the Department of Public Safety house on Johns Hill Road has brought the first-ever polygraph tests to Northern's campus, according to sources close to the scene.

All DPS personnel (officers, dispatchers and clerks) were informed Monday in a memo from department head, John Conner, that they will be required to undergo the lie detector examinations in light of two separate thefts from the house.

Sources have confirmed that on Jan. 16 the office of Pat Smith, secretary to Connors was broken into. Nothing was reported missing but files and papers were apparently searched.

Next, sometime between Saturday and Monday \$190 was taken from the desk of secretary Candy Bailey.

Bailey reported she had cashed her payroll check and had hidden the money in her desk.

The lie detector tests were ordered by Conner when it appeared the thefts were an inside job, sources said.

Available information states the two examinations will be required, one for each incident.

Sources say that personnel refusing to take the tests will be asked to resign. The tests started on Wednesday, but no date for completion has been determined. More as details develop.

According to DPS, two men were frightened by a maintenance worker after they had apparently loaded a state van with tools, tires and other equipment.

The men, who had replaced the license plate of the van and spray painted over the state seal, were attempting to make their getaway when they were interrupted by the worker.

The would-be robbers made their getaway through a hole they cut in the fence.

State Police have taken fingerprints and the investigation is continuing.

Talk LOUDLY and carry a...

In the fall of 1975, Social Work major Tim McGinnis took the course Intro to Psych I. He failed the class.

The next summer he ventured through Intro to Psych II. He passes with a "B"...

Next, in the fall of 1978 he repeated the "new" combined Intro to Psych course to replace the earlier "F" he had received. He passed this time with a "B"...

Now for the quiz. All of you senior accounting majors get our your calculators and tell me how many Psych credits McGinnis accumulated. "Six of course," you say, WRONG.

Although Tim actually sat through six hours of passing class, he was only given credit for three.

His mistake was he waited to repeat Intro I until the Intro I & II courses had been phased out in favor of the combined Intro to Psych course which started in the fall of 1977.

As chairman of the Psychology dept. Dr. Vince Schulte explains it "In order to let a student repeat one of the old courses for a better grade, we felt it was only fair to count it as only three hours. Essentially in the new course he was taking the same material over that used to be in Intro I and II."

Schulte said the psychology faculty determined the policy should require the dropping of the three old credits because otherwise the student would receive credit for the same material twice.

"You have to play the game by the new rules," Schulte said. "I thought then, and I still do think, this is a fair policy."

The problem is, McGinnis (like several other students this had happened to) didn't know what the rules were.

He was not informed at registration that repeating the course would replace his old credits. He was not told about the policy at the Registrar's office when he went to pick up the required repeat forms. He was also misled by the new catalog which lists the new Intro to Psych course under the same number as the old course.

McGinnis says he simply didn't think far enough ahead to ask about the repeat policy.

In this case, ignorance of the law appears to be no excuse.

Both Schulte and registrar Jim Alford acknowledge that it is solely the responsibility of the student to inquire about repeating courses.

Alford said the school offers the repeat

policy as a service and students must show enough concern to find out the information about it.

"Almost 50 percent of the students who repeat a class don't even fill out a repeat form," Alford said.

He could not put an exact figure on the number of students who have had similar problems but said there has been a similar situation in the mathematics department.

Schulte said he sympathized with the problems and urged students to contact either the department chairman or the Registrar's office before repeating a class.

A suggestion by Rapline that a warning label be attached to repeat forms, explaining this procedure, is under consideration, according to Alford.

This won't help Tim McGinnis, but maybe we can all learn a moral from this story.

Be sure and ask questions before it's too late!

Can't buy an education

Reports of dissatisfaction among nursing students have been floating around campus lately.

Apparently Northern's effort to push through a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (instead of the current two-year Associates Degree), has met with little success among those in charge at the Council on Higher Education.

Some nursing students are up in arms that if they want a BSN they have to travel to Lexington or Louisville.

Debate on the issue has been going on in the official arena since 1972. The question has become, "What's the snag?"

As one nursing student put it "Only a small percentage of Northern Kentucky nurses have degrees and the nurse is usually the first person a patient comes into contact with during an emergency situation."

AMEN!

More on this issue in an upcoming Reporter's Rapline in-depth story.

Book Co-op?

Electronics major Mike Clayton formed the Rapline this week what a Florence Mall book store was selling some NKU texts books for considerable less than the NKU bookstore.

For example, he cites the Principle of Electronics text purchased at Northern for \$17.95 was priced \$11.25 at Florence. A savings of nearly \$7 on one book!

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an entire class to buy books through such establishments.

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More Student Rights

Dr. Tripta Desai, teaching European History after 1970, was reported to the Rapline for not handing out a syllabus, not allowing tape recorders in class and holding a student's attendance record against him.

Desai said she felt a syllabus could not be effective until she knew how each individual class could perform. Therefore, she deferred presenting her class with one until after the results of the first test this week.

We remind teachers no matter what the reason, the Student Handbook still requires a written syllabus.

She also said she didn't allow tape recorders because students do not pay attention if they are not taking notes.

As far as attendance goes, she said under certain circumstances she might dock a student for not attending class.

Such policies could be grounds for an appeal of a grade. If you have a question contact the Department Chairman, SG President Dan Dreesman or the Rapline 292-5260.

Following is a case where a student raised his grade from a "D" to a "B" because he was not given a syllabus. Read on.

Last semester Carl Stamm, a consortium student from TMC took an Intro to Ceramics course under Dr. DeJong.

DeJong not only failed to pass out a syllabus but didn't conduct an evaluation session and missed two weeks of class. Needless to say Stamm was rather irritated at his final grade of "D".

After an appeal to his instructor on the grounds he didn't receive a syllabus, Stamm's grade was changed to a "B".

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Hils' rumors crushed

by Rick Dammert

Recently there have been some major questions surrounding the NKU basketball team in its soft-spoken coach, Mote Hils.

Followers of the Norsemen and the only coach they've ever had have been concerned about the team's mediocre performance since Day 1 of this season.

In just the last couple of weeks, however, two new questionable issues have cropped up as an indirect result of the men's 10-8 season. A severe lack of attendance at home games and speculation that Hils has his bags packed for Xavier University have raised a lot of eyebrows.

Hils to Xavier with a signed contract. Still others insist that the Northern Kentucky sports figure will return to high school coaching he had a long tenure at Covington Catholic High School).

"I have definitely not signed with anyone," chuckled a relaxed Hils. He not only denied the Xavier contract rumors but also the high school theory. "It (high school) would certainly be a big financial improvement for me. It would be more money for a three-month less contract."

So there you have it in a nutshell. Hils may possibly be with another team next season, but he has indicated that his first



My broker is E. F. Dutton and he says...

Wrestling Coach Bill Wyrick (center left) chats with several of his wrestlers during a recent practice session. Bill Boyle (center right) and assistant coach Barry Montgomery (across from Wyrick) listen intently. Wyrick has launched a campaign to keep the wrestling team as an official sport at NKU. Currently the wrestling team is scheduled for terminations after this season. (Frank Lang, photo)

SPORTSCENE

Apparent answers to these three controversial subjects have been flying around in the form of rumors, educated guesses, and outright wild conjectures.

So what's the truth? Perhaps the answers must come from a certain amount of conjecture. Hopefully a recent "issues and answers" conversation with Hils has provided some insight into the questions.

Hils was questioned extensively about the performance of his squad and the rumors that he would be leaving NKU after this season. (Hil's comments about lagging attendance can be found in Vicki Helbich's story on the opposite page.)

When Tay Baker, head coach of Xavier University, announced his resignation two weeks ago, speculations began circulating in many sports circles. Mote Hils was unanimously picked as Baker's predecessor by those who felt Hils was tired of the run-around at NKU.

Relaxed in a chair in his office, smoking a cigarette and sipping a cup of coffee Hils said, "I'm like everyone else, obviously. I look for a chance to try to improve myself." He added, "We've got a good program. It looks like it could get better. It would be tough to give up."

Even though Hils has been through several skirmishes with the University and many feel he is underpaid and his talents are being wasted here, the veteran coach indicated that he would like to stay with Northern. "I'm a Northern Kentuckian. I've been one all my life," he explained.

Last season Hils was placed on probation by the University for an incident which happened during the Division II finals. Now Hils is worried that the probation may play a part in whether he stays or leaves after this season. "If I don't get off probation on April 1 [the first day the probation may be lifted] that will be the kiss of death. It'll mean that they [the university] don't want me."

Rumors circulating now have already sent

priority right now is whip the Norsemen into a winning team. His only concerns at the moment are to win another berth in the Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament and to whip the Norsemen into post-season tournament shape.

Is it possible this late in the season for the Norsemen to gain a tournament bid? "If we stay healthy it's not out of the realm of possibility," said Hils. "If we can win eight of our last nine games, I think it would be cinch," he added.

"Quite frankly, from a basketball standpoint, our players have done extremely well," said Hils. However, he did admit that the squad is lacking in many areas. "We don't have any quickness, we've lost that. We don't have any speed, we don't have any jumpers, we don't handle the ball well and we don't shoot the ball well."

With this overwhelming display of optimism one wonders what has held the team together enough to win 10 ballgames. "Defense and rebounding," replied Hils.

"We've just been playing big, strong, slow, unimaginative basketball," explained Hils. "That's the only way we can play," he added. "We were pressing and running in the first five weeks of the year, but now they've completely changed their style."

Hils blames this slow, physical style of play on the injuries that have hampered his team throughout the season. "We went one stretch there with just eight players [dressed for action] for three games," he said.

Currently 6'8" starting center Gary Woeste and 6'0" starting guard Dennis Bettis are injured. Woeste, who hurt his knee on Jan 20 against Bellarmine, returned to the lineup against Wright State on Jan. 31, but Bettis will, in all probability, miss the rest of the season.

Is that all the injuries the Norsemen have now? "Hopefully," quipped Hils. "We don't need any more," chuckled team manager Tom Northcutt. "We've been piecing things

together all year long," added Hils. "We've proven we can play, it's just a question of consistency."

"We've got to start playing with some consistency—we haven't yet. We'll play one good game and two bad games, then two good games and two bad games. It's been up and down all year."

All in all Mote has taken this season and its consequences in stride. "Hey, you have seasons like this if you stay in [basketball] as long as I've been in. You make the most of it—that's all."

"Our ball club has done well with the adversities that these kids have been up against this year. I'm proud of them, they've done well."

Hils has faith in his squad and believes they can make it to the post-season tournament. Others, however, are much more skeptical. In fact two well-known area sportswriters are already laying odds on how bad Thomas More defeats NKU in their second matchup later in the season.

Is Hils worried about the rematch with the team his squad easily disposed of earlier? "That's about a month down the road," he responded. "I haven't given it any thought."

"We're just going to take them one at a time and hope everybody stays healthy."

Northern fans are going to take the rumors and speculations about the team and Hils' future plans one at a time and hope that the seasoned coach stays around for many more basketball games.

Norsegirls split pair, now 15-3

On Friday Feb. 3, the women's basketball team will travel to Illinois University with a 15-3 record for the start of four-game road-trip.

In last week's action the women defeated the University of Louisville 74-67, but lost a heart-breaker to the Lady Kats of Kentucky 72-71. Barbara Harkins and Peggy Vincent led the Norsegirls in scoring against the Cardinals with 19 points apiece. Vincent also

won the battle of the boards with 9 rebounds.

Against the Kats, the homesteading Norsegirls led almost all the way until the waning seconds of the game. Kentucky guard Geri Grigsby hit two clutch free throws with 10 seconds remaining to seal the game for the Kats. Jennifer Lyons led Northern with 18 points coming off of the bench. Vincent's 10 rebounds topped the team once again. Starting guard Brenda Ryan did not play because of an injury.

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Why is attendance lagging?

by Virky Heibich

"A front page write-up would add at least 200 people to our games," complained Norsemen basketball player Tom Schneider about area newspapers.

"The reason I complain is I think it hurts our attendance," he said.

This is but one of many reasons attributed to bad attendance at Norsemen games. Rick Meyers, NKU Sports Information Director, estimated that about 1,000 fans attend Norsemen games at Regents Hall per game. The gymnasium seats 3,000. Of the estimated spectators only a small conglomeration of 100-150 are Northern students.

"It could be a lot worse," said Meyers, "but then again it should be a lot better."

There are several explanations for the apathy but there seems to be no one single cause. Norseman forward Mike Hofmeyer says he feels the reason for the low attendance is that, "we are a new school and aren't established yet."

Norseman guard Mike Gerzen taking a different route said, "Once the students go home for the day, they don't want to come all the way back for a game."

Offering still another viewpoint, Meyers said he felt commuted students still hang around with their old high school friends. "When the weekends come around, they're [students] more than likely go to their old high school games. It's not like Eastern or Western Kentucky, where they have their own audience right on campus."

Some of the blame for the low attendance has been given to local newspapers, radio, and television stations.

Gerze, a Cincinnati Enquirer reader, said he seldom sees anything about NKU in the paper. "We don't get much ink," he said.

"The whole team is under publicized,"

added Schneider.

Andy Cox, a sports writer for The Kentucky Post recently wrote an article on the apathy at Norsemen games. He said "It [Norsemen game] gets downright boring especially after having been treated to jam-packed Rupp Arena and the Kentucky Wildcats."

"Any idiot that wants to compare NKU with UK is pretty sad," said Hofmeyer. "It's unbelievable he would even make such a comparison."

Another problem facing the Norsemen is the more popular sports teams in the area. "Up against the Reds, Stingers, Cincinnati Kid, Xavier, and UC we're probably last on the list. It's hard to start rooting for a team you never heard of," said Meyers.

At any rate, most of the players agree, the better the audience the better they play.

"When there are more people in the stands and people behind you, I think it gets you going," said Gerzen.

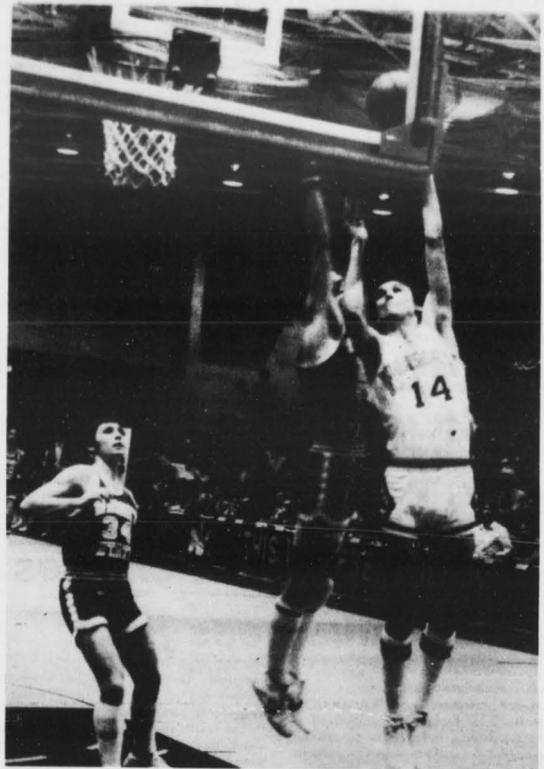
Hofmeyer agreed sayin, "It helps when you have people to cheer, it kind of gets the adrenaline flowing."

In order to resolve the problem of attendance, some feel a Division I ranking (NKU is currently a Division II school) might help. Unfortunately this couldn't be accomplished until after 1985 because of Northern's construction plan.

"The facility [Regents Hall] is holding us back," said Meyers. "No one in Division I would play us in that gym."

"I've been saying this for eight years, we've been playing Division II basketball in Division I oriented community," said Coach Mote Hills. "We're fighting people [sports teams] across the river and down the road."

The only apparent solution is for the students to support their basketball team so the attendance will be on the upswing.



Roger Ryan goes to the hoop against Wright State last Wednesday Jan. 31. The Norsemen held a commanding lead throughout the first half, but the Raiders rocketed back in the second half to take the victory. The loss dropped NKU to 10-9 on the season. (Shawn Gaherty, photo)

Matmen cruise to 9-2 slate

With only four dates left on their schedule before the Division II Regionals in Indianapolis the men's wrestling teams holds a commanding 9-2 record (three victories coming on forfeits).

In their most recent match, a dual meet in Dayton, Ohio on Jan 24, the men fell to Wright State 40-5, but rebounded and trounced Wittenburg 55-0.

Jim Porter and Randy Ruberg scored all of NKU's points against Wright State. Porter won his 150-pound weight class battle

with an 8-2 decision. Ruberg tied his 158 pound opponent 4-4.

Dave Kahle, Mike Bankemper, Sam Muennich, and Joe Vulpor were awarded their matches against Wittenburg on forfeit. Ruberg and Dave Thueneman won their battles with 6-2 and 9-0 decisions respectively. Mike Doppes, Jim Porter, Jeff Robb, and Kevin Wolbers won their matches with pins.

Northern's next match is against Central State University at Regents Hall on Feb 3.

How's this for irony!

Northern Kentucky University's men's basketball team upset Xavier three weeks ago. Xavier has defeated Southeastern Conference power Tennessee. Tennessee upset the University of Kentucky in Lexington two weeks ago. Earlier in the season, Kentucky upset top-ranked Notre

Dame in Louisville.

Notre Dame is currently the top team in the nation with only two losses. Makes you wonder doesn't it? Northern has indirectly defeated Notre Dame, in a manner of speaking!

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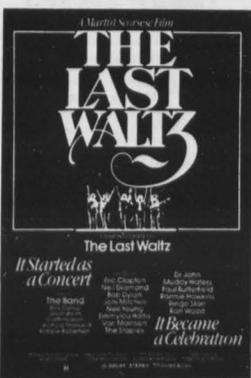
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Miller teaches truth about "carefree" gypsies

by Cyndi Anderson

"There is a lot of romantic and unpleasant misinformation about gypsies," said Dr. Aaron Miller, Dean of Experimental Programs, who is currently teaching a course entitled "The Gypsies."

The goal of the course, according to Miller, is to teach students the truth about these people, and destroy false images of the romantic, carefree gypsy who sings around a campfire and eats good food.

Miller, who lived with Spanish gypsies for nine months in 1976-1977, designed his course in light of values, customs, laws and social organization of the Indo-Aryan people known as gypsies.

"The belief that gypsies often kidnap non-gypsy children is nonsense," he said. "They have enough children of their own, so what would they use them for?"

Gypsies don't dispel this rumor, he said, to instill fear in non-gypsies and to keep them away.

According to Miller, it is difficult to tell how many gypsies there are because they move around so much and are not interested in letting non-gypsies know much about them. He estimates there are about 1,000,000 in America today.

"Women are the primary income pro-

ducers among gypsies," he stated, "earning money through fortune telling, selling flowers and sometimes stealing. Male gypsies are horse traders. This is changing, however, and many are now used car dealers in the United States."

Spanish gypsies are more enculturated than in other countries, because they tend to stay in one place, said Miller. "Gypsies in the United States, however, wish to retain their own culture."

As Dean of Experimental Programs, Miller would like to see more student involvement in the experimental courses offered at Northern.

"These programs enable a student to become more imaginatively involved in his own education," he said.

"Too many students go through school taking only the courses that apply to their majors, and find themselves lacking in courses that otherwise interest them," he added.

Experimental Programs was established to provide faculty members and students the opportunity to explore subject areas that are otherwise unavailable within the traditional disciplines of the university, Miller explained.

He anticipated the challenge of getting these programs off the ground when he was

hired six months ago. Because he has so many interests in so many areas, he said he feels that being dean of Experimental Programs provides him with the opportunity to reach out into many different areas.

All experimental courses can be taken for academic credit as electives. Some of these courses are cross-listed by cooperating departments and programs for elective credit in the schedule for each semester.



Dr. Aaron Miller

(Chuck Young, photo)

Renewed grant creates small-business jobs

by John Brueggemeyer

A recently renewed grant from the U. S. Small Business Administration will allow students majoring in business to become acquainted with small businesses by working with their owners on a client consultant basis.

The program is headed by Curtis High, NKU Accounting professor.

"The program is a 3 hour credit course, Business 405 or 406. The requirements for the course are the student have senior standing — to insure that the student have a good business base — and that they have a 3.0 or better. But that isn't really enforced because a lot of students work," High explained.

"The first three to four weeks of the course are spent in the classroom as a review of the principles of business management and characteristics that are prevalent in a successful small business," he said.

"The students then break into teams of three to four students," High continued. Teams usually consist of students from different business disciplines. For example, one group might have a student from each

discipline. Or if the client has a specific problem, say in marketing, we may assign a team of only marketing students."

The teams are assigned clients from the Small Business Administration who are referred by the local Service Corps of Retired Executives [SCORE] chapter. The teams meet with the client throughout the semester and study the business from a total business viewpoint.

"The students also make an effort to give viable recommendations that will help the small businessman with some of his problems," said High.

"The objectives for the course are twofold: one, to provide students with a meaningful experience, a real business experience related with his course content, and two, provide the small businessman with the consulting service he might not normally be able to afford," he explained.

The program includes approximately 40 students who spend 25 hours working with technical and management areas in the small business community.

SCORE and faculty advisors help the students with consulting and other phases of the program.

SG holds special election

Student Government will hold a special election, Feb. 12-14, to elect SG representatives.

Positions are available for all clusters, the social sciences program, the masters of education program and two reps-at-large.

The rep-at-large receiving the most votes will serve through the fall semester. All other reps will serve until May.

Two constitutional amendments also appear on the ballot. The first concerns the changing of poll closing from 9 until 8 p.m. for future elections. The other proposed amendment deals with the right to recall votes.

A referendum on whether or not the

Student Activity Fee will be changed for night students, cut in half, or abolished will also be taken into consideration.

Aside from the regular polls located on the plaza-level entrance of each building, three voting machines — donated by the Kenton County Fiscal Court — will be located on the ground floor of the University Center, first floor of Nunn Hall and third floor of Landrum Academic Center.

Brian Humphress, SG Governmental Affairs chairman, "urges all students to vote and have their voices known on issues and let the administration know we really do represent the students."

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SG survey Students urge active voice

More than 150 students, faculty, staff and administrators returned Student Government sponsored surveys last semester to register their opinions on SG, its role, the establishment of a University Senate, academic standards, legal aid, lounges and the student activity fee.

Although 55 percent of the respondents felt SG has a valuable role and provides valuable services to NKU and Chase, 63 percent expressed a desire to establish a three-pronged University Senate. The proposed Senate would be comprised of faculty, students and administration, and would function in conjunction with SG.

Almost every survey commented on the role of SG, both negatively and positively. Many respondents were concerned that SG is a "joke" or a "put-up, organization for the administration," and felt it should "be an active voice of the students even if it means confrontation with the administration."

A major complaint seemed to be that SG at NKU should be representative, but isn't. Yet comments included that SG should be the "representative for the student body," that "They are trying but its hard when students come here to a commuter college for an education only," and "Student Government should be run by all the students. There aren't enough people active in it."

SG vice-president Mike Voorhees said about the comments, "It is not altogether true that we do not represent everyone. We make great efforts to consider all the views students might have. Through more participation from the student body, though, we can definitely improve our representative role."

Only 23 percent of those surveyed said the various disciplines at NKU should have different standards for students than those set by governing bodies. Several comments dealt with the professional schools, including nursing, and radiology schools, including those departments should have the same standards as the other departments on campus instead of the higher.

The majority said they would use a legal

aid service if one was available on campus, yet at least 20 percent were undecided or had no opinion on the question.

In response to the question regarding the use of the student activity fee, 44 percent were in favor of keeping the SAF as it is now, at a rate of \$10/semester for full-time students and \$5/semester for part-time students.

In addition, 26 percent want the SAF reduced by half, 16 percent want it decreased by three-quarters and 17 percent had other comments about the fee.

Most comments expressed the opinion that the SAF does not provide enough services or that the money goes to the wrong things. Many respondents felt the fee should be eliminated, letting those who want to attend events pay a higher fee for those events.

One student suggested Northern should try a "cafeteria approach. Have one general fee and various individual fees (voluntary) to select from. One package could include SG, Northerner, major concerts and films."

A slight majority of those surveyed reported an inadequate number of student lounges on campus. The prevailing opinion expressed a need for lounges in the Landrum Academic Building and more vending machines in all the lounges. Many people wanted the lounge put back in Nunn Hall, and several want the fifth floor Science Building lounge given back to the biology students. Some asked for lounges in every building, obviously designated as lounges. Several also commented that there should at least be some furniture in the Fine Arts Building.

According to Mev Wilson, PR Director for SG, the survey will be used by Student Government in forming policies and working toward viable solutions in these areas. "One student even suggested that we should do this more often, and, due to the extent of the comments, I think the grievance committee probably will. But, in the meantime, if anyone has a complaint or suggestion that SG might act upon, they should write the comment up and drop it into a grievance box located around campus."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



Student Government wants to know how you think
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Activity Fee money should be spent.

BE READY

SG will conduct a survey of all Monday evening classes, February 5, and all 10 a.m. Wednesday classes, February 7.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

The survey will ask you to assign percentage rankings to three areas: *Organizations, Student Services & Involvement, and Student Activities*. The information gathered will then be presented to the administration for determining further uses of the Student Activity Fee monies.

PARTICIPATE

If you are not enrolled in either a 10 a.m. Wednesday class or a 6:15 p.m. Monday class, feel free to stop by the Student Government offices, UC 208, Tuesday or Wednesday, February 6 or 7, and fill one out.

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- Are you aware of where the Suggestion and Grievance boxes are located on campus?
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- Do you think Student Government has a valuable role and provides students with valuable services at NKU and Chase Law School?
 yes 86 no 36 undecided 37
- What do you think Student Government is, and what role should it play?
141 total comments
- Would you favor a three-pronged University Senate, comprised of faculty, students and administration? [Such an arrangement would not jeopardize Student Government or its role at NKU]
 yes 99 no 22 undecided 41
- Should the various disciplines at NKU have different standards for students (higher or lower) than those set by the governing bodies, ie. the administration or Board of Regents?
 yes 36 no 88 undecided 38
- Would you use a legal aid service if one were available on campus?
 yes 100 no 18 undecided 32
- Keeping in mind that a reduction in the Student Activity Fee [SAF] reduces the amount of money available for student activities, which arrangement would you prefer:
70 Keep the SAF as is, \$10/semester for full-time students and \$5/semester for part-timers.
41 Reduce the SAF by 50 percent of the current rate.
25 Reduce the SAF by 75 percent of the current rate.
27 Other (specify) _____

- Do you think NKU has an adequate number of student lounges?
 yes 72 no 81 undecided 10
Where would you add or take away lounges?

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

- Full-time student 26 Part-time student 15
 Faculty 4 Staff 9 Administrator 2

What's Up?

Friday, February 2

"The Last Waltz" in the University Center Theatre at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 with NKU I.D. card.

Monday, February 5

"Treaties Made, Treaties Broken," a film will be shown by the Anthropology Dept. at 1 p.m. in Landrum 209. Admission is free.

Tuesday, February 6

"Treaties Made, Treaties Broken," will be shown at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., Landrum 209. Admission is free.

Focus on Aging presents a lecture on the "Loss of Hearing and the Joy of Singing," and "Music in Sign Language." For more information, call 292-6558.

"How to Take Good Lecture Notes," workshop, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Nunn 200.

Wednesday, February 7

"Resume Writing," and "Interview Skills," from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., University Center 303. Sponsored by Career Services.

"The Mystery of Punctuation Solved!"

workshop from 1 to 2 p.m., Nunn 200.

Thursday, February 8

Physical education majors interested in forming a majors club at noon, Nunn 410.

Tony Brown, nationally-syndicated public affairs program host and columnist will speak on Black America in Sharper Focus from 1 to 3 p.m., in the University Center Ballroom.

"The Mystery of Punctuation Solved!" from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9

Physics Club presents "The Crab Nebula," a film on pulsars, exploding stars and other cosmic violence. Science 319 at noon.

Saturday, February 10

"Bambi," "Three Men in a Tub," "Chili Corn Corny," in the University Center Theatre at noon and 3 p.m. All children of NKU students, faculty and staff welcome. Admission: \$1 adults, .50 children.

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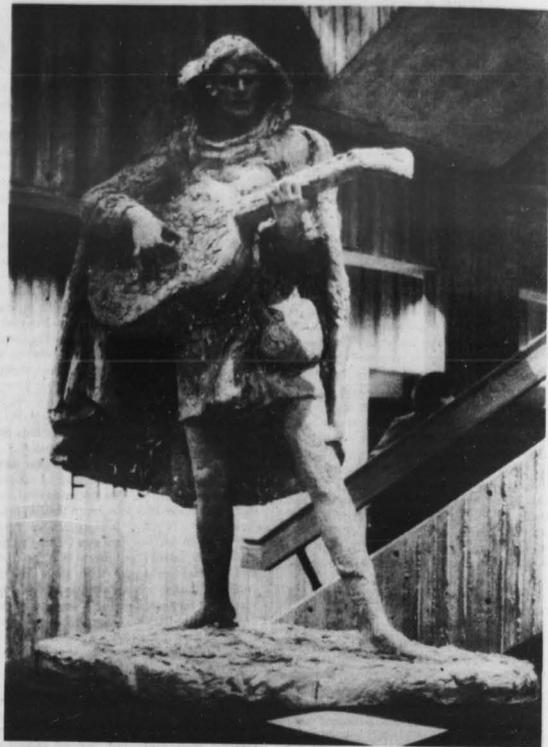
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'A Call Back to Nature'

If you have not been in the University Center lately you have missed a sculpture by Michael Skop. Fine Arts professor. The sculpture, "A Call Back to Nature", stands ten feet, six inches tall and is made of polyester plastic, reinforced with fiberglass and steel.

According to Skop, it is a concentration of his feelings about how "man is raping nature."

The sculpture depicts a woman with a guitar. The woman represents the procreation figure, Skop said, and the guitar is

symbolic of the struggle involved with nature. The fact that the woman is singing is a call back nature.

Skop said he tries to instill in his students the fact that truth manifests dimension and vitality. "The artist must be one with that dimension, for any artist who is within that dimension will find truth," he explained.

Man must learn to be sensitive and to look at art with more than the decorative in mind, Skop said. We must have "humanized creative expression."

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