

Recruitment of minorities up, but retention down

by Steve Olding
The Northerner

Northern Kentucky University is making strong overall progress in the recruitment of minority students despite failing to retain black undergraduate students at a rate equal to the rate of all its students, according to a report by Kentucky's Higher Education Desegregation Committee.

The report, a summary of the progress made by state universities concerning minority students, is submitted to the federal Office for Civil Rights each year. NKU's member on the task force on minority student recruitment, retention and mobility is Dean of Students Bill Lamb. NKU has allocated \$144,000 for desegregation programs by the state.

According to the report, Northern continues to work toward a Cooperative Law School Admission Program with Kentucky State University. NKU has also reached an agreement with K.S.U. to deliver a Masters Degree program in

Public Administration at Northern for K.S.U. students. K.S.U. is Kentucky's only black university.

In addition, Northern exceeded its 1984/85 recruitment goal by enrolling 23 black, first-time freshmen and transfer students. NKU's total population of black students has increased steadily from 59 in 1980 to a high of 124 last year. Despite this increase Northern still has one of the lowest minority/student body percentages (less than four percent) in the state. Efforts to address these problems are underway, according to Northern officials.

NKU plans to continue its minority recruitment-campaign, hoping for future progress.

Northern also intends to develop programs designed to increase faculty sensitivity to the academic and social problems faced by many black students on a predominantly white campus. Northern officials also hope to mainstream black curricular topics into the general undergraduate curriculum.

Education plan released

by David Mendell
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In a news conference at NKU last Tuesday, the Kentucky Action Committee for Excellence in Education of which NKU president Leon Boothe is chairman revealed its five year improvement plan for elementary and secondary schools in Northern Kentucky.

Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins was on hand to back the program. "They had the willingness to devise a

plan with exactly what I had in mind," Gov. Collins said.

The plan's goals for education are adjusting the following in Northern Kentucky above the state average:

- Raising student attendance
- Raising academic achievement
- Reducing the dropout rate (Kentucky's is one of the highest in the country)
- Increasing high school graduates entering college

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Steve Hinton photo

Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins endorsed a primary and secondary education program for Northern Kentucky.

Magic leaves NKU stunned

by Mark Adams
The Northerner

There is tension in the air as Denny prepares to drop the handkerchief. A rifle, which is positioned several yards from the stage, will be fired at the exact moment the handkerchief leaves his lips. Will Denny catch the bullet with his teeth? Or will he die in the attempt?

The amazing "bullet-catching" stunt was one of the many illusions "Denny

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Collins unsure of college funds

by David Mendell
The Northerner

Last Tuesday at NKU, Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins said no new funds for higher education in Kentucky would be allocated until she recognizes a need.

"I need reasons for the funds," Gov. Collins said. "I have to be satisfied before I can go to the public and say this is what we need."

Gov. Collins said there must be an accountability of the money before it will be allocated. She also said the next session of the state legislature will address higher education.

Gov. Collins met with the presidents of Kentucky's universities last Tuesday to discuss higher education and NKU president Leon Boothe said he wasn't that optimistic about the outcome.

"The good news is she's concerned about higher education," Boothe said, "but the bad news is how much money there is going to be to go around."

However Boothe said it is higher education's turn for better funding.

"We've gone through three or four bienniums with substantial cutbacks," he said. "It's hard to think there isn't a need."

Boothe said Kentucky is fifth last in the country for increasing funds for higher education in the last two years. Kentucky has raised funding eight percent while some states such as Alabama have increased funding as much as 53 percent.

"How can the need not be here when it's there in other states?" he said.

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Rescue team leader lives the wildlife

by Steve Rohs
The Northerner

Most people would think saving people after they have fallen off a cliff in the wilderness would require heroic qualities. But if you ask Don Fig if he considers himself a hero, he'd say no.

"I never do. It's something that has to be done and I do it. Anyone can if they have the right training."

Fig, who came to NKU last Thursday to promote safety to college students, is the rescue team leader for the Red River Gorge, a section of the Daniel Boone National Forest in Southeastern Kentucky.

His job is to save tourists that get themselves into trouble, which includes finding lost people in the 26,000 acres of Red River Gorge, or helping climbers or hikers who have fallen off of cliffs in the park.

Fig said there are many reasons why people fall, but the biggest reason is carelessness.

"We had a guy who chased a roll of toilet paper over a cliff one time," he said. "I questioned him later as to whether he thought the toilet paper was worth it, and he said 'no'."

When the accidents occur, Fig said the calls are usually from hysterical people, and they can't tell him where the problem is. So he has to know most of the area by heart.

If the person is lost, he said he can find him pretty easily, but falls are more of a problem.

"We have a system of pulleys we use as well as rappelling equipment to get people after they fall off a cliff," he said. "The pulleys we use with a stretcher and lift the person to level ground. Then we can take him or her to an ambulance."

The procedure may seem routine, but Fig said every problem is a challenge, and some are very different.

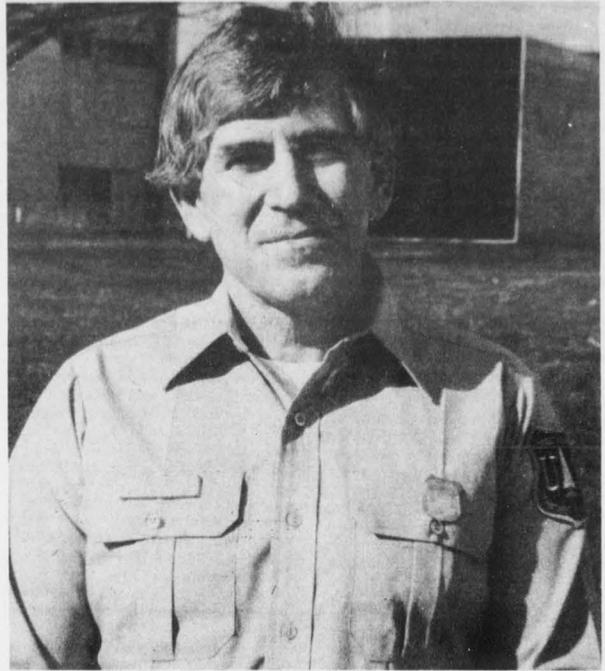
"We had a girl last year who was rappelling," he said. "She had very long hair, and it got caught in the rappelling rope while she was halfway down the cliff. So I got to her and cut her hair. When we were at the bottom, she felt her head and got very upset."

A big problem with many of the college-aged campers and hikers that come to Red River Gorge is alcohol and drug abuse, Fig said. Two years ago, a guy who had been drinking tried to jump across a crevice between two cliffs and fell 100 feet, he said.

"We're not trying to scare anyone, but we just want them to use caution," he said.

This time of year doesn't usually attract big crowds at the forest, said Fig, and those who come are more careful.

"We like when people come and tell us where they are going and how long they'll be there," he said. "That way, we know if there is a problem."



Rescue team leader Don Fig.

Steve Hinton photo

Public down on student loans

College Press Service

NEW YORK, N.Y. (CPS) -- Fewer Americans favor letting middle-income students take out Guaranteed Student Loans, a recent survey shows.

Public support for the idea has been dwindling since 1983.

The survey, released Oct. 21 in conjunction with National Higher Education Week, shows that of 1,000 people polled by telephone early this fall, 40 percent strongly supported the government's loan program for middle-income students.

That's down from a 46 percent rate last year, and 51 percent in 1983.

The poll, conducted by the New York-based Opinion Research Corporation for two higher education organizations, reveals a decline in support for federal financial aid programs in other ways as well.

Two years ago, for example, 63 percent of those polled supported increasing aid to financially-needy college students.

Moreover, citizens thought aid to poor students was the third most important program among 14 federal aid programs.

This fall, however, only 63 percent supported increasing aid to poor students, demoting it to the seventh most important program.

They considered government financing for medical research, medical care for

the aged, overall aid to higher education, aid to agriculture, aid to primary and secondary education and funds to clean up the environment more deserving of budget hikes than aid to poor students.

The survey appears to reflect increasing public support for some of the student aid budget cuts proposed for the past several years by the Reagan administration.

The Opinion Research survey does not indicate why public support for federal aid programs is declining.

But the survey does show far more people believe the quality of higher education is improving (44 percent) than believe it is declining (16 percent).

Paradoxically, support for federal aid programs is declining even though seven of 10 respondents say they would be unable to afford a college education without low-interest loans or grants, and three of four expect the cost of college to be beyond the reach of most Americans in the foreseeable future.

Other survey results show that:

— A substantial majority favors retaining the current tax deduction for contributions to charities and educational institutions. The administration has proposed curtailing the deduction in its tax reform package.

— More Americans than ever (40 percent) intend or hope to go to college, a four percent increase over last year, and a 16 percent jump over 1982.

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Magic

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and Lee" performed in the University Center Theatre last Tuesday.

Denny's unique blend of comedy and magic has thrilled and entertained audiences all over the world, and NKU's crowd was no exception.

"It was incredible," one student said. "I couldn't believe some of the stuff that guy did."

Lee, Denny's beautiful Southeast Asian partner, said he has been doing this particular show for nearly 12 years. "I've been with the show for two and a half years," she added.

Denny, who remained sleeveless throughout the entire performance, made eggs appear out of nowhere and playing cards disappear into thin air.

Denny, who uses many members of the audience to help him perform the illusions, stunned one NKU student by mysteriously concealing half of his 20 dollar bill in an uncut lemon. The student, who held the other half of the "twenty" in his hand, discovered the missing half as he cut into the lemon.

"The serial numbers match," said the student as he looked in disbelief.

The climax of the show occurred when Denny performed his dangerous "bullet-catching" stunt. Denny literally kept the audience on the edge of their seats as he prepared to receive the oncoming bullet.

Shortly after the rifle was fired, Denny's head fell back. He ran to the front of the stage yelling, "yeah, yeah!" Sure enough, the bullet, which had been marked shortly before the illusion began, was clenched tightly between his teeth.

Eric Krosnes, the student who was chosen to fire the rifle at Denny, said he was nervous about shooting at the human target.

"I was scared," Krosnes said. "I thought, 'God, I hope he catches it.'"

Denny said many magicians have died attempting the trick. Lee added though Denny has successfully performed the bullet stunt over 300 times, he is going to stop doing it at the end of the year.

Plan

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—Increasing the amount of money spent on each student

—Reducing the number of pupils per number of teachers by hiring more teachers

—Raising the average teacher salary

"With this plan, we are making Northern Kentucky and Kentucky an even better place to call home," Gov. Collins said. "A general yearning for better education is not enough, it takes specifics, a focused action which must be channeled into something productive."

Boothe said the plan came about when he met with school superintendents of Northern Kentucky in 1983 to discuss improving education

in the area. The committee was formed the same year, a draft plan was drawn up and the response was overwhelming, Boothe said.

"Northern Kentucky has had a working relationship with the school districts in this area, both public and private," Boothe said.

"It is the local people who determine the quality of education in their schools and in Kentucky," Gov. Collins said.

Collins said the teacher salary increases, mentioned in the plan, will be performed within the present budget and no new tax increases are planned.

Boothe also said it will be up to the individual school districts to carry out the plan.

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"Senate Resolution 30 proved funding of higher education in Kentucky was too low and that salaries were not in line. There is overdocumentation that a strong need exists."

Boothe said it is too early to know what Gov. Collins and her administration will do about higher education since they just received the Kentucky Council of Higher Education's budget proposal

recently. It would give Northern 93 percent funding next year and 100 percent the year after, said Norm Snyder, CHE's assistant director for communications.

"At this stage, it's too early to know what they'll do. They're still analyzing and digesting it," Boothe said. "We want to see full funding of the budget, and not the cutback. We're due."

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Study shows teachers not certified for classes

College Press Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.— Many college students planning to become primary or secondary school teachers can expect to spend all or part of their time teaching classes they are not certified for, according to a new study.

The study, produced by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the Council for Basic Education (CBE), estimates some 200,000 teachers are teaching at least one class a day that they are not properly trained to teach.

"It's not an exaggeration to infer that what some educators call 'out of field' teaching is out of control," says CBE director Graham Down.

"It's not a pretty picture. The implications for morale, professionalism, pedagogy, subject knowledge and student learning are dire, to say the least."

The study, released Sept. 24, is based on a state-by-state survey of misassigned teachers.

But because many states do not track misassignments, a precise accounting of the problem is not possible.

Although most states prohibit misassignments, few have reliable ways of preventing them, the report concludes.

Moreover, some 15 states permit misassignments on a limited basis, the survey found, while six don't restrict the practice.

The report's authors reject the widely held assumption that misassignments invariably occur because of shortages of qualified teachers in certain disciplines.

In fact, they say, many English and humanities classes are taught by teachers certified in other fields, even though there is no shortage of English and humanities instructors.

The authors call on state lawmakers to tighten policies against misassignments, but they blame teachers themselves for some of the problem.

Some teachers, the report says, do not understand the subjects they are certified to teach, and are therefore reluctant to challenge misassignments.

There is one feature of the problem that will help reformers, according to the report:

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A time for thanks?

It's hard to believe anyone will take this Thursday seriously. After all, what are normal expectations for Thanksgiving? Little, except the perennial eating orgy undertaken by the majority of most Americans.

Giving thanks is usually limited to a brief prayer for the Butterball on the table, the closeness of the family and the idea that living in the United States, we as a population are the most privileged among all the peoples that have ever existed in the world.

So we should be thankful. We should be "glad" that our scientists have been able to produce such a destructive power that at any moment in time, the human race could be obliterated. In the time it takes for Father to carve a twenty pound turkey, nuclear warheads could destroy the major cities of the world. Yes, we should be thankful.

As citizens of the United States, we can be proud that our government has the audacity to condemn the Soviets for border attacks into Afghanistan. We ought to "give thanks" that the same U.S. government stands behind the Monroe Doctrine when explaining the aid given to the Contras in Nicaragua. We should be thankful that hypocrisy has taken the place of integrity in the government. Or has there ever been integrity?

But Americans are not unlike their government. This Thursday, most will eat heartily while people around the world — in Africa and even in America — would be thankful to get a slice of bread. They will not sit around a table after Turkey and stuffing have been served and joke "I couldn't eat another bite." No, they will wait for food from others — food they may never see.

A check to "Live Aid" may soothe a guilty conscience, but how much will it really help? When giving money was in style, it was a mere conformity to public standards. Americans should give thanks that more fads don't come around, or they might actually help the starving.

Americans should give thanks that there have been few natural disasters in this country this year. Thanks that the awful things that happened to Mexicans (earthquake) and Columbians (volcano) did not affect us. Those injured are simply fellow humans, and their suffering is of little interest to us. They have little impact on the next slice of pumpkin pie, anyway.

As most people finish dinner, there are Mexicans trying to find homes, Columbians still suffering from wounds from the volcano. While joking with relatives, there are African babies dying of hunger, and Contras killing with American weapons. As we settle into bed on Thursday night, there are industrial plants that are making more weapons to kill ourselves.

Thanksgiving is a time to get together and really give thanks. Few realize how lucky they have been, or how fleeting that luck is. Few really think about giving thanks. They are more concerned with the meal sitting in front of them.

We should give thanks we are where we are, and nothing else, for nothing else is guaranteed. Fate has determined that most Americans can enjoy this holiday. It seems time that the idea, and not the material surrounding it, be recognized. Just one time, before the turkey, the stuffing, the pie, think. What are we giving thanks for?

Seldom says

If you don't want to write, just don't write

Seldom's advice about writing school papers is this: Never write a pointless paper you don't want to write. Never. Not for any class. Not for any teacher. Not for any silly reason. It's just not worth the time and effort.

Paul Seldom

It's okay, however, to write a paper you don't want to write if you have something to say. Writing is not always a pleasant task, but if you have something to say, something you want a reader to read, then the writing is important and worth the effort.

It's also okay to write a pointless paper that you do want to write. In this case, there is a point to be found but you haven't found it yet. This situation is a common one for writers. (It was my situation Monday afternoon, November 11, 1985, when I started work on this piece.) Wanting to write is the surest sign that you have something to say. But there is no guarantee that you will discover what that something is. If you have a writing assignment for a class and your paper is still pointless when the due date arrives, ask for an extension if you have more energy to work on it. If you are out of energy, turn the paper in and give your self more time to write the next paper.

Many students hate to write because they believe they have nothing to say. If you are that type of student, and if your belief is a conviction, then follow Seldom's advice: Don't write. But I believe most students have much to say; they just have the wrong "mental orientation."

Look at it this way. If God is in His heaven and all is right with the world, then not much needs to be said. But is all right with the world? What are some of the wrongs in the world? (Think small rather than big — what are some of the things that irritate you about people?) Write about them, one wrong per paper. It should keep you busy. (Everything I have written so far in *The Northerner* has been about something that's wrong with the way people think about learning.)

Many people write from nobler, less critical motives (not me — I'll be more noble when the world is less ignoble). Some people write to share experiences, information, ideas, insights. All good writing does these things, more or less. To write is to share a piece of your mind, a part of your thinking and feeling process, with someone else. There is a certain nobleness to writing, to the sharing that real writing implies, even if you are not particularly interested in nobility. Even textbook writers, motivated primarily by money, have some nobleness in that they share information and ideas. Professional scholars, motivated primarily by the desire for academic tenure or pro-

motion, sometimes write because they want to share their curiosity with other people who have a similar curiosity. (Scholarly writing and letter writing are almost the same: both have limited audiences and both are almost unreadable to non-intended audiences. Scholarly works are essentially very long letters open to anyone who is similarly curiously curious.)

Some people write to learn. All people who do write learn while they write. They learn about their subjects. If they write about themselves, they learn about themselves. If they write about education, they learn about education. If they write about Shakespeare, they learn about Shakespeare. If they write about DNA, they learn about DNA. That's why it's so essential for students to write, regardless of their writing skills.

Wanting to write is the surest sign that you have something to say.

I admit that teachers often give students silly writing assignments. But even worthless writing assignments can be transformed into worthwhile papers. If you have to write a paper on what happened to you during your summer vacation (the most notorious of all writing assignments), write about why you don't want to write about what happened to you on your summer vacation. Or write about what you wish had happened. Or write about stupid writing assignments in general (your teacher should get the point). If you have to write a paper on Shakespeare or DNA and you don't want to, then write about why you don't want to (your teacher will miss the point, but at least you will have one). ALL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS — EVEN GOOD ONES — MUST BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE TEACHER AND MADE YOUR OWN. That is the only way to make your writing worth reading. Not all teachers will appreciate what you write, but the paper's value will be greater nevertheless. At least one person will appreciate it — you.

Still, if you don't want to write and you are convinced that you have nothing to say, then don't write. This refusal — exercising your right not to write — will displease a teacher now and again (and your teacher may in turn displease you), but the most important thing is that you truly please yourself. That I truly believe.

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Praise from president

To the editor:

With this being the first year in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, it has not taken Northern long to create an historical niche for itself. The women's volleyball team has the distinction of winning the first conference championship for Northern with their victories during the tournament on the weekend of Nov. 15.

On behalf of the University, I extend congratulations to them. I am sure you will want to thank them for representing the University so well. Congratulations are also due coach Meier and her coaching staff.

Sincerely,

Leon E. Boothe
President

A hope for November

Oh dear leaders
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Northerner likes management, hates Sociology department

To the editor:

In regard to an article sent to you on October 10 titled, "Students Attend SAS Conference," we would like to know why the article was not accepted for publication in the *Northerner*.

The following *Northerner* of October 21 contained an article on SAM members attending a conference; the contents of this article closely paralleled the contents of the SAS article yet, the SAS article was not printed. It would appear as though the *Northerner* considers management majors to be more important than Sociology majors.



Foreigners enjoy Thanksgiving

by Kris Kinkade
The Northerner

Thanksgiving.

To many people it means a big dinner on the last Thursday of the month. To some it means that there are only 26 shopping days until Christmas. Children think of it as four days without school and all the turkey they can eat. Mothers dread the holiday because they are the ones who will probably have to cook and prepare the dinner while the "Menfolk" watch the football games on T.V.

It's an American tradition.

Which leads to an interesting question: What do foreign students do on Thanksgiving?

Mai Kuha, a student from Finland,

said "I look forward to finding out what it is all about."

Kuha, who has been in the U.S. for almost two years, will spend her first Thanksgiving at a friend's house.

"It doesn't mean anything to me yet," she said. She gives thanks for "Lots of things."

Clara Olivos, a Columbian student, is also celebrating her first Thanksgiving. "It's an opportunity to know about Americans," she said.

A student from Chile, Gloria Sarpi, received an invitation to spend the day with some American friends along with Olivos, her roommate. She said she wants to "experience the tradition" of Thanksgiving. She gives thanks for "no big troubles" and thanks to God.

"It's important to recognize that life is leading everything we do," she said.

A Lebanese student, Abbas, has been in America eight months and this is his first Thanksgiving. He said there are similar holidays in Lebanon which he used to celebrate every year.

"We would do things like send food to friends in neighborhood," he said.

This is comparable to inviting friends over for the holiday in the U.S. He said that he gives thanks for his friends and family.

Foreign students studying in America learn much (not all of it good) about the customs and habits of Americans during their stay. These students have learned the true meaning of the holiday. Whereas some Americans have yet to do so.

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Townshend's 'White City' shows his talent

by Paul McDonald
Northerner Contributor

Can anyone really imagine how frustrating it must have been for Pete Townshend to have had to work with such a stifling entourage as The Who for 20 years? Lucky for us, Townshend's torture has ended. WHITE CITY, his latest solo project, is proving to be one of the most intelligent as well as unique works produced to date.

This isn't to say that the Who wasn't a great band. They were. But aside from the rock opera "Tommy" and bits of "Quadrophenia," The Who never amounted to anything boldly different. Townshend himself often lamented the fact that The Who never panned out the

way he had liked. Creatively, since 1973, they were as stagnant as pond scum.

"White City," however, re-establishes Townshend as a musical genius, creating what may be one of the most conceptual projects in modern music. "White City" is the semi-autobiographical story of a poor Englishman, living in a London slum. One day he is visited by an old acquaintance who once lived there, a character named Pete Fountain (Townshend). Fountain left the slum when he became a musician, who after a long struggle, finally made it. Now retired from music (more or less), Fountain visits his old neighborhood. The story concerns the emotional interaction between the two characters.

On the album, Townshend mixes his formula beautifully: blending classic "Townshend rock" with bits of funk, reggae, jazz, blues and even rap. Opening with "Give Blood," Townshend gives us a typical tune, vital and urgent, not too fancy, with plenty of power chords to revive any soul lost in "Who heaven."

In "Face to Face," the album's top 40 entry, Townshend has learned to incorporate everything he has learned in his 25 odd years in music into one song. The result was fantastic. This catchy, bouncy, flavorful tune hides a very important message of time and wasted effort, as Townshend raps:

You must have heard the cautionary tales,

*The dangers hidden in the cui-ae-sac trails,
From wiser fools who have been thru it all
And the ghosts of failures sprayed up on the wall.*

"Secondhand Love" shows Townshend's penchant for singing the blues, while "Hiding Out" features Townshend rolling reggae style. Other strong cuts are "White City Fighting" and the closing cut, "Come to Mama."

After a brief sabbatical, it seems as though Townshend is ready to take his place as one of the elite in music once again. After this, who knows what Townshend might do. With "White City," he's proven he can do anything.

Paul McDonald is music director for WRFN.

Asia's 'Astra' is out of style, out of mind

by Paul McDonald
Northerner Contributor

ASIA has progressed very little since their initial self-titled LP in 1982. Well, maybe I'm wrong, they have progressed. In 1982 they used an unbelievable 48 tracks of music. Now in 1985 they're using a preposterous 72 tracks of music. Don't they know minimalism is in?

However, I can't come down too hard on them. They are good. And their first album may be the best of the decade. But "Asia" broke new ground. "Astra" doesn't. The lyrics are for the most part meaningless, and when they do attempt to be serious, the results are very lukewarm.

"Go" is the opening track and probably the first single from the album. The song is good, yes, and I like it, but it's the same thing we've heard over and over again. Walls of synthesizers, thunderous "Palmeresque" drum rolls and mountains of echoing vocals are the rule here. When I think about it, "Go"

would be more aptly titled, "Only Time Will Tell, pt. II".

The same holds true for the rest of the album, with the one exception of "Hard on Me," which is the song with the greatest potential on the album. Probably their best song since their debut smash, "Hard on Me" is bright and

bare, showcasing their individual talents to their highest.

I think "Astra" could have been better if: Greg Lake (the bassist from Emerson, Lake and Palmer who replaced John Wetton) hadn't left (only to be replaced again by Wetton) and if Steve Howe hadn't quit (he has been replaced by the

terribly inept Krokus guitarist Mandy Meyer). One final drawback: the album was produced by Journey's producer, Mike Stone. Get a real job, Mike, leave these great musicians alone.

Don't count Asia out yet, however. They'll be back with something better.

Paul McDonald is music director for WRFN.

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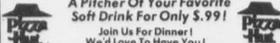
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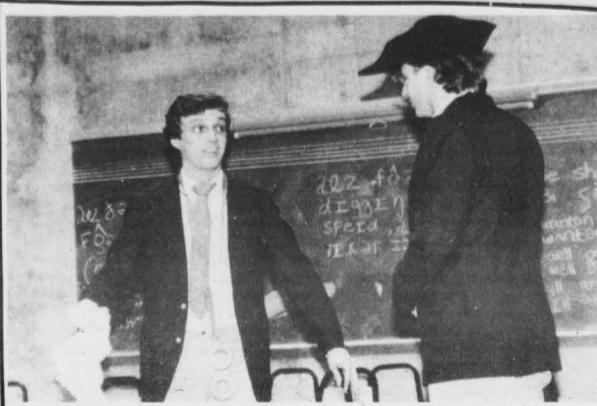
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Honors students get cultural

by David Mendell
The Northerner

In an effort to enhance honors program students' education, three professional opera performers were at NKU last Tuesday to answer questions and play an impromptu performance.

Singers Richard Blocher and Eugene Galvin and accompanist Dean Ryan of the Ensemble Company of Cincinnati Opera performed a follow-up to the opera "Aida," which honors students attended last week.

Every semester the honors program has one "cultural experience," said Robert Rhode, director of the program. And after each experience is a follow up experience.

Rhode said the purpose is to broaden the education of the students, and possibly even get them interested in something brand new to them.

"People find out they like these things," Rhode said. "Once they get the experience, they find they like it."

Rhode said in the past the group has attended "Shades of Brown," a play at the Playhouse in the Park, and a wildflower hike. Rhode said he isn't sure what the students' next venture will be.

"It's wonderful to get students involved in more things," he said.

Rhode said another purpose of the outings is to bring students closer together.

"I think commuter students have a hunger to get together," he said. "They need a sense of belonging."

He said he has encouraged students to get involved, but actually they didn't need much encouragement. Thirty-seven students attended "Aida," even though only a few attended the follow up.

"I felt like a king during that performance," he said. "This is part of what college should be."

McDowell spurred research

by Linda Nesbitt
The Northerner

When Dr. Ephraim McDowell removed a tumor from a patient in 1806, he undoubtedly had little idea the surgery would be considered a landmark procedure in the medical field.

McDowell is recognized as performing the world's first cancer surgery. The patient was an Eastern Kentucky woman who, the story goes, had a two-day horseback ride to reach the doctor's house in Danville, Ky.

The woman was fortified by a big slug of whiskey and a prayer, then McDowell performed the surgery, removal of a five-pound tumor, on his kitchen table. The next day, it is said, the hardy woman remounted her horse and made the return trip to the Eastern Kentucky hills, where she outlived the famous surgeon.

The McDowell Cancer Network, whose Northern Kentucky regional offices are located in Albright Health Center, was named in honor of the pioneer cancer surgeon. An affiliate for the University of Kentucky, McDowell Cancer Network was funded in 1975 and operates five regional offices in the eastern, southern and northern parts of Kentucky.

In 1981 the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center joined McDowell to form the Kentucky Community Cancer Program (KCCP).

Cynthia Moore-Howard, regional

coordinator for McDowell, said the KCCP is a statewide organization whose main purpose is to facilitate and promote cancer education programs. The programs are available to health professionals and the public, and include both disseminating cancer information and providing patient/family services.

McDowell's Northern Kentucky regional office, which opened last April, represents two district cancer centers, Northern Kentucky and Buffalo Trace. Moore-Howard said the districts include doctors, nurses, social workers, cancer patients and lay persons in each area, who recommend activities appropriate to their communities' needs.

One such activity scheduled for 1986 is a tobacco education program for Northern Kentucky district fifth-graders. Moore-Howard said awareness is the most important factor in cancer prevention.

Other programs operated by KCCP include radio shows targeting a different type of cancer, and live television call-in shows during which individuals can speak directly with physicians.

Teaching people to be aware of changes in their bodies is the key to cancer awareness, Moore-Howard said. She conducts breast self-examination programs for women's groups, presentations about colon and rectal cancer and discussions of the seven warning symptoms.

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Cancer

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"If we can catch them early, we can cure them," she said.

Moore-Howard said she especially values the aspect of her job which allows her to facilitate support groups for cancer patients and their families, drawing from both her social psychology and health services backgrounds.

"Cancer is a family affair, not an individual one. The family has the disease, too," she said.

Moore-Howard said another important service provided by the center is the wealth of information, brochures, pamphlets and reference services, available to the public. The KCCP also has a toll-free cancer help line in Kentucky - 1-800-4-CANCER.

The McDowell Cancer Network's office, in HPE 357, is open to the public Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be reached at 572-6480.

Editor gives off bugs

How 'bout this for a new idea in pest control: human beings as giant roach motels?

Kim Colley

In November's Omni magazine, writer Sherry Baker reports that, in hospitals around the country, roaches and other insects have been discovered living in peoples' ears. At night, physician Kevin O'Toole told her, the insects climb inside the ear canals, "(causing) painful sensations as they buzz and flip their wings." He added the problem is common among people from "lower socioeconomic groups."

A truly disgusting thought, isn't it. As one friend said, "First AIDS, now this - is no one safe?"

As you can tell, I am at a desperate loss for a topic this week, and am only sitting here because my boss would probably fire me if I didn't get this in. Which brings me to my next topic: overbearing employers. And boy, do I

have one for the record books.

Steve Rohs, the editor of this otherwise fine paper. Steve has an ego the size of . . . words fail me on this one. Just yesterday he suggested that next year the paper should be known as the Steve Rohs Gazette. It would feature all the news about Steve - his favorite color, what he likes for supper, his views on world politics. On the editorial page would be comments from his mother on how he's always been such a good boy and never left his room a mess. On the funnies page, Bloom County will be featured with Steve's face superimposed over that of Steve Dallas. On the business page, Steve's stock portfolio will be analyzed by a team of crack brokers from E.F. Hutton and Merrill Lynch with special commentary provided by Steve's dog. On the Lifestyles page, a photo layout of Steve's wardrobe. And on the obituary page, me.

Yeah, Steve's been a bug in my ear for a long time now.

Kim Colley is the Features Editor of The Northerner.

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Mind Games: a column by K. V. Winkler

Paint is peeling off of my ceiling at home. I think I'll bring a lawsuit against the estate of John Belushi.

My rationale is perfect. His shows were funny and that caused my ceiling to chip off and fall in my mouth while I'm sleeping, which usually causes me to wake up screaming and scare the devil out of my brother, who has believed from the start that huge ants will strangle him while he's sleeping.

My brother's beliefs usually cause him to run upstairs and wake my sister, who thinks that some night a burglar will demand her gold earrings from her, and hold her stuffed animals for ransom until she respects his demands.

So my sister will run to my parents' room, and will demand that my father install new door locks, which upsets my father because he has nightmares about department store people actually telling him how much my mother spent in a single day.

So he wakes my mother, who is always afraid my father will find out how much she spent in a department store one day.

Needless to say, in the space of four minutes my family is in an uproar upstairs while I sit in my room downstairs gagging on a piece of paint that fell from the ceiling.

So I'm suing the estate of John Belushi for damages to my family, who aren't known for their psychoses, despite my mother's constant insistence that there are things from Mars that are trying to steal her kitchen utensils.

The next question is apparent: Why should John Belushi's estate have to pay for dried paint in my mouth that starts chain reactions in our house?

I am using the same strategy Marc Christian is using in suing the Rock Hudson estate — greed. Christian wants

money because he says Hudson exposed him to AIDS. I want money because Belushi exposed the guy who painted my ceiling to humor.

The guy was laughing at a Belushi show on Saturday Night Live, and did not realize he did not pick out the right paint that actually sticks to the ceiling when it is put there.

I've talked to my lawyer, Sally Trial, who is known for her ability to get a good settlement, "no matter what." Miss Trial has decided we will first contact the Belushi estate, explain our needs, and use great "persuasion" in trying to get maybe a million or so.

But Miss Trial doesn't think that will work, so we'll rely on precedent — the Christian vs. Rock Hudson estate case, and then use scare tactics to convince those involved we're not kidding. We may even threaten to call BOB WOODWARD.

So as I sit in bed at night, choking on a piece of paint that fell from the ceiling into my mouth, I ponder several things.

First, I wonder if it is a logical and moral thing to do — suing the Belushi estate, that is. And then I think, K.V., when are you ever going to get that Porsche that you've always wanted? That, probably much like Marc Christian, relieves me of any of that nasty moral consciousness that might be around.

Then I worry that the Belushi estate won't pay, so I'd have to go to court again and explain again how I gag on paint while I sleep, which is trying and embarrassing.

Finally, I'll sit up at night and wonder how I'll ever get any sleep while my family is upstairs ranting illogically. I'm suing for \$10 million in damages and lost sleep. How dare Hudson ever be funny.

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Young Norse receive old lesson

by Chipp Lewis
The Northerner

They were losing by 10 and came to within one point with less than minutes to play, but to no avail, NKU would lose what was to be a game of fundamentals.

It was the fifth annual NKU/Lion's Club Tip-Off Tournament this past weekend, where the Norsemen fell short in the championship game 63-59 to Bethel (Tenn.).

Despite this new, exciting and very determined Northern team, who applied tremendous defense, it was the experience and poised free throw shooting Bethel team that would take home the

trophy.

"We have to decide how we want to play as a team," said Mike Beitzel, head coach of the Norsemen. "We've yet to develop a style so that everyone knows what is going on."

Costly turnovers by Northern led the game for Bethel, as it came down to a shoot out from the free throw line, which NKU lost on. NKU committed 16 turnovers and added to its grief by hitting only 15 of 26 from the line. Contributions to that statistic were by premiere free throw shooter Willie Schlarman, who hit a whopping one of eight.

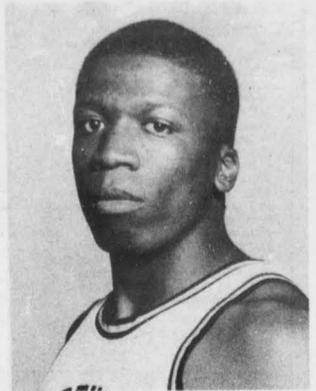
Northern never led during the game, at halftime its 32-30 and even though NKU has been a second half team so far

this season, it would only get worse this night.

Considering the playing time that some of the freshman are receiving, they may mature rather quickly. Freshman center Patrick Holt led the attack for NKU with 14 points and 14 rebounds while Shawn Scott and Willie Schlarman each added 10 points.

However, this one the kind of game, one of fast breaks, dunks, and string music shooting that makes the crowd and other coaches anxious to see this pool of talent down the road.

In the consolation game, Thomas More defeated Michigan Dearborn 85-65.



Patrick Holt

Poor shooting buries Lady Norse in opener

The NKU women's basketball team, despite 46 points by Pam King and Melissa Wood, lost its opening game to Division I Louisville, 68-62, Saturday afternoon at Regents Hall.

The Norsewomen, despite shooting just 37.5 percent from the field, led Louisville, 46-36, with 16:08 remaining. But a 15-2 spurt by Louisville (1-0) gave

the Cardinals a 51-48 advantage — a deficit NKU could not recover from.

NKU, which shot 48.4 percent in the first half, led 40-32 at halftime. But NKU hit just 8 of 31 shots in the final 20 minutes — a 25.9 shooting percentage.

Despite the low team shooting percentage, King and Wood each shot well. Wood, a 5-3 sophomore guard, hit

10 of 17 from the field for 22 points, and also recorded nine steals to lead NKU.

King, a 5-10 senior forward, hit 7 of 15 field goals and 10 of 11 free throws for the game's high-point honor. She also led the Norsewomen with 10 rebounds. King is now a member of NKU's 1,000-point club. She entered the game with 998 career points and now has 1022 points.

Despite the fine shooting by Wood and King, the Norsewomen really struggled from the field. While the two leading scorers hit 17 of 32 shots, the rest of the team connected on a mere 7 of 32 — a 21.8 shooting percentage.

Lori Tyler, who started at guard, led NKU with seven assists. However, one area the Norsewomen had trouble in was rebounding. The Cardinals outrebound-

ed NKU, 51-38. Louisville 6-0 senior forward Sonia Jenkins led the Cardinals with 12 rebounds. She also scored 14 points.

NKU (0-1) plays its final Division I team of the season tonight when they host Morehead State at Regents Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Eagles will rely mainly on three newcomers to bolster their attack, including two junior college transfers.

Shelia Bradford averaged 14.5 points and 15.3 rebounds in junior college last year and the other starting forward, Lynn Miner, averaged 15.3 points and 10.9 rebounds.

Freshman guard Kelly Stamper, a graduate of Knott County Central High School, will lead the backcourt. She averaged 24 points last season.



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Corrections

A story last week on Northern's budget approval by the Council of Higher Education stated NKU president Leon Boothe, the faculty senate

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Also, Julie Thoman's name was misspelled in a story on volleyball last week.

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NKU Women's basketball vs. Morehead State at 7:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.

Wednesday November 27

Baptist Student Union Lunch Encounter at the BSU house at noon. Fee is \$1. Everyone is welcome.

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NKU Men's basketball vs. Brescia College at Regents Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday November 28

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Friday November 29

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Saturday November 30

NKU Women's basketball vs. Central State University at 2 p.m. at Regents Hall.

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Two Phi Sig Big Brothers were spelled incorrectly in the list of new big brothers last week. They are Dan Crew and Mark Haegy.

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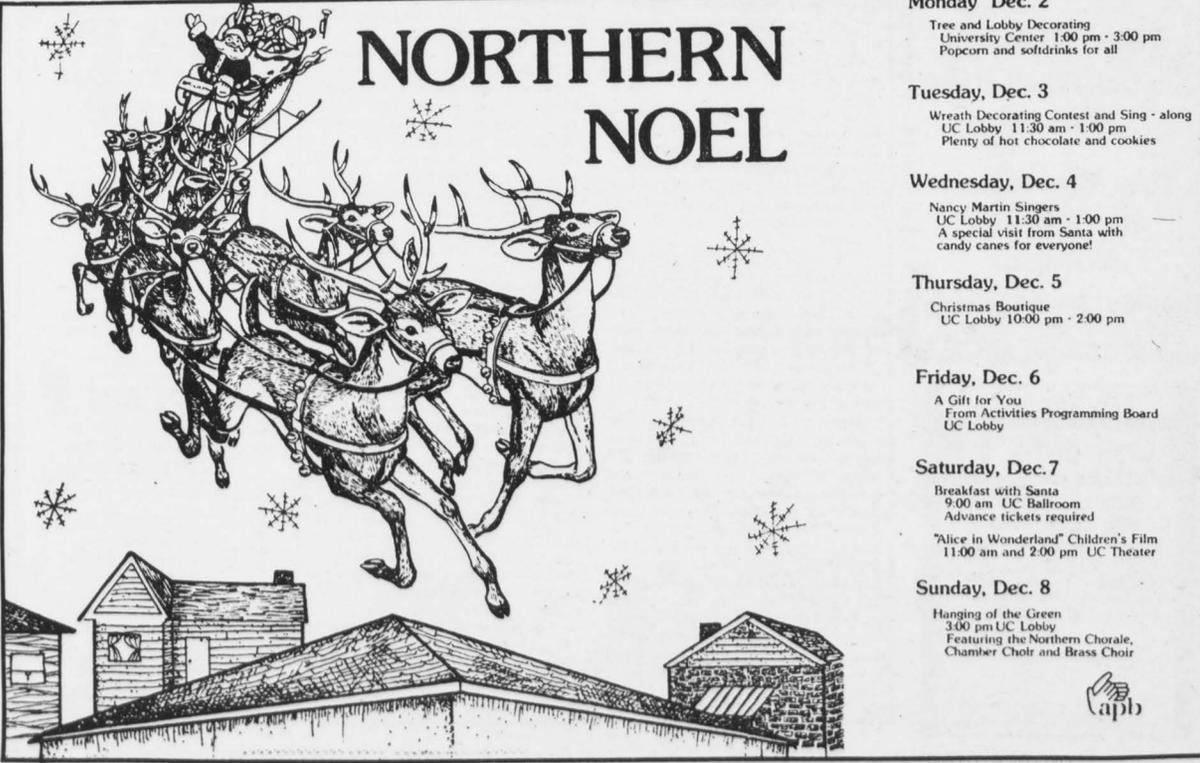


MAHIKARI

MAHIKARI in Japanese means True Light. True Light contains divine wisdom, will, and emotion, giving progressive understanding, awakening, enlightenment to souls. It also removes spiritual impurities and promotes healing of the spirit mind and body.

Anyone can now receive the True Light, and can learn to give True Light in order to help their family and friends. To contact FRIENDS of MAHIKARI, call 441-9620 or 572-5985

NORTHERN NOEL



Monday, Dec. 2
Tree and Lobby Decorating
University Center 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Popcorn and softdrinks for all

Tuesday, Dec. 3
Wreath Decorating Contest and Sing - along
UC Lobby 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Plenty of hot chocolate and cookies

Wednesday, Dec. 4
Nancy Martin Singers
UC Lobby 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
A special visit from Santa with
candy canes for everyone!

Thursday, Dec. 5
Christmas Boutique
UC Lobby 10:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 6
A Gift for You
From Activities Programming Board
UC Lobby

Saturday, Dec. 7
Breakfast with Santa
9:00 am UC Ballroom
Advance tickets required
"Alice in Wonderland" Children's Film
11:00 am and 2:00 pm UC Theater

Sunday, Dec. 8
Hanging of the Green
3:00 pm UC Lobby
Featuring the Northern Chorale,
Chamber Choir and Brass Choir

