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**NORSE FAN:** Nancy Booth cheered at all the NCAA Louisville game.

## NKU Former First Lady Remembered As #1 Fan

By Gina Holt  
Northerner Contributor

Despite her illness, Northern Kentucky University's first lady was very involved at NKU. She created new programs, held fund-raisers and hosted numerous parties.

The community of Northern Kentucky University lost a dear friend on Monday, Jan. 27.

Nancy Booth, wife of President of Emeritus Leon Booth died due to complications involved with Multiple Sclerosis.

Mrs. Booth was known for many things but the one thing that stands out in the minds of many is that she was the number one fan of NKU basketball.

Kathy Blomer, senior speech communication major and employee of the athletic department said she admired Mrs. Booth's support for the team.

She said Mrs. Booth attended a game just a week before she died.

"It amazed me to see so many people come over to the two of them to say hello," Blomer said. "Dr. Booth shook everyone's hand and then the visitors touched Mrs. Booth's shoulder or hand and she smiled."

"Dr. Booth cheered the entire game and continuously made sure Mrs. Booth was comfortable in her wheelchair. Mrs. Booth continued to smile. Even a week before her death, Mrs. Booth was supporting her husband and NKU, and representing the overall spirit of NKU."

Booth said he believes the players appreciated his and Mrs. Booth's support.

He said the players told him that he and Mrs. Booth were a constant source of energy and support.

Booth said Mrs. Booth enjoyed supporting the team but she mainly went to be with him.

He said she would always say to him, "My day begins when you walk in the room."

Virginia Stallings, a former NKU pro-

fessor of journalism and a friend of Mrs. Booth said "she was dedicated and devoted to bettering the university."

She helped establish the NKU Friends of Fine Arts, served as a chairperson of the NKU Women's Walk, and served as the official hostess for NKU.

In 1993, the Board of Regents named her the first recipient of "The Nancy Jones Booth Perseverance and Accomplishment Award," which is now presented each year.

She has also aided in raising money for different organizations at NKU and has won several other awards.

Rose Strauss, former chair of the Department of Fine Arts said she remembers when the Booths first came to NKU.

Mrs. Booth came to Strauss's office to get art work for the president's house. She started describing where she wanted to hang the art

when Strauss had to stop her.

Mrs. Booth couldn't believe that most of the faculty and staff had not been to the president's house.

She started having parties every Sunday afternoon for 20 to 30 people.

This gave her a chance to get to know the community.

Several of her friends, Booth and her daughter Cheri Henry said Mrs. Booth was known for her social gatherings.

She always made sure everyone fit in, Booth said. If someone was off by their self at a party she would find someone to introduce to them.

Stallings said Mrs. Booth had a special way of making people feel comfortable.

Booth said, "our vision of Nancy now is up in heaven sitting next to God helping organize everything."

Booth said he can picture an angel sitting off to the side and Mrs. Booth would introduce it to another angel.

Mrs. Booth has left a positive legacy which will sustain everyone in their grieving and will lift everyone, he said.

"We (the family) have an attitude that we'll be together again," Booth said

## Spirit Flying High At NKU

Staff Report

Norse spirit is flying high as the Homecoming weekend ascends on Northern Kentucky University's campus. Activities are planned for the week culminating at the women's and men's basketball game on Saturday and the coronation of King and Queen during half-time.

Activities Planning Board has sponsored black and gold spirit week with the headline, Dr. Judy - sex therapist this past Monday. APB is having give-aways all week such as a cheer towel giveaway and pull-top bottle giveaways.

The spirit car is on display for those who want to guess how many NKU goodies can be found through out its interior. The ballots can be found in the UC Lobby. Guess right, and win a car load of NKU spirit wear, displayed in the NKU Bookstore.

Greekcoming, at 8 p.m. in the grill, is where to find all the karaokeing sororities

and fraternities and on Thursday, a tail-gate party with a Disc Jockey is planned before the start of the women's 5:30 p.m. basketball game against Bellermine.

The Friday pep rally starts at 8 p.m. at the residence hall, Norse Commons. Both Coach Nancy Winstel and Ken Shields will speak, clearing the way for the masses to start dancing at 9 p.m.

Through out the week, APB will be selling official NKU homecoming teeshirts and sweatshirts. (For students \$3.00 each tee-shirt and \$6.00 for a sweatshirt, faculty and staff \$7.00 and \$10.00 respectively.) NKU Alumni Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Alumni Association is set for Friday evening, at the Holiday Inn - Airport. Tickets are still available.

The climax of Homecoming week is the basketball games as they take on rivals Kentucky Wesleyan and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King.

## Board Ok's Fee

Staff Report

It's a done deal. Each Northern Kentucky University student will be paying an additional \$20 per semester for the Enhancement of Athletics.

At last Wednesday's Board of Regents meeting, the board voted to institute a fee which will go towards starting a football team, women's soccer team and enhancing existing athletics.

Two board members, Michael Thomson and Robin Crigler voted against the fee. During the meeting, Thomson said he had a "real problem spending dollars we don't have."

"I felt that that proposal had too many 'ifs,'" Thomson said.

Interim President Moreland projected the start of the Football program as early as 1999. The women's soccer club turns into varsity status starting next year, becoming eligible for NCAA play.

The next step for football is the designing of the stadium and the hiring of a coach. The application process has already begun, with the football coach's starting salary at \$45,000.

## Women Go Varsity



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner  
**YES!** The women of the soccer club, Ginger Riley and Jennifer Benjamin cheer as the Enhanced Athletic Fee was passed.

## Women's soccer club gets NCAA status

One effect of the passing of the Athletic Enhancement Fee at Northern Kentucky University has been to focus attention on the other campus intercollegiate athletics programs, particularly women's sports. In 1993, NKU released its gender equity report and recommended that women's soccer be added as its next intercollegiate sport. The report stated that locally, there is strong interest in the sport by women, and "Soccer on a Roll," an October 10, 1996 story in the Cincinnati Enquirer supports this contention. The article stated that the area is a hotbed of soccer competition with a ratio of 11.7 soccer players for every 100 people in the greater Cincinnati area, the highest rate of soccer play in the country.

Although this recommendation was made four years ago, it was not until football at Northern loomed that any serious consideration was given to elevating women's soccer play here on campus from a club activity to an actual intercollegiate sport.

For Robin Schwalbach, a recent graduate of Northern's nursing program, it is a long desired dream finally becoming a reality.

Schwalbach's mission began the end

of 1992, when she, and several other women met with Steve Meier, director of NKU's campus recreation to form the current women's soccer club. Schwalbach said she estimated it would take at least five years from forming the club to gaining NCAA status. She believed women soccer players needed to demonstrate to both the school and the local community their dedication to the sport through volunteer club play. She is elated that it only took four years.

Most of the women also work as well as attend school, to pay their school expenses. As well as playing the school club's schedule, the club also plays the fall and spring schedules for Division I indoor soccer sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Recreation Commission, allowing the team to play the top-ranked local teams.

It's one of the biggest problems with being a club team — money, or rather, the lack of it. Playing soccer may not be as expensive as playing football, but nonetheless, there are such costs as paying for referees, purchasing uniforms, travel and admission to out of town tournaments, buying equipment, and paying the higher costs associated with indoor soccer play.

The team is fortunate in having a history of volunteer coaches who love the sport and are willing to donate their time to help the club succeed. Currently Dennis Andrews, a staff member in the Periodicals department at Steichly Library works as the club coach.

The club operates off a patchwork of funds garnered from a variety of sources,

including a large anonymous donation contributed several years ago, student organization funds, monies contributed by the school's health center, and fundraising efforts by the women. The women pay their own travel and food expenses and carpool to the various out of town tournaments, to conserve money.

With the advent of NCAA status, it will be easier for women to play soccer. Tim Yaks, a second-year law student, and a student government representative, is assistant coach for the NKU men's soccer team. Yaks says that the team needs to be conservative with their budget, which he estimates at between \$56,000 to \$58,000 yearly to cover coaches salaries, travel expenses, meals, equipment, about \$20,000 for scholarship assistance.

Yaks says the head coach, John Toebben, yearly purchases a full set of uniforms to outfit the team from his own pocket, in order to save more of his budget for travel expenses for the team.

One of the biggest concerns for both Schwalbach and Yaks is the poor condition of the current playing field. Both look forward to construction of a promised new facility, to include both a playing and a practice field, to be located on what is currently the gravel lot behind the tennis courts.

"Our field is not the greatest, not taken care of the best... it's embarrassing when you play against a team you want to impress," Yaks said.

Ginger Riley, the women's soccer club captain, has played soccer since she was 8. She says the club will continue to exist to offer non-scholarship soccer players the opportunity to play. She says one of her biggest concerns is "riding in on the coattails of football." She wants to see women's soccer recognized on its own merits.

"We were ambitious enough to come in here and come in on the side and do this... it shows our great dedication. We're not just jocks," Riley said.

One of her biggest disappointments is that the team's members, once the varsity squad forms, will only be eligible for two years of NCAA play, due to their club history.

Interviewing for the new women's soccer coach will begin shortly. Schwalbach will be one of the members of the selection committee, and she hopes to see a woman coach for the team. She says that she would love to see press attention for whoever coaches the team comparable to that currently given to Ken Shields, the Norse men's basketball coach.

"It's the greatest thing to know this will be available to women next year," she said.

# Boothe Remembered By Friends and Family

By Gina Holt  
Special Contributor

A wife, a mother and a dear friend to many was lost on Monday, Jan. 27.

Nancy James Boothe, wife of President of Emeritus Leon Boothe, died at Beechwood Nursing Home in Cincinnati due to complications related to multiple sclerosis.

Mrs. Boothe is survived by her husband Leon Boothe, her daughters Cheri Henry, Diana Kroeger and Cynthia Vilaro, her grandchildren Catherine Henry and Tommy Kroeger and her brothers Robert and Phillip James.

Mrs. Boothe had been suffering from MS for several years. However, her friends and family said that she never came across as a person who was ill.

"When you were with Nancy you just forgot about her being in a wheelchair or being sick," Nona Stricker, a friend of Mrs. Boothe said. "She was a 'doer,' she was always upbeat, outgoing and in tuned with people."

Boothe said Mrs. Boothe continued to go to parties and host parties

even when she was in a wheelchair.

She was a very determined and courageous person and would not let her handicap or illness burden others or herself, he said.

Mrs. Boothe was admired by many for her perseverance.

Several people who were ill or just having a trying time in their lives had sent Mrs. Boothe letters stating that when they are feeling like they can't make it anymore they think of her, Boothe said.

Mrs. Boothe was admired as a wife and a mother, Boothe said.

"My mom was really one of a kind," Henry said.

"My mom was the one that taught me the Christian faith," she said.

Henry said that has been her anchor in getting through her moth-

## Family Gathering



**SURROUNDED BY LOVED ONES:** from left to right, Cynthia Vilaro, Mrs. Boothe, Alice Sparks, Leon Boothe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. Kroeger.

er's illness.

She recalled one of her fondest memories of her mother as kneeling in front of her eldest sisters bed with her mom and two sisters learning the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer

and other prayers.

"That early training got me on the road to believing the Lord's Prayer and living a Christian life," Henry said.

She said she and her sisters respected their mother very much. "Cynthia, our oldest (daughter), said she (Mrs. Boothe) was her best friend," Boothe said.

"She respected us," Henry said. "She respected our needs to be paid attention to, to be counseled. In any relationship it is easy to respect someone if they respect you."

Boothe described the first time he met his wife as one of his favorite memories of her.

He was on a triple-date with one of her sorority sisters. Mrs. Boothe was also on a date. He said he instantly became "smitten" with her.

"There was a real chemistry there," he said.

"This took place over 37 years ago and they have been together ever since. He said they were both very committed to each other.

"Nancy and I memorized our wedding vows and we would periodically repeat them to each

other," he said.

He repeated the vows to her one last time right before she died.

Stricker said Mrs. Boothe was a very unselfish and sharing person.

Even though she had problems of her own, "Nancy was someone that I could talk with about personal things in my life or whatever happened to be going on with me," Stricker said.

She said Mrs. Boothe also made a point to include her in her family. Stricker attended and helped in the planning of all of the weddings of the daughters of Mrs. Boothe's.

Stricker said Mrs. Boothe was also very humorous and warm. When tension was building Mrs. Boothe knew how to break it with a joke.

If someone was hurting Mrs. Boothe knew how to comfort them.

Stricker read a quotation from a plaque to describe Mrs. Boothe; "Many people enter our lives for just a little while, others pause and plant flowers in our hearts that will continue to bloom forever."

"I think that is appropriate for Nancy, she planted flowers in our hearts, she'll always be with us," Stricker said.

# Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy Department Voted "Best" On Campus

By Shannon Graham  
Staff Reporter

If you've noticed the faculty in the sociology, anthropology and philosophy department walking a little prouder and holding their heads up higher lately, you probably aren't imagining things.

In a recent survey of seniors at Northern Kentucky University, out of the 20 undergraduate departments, the sociology, anthropology and philosophy department received the highest score overall.

According to the survey, the

department received first, second or third place rankings in seven of the nine categories. It ranked first in such categories as "Quality of Instruction," "Expertise of Faculty," "Encouragement and Information for Employment," and "Willingness of Advisor to Help."

Anthropology professor Barbara Thiel said she was a little amazed when she first heard about the results of the survey.

"I was surprised, but I know we do a good job," Thiel said.

She said she believes that one of the reasons the department scored

so well is because the faculty is committed to the students.

"We're very concerned about the students. We want them to be well-trained and well-qualified for the job market," Thiel said.

She said the faculty talks frequently to the students about job opportunities and offers such events as the Anthropology Career Workshop.

Undeclared sophomore Jenny McDaniel has taken three sociology classes during her two years at NKU, and said she may decide to make it her major.

"I took my first sociology class for a general studies requirement, but I liked it so much that I took another, and then another," McDaniel said.

She said her sociology professors were always helpful to their students.

"They went out of their way to give us extra help if we needed it," McDaniel said. "They want us to succeed."

# Foundation Giving Fine Arts A New Face

By Jason Gargano  
Staff Reporter

The opening performance of Grease on Feb. 20 will also serve as a dedication for the new Northern Kentucky University Corbett Theatre.

The Corbett Foundation has donated \$1 million to the NKU Fine Arts Department. \$300,000 will be used for four full-time scholarships. Two in theatre and two in music. The other \$700,000 will be used to renovate the former Main Stage Theatre.

Theatre Technical Director Terry

the theatre was very cold, this gives us a chance to warm it up."

Among the new features is a state of the art sound system with mixing console and computerized lighting instruments.

"The new instruments allow us to train students to operate the equipment, which will give them a better chance of getting a job in the future. It also gives us a chance to attract perspective students," Powell said.

Other additions include new seats, sound stage floor, stage drapes, new carpeting, acoustical improvements, a new fire curtain, upgrades to the rigging sys-

tem and a newly installed orchestra pit lift. Renovation should be complete by the end of the week.

Freshman Theatre major and Grease cast member Mike Hall said, "The improvements in technical quality will greatly enhance the overall show."

All ten scheduled shows of Grease are sold out.

Preceding the dedication is the Gala opening of Grease which is being sponsored by the Friends of Fine Arts on Feb. 19.

Proceeds from ticket sales of the Gala are going toward scholarship funds that benefit the Music, Theatre, and Art Departments. Any one who wants to buy a ticket should contact the Office of University Relations. Ticket prices for the Gala begin at \$50.

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# Steely Installing Student-Friendly Service

## First Search System Will Save Students Time and Frustration

By Mimi Rook  
Special Contributor

The W. Frank Steely Library, in cooperation with the Kentucky Library Network, has purchased an unlimited searching account from the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) for First Search.

First Search is an interactive online information system that gives users timely, useful information about books, journal articles, and even some full text, depending on the database being used.

Anyone doing research will appreciate the hours of work First Search eliminates locating the necessary professional journals, books, and monographs. Even better, EBSCO a magazine file containing 2,400 magazines also offers 1,000 of them as a full text option, allowing users to display or e-mail the article to their computer.

Other databases allow electronic display of the citations to books

and journals. Users simply type in the command "E" for e-mail, and First Search will automatically forward the information to the user's e-mail address.

Anyone at the university with a VAX (NKU AXP) account can access First Search.

Jack O'Gorman, head of Steely Library's electronic reference services said, "We want to get the word out to anybody, everybody, it's one of the most important things I've worked on since starting here."

He added, "One of the reasons (this is so important) is it's the first step in Kentucky's Virtual Library."

A virtual library will allow students anywhere in the state access to any information resources possessed by other libraries participating in the system.

There are now 12 databases in the system (see list below). O'Gorman cited CINAHL, an index of health and allied nursing information, to explain some of

the advantages of First Search.

Previously, most nursing and allied health majors had to use medical libraries to do research. Using CINAHL, students can locate the needed articles or books and then use InterLibrary Loan to borrow the material without leaving campus.

O'Gorman believes the next step in the process is creating an electronic Inter-Library Loan service where, once the book or journal is located, a user can then order the material through their computer, rather than having to manually fill out a paper order slip and then wait for the order to be sent via "snail-mail," i.e., the postal service.

O'Gorman says, "We want it to succeed because we want to build a better mousetrap."

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# NKU Gets Caught In The Web

By Carie E. Bauer  
News Editor

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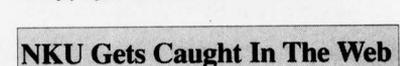
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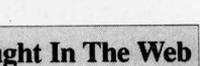
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## Homecoming Court 1997



**Regina R. Webb**  
MAJOR: Psychology, Senior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATIONS:  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
and Women's Basketball



**Kaci Noelle Stewart**  
MAJOR: Bachelor of Arts Music-  
Voice, Junior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
Baptist Student Union



**Melissa Marck**  
MAJOR: Elementary Education,  
Senior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
Delta Zeta Sorority



**Allison M. Schmidt**  
MAJOR: History/Secondary  
Education, Junior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATIONS:  
Delta Gamma Sorority and SGA



**Kathleen M. Blomer**  
MAJOR: Speech Communication,  
Senior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
Speech Communication Club



**Chris Boggs**  
MAJOR: Theater/ Psychology, Junior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATIONS:  
Norse Leadership Society and  
Residence Hall Association



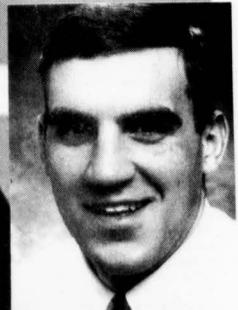
**Travis Andrew Turner**  
MAJOR: Communications,  
Senior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
Student Government Association



**Nick Code**  
MAJOR: Biological Sciences (Pre-  
med), Senior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION: Beta  
Beta Beta Biological Honor Society



**Scott Troy Steffen**  
MAJOR: History/ Education,  
Junior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
NKU Cheerleading Squad



**Matt Saner**  
MAJOR: Business Management,  
Junior  
SPONSERING ORGANIZATION:  
Alpha Tau Omega

# Boggs Is NKU's Most Valuable Heckler



Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

**SIXTH MAN?:** Chris Boggs (center) acts as an extra opponent for teams to contend with when they visit Regent's Hall. He heckles opponents and their coaches during games. He is particularly pleased when he gets a reaction out of them.

By Tony Bosch  
Staff Reporter

When opposing basketball teams enter Regents Hall, they know what they are up against on the court. Their biggest problem, however, may be in the stands.

Chris Boggs is Northern Kentucky University's unofficial heckler. Since arriving at NKU three years ago, he has been a thorn in the side of every opponent the Norse have faced.

"One of my friends inspired me when I was a freshman," Boggs said. "We'd go to the games, get all rowdy, and drive the visiting teams crazy. When he graduated, I kind of took over on my own."

Boggs, a junior theater major and member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, has become somewhat of a cult leader in the stands. With the success of the NKU basketball program, he said he is slated to see a growing student following.

"There used to be maybe half a section of students at games, and most of those were from the band,"

Boggs said. "Now we're filling up entire sections, and I'm doing my best to get the fans fired up."

Boggs said he is naturally animated, and is not embarrassed to use his rowdy nature to annoy opponents.

He was in rare form when the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles paid a visit. Boggs said he loves to pick on the Screaming Eagles' head coach, Bruce Pearl.

"It is so easy to get inside that man's head," Boggs said. "Pearl gives me the opportunity to irritate him because he's always throwing temper tantrums."

"Off the court, he is a great guy. I had a conversation with him once and he was a real gentleman. I don't think he knew who I was, though."

Boggs' favorite player to taunt is Bellarmine College's star center, Steve Mercer. In fact, Boggs said he has a special surprise for Mercer when NKU hosts Bellarmine on Feb. 6.

"Mercer is a big baby, so I'm

going to pass out diapers with a big '30' (Mercer's number) on them," Boggs said. "Every time he starts whining, the fans will wave their diapers. It's going to be great."

Not surprisingly, Boggs manages to get a response from some of his victims. Besides the usual glares sworn at and even threatened with a technical foul by a referee.

"I love that," Boggs said. "When I heckle someone and they respond, that means I'm in their head and I can mess up their game."

Boggs may seem obnoxious to some, but he said he actually maintains some standards.

"I have a certain etiquette to my heckling. I never cuss, and I try to make it humorous. I've even made some comments to referees that have made them smile."

Boggs' spirit has made him a favorite with the Norse basketball team.

"I think he's great," said junior Andy Listerman. "He reminds me of the guy in 'Happy Gilmore.' He can really get into a player's head,

and it shows on the court."

Sophomore Todd Clark said he gets a kick out of seeing and hearing Boggs in the stands.

"He's nuts, but in a good way. I like him."

Boggs manages to be an equal opportunity offender. He said he tries to make road trips to all the men's and women's basketball games.

"I can't miss the women's games because my girlfriend, Shannon Smith, plays for them. She's my favorite player, of course."

Boggs said he also has some favorites on the men's team.

"I like watching Kevin Listerman because he has so much spirit and defensively, he can make a big play at any moment," Boggs said.

"I also love to watch Shannon Minor because he's a senior and this is the last year I'll get to cheer for him."

Minor said he has a mutual respect for NKU's most valuable heckler.

"Boggs is a great fan. I'm just glad we've got him on our side."

## Norse Gut Out Two Road Wins For 3rd Straight 20 Win Season

*Wins Coupled With Indianapolis Loss, Move Norse One Game Out Of First In GLVC*

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team became the first team in NCAA Division II to win 20 games this season.

It wasn't easy, however. They had to overcome two teams that really did not want to lose.

Wisconsin-Parkside was NKU's victim on Thursday night 60-57. The Rangers didn't stay down after their loss to NKU they spanked the nation's No. 1 team, Indianapolis, on Saturday 63-45.

The Norse defeated Lewis 69-63 on Saturday. Lewis was fighting to maintain its position in the Great Lakes Region rankings. The Flyers were sixth, but will likely drop because of the loss to NKU. The top six teams move on to the NCAA Division II tournament.

Indianapolis' loss could move the Norse into the top spot in the region.

The Norse came out shooting well against Wisconsin-Parkside, but cooled off considerably in the second half. They shot 58.3 percent in the first half, but only 34.8 percent in

the second half.

The Rangers outbounded the Norse 34-24 for the game. They were led in that department by Melvin Allen and Levi Bradley. Each had nine.

Senior LaRon Moore had 15 points to lead the Norse. Junior Cliff Clinton added 10 points and a team high seven rebounds.

Kevin Listerman had 10 points to go with six steals. Steve Sanders led the Rangers with 17 points.

Despite shooting 52.1 percent from the field and 57.1 percent from three-point range, the Norse still struggled to beat Lewis on Saturday.

Surprisingly, the game was on at the free throw line where the Norse, as a whole, shot

61.1 percent.

Senior Paul Cluxton hit four key free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. He finished the game hitting all six of his attempts giving him 54 consecutive made free throws this season. He has yet to miss one this year.

Cluxton led four NKU players in double figures with 18 points.

Tom Anderson finished with a game high 21 points to lead the Flyers. Milosh Pujic added 14 points and eight rebounds.

The Norse improved to 20-2 (10-2 GLVC)

The Norse will get a chance to avenge one of their two losses next Thursday, February 13, when Indianapolis visits Regent's Hall. In the process, the Norse could move into first place in the GLVC.

Men's GLVC Basketball Standings		
Team	Records	
	Overall	GLVC
Indianapolis	18-1 (11-1)	
Northern Kentucky	20-2 (10-2)	
Southern Indiana	15-3 (9-3)	
Kentucky Wesleyan	16-5 (9-3)	
Quincy	10-8 (7-5)	
Bellarmine	13-6 (6-6)	
Lewis	13-6 (6-6)	
IPFW	11-8 (6-6)	
W-Parkside	9-10 (4-8)	
SIU-Edwardsville	8-11 (2-10)	
UM-St. Louis	5-14 (2-10)	
St. Joseph's	2-17 (0-12)	

## Norse Look For Revenge On Homecoming

By Chris Cole  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team will get a chance to avenge one of its two season losses on Saturday when they play host to Kentucky Wesleyan College in a Great Lakes Valley Conference rematch at Regents Hall.

Tip-off is set for 7:45 p.m. The Norse, (10-2 GLVC, 20-2 overall), lost on the road to the Panthers, (9-3 GLVC, 16-5 overall), 75-74 on Jan. 2.

"We have to beat them here," head coach Ken Shields said.

NKU has won six straight after losing 74-73 at Indianapolis, (11-1 GLVC, 18-1 overall), on Jan. 9. Senior Paul Cluxton was named

GLVC Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 19.

That is quite a show of respect, considering Chuck Mitovich in last week's *Basketball Times* rated the GLVC the best conference in NCAA Division II basketball.

In only 62 minutes, Cluxton averaged 18.3 points per game.

He scored a season-high 32 points against the Mastodons of Indiana Purdue-Ft. Wayne, hitting a school record 10 three-pointers and leading NKU to an 84-71 win.

He also extended his school record for consecutive made free-throws to 48.

"I think that right now, we are at the highest level of performance all year," Shields said.

The Norse are 8-0 at home this season, and have won 34 of their

last 35 games at Regents Hall.

"It's a tradition to win at home," Shields said. "They're coming into our house."

Kentucky Wesleyan comes into Saturday's game hoping to prove otherwise.

A victory over the Norse, currently ranked no. 12 in the nation, would solidify the Panthers as GLVC contenders.

KWC is 5-4 on the road this season, though.

The Norse will also be at home Thursday when they face Bellarmine College. The Knights, (6-6 GLVC, 13-6 overall), hope to gain ground on the GLVC heavyweights when they face NKU at Regents Hall.

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# Practice Pays Off For Norse Cheerleaders

**NKU Follows Up  
Second Place  
Finish Last Season  
With A Third Place  
Finish In Nationals**

By Tara Studer  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University basketball cheerleaders won third place at the national competition for Division II. The competition was held in Orlando, Fla., at Walt Disney World, Jan. 7 through 11.

"I had a great time at Nationals. I am really happy to be able to represent NKU, and I hope we do it again next year," Mike Goodenough, junior elementary education major, said.

To go to Nationals, the squad, consisting of nine men and seven women, spent many weeks preparing a tape to send. They had to have a sideline routine, a cheer while play is in action, a timeout routine and a one-and-a-half minute demonstration of

what the squad could do.

"Everything went better than expected. We really pulled together," Goodenough said. The squad had to overcome many difficulties; seven people quit, and there were illnesses and injuries all year.

The tape is sent to a panel of judges, who sent a bid back inviting the squad to compete, starting in seventh place.

"We did a lot better this year than in the past. It was the best we had ever hit out routine," junior biology major Cresta McKay said.

Last year the squad came in second. The top three teams dropped their builds, so NKU was pushed up.

"This year the top three squads 'hit' their routines, but everything timed up perfect for us helping us to move up," McKay said.

For the competition, the cheerleaders had to do a two-minute and 20 second routine to music. This includes cheers, partner stunts, basket tosses, tumbling and builds; everything you would see at a game. There was also a taped crowd segment that was 20 percent of the overall score. This tape showed how the cheerleaders

excite fans at a game.

"I am more proud of this squad than I have ever been. As a coach I expect 110 percent and potential, but this squad gave 200 percent and exceeded their potential," NKU's cheerleading coach, Sandy Hasson, said. "They are definitely a championship squad." The cheerleaders practiced every day of the month before Nationals, sometimes two times a day. Their regular practices are three times a week, gymnastics one night a week, plus weightlifting three times a week on their own time.

"Our season is all year around," McKay said. "We cheer at the men's basketball games during their season. We do our routine at high schools competitions. We perform at University programs also. During the summer we go to high school and junior high school summer camps."

"They set goals and accomplished them. I am extremely proud," Hasson said. "Our cheerleaders have been nationally ranked for five years, and they work hard for it."

"Other schools offer a cheerleading scholarship and funding. NKU does neither."



Photo Supplied by Cresta McKay  
**REACHING FOR THE TOP:** Members of the NKU Cheerleading squad perform part of their routine at the National competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando. They placed third.

## Roddy Goes From No Time To Prime Time In One Game

**Norse Get Back  
On Winning Track  
With Two Wins**

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Shannon Roddy didn't play in the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team's 68-60 victory against Wisconsin-Parkside on Thursday.

She came off the bench two days later to lead the Norse to a 62-43 victory over Lewis in record breaking fashion.

The two wins snapped a three game losing streak for the Norse.

Roddy scored a career high 27 points by hitting a school record eight three-pointers.

She was the only NKU player in double figures.

Junior Fredrika Susnar, who is now starting at center for the Norse, led them in rebounding with nine. She also had nine rebounds against Wisconsin Parkside to lead the team.

Sophomore Katie Kelsey sided

out seven assists.

The Norse were able to overcome 28 turnovers by holding the Flyers to 30.6 percent shooting from the field.

The Flyers were only able to hit one of their 13 three-point attempts. Lewis was led in scoring by Kris Koo's 15 points off the bench.

NKU used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Wisconsin-Parkside.

Sophomore Julie Stanley and Susnar shared game high honors with 13 points each. Junior Kelly Penhorwood added 11.

Kelsey added six assists in the Norse win over Wisconsin-Parkside.

Wisconsin-Parkside had three players finish with 10 points.

The Norse move to 11-8 (8-4 Great Lakes Valley Conference) with the two victories.

They are now tied for third with Bellarmine in the GLVC. That sets up the showdown tomorrow with the Knights. The winner will take over third place by themselves.

Wisconsin-Parkside dropped to 9-9 (6-5 GLVC). Lewis fell to 12-7 (5-7 GLVC) with the loss.

## NKU Vs. Bellarmine: Battle For Third

By Chris Cole  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team has had a tough couple of weeks. Their last four opponents—Southern Indiana, SIU-Edwardsville, Wisconsin-Parkside, and Lewis, are powerhouses in the GLVC.

The Norse will meet another conference powerhouse, Bellarmine University Thursday in a match-up at Regents Hall. The game tips off

at 5:30 p.m.

The Norse, (7-4 GLVC, 10-8 overall), knocked off Wisconsin-Parkside 68-60 Thursday on the road.

"We've got two seniors on our team, Regina (Webb) and Dana (Morningstar)," head coach Nancy Winstel said. "Then we have three juniors that kind of are part-time players. We have a sophomore group that plays quite a bit."

Morningstar broke her left thumb during practice on Jan. 10. She will be out for at least 2-6 more weeks.

She led the Norse in scoring at 13 points per game before her injury.

Winstel emphasized the effects of losing a team leader.

"I'm not trying to make excuses for us," Winstel said, "but it definitely has a tremendous impact on our team."

Webb will now be called on to lead the young Norse.

As the team's second leading scorer at 10.9 ppg, NKU hopes her senior leadership will be enough to hold the team together until Morningstar returns.

Bellarmine, (8-4 GLVC, 13-6 overall), is currently fourth in the GLVC. The Knights bring a 3-4 road record to Regents Hall.

Winstel said she didn't think her team understood what it takes to be competitive in the GLVC.

"Until we understand that we've got to show up and play hard for 40 minutes, I don't know that we're going to get any better any time quick," Winstel said.

On Saturday, the Norse will host Kentucky Wesleyan University, (4-8 GLVC, 8-11 overall), at 5:30 p.m.

### GLVC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Records Overall (GLVC)
Southern Indiana	18-1 (12-0)
SIU-Edwardsville	15-4 (10-2)
Bellarmine	13-6 (8-4)
Northern Kentucky	11-8 (8-4)
UW-Parkside	10-9 (7-5)
Saint Joseph's	7-11 (6-6)
Lewis	12-7 (5-7)
Kentucky Wesleyan	8-11 (4-8)
Indianapolis	8-11 (4-8)
IPFW	7-12 (4-8)
Quincy	7-12 (3-9)
UM-St. Louis	4-15 (1-11)



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## Why Now?

By Chris Cole  
Staff Reporter

The goal of the NKU football committee is to establish an NCAA Division II football program by the end of the century.

The goal of an NKU football program is to unite the very campus that, since being voted in on Jan. 27, has divided.

Professors are upset, students are in general disagreement, and the community is divided—all over a football team that doesn't exist yet.

"You either love the plan, or you hate it," sophomore music major Sean Flora said.

Opponents to Norse football have expressed concern over its impact on three key areas: school funds, NKU's academic programs, and NKU's athletic programs.

The football program, along with several new women's athletic programs, will nearly double NKU's athletic budget to upwards of \$1 million.

Professors and students want to know where the money is going to come from. A \$20 athletic fee, to be added to tuition, was also approved.

That would raise over \$300,000 a semester.

Estimates for a new football facility range from \$2 million and up. And opponents say that doesn't take into account other expenses of running a football program, such as a stadium staff and travel costs.

Many students and professors say no matter what the cost, any new funds should go into enhancing NKU's academic programs.

"Our school needs books, not quarterback," said junior Brian Hillner, an information systems major.

Many students have said NKU

should focus on academics and put money into the library rather than the athletic field.

"Academics first, always," Professor David Payne said.

Others say the money should go to the athletic department, but not football.

"We've got a great basketball team that is nationally ranked and everything," Flora said.

Head coaches Ken Shields and Nancy Winstel have both worked hard to build successful programs. They deserve more money, he said.

Many students agree, and point out the success of NKU basketball

is proof a football program can thrive here.

They point to the rise in basketball interest over the last five years at NKU, and see no reason why it can't be the same with football.

"Basketball and football are totally different. This is a basketball era," Flora said. "Besides, we won't be any good for a long time. Will the students have to pay when no one comes to the games?"

Herein lies the problem facing the faculty, students, and community.

Adding a football program is a major, major move for NKU.

It is also a big risk. Bill Erpenbeck, NKU Football Committee chair, has stressed the importance of timing.

He said NKU must act now to take advantage of growing athletic support in the community.

Opponents say "why now?" They stress this is not a good time to implement a football program, with no funding and an interim president.

"Maybe if they waited another five years, then there would be more money and more support," Flora said.

## Look At It Through A Child's Eye

By Christina Celesti  
Northernner Columnist

When a child reaches a young age, he begins focusing on the world as visual objects comprised of shapes and angles, lines, planes and curves. Or, in a child's words: circles, triangles, and squares.

If a person were to take a young child, place him in the center of NKU and ask "What do you see?," he would most likely respond with: "Squares. Boxes and squares." And he would easily be able to build a model with a set of grey-colored Legos.

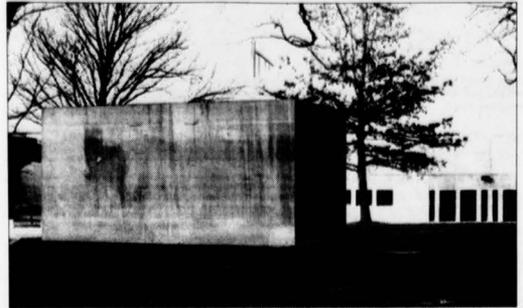
The architecture of NKU could seem to the shaded inner-eye as somewhat boring and drab, but to many, it's beautiful. The angles, the slopes, the length of the lines... they seem to shoot off into space. I perceive Donald Judd took a similar view of the aesthetics of the school.

Donald Judd was the artist behind the mysterious "big silver box" gracing the small plot of green grass in the center of NKU's concrete jungle. The piece was created between 1975 and 1977.

Judd is a strong name in the concept of minimalism in art. Minimalism is exactly what one would think it is: artwork with no frills, no corncobes, no curves, and no extras. It is the base core of a feeling. It's the kernel of a thought. (But so much can be read into a simple thought, can it not?)

There has been a rumor passed along the stark halls of NKU for many years about this piece. The hearsay is that the box is unfinished. By many accounts, it was supposed to be coated with a "mirror-like exterior, reflecting the architecture of the buildings." Not true.

Barry Andersen, a faculty member of the fine arts department, said that bit of information was misunderstood many years ago when an article about the sculpture read "the box would mirror the



**ART OR CEMENT?** Located in the center of campus, this piece of art has had much speculation of what the box really represents.

lines and angles of the buildings."

In actuality, it does. The buildings of NKU are boxy, gray, and spew feelings of bleakness. The box is a simple reflection of this. It is up to the viewer to slip on a pair of rose-colored glasses to see otherwise.

Students around campus offered varied responses in regard to the box.

"It's a mini-amphitheater. When George Clooney went to school here he used to rant and rave in it," WRFN DJ Z-Rob said.

"It's a portal between time and space," observed Nathan Summers.

"It's a waste of space. It's not art in the least," said freshman radio/TV major Chris Beiting.

Brad Barnes, an undeclared junior, repeated a story he had heard.

"This land used to be farmland, and the box was a subterranean bomb shelter. When they dug up the ground to make this school, they left it."

In response to Beiting's colorful perspective, a question was posed: Is there truly anything in this world that is a "waste of space?"

It's not art in the least? I disagree. The box is what it is: art in the simplest form. A shape. A child's sight. I think it's beautiful.

## WRFN Gets New Look From Students

By Tara Studer  
Staff Reporter

WRFN is having a logo contest to replace their current logo. The current logo is the letters "WRFN" but they are looking for a creative logo with artistic value that has something to do with the station and Northern Kentucky University.

"We want listeners to do a sketch for a new logo. The best logo will be

Painted on the wall of the station," history and education major freshman Shon Cope, promotions and sales manager, said. "We haven't decided on the winning prize yet, but it will probably be something like concert tickets."

Students interested in submitting artwork may drop it off in the University Center, room 205. Put it in an envelope addressed to Shon Cope. The WRFN staff will judge the best entries. Depending on how many people submit artwork, the winner should be announced sometime in February.

The station has just opened a comment line. The number is 564-5493,

and you can call with suggestions, complaints, requests, or if you just want to talk.

WRFN started as part of the communications department to offer students practical "work experience." WRFN's faculty advisor Dave Thomson said. Now it is part of Student Media and is not exclusive to the communication department.

When WNKU was first proposed, the students found they were not going to be a part of it. There were no open microphones or training available to the students. "Out of anger, the students did a very positive thing—they petitioned for start-up money," Dean of Students Bill

Lamb said.

The students petitioned the Student Allocation Board for start-up money, and they were granted a small amount of money.

The station started broadcasting to a small amount of people over the intercom system in the University Center. In the mid-1980s it started broadcasting to the residential halls. It is not available to the new halls yet, but it likely will be soon.

"It is a rewarding thing to see WRFN has existed on a shoestring budget," Lamb said. "They have good, dedicated volunteers, and it offers the students good training."

## Taking The Plunge On Campus

By Becky Bergman  
Assistant Features Editor

Where can you go in the month of February to see exotic coral reefs, colorful tropical fish, and various other sea life such as sharks, porpoises, and octopi? Its a chance to take a mini vacation in the dead of winter that doesn't require you to miss one class. The best part is it's FREE!

On Sunday, Feb. 2 members of the NKU recreation center were given the opportunity to take the plunge right here on campus. Four professional scuba instructors from the Cincinnati Diving Center presented a vivid 30 minute under water slide show and gave participants the opportunity to scuba dive in the recreation center pool.

This two hour activity gave about 30 participants the chance to experience a taste of what scuba diving is all about. The purpose of the activity

was to bring about interest in scuba diving since only 2 percent of the population has experienced this activity.

Jim Stitt, one of the instructors present, said he has been scuba diving since 1986. He said his 11 years of experience has taught him a lot about scuba diving and believes scuba diving is an "awesome experience" that only a small percentage of the population gets to experience.

"Scuba diving has many benefits. You get to communicate with nature, it's a challenge to do, and it's a good chance to socialize," he added.

Stitt said many people express concern about the safety of the sport. According to statistics the occurrence of injury is only 4 percent, which is the same percentage of injury in bowling. It is also a safe activity for older people. There are people participating in Stitts diving programs who are up to 78 years of age.

In addition to Stitt there are three staff members at the Cincinnati Diving Center with over 10 years of experience. The diving center offers scuba trips that range from Florida to the Indian Ocean. Stitt mentioned that there are trips available to go diving in dolphin waters off the coast of the Grand Bahama Island, or other diving excursions that you are able to swim up close to whales and sharks.

The courses involve academic studies as well as hands on experience. To become certified you must complete the lessons and four open water dives. According to Stitt 95% of the people who complete these dives become comfortable after the completion of the course.

Caroline Braden, a 47-year-old insurance consultant for Choice Care, attended the class at the recreation center. She said, "Scuba diving is a great sport for all ages. You don't have to be an athlete to do it."

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## Letter From The Editor

Now that this football 'thing' is over (for a while, anyway), there are just a few statements that could use a little redefining. Prefacing this by stating that I, and all people involved and uninvolved (with the football thing) will be targeted, is a disclaimer on my part.

The Northerner's editorial and writing staff's integrity has been called on the carpet by either being on football, therefore not printing the 'whole truth,' or by being totally against football and printing only elected truths and quotes, making certain people look inarticulate, uninformed, sinister or egomaniacal.

The Northerner can't make anyone look a certain way. Those people who say the darndest things are he ones who make themselves look dolish, menacing or chauvinistic. We work with what is given. We print what people say. We can't help it if uttered remarks are less than... well, you decide.

When talking about all the football will bring to NKU, Moreland said, "That doesn't include all the girlfriends who come to campus because of their boyfriends." Trying to amend his statement, he added something about boyfriends coming because of their girlfriends, but by that time, he damage had been done.

El Presidente, may I remind you, we are living in he 90's and women go to college to become Attorney Generals, mayors and columnists... not Dallas cheerleaders, and columnists... not the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders be forthcoming?

Bill Erpenbeck said he estimated \$1.5 million for stadium, one "more along the lines of Cov Cath" (Covington Catholic High School). Well, correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't we a university that would want a university-sized stadium for our Division III players? Do we want our team to grow up and play UK-type school, or do we want out team to challenge each area high school team in our really cool high school stadium?

Numerous people have complained that The Northerner didn't write a more in-depth report and leave into the numbers to give the university 'the coop' about football. A few things can be said, one being we weren't the only one with access to the UK-type proposal. Anyone could have gotten a copy of Bill Erpenbeck's proposal if they asked. The proposal was on the NKU web pages, in the library, the president's office has numerous copies, as does every administrator, SGA, The Northerner, my mom... Take he time to ask, and you shall receive. Just a REMINDER... we are STUDENTS who have off-campus JOBS and go to CLASS and STUDY and WRITE, and design and PRINT a weekly paper. The Post and The Inquirer, both of whom had full-time reporters covering this one issue, didn't do the numbers or print the proposal. And most of the figures in the proposal were conjectures of "if we build a football team they will come."

The commonwealth made an estimation of \$7 million for the new stadium that may indeed be a loser estimate because it was assumed this university wanted a stadium, preferably not a local high school facility. That wasn't in Bill's report.

As the Editor, I take the brunt of many displeased people and that is okay. I can handle it. But, when people who do nothing to educate themselves in the issues begins to question our integrity as a whole, my gloves will come off and I will fight back. Even though I am a 'girl,' I can fight.

## From Snow To Sun In One Step



Margie  
Wise  
Columnist

The rain is pouring down outside, and the ice is accumulating on anything that can stand its weight. I truly hate these dark, dreary winter days. Everything so soggy and depressed.

I'm not so sure why. As a poet, and a writer, one would think I should be able to find beauty in such morbidity.

However, days like this one only make me long for the sunshine and warm humid heat of summer.

That is why, at such times, I pretend. I hide out in my room and drag out old summer photos. Pictures of me, family, and friends all smiling through our tans and tank tops.

I watch movies with lots beautiful summer scenery. I replay episodes of my soaps and other shows from the summer, and watch the characters hanging out at the beach.

I do this because I remember a car trip I took one hot summer. The car had no air conditioning. We had a game we played to keep our minds off the heat. If anyone mentioned how uncomfortable he or she was, then that person had to describe something cool (for example, Ice cream).

I thought it was stupid at the time. I mean, really, how was talking about an ice cream cone going to make me forget that I was stuck in a sweaty car on the road with my family?

But it worked, sort of. For a few minutes anyway, arguing about whether or not there was a point to the game took my mind off the situation.

So, if you are tired of the cold winter weather, do what I did. Put up some cheery pictures around your room, play some summer tunes on your stereo. Then maybe, just maybe, the sky outside won't seem so gray after all.



## Student Took Leap Into New Life. . . And Landed Right Where They Began

Dear Editor,

I've been a student here at NKU for the past 17 years. I took night classes off and on until the fall of 1995, when I quit my job as a machine operator to go full-time.

The reason for my leap from job security to a questionable fate at college was simple. I had my job. I had done basically the same work for 16 years and looked forward to a challenge.

The most challenging thing about my job was dealing with the boredom, the noise of the machines, and the middle class, blue collar men I worked with, who's main interest, coincidentally, was sports.

Arguments raged from August till January over football. College hoops picked up somewhere in that time and segued into baseball. And then right back into football.

As I sit here typing this in the wonderful computer lab provided, in part, by the past 17 years of every, these arguments most assuredly rage on.

In fact, I'm sure even though I'm no longer there to listen to their tirades over why they shouldn't have traded whozit, and what a lousy coach what's-his-name is, and how much money they lost on those burns, my former co-workers still carry on these intercollegially-charged exchanges, freely, at will, from clock-in till clock-out.

My point is this: Why in God's name would I want to pay 40 more bucks a year of my hard-earned money to encourage that kind of 'nanny' here? This is not what I expected from my investment. It's not what I want.

You want to instill some spirit? Make this school a better place to study. Put some books on them shelves. Hire more full-time teachers, advisors, etc.

Why ride so many expectations for school spirit on such a flighty thing as football? I'd feel much more passionate about my school if it actually invested my money into something like education, something that would have an immediate, as well as long-term, gain.

I realize that opportunities like this don't come along everyday, but why now all of a sudden? Why now when we're in the process of selecting a

new leader, when our future is still up in the air?

This school has needed more funding for years. Where have all the Bill Erpenbecks been all that time? Is there no spirit, no pride in contributing to education without the promise of personal gain?

A lot of people have a stake in this, people other than administrators, faculty, contractors, and Greeks. My money spends as well as anyone else's. I can only hope my voice carries as far.

Chris Spect  
Junior Journalism Major

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## "Done Deal" Wasn't Done

Dear Editor:

For weeks before the Regents approved the athletic enhancement proposal, the constant refrain of it's a done deal has served as a collective excuse to those in the University community who, while poised to football at this time at NKU, couldn't bothered to stir themselves to fight it. How committed to take refuge in the self-indulgent cynicism of "it's a done deal!" It allows for smug satisfaction that you really know the score, although you too weakly dismiss the opposition as naive, futile, and in addition serves as a perfect excuse to opt out of taking an active oppositional stance. Isn't cynicism often been a cover for moral cowardice?

So in what sense was it really a "done deal?" he deal was done by a combination of the following:

1. A distracted student body who only belatedly noted that the football package was no bargain for a great majority of NKU students.
2. A SGA whose strongly Greek orientation preposed it to favor the proposal and whose members were dismayed by Pres. Moreland's flustering job in the weeks prior to the vote (did

anybody in SGA seriously consider the Athletic Council's devastating critique of the President's pie-in-the-sky assumptions about the costing and impact of the proposal?);

3. The Northerner's failure to do a comprehensive review of the proposal in light of other similar college's experiences with football;

4. Pres. Moreland's breathtakingly audacious irresponsibility (as interim custodian of NKU) in committing the institution to an enormous, long-term financial and administrative undertaking without any more than wishful thinking to support the proposition (this from a man who consistently uses "youngsters" to describe NKU's diverse student body!);

5. A supine Board of Regents, the majority of whom seemed to snooze through the January 29th meeting, asking hardly any questions, expressing no opinion, but voting dutifully when the question was called and in so doing utterly failing to discharge their responsibility as proud students of the University's best interests;

6. The single-minded obsession of football's most ardent champion, Bill Erpenbeck, who as chair of the Football Committee stuck brilliantly to his script ("It's the football team, stupid!"), never

getting distracted by the legitimate criticism of his proposal, and who now as a member of the Presidential Search Committee is poised to insure that our new permanent president is as committed to football as he is;

7. The Faculty Regent who was too clever by half about predicting the President had to left room to back off the proposal and hence discouraged the Faculty Senate from calling a general faculty meeting and arousing concerted opposition; and finally

8. The faculty who always found some excuse to stop short of effective opposition, grumbling when we should have been organizing, checking when we should have been shouting our objections, pathetically falling back on bad jokes about "have you applied for the coaching job yet?" while Pres. Moreland had the last laugh, having taken the full measure of the profession in this crisis and realized what a feeble opposition we amount to.

It's a pretty sorry spectacle, from every angle — and the more so when you reflect on how the deal wasn't really done until we done it to ourselves!

Jeffrey Williams  
Professor of History

Classifieds

SEAN'S TV CHALLENGE



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**
1. Steenburg in Ink
  5. Actor on *Lois & Clark*
  9. *Bello of Mr. & Mrs. Smith*
  10. Suspicion
  12. Refreshing drink
  13. \_\_\_ *Stories of the Highway Patrol*
  16. \_\_\_ to Billy Joe: 1976
  17. Robby Benson movie
  17. \_\_\_ and Maxx: 1980 Joe Santos sitcom
  18. 1989-90 detective drama
  20. Commercial
  21. Walker of *Profiler*
  23. Has
  25. Suffix for part or editor
  26. The \_\_\_ and How to Live It: 1965 James Farentino film
  27. Halloween's follow-up: abbr.
  28. \_\_\_ & Hers: 1990 abn. *Mull sitcom*
  29. Portrayer of Mertz's tenant
  30. Leave-Beaver connection (2)
  32. Setting for *Northern Exposure*: abbr.
  33. J.B. Fletcher's portrayal
  33. Shucks' forerunner
  39. Orange sodite
  41. Against
  42. \_\_\_ Crawford: *Private Eye*: 1983 Tim Conway sitcom
  43. Co-star of *The Wayans Bros.*
  45. The X-\_\_\_
  47. Phyllis Kirk's role on *The Thin Man* (1957-59)
  48. \_\_\_ May: Jethro's cousin
- DOWN**
1. Actress on *Cosby* (2)
  1. You *Afraid of the Dark?*: Nickelodeon series
  3. Harry Anderson's state of birth: abbr.
  4. Story
  5. Actor Robert of *The Greatest American Hero* (1981-83)
  6. Touched by \_\_\_ Angel
  7. Liz's phrase, eight times (2)
  8. Series for an actor who was once on *Wings* (3)
  9. Carol Lawrence role
  11. 1981 Warren Beatty movie
  14. Monogram for Al Bundy's portrayer
  15. Cakley's initials
  18. Renee Taylor's role on *The Nanny*
  19. Estelle Getty's character
  22. Asian nation
  24. *Till Your Father Gets Home* (1972-74)
  29. Word in the title of 1974-84 Tom Bosley series
  31. Is it in the red
  34. Dog's name in *Peter Pan*
  35. Initials for singer Nash
  36. Interconnection
  37. Lush
  40. Late Communist leader
  42. \_\_\_ American Girl (1994-95)
  44. Actress Winona's initials
  46. Setting for *Roseanne*: abbr.

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**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**  
It is time to make some changes in your life, but it is important to take it one step at a time. Start with a new hairstyle or wardrobe.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**  
Get out of the office or home when things begin to get out of hand. Clear your head and get your facts straight.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
You need a new outlook where health matters are concerned. Gemini thrive on change, so consider choosing several types of exercise programs.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**  
You are flattered by the attentions of a new person in your life, but you must be careful. Your history with someone else is very important.

**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**  
Being aggressive comes naturally to you, but there are times when it is necessary to back down. Stop with the angry tirades.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**  
A new hobby or class is just what you need to get out of the rut you've been in. There's a new love interest or friendship on the way.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)**  
Sometimes making the good makes you shine in the process. Give credit where it is due; you may be glad you did.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**  
Decisions concerning money should be made carefully. Read the fine print on contracts and check all bills for errors.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 30)**  
Contrary to the past, you may now find yourself expressing less conservative views about a particular subject.

**Capricorn (Dec. 31 - Jan. 19)**  
Try not to put things off until the last minute. If you do, you might not be able to accomplish everything.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
Find a way to spend some romantic time with the one you love. You will receive a message bringing good fortune in the near future.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
A new attitude will go a long way in helping you establish better relations in the workplace. It also works at home.

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