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NKU Student Charged With Criminal Mischief

By Diana Schake
Editor in Chief

Gerardo Salinas went from a college party to jail in a matter of hours.

This situation is far from the outcome that Salinas desired.

DPS Assistant Director Donald McKenzie said Salinas, angered that a dorm party was broken up by DPS, retaliated by throwing concrete cinder blocks through the windows and at the body of the cruisers.

He has pleaded not guilty at his arraignment, last Friday in the Campbell County Courthouse. He is out of jail on a \$10,000 cash bond and awaiting a trial on Thursday, Nov. 14.

"Jail sucks," said Salinas, a sophomore political science major, who was charged with first-degree criminal mischief last week. "I just want this whole mess to be over with so I can get on with my life."

McKenzie said after responding to a public disturbance call, the department's Jeeps were vandalized.

"A cinder block was thrown into the windows of two of our Jeeps," McKenzie said. "Our vehicles sustained body damage as well as broken windows."

After going back to the party and

questioning everyone, McKenzie said that Officers Steffen and Detkas suggested to the students that either they turn in the person responsible or the person responsible needs to turn himself in because "either way, we were going to find out who did the damage."

Salinas turned himself in to DPS the next day.

"I had been drinking all night, but being drunk is not an excuse for anything," Salinas said.

Northern Kentucky attorney, William Hillman, said he is working to get Salinas' case cleared up.

"The young man is upset with the circumstance he has found himself in and wants to get things resolved as soon as possible," Hillman said.

Salinas said that he is not only in trouble with the state of Kentucky but he is in trouble with the university as well.

"I had a meeting with Dean Lamb to apologize for all the trouble and he gave me a letter that explains the things I can and can't do until this is all over," Salinas said.

Salinas said, "I can go to classes, but I can't go to the cafeteria or be on

campus if I don't have a class. Basically, it's classes only."

The Dean of Students, William Lamb said that there is an incident on campus that he is investigating, but for confidentiality reasons, he won't comment on any particular case.

"I want students to feel that what is said to me is confidential," he said.

"A student convicted of a felony due to an act on our campus, while they are a student, would receive scrutiny and appropriate review.

A decision would be made about that, as decisions are made about any incident of violating the student code."

Salinas is not a citizen of the United States, but his attorney said that "since he is here legally, with a green card or what have you, it shouldn't be a problem. This isn't that kind of crime."

If convicted, Salinas could spend from one to five years in prison.

"I expect this situation will be resolved and Mr. Salinas can get on with his educational pursuits," said Hillman.

Lamb said there have been times in the past when university property has been damaged but "this is the first time damage has been

Tip-Off To A Great Start



Jeff McCurry
The Northerner

Three Players And A Trophy:
Paul Cluxton,
Shannon Minor
and LaRon
Moore pose with
the US Air
Force Tip-Off
Classic Trophy.
The Norse went
3-0 over the
weekend to keep
their #1 ranking.
See page 5.

Stork Studio Delivers Music

By: Kevin Goheen
Staff Writer

Seattle, Los Angeles, Nashville, and New York are just a few places known for producing past and present musical talent.

Thanks to a local obstetrician and his wife, Highland Heights may be added to this list in the future.

Stork Studios is the name of a year-old multi-track professional recording studio. The owners, Dr. Tom and Liz Antony, said they turned their basement into a studio with the hopes of offering local musicians an opportunity for their first professional break.

"What we've come up with is a record label with the idea of taking unknown artists and giving them a way of expressing themselves in a professional manner," said Dr. Antony.

Dr. Antony has a practice out of St. Anthony's Medical Center. Liz Antony is a former cardiac care nurse and Northern Kentucky University graduate who is now devoting full time to a singing career. They also perform in Spectrum, a rock-n-roll band which plays at wedding receptions and banquets.

Dr. Antony said through Spectrum he came into contact with many talented musicians who had written original music. The problem they encountered was they had no outlet for recording or distributing their music, he said. He said he hopes Stork can deliver such an outlet.

"We're in the business of trying to make records. The studio is a tool. We're not bringing people in, doing demos, and charging them for rent time," he said.

One exception to this focus was allowing NKU's vocal jazz group to spend some time in the studio



Anna Weaver/
The Northerner

Musical Alumna:
Dr. Tom and Liz Antony open their home and basement to NKU musicians to get a feel for recording and work in a professional setting.

last spring. Dr. Randy Pennington leads the group. He said he wanted to get the group into a studio so they might be able to experience what it is like to do actual recording.

"Most of my students had never been in a studio before," he said. "It was a great experience for them. Recording is very demanding. You have a limited amount of time and you have to get it right the first time. It's quite different from a live performance."

Michelle Koopman, a junior vocal music education major and group member, agreed.

"I eventually want to do some type of performing. This gave me a chance to get used to a studio. In the studio you hear things differently than you do in a live performance," Koopman said.

The studio work allowed her to hear the group as a whole for the first time. In a live performance, she said, a performer does not get to hear the group the same way an audience will.

"That's something I had to get used to," she said.

Dr. Pennington credited Don Steins, a music performance major with a lot of previous studio experience, with putting him into contact with Stork. He played several instruments during the recording sessions, and felt the experience would benefit the students greatly. "It's something we don't have on campus, a real bona fide recording studio. It's something they'll be able to use later in their careers."

Liz Antony said while no specific or official relationship

between Stork and NKU exists, they are willing to assist musical endeavors by university groups.

Dr. Antony said he is very pleased with the studio's first year. Two local projects, The Elite Band's "Introducing The Elite Band" and Louis McNeal's "Waiting For The World To End," have been completed and are available in stores. A third, by Greg Lee, is in the final stages of editing and mixing. Currently Liz Antony is working on a jazz album of her own.

Dr. Antony said all of the projects have one common goal:

"We're in the business of finding people with talent who otherwise would be unable to express it, people who are serious about their music and putting it together in a professional package."

Dunkin' For Fun And Literacy

By Gabrielle Dion
Production Editor

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is giving NKU students a chance to watch some unlikely local celebrities shoot hoops.

The Cincinnati Bengals and one of the Cincinnati Reds are among the local celebrities coming to NKU Tuesday to participate in Delta Dunk Day.

The third annual Delta Dunk Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Regens Hall. Most of the members of the Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Red Johnny Ruffin, a few former NKU basketball players, local radio celebrities and students will be participating in four basketball skills competitions.

Spectators and participants will have an opportunity to meet the celebrities, get autographs and compete for competition prizes as well as door prizes—autographed footballs from Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jeff Blaak and wide receiver Carl Pickens.

Cincinnati Bengals Jeff Blaak, Steve Tovar, Eric Wilhelms, Tony McGee and Eric Biemien are just a few of the Bengals that will be competing against one another in 3-point shooting, foul shooting, half court shooting and dunking contests.

The competitions will be judged by the Norse men's basketball head coach Ken Shields, and women's basketball team coaches Nancy Winstel and Jim Wiedie.

Ruth Ross, coordinator of the event and member of Delta Sigma Theta said one of the reasons that they like to have the Bengals

participate is because several of them have come forward to speak up against illiteracy, the cause and charity of this event.

Former Norse basketball players Reggie Talbert and Chuck Perry will be competing in the events. Perry said he is doing not only because he likes the competition but also appreciate the cause.

"I like what the sorority is standing for in this event," Perry said.

Ross said the event did not have the turnout they expected last year and hopes that more students come this year.

Student admission is \$1 for spectators, \$2 to compete in one event and \$5 to compete in all events. Registration will begin at 6 p.m.

Partial proceeds go to the Northern Kentucky Adult Learning Program in Kentucky, a literacy program.

Delta Sigma Theta president Antriece Simms said, "It's a community service project, but it's also fun."

Perry, who will be competing in all the events, said, "It's a great opportunity to meet some players, meet the Bengals and have a good time."

-Chuck Perry

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Delta Sigma Theta charter members Regina Webb and Stephanie Jordan began the Delta Dunk Day three years ago. It was inspired by the fact that they were also the women's basketball team, Ross said.

"It's kind of a tribute to them [Webb and Jordan] to keep them alive in our organization," Ross said.

Former President Evaluates His And NKU's Future

Pulling Up His Roots

By Gina Holt
Special Assignment Editor

President Emeritus Leon Boothe will be leaving Northern Kentucky University in June 1997.

Boothe was the president of the university for almost 13 years and resigned in June of this year.

Boothe said he will miss NKU but that it is just time to move on.

He said the things he will miss the most about NKU is the energy, the drive, building something new, the challenges and the excitement. The thing he will miss the least is the funding problem.

He said the funding problem is not just at NKU, it is all of Kentucky. The Halstead Report shows that for the past 15 years Kentucky has been the last of the 50 states for new dollars for higher education.

Even though NKU has minimal funds, he said the students still get an excellent education.

Boothe said the students benefit from having such small classes and being taught by professors for their entire education.

Several institutions use teacher's assistants and telecourses (learning by television) as their primary sources of teaching.

There is a possibility that NKU could eventually teach by television and computer for several courses.

Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton is exploring the idea of learning by technology.

For example, instead of having a psychology teacher at all of the Kentucky schools there would only be one teacher who would be stationed at one of the schools. The professor would tape their lecture and it would be aired via satellite to

the other institutions. The Internet could also be used for this.

Patton said this would allow the institutions to use the teachers salaries in other needed areas.

Boothe said this idea needs to be thought out tremendously.

"I'm not saying the governor is wrong, but he is not completely right," he said.

College not only provides knowledge for students but it also prepares students socially, he said. If they are taken out of the classroom one-on-one setting, this will be lost.

Another problem is the funding, Boothe said.

There is very little money provided for technology, and technology is constantly changing. Boothe said.

He said he does not understand how Kentucky could afford to keep the televisions and computers updated enough to do this.

Boothe said the state is constantly cutting the funding at NKU. This causes Northern to have to raise tuition in order to survive.

The state should guarantee how much money it is going to give the university up front but it doesn't, he said.

"We know we could just about double tuition, but it would eliminate people," Boothe said.

Any solution to the financial problem will have repercussions on enrollment, he said.

People have to decide what public education really means. When he was in school he paid a total of \$100, which went toward fees.

He considers NKU a semi-private institution because the state does not provide enough money to run the university.

However, he said if NKU is going to be this way then the state should release Northern from all government regulations and allow it to be private.

It would save money if NKU could manage its own budget; it



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
Past and Present: Former President Leon Boothe joins Interim President Jack Moreland during the annual "Meet The Norse" Night. President Emeritus Boothe and his wife Nancy have always been big NKU basketball fans.

would save in paperwork alone, he said.

Two things have saved NKU over the years, he said.

One thing is that the state no longer forces the university to return unspent state money at the end of the year. This has allowed the university to have a little extra money for anything needed.

The second thing is that the enrollment has grown along with the cost of tuition.

"If it was not for those two things it would be a far different institution," Boothe said.

However, recently enrollment has been declining, and tuition is going up. This has caused a difficult budget situation, he said.

Even though NKU always had a financial problem the institution will always exist, Boothe said. It plays an important role in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area.

PHOTO BY JEFF MCCURRY

He also had to place his wife, Nancy Boothe, in Beechwood Nursing Home this past summer. She has had multiple sclerosis for several years. It has reached the point that she needs 24-hour professional care, he said.

He said he takes her out as much as possible, and she plans to attend as many NKU basketball games as she can. She has always been a Norse fan.

It was a very hard decision to put her in a home, he said, but the university personnel has been very supportive and helpful during this time. He truly appreciates all of the NKU employees who have visited Mrs. Boothe and sent her cards.

Boothe has also been very busy searching for a new job since his contract ends June of 1997. "I've turned down some jobs," he said. "I'm going to explore all of my options."

He applied for the president position of East Tennessee State. However, after becoming one of the four finalists for the position he withdrew his name.

He said he made this decision after visiting the school.

He decided it was not the right place for him and Mrs. Boothe.

Mrs. Boothe has been involved in all of his decisions concerning his career and will continue to be, he said. She wants what is best for him.

At this time he is not sure if he will stay in Northern Kentucky and teach or if he will find a job out of the area.

However, he said he will always care for NKU and its future.

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FEATURES

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More Than Just A Student; Blomer Is Everybody's Friend

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Spring Break, Florida 1996... picture two female college students in a hotel lounge at a piano belting out "Over The Rainbow" and "Crazy" by Patsy Cline.

At the piano, with the voice-like Blomer, and her friend, Jennifer Kennedy, sing and entertain the crowd of grandfathered men.

Not the typical spring break story one usually reads or hears about, but from every one of her friends, professors, colleagues and her mother, Kathy is not a typical person.

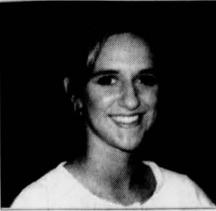
"She's the best combination of talent, intelligence and personality that I think I know," said Russell Proctor, an NKU communication professor. "She combines those three things in an extraordinary way."

Blomer is a senior speech communication major who, as Proctor explains it, "has her finger in so many pots."

Go to an NKU basketball game and she'll be there. She sings the National Anthem and then transforms herself into "Heya," the 6-foot-tall purple dinosaur mascot of the Norse.

"I try to be at as many home games as possible," Blomer said. "I have so much fun."

She was on the speech team for two years,



Diana Schlake / The Northerner

Kathy Blomer

she's been a Resident Assistant for two years, she's a Presidential Ambassador and the current President of the Speech Communication Club and Sergeant-at-arms for the community service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

With all she is involved in at school, her mom, Elaine Blomer, said Kathy's passion is singing.

"Ever since I can remember, she's always wanted to sing," said Mrs. Blomer. "She wants to be a motivational speaker, but deep

down, I think, if her practical side didn't take over, she would try to become a professional singer."

Kathy sings in a blues band, "Soul Therapy," at Lucille's in Latonia, Ky. She sings in weddings and for the past three years, has put herself through college by dressing up as a gorilla in a tutu, a chicken, clown, skunk and as big bird bringing musical messages to people through singing telegrams.

"Singing is my hobby," Kathy said. "I want to be a communications trainer."

Another one of her "hobbies" is helping Proctor write a book.

"She's a great writer, she's a gifted speaker and she's a wonderful singer," Proctor said.

Blomer's roommate and friend, Jennifer Farney, said she has a few quirks, that Blomer is not as perfect as everyone thinks.

"She wears my stuff and pretends it's hers,

and her cats are weird. They eat Q-tips and dental floss," she said. "Actually Kathy is the kind of friend everyone would want: honest, sensitive and dependable."

Most have agreed that Kathy's best attribute is that she is a good leader and great friend.

"I like that I've become a leader on campus," Kathy said. "I like that I can walk across campus and wave or say 'hi' to so many people. Dr. Proctor always makes fun of me because I can't hold a conversation without being interrupted by so many people."

Proctor said she is a good leader because she makes everyone around her feel good, involved and important.

"I just thank God every day that I found my niche in life which is communication," she said. "It's my passion, not my major."

For Better Or Worse NKU Brings Couples Together

By Chris Specht
Features Editor

Bob Weber met Cheryl Blomer when he started working in the administrative computing department at Northern Kentucky University 10 years ago.

Weber, who's now in charge of hardware repair and operations of that department, said, "We didn't really associate for over a year, and then something put us together."

They started dating three years ago and last month were married in Hawaii.

The Webers are just one of about 25 married couples working at NKU, said Barb Herald, benefits manager of personnel services.

Philip McCartney, a professor of math and computer science at NKU, met his wife Elizabeth McMillan-McCartney

in graduate school.

McCartney said he and his wife, who teaches developmental math here, feel like a part of the campus community.

"Our kids both went to the Early Childhood Center on campus," he said.

Being on campus allowed them to attend plays and go to campus sporting events, he said.

On drawback

to coming here, McCartney said, was that his wife, who was teaching applied mathematics at the time, had to take a lower position with less pay.

Chris Comte, director of academic computing, faced a similar problem when her husband Tom became dean of the College of

Business here in 1991.

The two worked together at the Rochester Institute of Technology before coming here, she said.

"She was an associate professor

at Rochester, where she worked for 10 years," Mr. Comte said.

Mrs. Comte said, "He wanted to come here. I didn't want to hurt his chances by insisting they

find a job for me."

Mrs. Comte started working here in 1994, three years after her husband was hired.

"Particularly when two people are faculty members, it's really hard. When one of them moves they both have to try to get jobs," Mr. Comte said.

Now that they're here, he said, "It's kind of pleasant. Sometimes we call each other and say, 'Let's have lunch.'"

The Comtes work much closer together now than they did in Rochester.

Rochester was a larger school. We didn't see each other much even though we were in the same building," Mrs. Comte said. "With our jobs the way they are now, we sometimes attend the same meetings."

"The bad side is that we don't get away from NKU (at home). It might be mentally more healthy to talk about things other than NKU," she said.

Ana England and Steve Finke are another couple whose paths cross during their work day.

Although both are art professors, Finke's office is in the base-ment of the Fine Arts Center and England's on the other side of campus in the ceramics trailers.

All that will change when both move into the new ceramics building next fall.

England said that she and Finke met eight years ago when she was looking for someone to teach an art class "in an interesting way."

"I interviewed him on the phone so before we had a relationship, I already had a respect for him as an artist," England said.

"He'd never taught college before. That's how I got to know him. Certain problems would come up with teaching, grading, or assignments," she said.

Both England and Finke said their move to the new building



Photo supplied by Bob and Cheryl Weber
JUST MAUIED: Bob and Cheryl Weber at their wedding/honeymoon on the island of Maui, Hawaii. The wedding party consisted of the happy couple, a minister, and a harpist.

will not be a problem for them.

"What we're really hoping is that our two programs, sculpture and ceramics, will mesh. Between the two of us, we have a lot of knowledge," England said.

Finke said, "It's already the same program, though that's going to intensify."

"We share a lot of the same students already. We live in the same house, we work in the same studio, we teach in the same place," he said.

"We're individuals as well as a couple. We definitely have different styles of organization," Finke said.

"That's just something the students will have to deal with going from the ceramics studio to sculpture," he said.

"In regards to teaching, there are pros and cons to both our similarities and our differences," he said.

"Conflicting messages, whether reassuring or confusing, work toward the students coming to their own answers," Finke said.

"Everybody has a different system," England said, "but we're used to arguing about that."

She said, "We wouldn't have lasted this long if we couldn't figure out how to work it out."



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"Ransom" Holds Audience Captive

By Amanda Title
Design Editor

Ron Howard's new film "Ransom," starring Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, and Gary Sinise is a non-stop, emotional roller coaster that is well worth the money demanded to see it.

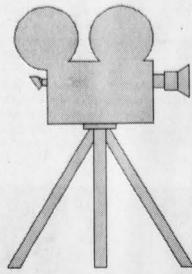
The start of the movie shows the all-American family having a small get-together with a few dozen friends. A commercial is shown on the television. Tom Mullen, portrayed by Gibson, is talking about the growth of his airline, Endeavor Airlines. He says there is nothing as important to him as family.

Completing the "Cleaver" family are Kate Mullen, played by Russo, and only son Sean Mullen, played by Brawley Nolte, Nick Nolte's son.

One moment Sean was next to his father, the next his parents are becoming hysterical because he has disappeared.

Shortly thereafter, Mullen receives a message. The message is a photograph of Sean handcuffed to a bed with duck tape over his eyes. The demand is \$2 million or Sean dies. If the police or FBI are notified, Sean dies. If all demands are not followed to the letter, Sean dies.

So what do the distressed



parents do? They call the FBI. Delroy Lindo stars as Hawkins, the FBI agent who has successfully recovered seven out of ten children who were kidnapped for ransom.

The "human garbage," as Mullen refers to the kidnappers, are a motley bunch of misfits. One is a tattooed, soft-hearted woman, played by Lili Taylor, who tries to be as tough as the boys to get respect and still do what "her man," the unseen mas-

termind of the whole kidnapping, says. There is a hi-tech drunk. Another is a guy just looking out for his brother, and the brother who appears to be Sean's guardian angel in the first half of the movie, played by Dennis Wahlberg, formerly of New Kids On The Block.

Throughout it all, we see glimpses of James Shaker, portrayed by Sinise, a tough cop who uses people's eyes as the window to the truth. Shaker is not all he appears to be in the movie. He's a

deep character with a twisted sense of justice.

Shaker is the one who ultimately finds Sean, after a questionable shoot-out with the kidnappers.

The few effects "Ransom"

boasts are ER-like blood spatters, pan camera shots which attempt to encompass all of the emotion rioting through the characters, and the "Schindler's List" effect (black and white with only an occasional spot of color) at the end of the film.

"Ransom" is another in the long line of hits Howard is boasting. Previous hits were "Apollo 13" and "Backdraft."

Gibson's performance was almost as powerfully moving as his performance in last summer's blockbuster "Braveheart."

Not since "Lethal Weapon 3" have Gibson and Russo appeared together, but even without the guns, they are still a pair to be reckoned with.

Nolte's portrayal of Sean should make father Nick incredibly proud. He carries off scared-to-death and helpless wonderfully.

The film carried the audience on its ups and incredibly steep downs.

There were few flaws with this film.

It's not nonstop, edge-of-your-seat action like "Speed," or a continuous tear-jerker like "Up Close and Personal."

This movie is not a guy movie or a (God forbid) chick flick. "Ransom" has its moments of both and is another Howard hit in the making.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, November 14

*NKU Brass Choir, Jonathan Gresham, Conductor, 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

*Northern Kentucky School-To-Work and the NKU Department of Communication will co-sponsor "Effective Communication Skills: A Necessity for Job Placement and Career Advancement." 12 p.m., Greaves Concert Hall.

*Discussion and film presentation on "Guimba: The Tyrant." 7 p.m., Landrum Academic Center.

See Africa through African eyes.

Tuesday, November 19

"Herps Alive" reptile show, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., UC Lobby. *Chat and chow with APB, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., UC T.V. Lounge. *Delta Dunks, etc., etc.*

Wednesday, November 20

*Beyond Contras and Kathie Lee: New Hope in Central America." Led by Mary Ann Weiss (Learning Assistance Center) and Ted Weiss (Geography) in the Faulty/Staff Dining Room of the University center, 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. *Natural Science coffee, 6 p.m.

'Don't Stop Believin' In Journey

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

It's been almost 10 years since the members of Journey went their "Separate Ways." Ten very long years.

But, now they are back together and as good as ever on their new album, "Trial By Fire."

The much-anticipated album's release was preceded by

the release of its first single, "When You Love A Woman."

To hear it is like hearing any song off Journey's album from the early 1980s.

The new album is in the classic Journey style of upbeat songs, blended with those power ballads that made them famous.

The album does have a song that has a slightly different flavor, but it is clear they were trying to send a message that this is the same Journey you grew up with. "Colors Of The Spirit" has sort of an Indian beat to it.

So many older musicians, when they make a comeback, feel they have to change their style in order to impress fans, or win new ones.

Journey, to their credit, chose to stick with their traditional style. It is hard to imagine them trying to change their style.

For Journey fans, the new album is pure paradise. There are 14 brand new songs (15 if you count the bonus track), and all but one of the songs could carry the album. The only song that doesn't really belong is "Castles Burning."

"Still She Cries" and "When I Think Of You" have the potential to be ranked alongside "Faithfully," "Open Arms" and "Don't Stop Believin'" as Journey's best songs. They are both traditional Journey ballads.

During the last 10 years members of the band have pursued other musical options, but none enjoyed anything more than moderate success.

Lead singer Steve Perry, who is pushing 50, has a solo album "For The Love Of Strange Medicine" in 1994. The only single released from that album, "You Better Wait," lasted only a short time on the play lists of radio stations.

His first solo album, "Street Talk," which was made in 1983 when Perry was still with Journey, was much more successful, with songs like "Oh, Sherrie" and "Foolish Heart."

Guitarist Neal Schon and keyboardist Jonathan Cain had the most success of any of the Journey members with the group, Bad English.

Drummer Steve Smith led the band Vital Information. Who?

In 1991, Smith and Bass Guitarist Ross Valory formed the Storm with former Journey member Greg Rolie. Rolie did not join in the reunion.

This was a Journey-wannabe band. They had a similar sound, but not near the success that Journey had. The Storm was a one-hit wonder group. After "Show Me The Way," they were never heard from again.

There is something about Journey that can't be duplicated. They are a unique blend of talent. Schon's guitar coupled with Perry's unique voice are the key ingredients in the Journey mix.

Let's hope it is not another 10 years before we hear something new from Journey. Age might start to catch up with them.

NKU Experiencing Slight Decrease In Enrollment 1.1 Percent Decrease Since Spring 1995 Semester

Staff Report

According to preliminary enrollment numbers for the Fall 1996 semester, Northern Kentucky University has less students enrolled in the Fall 1996 semester than Spring 1995 semester.

NKU experienced a 1.1 percent decrease in student enrollment according to the preliminary numbers provided in the Semester Enrollment Summary for Fall 1996.

The 1.1 percent decrease sent enrollment from 11,637 in the 1995 Spring semester to 11,505 students in the 1996 Fall semester.

First-time student enrollment at NKU changed to nine percent of the student body from the 1995 Spring semester according to the numbers supplied by Institutional Research.

The summary for Fall 1996 provided by Northern Kentucky University's Institutional Research department breaks down these numbers in various ways.

There were 5,976 females enrolled at NKU in the 1996 Fall semester according to the summary. In the 1995 Spring

semester, there were 6,734 females enrolled. That is a decrease of nine-tenths of a percent of the student body.

The summary showed that there was a larger decrease in the amount of males enrolled at NKU. There were 4,307 males enrolled at NKU in the 1996 Fall semester compared to the 4,437 male students enrolled at NKU during the 1995 Spring semester.

First-time student enrollment at NKU changed to nine percent of the student body from the 1995 Spring semester.

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SPORTS

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Norse Take Tip-Off Title With Comeback Win

NKU Hopes Title Is Just The Start

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

The championship game of the US Air National Tip-off Tournament had the feel of a national championship game.

NKU (3-0) snatched victory from

Volleyball Team Suffers Critical Loss At IPFW

The Norse lost to the top team in the Blue Division of the GLVC, Indiana-Purdue University. Fort Wayne on Saturday 15-12, 15-11, 15-4 in the regular season finale Saturday on the road.

The loss could eliminate the Norse from NCAA Tournament consideration.

NKU could get another shot at IPFW in the GLVC Tournament this weekend. As champion of the Blue Division, IPFW will host the tournament starting Thursday.

The Norse are 26-6 (14-2 GLVC) with the loss. IPFW wins the regular season GLVC title with a 15-1 record.

the jaws of defeat Sunday night at the Arthur Ashe Civic Center in Richmond, Va. The Norse knocked off Washburn University 69-63 in overtime.

"We really function with the refuse to lose idea," NKU head coach Ken Shields said. "The team that won't be beaten, can't be beaten."

Senior LaRon Moore and Sophomore Kevin Listerman keyed an improbable comeback in the final 1:05 in regulation.

After NKU's regular three point threats, Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor were shut down, for the most part, from the outside in the second half. Moore knocked down a three pointer to pull the Norse within 60-56.

"They couldn't buy a basket," Shields said of Cluxton and Minor.

Listerman scored a pair of free throws with 59 seconds left, to cut the deficit to two.

Moore capped the comeback with a jumper with six seconds remaining. "He came up big there," Shields said.

The Ichabods were unable to get a shot off before time expired, so the game went to overtime where NKU dominated. After a dunk by Cliff Clinton, the Norse never looked back.

The Norse hit 23 of 27 free throw attempts in the game and they outrebounded Washburn 49-40.

Shields said the free throws and the rebounding were keys to the Norse winning the game.

Listerman, at 5-foot-11, pulled down 10 rebounds to tie Moore for team high honors. Listerman's brother, Andy, a junior had eight.

Sophomore Todd Clark, a transfer from Division I Eastern Kentucky University, provided a spark for the Norse in the second half. He finished with 11 points off the bench. At one point in the second half, he had 11 consecutive points for the Norse.

"We were absolutely bleeding profusely," Shields said, "and Todd Clark provided a tourniquet."

Junior Cliff Clinton was the story in the quarterfinal game against South Dakota. He scored 23 points and had 13 rebounds in his NKU debut Friday afternoon.

The Norse led from start to finish with the final score being 95-87.

The Norse had the game well in hand, it seemed, with a 20 point lead in the second half, but the Coyotes battled back. They ran out of time however, and the Norse advanced to the semifinals to face Virginia Union University the host of the tournament.

The Norse defeated Virginia Union in the national semifinals last season, before losing to Fort Hayes State in the championship game.

VUU played the Norse tough in the first half. The halftime score of 37-36 quickly became a route in the second half as the Norse ran away with the game. The final was 83-66 in favor of the Norse.

Moore finished with 19 in the semifinal game to lead the Norse to set up the showdown with Washburn.

Shields talked about the play of the seventh through tenth players off the bench in the tournament. He said Clark and junior Desmond Lane gained confidence throughout the tournament. John Gibson and Mike Vieth also contributed in their time on the floor.

Shields said the Norse can be pleased with winning a prestigious tournament, but they still have to work on all facets of their game and become more consistent.

The Norse will get some time off before they get back to action. Their next game is Thursday, Nov. 21, in the John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic. They will face Ashland at 7:45 p.m. in Regent's Hall.

The women's basketball season gets underway the following day at Oakland (Mich.).



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GET THAT OUTTA HERE: LaRon Moore rejects a shot in the championship game of the inaugural US Air National Tip-off Classic. Moore was named to the All-tournament team.

Confidence Is Key For Thomas

By Jennifer Wilson
Staff Writer

After a slow two years of play, Northern Kentucky University volleyball player Jennifer Thomas has emerged as a strong contributor that is leading the team in blocks.

Returning as last year's most-improved player, Thomas said she has matured as a player and built her confidence. The 5'10 middle hitter has played in almost every match of the season this year as opposed to a combination of just 30 matches over the past two years.

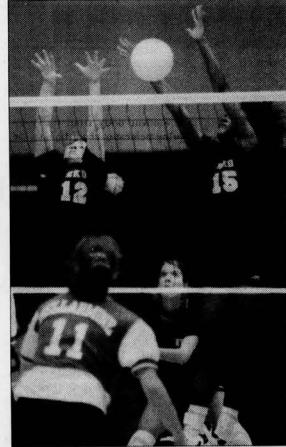
Thomas graduated in 1994 from Waubonsie Valley High School in Naperville, Ill. She said she played on a good volleyball team even though the farthest the team made it was to the first round of the regional tournament where they were eliminated.

Thomas lettered three years in the sport and was one of the four seniors from the team to receive a scholarship.

She said the transition to the collegiate level was more than she anticipated. Running and conditioning are just 2 of the factors Thomas said she wasn't ready for.

Even though she said her experience on NKU's volleyball team has been great, she said it wasn't until late in the season last year that her confidence was extremely built-up. Her performance in the conference championship prepared her mentally and physically for future matches, she said.

During her off days from the volleyball court, the junior psychology



Jeff McCurry
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BIG TIME BLOCKER: Jennifer Thomas goes for a block in NKU's match against Bellarmine last week. Thomas leads the Norse in solo blocks and block assists. The Norse won the match 15-5, 15-5, 15-6.

major says her main focus is her schoolwork. After graduating from NKU, Thomas plans to return to Illinois where she says she anticipates working on a master's degree. She hopes to pursue a career in child psychology.

As for the remainder of the Norse season, Thomas said she is excited about the team possibly receiving their first bid in the NCAA Division II

regional tournament. She said she is also looking forward to next year. With no seniors on the team this year, all players are returning. Thomas said the team will be just as strong.

Their chances of making the tournament took a hit when the Norse lost to IPFW in three games.

Thomas will lead the Norse into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

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End Of The Road

As most of you sat in classes Wednesday morning, twenty three NKU soccer players, athletic trainers, and coaches sat in vans traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for the GLVC Conference Tournament. While you watched your professors write on the chalkboard and lecture, the soccer team boringly watched as each acre of farmland in Indiana and Illinois faded away.

The scene is the same... some play cards, do homework, listen to their radios or just catch up on much needed sleep.

Student-athletes are a unique breed. Not only do they work on their college education; they represent the university as well. Aside from the 15 hour course load, there are practices at least four times a week and games another two or three times. In addition to that, several of the athletes have part-time jobs.

Time is a precious commodity. It seems as though the only free time available to sit and relax is on the seven to ten hour road trips.

This past week, the soccer team visited the University of Missouri at St. Louis for its first-round GLVC Tournament game. At 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the players loaded up the two fifteen passenger vans for the seven hour trip. After driving about half of the distance, the team checked into a hotel to get some rest for the tough day on Wednesday. Within 10 hours, the team was once again packed tightly into the vans to finish the journey. Finally around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, the Norse arrived at their destination. With just a couple of hours till game time, they checked into the second hotel to relax and mentally prepare for the evening game.

Kevin Dooley favors going on the road. "I like road trips because it is an excellent way to get away and focus on our job. We get to see what other colleges have to offer, what their fields are like, and we can go to their place and focus strictly on the game."

Ideal soccer weather is a balmy seventy degrees with clear skies. However, the pouring rain and fifty degree weather was far from perfect. Nonetheless, as they say in the movie business, "the show must go on." So after bracing up the injuries, stretching out the sore muscle and tuning up the skills, the team stepped onto the flooded field in hopes of continuing their quest for another GLVC Championship.

The first half, uneventful for the Norse, proved beneficial to the UMSL Rivermen as they were able to take the early (and permanent) lead. After a hard-fought battle, the rain still falling at a tremendous pace, the second half of the game showed much like the first. The Norse were unsuccessful in their pursuit of ending the game victoriously. "We were the better team. Had the conditions been different, we would have won the game," said Paul Hilteneit, the NKU soccer team's season had come to a heartbreaking end.

How could the dominant team, the better team, the team with so much hope, determination and promise, have lost? The answer is simple: for some unknown and mysterious reason... it just happens.

For the seniors: Marty Tucker, Shane Johnson, Paul Hilteneit, Kevin Dooley and J.T. Roberts, their illustrious and inspirational college careers had ended. They stood mortified in the pouring rain on the muddied field where they had played their last game. Never again would they wear an NKU jersey. As Marty Tucker said, "soccer has been a part of my life for 18 years. Playing competitively, especially at NKU is hard to let go." Shane Johnson felt the same. "After each game is over, there should not be any regrets, because then it is too late. You can never have any of them back. It is hard to realize that I will never play another game for NKU."

But, little do they know that they will never be forgotten. What they have done this year will always be remembered. There are many people who stood by them, were proud to work with the, play with them, cheer for them, and watch them play the game. They can never be replaced... only emulated.

The one thing evident after the game is that these

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Marty, Shane, Paul, J.T. and Kevin- It's Time To Wash Your Jerseys



Moreland Not As Bad As Everyone Complains

Dear Editor:

I recently read your editorial "High Fives to Everyone." The editorial was excellent. Several students have told me that Interim President Jack Moreland gained respect, credibility and admiration for participating in the Open Forum.

The fact that President Moreland participated in the Forum does not surprise me because he is an outstanding leader. Based on everything that I have seen about him to

date, it is clear that "open communication" is the key to his success.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that he knows how to listen. He may not always make everybody on campus happy but you can bet his decisions will be based upon a careful studying of the facts and a careful listening to all concerned.

We really are fortunate to have him as our interim president.

Thank you.

Philip Taliaferro

Correction

In the October 30 issue of *The Northerner*, it read in the article "Psychology Grant Headed Towards Teaching High School Teachers": "The grant money will be used to house the teachers in the dorms for their stay, pay for all the supplies needed, and pay the teachers salary of \$12,000." The actual salary the teachers will receive is \$1,200, not \$12,000. *The Northerner* apologizes for any inconvenience.

five individuals formed one tight group. They were the backbone of the team.

They entered NKU four years ago as individuals, but as Johnson said, "became best friends." Although being devastated by the loss, the five seniors slowly walked back to the locker room in a group... the group that had walked off of the field victorious so many times before. J.T. Roberts gracefully put it by saying, "when first coming into college I looked at it as only playing a sport. But after four great years, I have only positive things to say about the people I have met. I have made many friends... especially my fellow seniors."

Unlike the trips to each game when the anxiety is high in the hopes of winning, unlike the previous trips home from each game when the anxiety is high for the games to come, this trip home was to be the last.

The NKU Norse played the best they could play, the best they played all year, but could not beat mother nature to keep the season alive.

Until next year, the NKU soccer team is going to have to be content just sitting in class.

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What's The Purpose Of Adams' Jeremiad?

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Professor Michael Adams for the time and effort he took on behalf of university faculty in NKU. His op-ed piece (printed in The Northerner in two installments, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23) described accurately and defended eloquently what university faculty do. It is certainly important that the public—students, university staff persons, and members of the larger community—clearly understand what university faculty do. A loud and sincere “Bravo!” to Professor Michael Adams for cleaning so many pollutants out of the air.

I wish to summarize, emphasize, the positive points made by Professor Adams:

• Most full-time university faculty serve students both in and out of class, through formal and informal advising and teaching.

• Most full-time university faculty serve their departments/programs and their university by serving on committees, doing much of the work of management as well as the productive work of instruction.

• Most full-time university faculty work for the community when their expertise is called upon.

• Most full-time university faculty are active consuming scholars, which means that they read and study as much as they can of the hundreds of articles and books published each year in their disciplines.

• Many full-time university faculty are active producing scholars, which means that they write articles and books and give papers at conferences in order to produce, and advance, knowledge in their disciplines. What the world accepts today as “knowledge” exists, to a great extent, because of the work of university faculty.

• Education is more than a business. It is a social mission. That is why universities have “mission statements” and why making monetary profits does not appear on any of them.

Unfortunately, Professor Adams does not leave well enough alone. At the end of the second installment (Oct. 23), there is a shift in both content and tone. Professor Adams puts the scholarly historian aside and lets the social critic out of its cage, growling against “the massive dumbing down of America which is wrecking this culture.” We are clearly no longer in the realm of scholarly discourse. This becomes even more evident when Professor Adams asks three rhetorical questions, questions that he assumes all readers will answer in the same way. These questions attempt to

manipulate readers into non-critical thinking.

First Rhetorical Question: “When was the last time that you went a week without encountering an error in your bank statement, your grocery bill, your medical insurance reimbursement, your car or TV repairs, any aspect of your life that intersects with others?” You are supposed to answer, “I can’t remember—it’s been so long.” If I answer honestly, however, I must admit that last week I had none of these problems. In fact, the last time I had such a problem was more than three months ago, with a car repair.

-Paul Ellis Second Rhetorical Question:

“When did you last encounter really sharp employees in stores who really knew what they were talking about?” Unethical answer: “I can’t remember—it’s been so long.” My answer: Just last week, twice, once at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, and then again at Kneaders, where an employee politely pointed out to me that the tomato soup I wanted was in aisle 3. (Since I had just passed through that aisle, I demanded to know if he was sure. He said that he was. Still in doubt, I returned to the aisle and found the tomato soup—right in front of my eyes.)

Third Rhetorical Question: “When did you last read a newspaper article that was thoroughly researched and not just an uncritical regurgitation of somebody’s press release?” Unethical answer: “I can’t remember—it’s been so long.” Thoughtful answer: I read well-written and researched newspaper articles all the

time, even in local newspapers. You just need to look.

The purpose of Professor Adams’ jeremiad is made clear in the last paragraph of his piece: if universities are going to the dogs, it is not because faculty do too little work but because universities admit too many students who are “chronically academically unprepared and unsuited.” In other words, don’t blame the teacher, blame the student (or the staff person or administrator who allows the “unprepared and unsuited” student to enrol). If the conventional wisdom of politicians and the ill-informed is that full-time university faculty have an easy and privileged life, then the conventional wisdom of university faculty is that students are not as good as they once were—you know, like when the university professors were students. University professors could save America from “becoming a society of sloppy thinkers and error makers.” Adams suggests, if the university professors would teach “only the genuinely prepared in our classrooms who can benefit from what we have to offer . . .”

As an antidote to this elitist kind of thinking, a little history is in order. The history of admission policies at American institutions of higher learning is largely a history of expanding access, of including new kinds of students who, at an earlier time, were considered “unprepared and unsuited.”

Harvard College, founded in 1630 and America’s first institution of higher learning, initially admitted only sons of clergymen who also served to become clergymen. (The lectures and textbooks were in Latin, a situation for which many were not prepared.

Harvard College tutored students in Latin so they could be successful in their course work.) As time passed, Harvard College became Harvard

University and expanded its mission and its admission policy: the sons of wealthy families were admitted. Other colleges and universities were established and they too admitted sons of wealthy, land-owning families. During the nineteenth century, colleges and universities admitted the white sons of middle-class merchants and businessmen. Though these families were required to pay the tuition, the sons were not necessarily required to meet the highest academic standards. The University of Wisconsin, for instance, in 1849 established the nation’s first “college preparatory department,” offering remedial courses in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century, access to higher education began to grow through the creation of new kinds of schools—colleges for women, agricultural colleges, technical colleges, and colleges for blacks. Many students entered these institutions without being fully prepared academically. By 1890, more than 80% of American colleges and universities had programs of one kind or another for underprepared students.

By the twentieth century, with a growth in the number of public institutions of higher education, admission was expanded to the white sons and daughters of the middle class, then to World War II veterans regardless of socio-economic background, then to African Americans in some parts of the country, and finally to African Americans in all parts of the country. Since the late 1960s and early 1970s, many public universities have become “open admission” institutions, which means that any citizen who wants to give higher educa-

tion a try will be given the opportunity—including minority students, first-generation college students, low socio-economic students, and students from any other non-“mainstream” group you might think of. Whenever higher education opened its doors to a new group of students, many individuals in those new groups were academically underprepared. Universities adjusted, usually with new courses and/or academic support systems. Is this “dumbing down”? If so, then the “dumbing down” process started with the discovery of America. There simply never was a “golden age” in American higher education.

If there is any “dumbing down” at the university—if university teachers do not demonstrate critical/creative thinking and do not require that their students practice it also, if university teachers do not promote thinking—then university professors are responsible for it. I could argue this point, but it seems self-evident. There is simply

piece, Professor Adams oddly mixes two large and important issues: the admission of underprepared students and the university and the university’s exploitation of part-time faculty. The implied suggestion is, I think, that a respectable university could kill two birds with one stone: Get rid of the underprepared students and get rid of the part-time faculty hired to teach them. Trouble is, some of those birds contribute a lot to the university. The president of NKU student government a few years back was an underprepared student when he was first admitted. Jeannie Henry, an excellent teacher and researcher at NKU from 1984 to 1996 (Jeannie is now an assistant professor at Hofstra University in New York), was part-time before she became a full-time university faculty member. There are lots of such examples.

One of higher education’s greatest challenges is to increase the academic success of students, including the underprepared students who benefit from the American tradition of expanding access. We can best accomplish this goal if administrators, staff, and students understand and respect what university faculty do—the service, the scholarship, and the teaching, and, of course, if university faculty understand and respect the students they teach.

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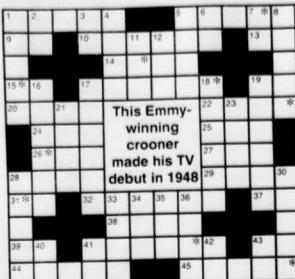


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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- Series set at a university
 - Waves: 1980 Dennis Weaver TV movie
 - Entertainer Don
 - Song: 1960-69
 - Initiatives for Ms. Arquette
 - The... to Williwile: 1994 Anthony Hopkins film
 - Initiatives for Butch Cassidy's
 - Gumbel's co-host
 - Esther Walton, to John Walton
 - William Windom's Murder, She Wrote
 - In the Life (1987-88)
 - Like Willy Wonka
 - Series: 1980s-90s
 - Murphy or West?
 - Calling for cartoon or calling
 - Delta Burke's Woman of the House co-star
 - Flower accessories
 - Reindeer Gun: '92
 - Christine Ebsco sitcom
 - Half of a film review team
 - Answer to the query: "Did Valarie Harper ever marry on That's"
 - Cut of meat
 - Setting for Bonanza: abbr.
 - Last name for singing careers
 - Almost Perfect Affair:
 - 1979 Keith Carradine film
 - Leisure
 - The Hogan Family star after Valerie Harper left
- DOWN
- 1977-83 police drama series
 - Initiatives for Popeye's love
 - Conchita's monogram
 - See 6 Down

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No. 11 Demi Moore

No. 12 Syleena Johnson, Neil Young

No. 13 Whoopi Goldberg

No. 14 Prince Charles, LaToya Jackson, Yanni

No. 15 Elba Esther, Sam Waterston

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