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Safe Zone Stickers Show Support

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

Northern Kentucky University is trying to build a "safety net" for supporters of freedom of sexual preference. "The Safe Zone symbol is a message to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and colleagues that a person or office displaying this symbol is one who will be non-judgmental, understanding, supportive, and trustworthy," read the Safe Zone stickers around campus.

The idea came from a student affairs conference in New Hampshire. It was considered by the Northern Kentucky University

Alliance For Campus Equity committee, which is comprised of 21 faculty and staff.

Dr. John Alberti, professor of literature and language and an Alliance For Campus Equity committee member, said, "This is not just a small group of radicals."

Alberti said gay youth who are just figuring out their sexuality can be left isolated, vulnerable, insecure and have fear of



social prejudice. This is part of why the committee hopes to create an atmosphere of tolerance on campus.

Part of the isolation problem in gay youth is perpetuated by societal assumptions. "Privilege is invisible to those who have it," said Alberti. For example, he said heterosexual students can tell their professor they are missing class to get married, with out any real fear of repercussions in grades or the professor's attitude. Someone who

is missing class to marry a same sex partner should also have that security.

Pierre J. Tremblay said, at the sixth annual conference of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention in Oct. 1995, "It has been demonstrated that gay and bisexual male youth, who form 10 percent of the male population, are about 6 times more at risk for suicide attempts than heterosexual youth."

The Safe Zone campaign is an effort to make gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, faculty and staff feel more comfortable, Stephanie Baker, Director of Health Counseling and Testing and equity committee member, said. "It is not a judg-

ment on those who do not put up the stickers," she said.

Baker said there is a huge silent majority of students, faculty and staff on campus who just don't care about another person's sexual preference. "This gives a voice to those people," she said. "If we stay silent we know that no growth will occur."

Michael Hammonds, senior art major and co-editor of The Lost Cause alternative press is a Safe Zone supporter. He said "I think it is good that the school is becoming more open to the idea of different social and cultural backgrounds of people. Having the signs up gives them a safe zone where they can go."

Pride At NKU

By Tara Studer
Executive Editor

How many pieces of Northern Kentucky University paraphernalia do you own?

- One?
- Two?
- Three?

There is no such thing as too much NKU. Dr. Russ Proctor, Communication Department, feels Proctor was one of five speakers during the rally for Pride Week on Thursday, the others were President James Votruba, Norleen Pomerantz, vice president of student affairs, Ken Shields, men's basketball coach and Nancy Winstel women's basketball coach.

Angel Martin, Student Government Association senator, was the chair for the committee that organized the events for Pride Week, which took place last week. The University Affairs Committee was the group that helped Martin put Pride Week together. The committee members are Martin (Chair), Vica Bolotaeva, Emily Klopp, Leigh Ann Schroeder, Kara Clark, Heidi Parsons and Dale Pontz.

"I think Pride Week is a wonderful idea, and Angel needs to take a lot of credit. So as Pride Week expands to Pride Month, and Pride Year and Pride Decade please remember to wear your NKU proudly because it is a proud institution that will do you well and you will do it well," Pomerantz said.

"I would like to thank my committee members and everyone else who

helped make this week successful. I hope that this happens every year and it becomes a tradition," Martin said.

Proctor asked the question, how important is a shirt, how important is a license plate? "Our region and our state needs to embrace NKU, and that starts with shows of pride, that starts with telling it on our bumper stickers, and on our shirts," he said.

President Votruba said the message that he is hearing loud and clear across this community during the "Visions, Voices and Values" meetings is the pride that this community in NKU.

"The other message is that we are the best kept secret in higher education in this region and we need to tell our story better. We need all of you to help tell that story. It's the story of small classes, committed faculty, committed staff a quality of life on this campus that supports the notion that all students can succeed. It's one thing for a president to stand up and say it but it's quite another thing for all of you to tell that story," he said.

President Votruba said that no faculty member on this campus has greater pride than Dr. Russ Proctor. "We are lucky to have Dr. Proctor and all the people here who are so committed to students. Take pride in your campus; take pride in this university and what it is today and what it will be tomorrow. This is a great university and we are proud to have you all a part of it," he said.

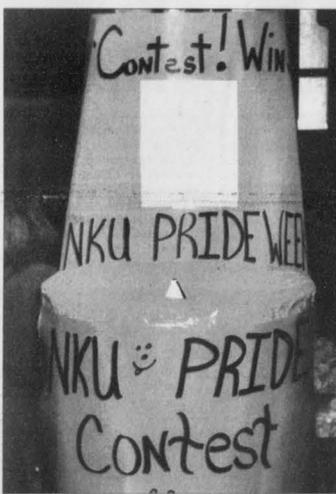
Proctor always spends class time giving telling students how and why they should take pride in being an NKU student. His main theme is that students should tell people how great NKU is by saying, "I'm getting a private school education for a public school price."

We don't have huge lecture halls here, or graduate assistants here and our professors no us by name.

"I hope you treat the university with pride. I hope your happy to be here, and I want you to shout it loud out there," Proctor said.

Pomerantz said the best thing about NKU is the students. "The students make this university the wonderful place it is. You guys are wonderful, you come here wanting to learn, you work hard you do great things at this university and when you graduate you become great alumni of this university," she said.

Martin hopes that Pride Week becomes an annual event. "I think it went absolutely positively wonderful. Considering it was the very first year and the very first time we've ever attempted something like this, I think we had a wonderful turnout."



Tara Studer/The Northerner
PRIDE WEEK CONTEST: Students were asked to come up with a new slogan to replace "No Knowledge University."

Organizations set up tables during the various events that took place throughout the week. Martin felt it helped having the organizations there, because it helped make more people involved in the events.

On Monday there was a dunking booth on the plaza. A representative from volleyball, men and women's basketball and a student government association representative who got dunked. Martin said, "I am absolutely thrilled to death they were willing to dunk themselves in freezing cold water, that was wonderful."

And students were a loud to dunk them free, and several people took turns. That lasted from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. It was a lunch time and a lot of people were walking by. Music was played and one of the fraternities were selling wings.

Proctor said, "We need to support our athletics, every one of them, not just the men's and women's basketball teams but all the sports that we have here, the theater programs we have here, the organization we have here. This is a university about which we should be proud, and we have much to be proud about."

"We're going to move this campus to the next level and we're going to do it with all of your help," President Votruba said.

The new slogan to replace "No Knowledge University" had not been chosen in time for this story.

International Studies Program Helping Students Understand

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

"It hurts that some people call us 'Russian.' We're from Georgia," said Vica Bolotaeva, a Northern Kentucky University student speaking of her native country.

She was trying to explain one of the misconceptions people in the United States have about the former Soviet Union. Attempting to understand the former Soviet Union and the 15 independent republics created by its collapse, including Georgia, was the subject of a film and discussion session last week, sponsored by the International Studies Program.

Political science professor Fred Rhyhart said he found the topic interesting because the Soviet Union was a central fact of the world for his generation.

"The Soviet Empire breakup was the most important political event of the last 50 years," he said.

The film, entitled "Coming Apart," is a 1991 PBS documentary which looks at the Soviet Union right before its breakup. The republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Latvia, and Uzbekistan and their pre-collapse social environments are studied.

The film deals with the strong national feelings each republic has and how these feelings helped create the climate for revolt in the former U.S.S.R.

The people of Armenia and Azerbaijan have an ethnic hatred of each other which resembles the situation in Bosnia.

The Uzbekistans feel the resentment of years of impoverished living under the Soviet system, while supplying the other republics with Uzbekistan's richest resource, cotton.

Latvia fought to regain the independence it, along with Estonia and Lithuania, lost in the World War II era under a secret pact between Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin.

Nino Giginishvili, a junior international studies major from the republic of Georgia, said while growing up, she remembers a day when a group of students at her school took off the red bandannas they wore around their necks as a sign of school unity with the Soviet Union.

The bandannas were then ripped apart. She said it was a symbol of the country's growing nationalistic movement.

Dr. Linda Dolive is a professor of political science and coordinator of international studies. She said this topic should be important to NKU students even though most students will remain in the United States their entire lives.

"Knowing the circumstances in other countries will help them better understand what has happened and predict future events," she said. "We don't know what the former U.S.S.R. will be like in the future."

She said even the current borders of the republics are subject to change due to the unstable nature of the region.

Dr. Bob Wilcox, a professor of history and geology, related a story of a former



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SHOWING THEIR PRIDE: Sandi Boehner, junior elementary education major, and Courtney Phillips, sophomore elementary education major, sign their names to the "NKU Pride is Power" sign in the University Center.

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College Of Business Moves To New Office

By Brian Lauer
Staff Reporter

Cookies, punch, a vegetable tray, and a lot of people talking and laughing. A party?

Not quite, but it was a festive atmosphere as the Northern Kentucky University College of Business held an open house on Wednesday Oct. 15, to celebrate their new offices in the Business, Education and Psychology Building, room 401.

On Sept. 15, the College of Business officially moved from BEP room 203 into remodeled offices in room 401.

Sandra Easton, the interim dean for the College of Business, said that the first planning for this move dates back to 1984, but because of other necessities over the years, the move was delayed. She said she is not mad at the delay, just glad to have her new office space.

"The conference table is in a much bigger place, and really truthfully I don't think we have as much square footage as we had, but because of more windows and sunshine we feel like we have a lot of openness," Easton said.

Nancy Lang, interim associate dean for the College of Business, said, "The nicest thing about the whole thing is to be up here with the rest of the College of Business faculty. We kind of missed having that daily contact with our colleagues."

The renovations have created five new offices, a break room, a lobby and a bigger conference room. Brian Grafton, a graduate student working on his masters degree in business and a graduate assistant for the College of Business, thinks that this move not only helps the faculty but students as well. "I think it does (help), because all the offices of the College of Business are now on one floor."

Before, the Dean's office was on the second floor and all the other offices were on the fourth floor, so the efficiency of the whole department should improve by the move, several staff members said.

Don Grothaus, the coordinator of the renovation, enjoyed seeing all the people pleased with his work. "It's a great feeling...it was a team



Kevin Goheen/The Northerner
MORE ROOM TO TALK: Nancy Lang, interim assistant dean in the College of Business, and Mimi Assanuvat, NKU Foundation, have a discussion in a new conference room

effort from the very beginning." Don said that the project took about four months to complete.

The School of Education moved into the vacated room 203. Deedra Derrick, the secretary to the assistant chair of the School of Education and the Graduate Education Secretary, said that their department is now not as cramped as it was, and can be more efficient in helping the student body.

The new offices are making a lot of faculty happy. "(Room 401) is really an exciting place to be, it's really a nice environment for us," said Lang.

Heard Around Campus

Student Wins Award

Ann Kleimeier, a senior anthropology major from Crescent Springs, won third place in the student paper competition at the recent Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky conference, held on NKU's campus Oct. 10-11.

Kleimeier's paper was entitled "For All People: Welcoming in an Outreach Church."

Kleimeier's award continues a tradition of NKU students who have won at least one third-place award at the ASK conference for the past two decades.

Meeting Announcement

The Math and Computer Science Club of Northern Kentucky University will hold its second annual panel discussion on Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Applied Science and

Technology building. The room number can be found by visiting the club's website at <http://www.nku.edu/~MCSC>.

The panel will discuss "Careers in 'Computer Science.'" Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Elderbrock at 572-6452, or elderbrockl@nku.edu.

Information from staff reports.

FILM: DISCUSSING FORMER U.S.S.R.

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Latvian student of his, Sandra Sargent, to illustrate the nationalistic feelings of these new countries.

Sargent, born in Kazakhstan of a Russian father and a Latvian mother, had to bribe her way back into Latvia for a recent summer visit because of a new law in Latvia which gives automatic citizenship only to those who were born there. In order to apply for Latvian citizenship, the applicant must be able to speak fluent Latvian without an accent.

She couldn't. Therefore, she was no longer considered a Latvian cit-

izen and encountered her troubles at the border.

Gigineishvili said she doesn't get much information from home, but during a two-week trip to Georgia this past summer, she was encouraged to find more youth organizations becoming active in the country's future.

"The youth are trying to unite their forces and change their situation," she said.

She said older citizens have lived so long in the same situation that many of them can't or don't look to change things. Instead they just wait for change to occur and then

adapt to it. "They're survivors."

True change will not happen overnight, she said. Politically, the country is independent, but is run by many former Soviet leaders, including current president Eduard Shevardnadze. Shevardnadze was the Soviet Union's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1985-91.

Gigineishvili said it's not so much that Georgians don't trust the government as it is they want to see a change in economic conditions. "The greatest effects will be made by the entrepreneurs, those who invest their money in Georgia," she said.

DPS



Reports

Car Fire

A DPS officer observed a car smoking when he left Norse Hall detail. When he arrived at the car, the Assistant Chief of the Highland Heights Fire Department was there, and Campbell County dispatch had been contacted, the report said. Cold Spring Fire Department stopped the fire, and when the report was written, the cause was undetermined until further investigation. The owner had not been contacted yet.

Contact Problems?

Two DPS officers saw a person driving on University Drive following too closely to the car in front and weaving from side to side. The officers reported that she was paced at 50-52 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone. The road was very populated with other cars. When the officers approached the car the driver stepped out and said she

needed to put her contact in. The person fumbled around with the contact lens for a couple minutes. The report said an odor of alcohol was detected on her breath. The person said she had one beer but later explained the beer was large (approximately 32 oz.), according to the report.

Fight!

On Oct. 11, a DPS officer was called to Norse Hall in reference to a dispute between some students. According to the report, one of the people was assaulted. The officer separated the people, no charges were filed.

Disorderly Conduct

A DPS officer issued a uniform citation to a person for urinating in public in Lot Q on Oct. 12, the report said.

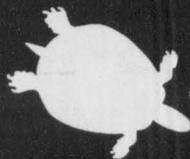
Smoldering Fire

A DPS officer was stopped in Lot J and told there was a fire in

the cellar ruins of the old farmhouse on Johns Hill Road that had burnt down approximately two weeks ago, the report said. The officer went to the scene and saw a small blaze; he reportedly called a fire department to put out the fire. They do not know if the fire had smoldered for about two weeks or if someone set the fire. The firemen said it was remotely possible that a wood beam, the size of the ones in the cellar, could burn that long.

New Testaments

DPS received a complaint in reference to subjects at the Fine Arts Building disrupting students entering the building. The officer reported that Gideous International Group was passing out the New Testament in the lobby of several buildings. The officer referred their supervisor to the office of Dean William Lamb.



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Both offices will close at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 1997,

and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 1997;

all university offices will be closed on November 27 and 28, 1997 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Register early.

Heart Disease: Are You At Risk?



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

RISK FACTOR: Cigarette smoking is considered to be one of the major causes of heart disease according to the American Heart Association.

By Becky Bergman
Co-Features Editor

Ever heard of the phrase, "Think with your heart, not with your mind?" Today 68 million Americans probably wish that they would of thought a little less with their heart, and thought a little more about their heart. These 68 million people living in the United States are currently suffering from some form of heart disease.

Each year heart disease is at the top of the list of the country's most serious health problems. Statistics show that Cardiovascular Disease is America's leading health problem and leading cause of death. It kills more than 950,000 people each year.

Even more startling statistics say that almost one out of every two Americans will die of Cardiovascular Disease. You have the same odds of getting heart disease as you do at losing the flip of a coin.

Heart Attacks may happen to anyone, according to the American Heart Association. There are those who are at greater risks due to inherited or acquired factors.

Inherited factors, or factors that a person is born with, cannot be changed. They can be improved through medical management and lifestyle change. People who fall into these risk categories are: Men, woman and children with a family history of heart disease before the age of 55, men woman and children with diabetes Mellitus or with inherited hypertension or high blood pressure, along with aging men and woman.

Acquired risk factors are important to understand because they are the factors that you can control early in life to prevent this disease. If you smoke, are overweight by 30%, are under stress, have acquired hypertension, or live a sedentary life style,

you need to be thinking about your heart.

Many changes in lifestyle can help in the prevention of heart disease. Proper diet, appropriate exercise, and the elimination of tobacco products is essential. You must also limit alcohol intake and learn to manage stress.

In a proper diet the components of food are calories, cholesterol, fat, fiber and sodium. A proper diet consists with the appropriate level of these components.

Years ago people remained active and on their feet. Today Americans spend a large majority of their lives sitting. We sit in cars going to school, even visit drive thru's because we are too lazy to get out of the car. At work we hide behind computers, and at home we take on the role of, "the couch potato."

A lifetime plan of exercise and moderation is the key to good health. Twenty to thirty minutes of exercise a day will strengthen your heart. While running may not be for all, walking can be an effective form of physical activity.

As soon as you stop smoking your body begins to heal from the devastating effects of tobacco. It is never too late to start good health practices.

Heavy drinking can lead to high blood pressure. The next time you visit BW-3's limit yourself to only one or two beers. Remember moderation is the key.

Knowing the signs of stress and

how to reduce it will significantly reduce your risks.

Unfortunately there are many who are uninformed about this disease because they see it as an older person problem.

Robin Casterline, junior English major, said she really doesn't know much about the disease.

"I've heard it mentioned a lot in the news segments, but I've never

learned any specifics about actual prevention," she said.

Not knowing about cardiovascular disease is very common among college students because it is a problem that does not effect them until later

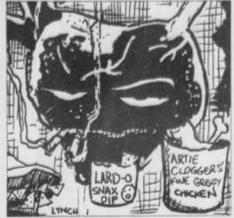
down the road. It is essential that education and prevention be taught to students for statistics to drop.

Rick Perry, senior management major, said he dealt with Cardiovascular Disease first hand in the media and in education classes. His mother also passed away at age 42 from this disease.

Today Perry said that he is right around the same age, and is a higher risk due to heredity. He said that to prevent higher risks he exercises four times a week, doesn't smoke, and limits his intake of red meat.

"Unfortunately I do drink, but not a lot," Perry added.

Perry also said that he took a class called Managerial Behavior that had an element that focused on stress management and reducing fat intakes to reduce the risks of the disease.



Test Your Heart Smarts

Circle the one statement under each heading that best describes you. Total up the points next to each statement you selected. The total indicates your risk for a heart attack.

Heredity Points
No history of heart disease among blood relatives 1
One relative with heart disease after age 60 2
Two relatives with heart disease after age 60 3
One relative with heart disease before age 60 4
Two relatives with heart disease before age 60 6

Physical Activity (Aerobic, Strength Training, and Flexibility) Points
Exercise four or more times a week/for 20+ minutes 1
Exercise three times a week for 20 minutes 2
Exercise one to two times a week 3
Occasionally exercise 5
Rarely exercise 6

Fat Intake Points
Vegetarian or rarely eat butterfat, eggs or meat 1
Meats and low-fat milk 1 to 5 times a week 2
Mostly lean meat and low-fat milk 6 to 12 times a week 3
Meat, cheese, eggs and whole milk 12 to 24 times a week 4
Meat cheese, eggs and whole milk 25 or more times a week 5

Age Points
10 to 20 years 1
21 to 30 years 2
31 to 40 years 3
41 to 50 years 4
51 to 60 years 6

Weight Points
More than 5 pounds overweight 1
5 pounds overweight to 5 pounds overweight 1
6 to 20 pounds overweight 2
21 to 35 pounds overweight 4
36 or more pounds overweight 6

Smoking Points
Nonsmoker 0
Smoke a cigar or pipe 1
Smoke 10 to 19 cigarettes a day 2
Smoke 20 to 29 cigarettes a day 4
Smoke 30 or more cigarettes a day 6

Scoring Your Risk Level

If you scored between:
Then your risk of a heart attack is:
1-9 Very Remote
10-15 Below average
16-20 Average
21-25 Moderate
26-30 Somewhat high
31-35 Dangerously high
Source: National Exercise For Life Institute

Calendar Of Campus Events

October 23

- Actors and Issues
- UC Lobby
- Gamer's Guild
- 8:30 p.m. Norse 116

October 24

- Rocky Horror Picture Show
- 10 p.m. APB

October 27

- Women's Study Group
- 3 p.m. UC 116

October 29

- Culture Connection Bake Sale
- 9 a.m. BEP

October 30

- Fall Choral Concert
- 8 p.m. Greaves Hall

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New Baptist Student Center Already In Use



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

CUTTING THE RIBBON: The new Baptist Student Center held its building dedication on Wed. Oct. 12 in its new location across from Landrum Academic Center.

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

The new Baptist Student Center played host to Greg and Rebecca Sparks, a married couple who are a Christian rock group, on Oct. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks played to Baptist Student Union Members who filled a room still smelling of paint fumes. Their new center had its building dedication Oct. 12.

The Sparks have also played all over the world, in places like Canada, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East. The couple has spent nineteen years traveling around the country singing self-written Christian music. They have played for junior high and college students, as well as more mature audiences.

Mrs. Sparks said she first got involved with Christian rock when she traveled with her brother's Christian band.

Some of the other BSU events include a worship meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m., and the Food For Thought luncheon on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. The building also has group study rooms and includes a kitchen, several offices, two small classrooms, two

large auditorium rooms, a small prayer room and shower facilities.

The BSU has been involved with NKU for twenty years. The new center is located across from Landrum Academic Center near parking lot E, and will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Erin Owen, Campus Activities leader, said, "What I like about the BSU is the people. It gives me a home away from home. Because I lived in the dorms it was hard for me my first year." Kelly Bookley, a campus ministries intern, said "You build long lasting relationships." The other Council Members include: Campus minister, Bill Ellis; President Tony Harmon, Center Ministries leader Amy Ledden, Spiritual Growth leader Chris Stuart, Missions leader Darla Rosenstiel, InReach leader Deidra Benson, OutReach leader Wayne Yeager, and Campus Activities leader Erin Owen.

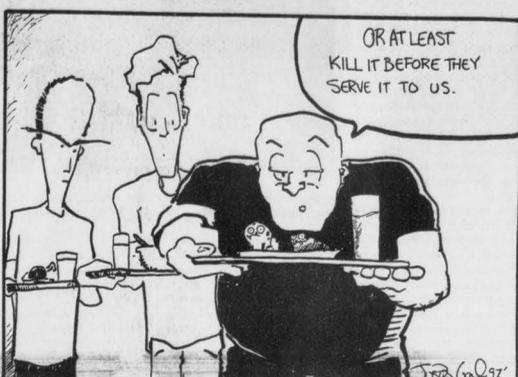
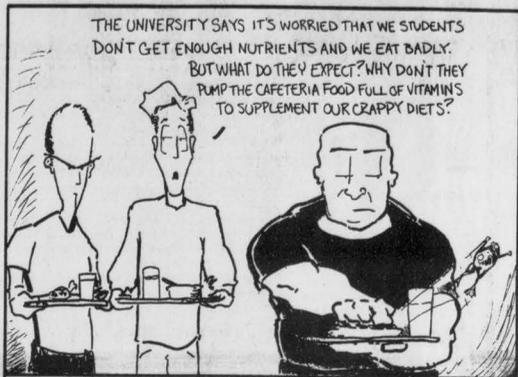
"I like the BSU because you are always loved and welcomed. They always make you feel better."

-April Kinman

"I like the BSU because you are always loved and welcomed. They always make you feel better," said April Kinman, senior education major.

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By Justin Lynch



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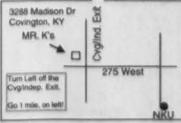
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NKU Faces No. 1 Northern Michigan: The Battle At Kenosha

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

Many Biermann and her No. 21 Norse volleyball team travel to Kenosha, Wis., this week for what could be the most important weekend in her nine year career at NKU.

Friday, the Norse play Michigan Tech and Lake Superior State.

Michigan Tech just missed the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II Top 25 this week.

On Saturday, the Norse play No. 1 Northern Michigan. Northern Michigan is also No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region. Biermann said that she is looking forward to this weekend, and that "a lot hinges on it."

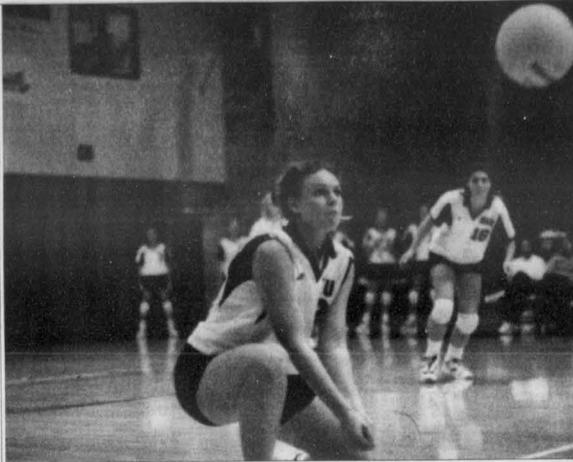
NKU is currently fifth in the region. Only four teams from the region receive NCAA Tournament berths.

The Norse, 21-2 this season and 12-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, travel to Kenosha in the midst of a 12 match winning streak.

NKU hopes to have junior setter Molly Donovan, junior middle hitter Andrea Thompson and sophomore outside hitter Jenni Long back this weekend.

Donovan suffered a sprained ankle two weeks ago. Thompson has sat out over two weeks with a shoulder injury and Long missed last weekend's matches with the flu.

"I think to beat Northern Michigan, we have each one of us 100 percent on our game," Biermann said. "I think that's what it will take to beat them. But I think they're probably more beatable this year than they have been in the past."



FISHER FILLS IN FINE: Norse senior setter/outside hitter Becky Fisher led NKU to four victories while starting setter Molly Donovan from an ankle injury.

Biermann said this weekend will be good for her team. "We need to be challenged," she said. "If teams don't challenge you, you tend to relax." The GLVC hasn't been much of a challenge for the Norse this season. NKU has won eight of its 12 conference matches three games to none, and hasn't lost two games to a conference opponent all season.

The Norse have yet to play perennial GLVC power Indiana Purdue at Fort Wayne. IPFW will travel to Highland Heights on Nov. 7 to play NKU.

The following week, NKU hosts the GLVC Tournament. IPFW has won the tournament three of the last four years, with NKU winning in 1995.

The GLVC Tournament will be a crucial time in NKU's quest for an NCAA Tournament berth.

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Norse Stave Off Elimination

By Elden May
Staff Reporter

Many times this season, NKU men's soccer coach John Toebben has seen his team play hard, only to drop a close decision.

Imagine his relief when the Norse pulled out a 4-3 overtime victory over the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Sunday.

The victory keeps hope alive for a qualifying spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference

Tournament.

A loss or tie would have eliminated the Norse from postseason.

The Norse had to hold off three separate Rivermen rallies to claim the victory.

N K U

opened the

scoring when Norse senior mid-

fielder Michael McDonald scored

on a pass from Jeff Shoemaker

with 18 minutes gone in the first

half.

The led was short-lived as the

Rivermen stormed back to tie the

game with 10 minutes left in the

half.

Sophomore Joe Resing opened

the second half scoring for the

Norse with an unassisted goal.

UMSL responded, though, and

tied the game just under five min-

utes later.

Senior Steve Bornhoffer put in the go-ahead goal with an assist from freshman Adam Gregory with 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

The Rivermen once again come back and tied the game at three. Neither team scored in the final eight minutes and the issue was tied to overtime.

Bornhoffer netted the winning goal five minutes into overtime. The score capped a two goal day

for the senior.

"It was really just a matter of being at the right place at the right time..." Bornhoffer said. "It was a head pass and I went up for it with another guy and I had a 50/50

chance for it. Luckily, I got it," he said.

The win was important for team confidence, according to Toebben. "It was a good win. We were scrappy out there, but we still made too many mental mistakes."

The Norse are now 4-8-1 overall and 3-6 in the GLVC. They will be in action this week against Charleston (W. Va.) on Wednesday and will travel to Alderson-Broaddus for a noon match on Saturday.

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Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's Soccer Standings

	GLVC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
SIU-Edwardsville	9	0	0	13	0	1
Lewis	6	0	2	9	4	2
Wisconsin-Parkside	6	1	1	8	5	1
Indianapolis	4	2	0	7	4	0
IPFW	6	3	0	10	6	0
IPFW	3	5	1	4	8	2
Missouri-St. Louis	4	5	0	7	7	0
Saint Joseph's	2	5	0	6	7	0
NKU	3	6	0	4	8	1
Southern Indiana	3	6	0	4	9	1
Bellarmine College	2	7	0	4	10	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	0	8	0	3	12	1

NKU Volleyball Attendance Is A Joke



The Darker Side Of Sports

Norse may have last laugh if they win NCAA Title

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

Have you heard the one about the volleyball team that was among the best in the country but got no respect?

Sure you have. Think back. Where have you heard this before? Pathetic volleyball attendance—you know you've heard about this somewhere.

Oh yeah. From my little pit here.

First, I challenged the students of NKU to prove their school spirit by going out and supporting what just may be the best volleyball team in the school's history. Last week, I questioned the spirit level at NKU. Still no response.

Now I'm mad. The students (and by the way, I

don't see very many faculty members there either) at this school make me sick.

There are three reasons that seem to keep coming up for why people don't go to NKU's volleyball matches.

Reason One -- "No time." Explain something to me then. If everyone is so busy working, going to classes and doing homework, then why is everyone always complaining that there is nothing to do at NKU.

Either you have time or you don't.

Reason Two -- "It's Division II." Many say that NKU's attendance shortcomings are caused by the fact that NKU is a member of the NCAA Division II.

If that is the case, then tell me why the average attendance at GLVC foe IP-Fort Wayne volleyball matches is 386. Division II volleyball attendance is as high as 786 people per match at Nebraska Kearney. UNK enrolls less than 8,000 students.

There are currently about 12,000 students enrolled at Northern Kentucky, with the average attendance around 100. Isn't that ironic? NKU-- 12,000 students

100 fans

UNK-- 7,700 students

786 fans

You do the math.

Reason Three -- "I'm not a sports fan." I have no gripe with these people. If you don't like sports, you don't like sports. Nothing I can say will change your mind. But if you don't like sports, then why have you entered my cave?

Here's the philosophy I'm employing. If I continue to harp on volleyball attendance, those who do read the sports page every week may realize that volleyball is really a great sport.

"I think watching volleyball is every bit as entertaining as watching basketball," a member of the athletics department said to me the other day.

I'm hoping the students of NKU will eventually get that message.

If nothing else, maybe they'll get sick of reading about it and go to the games just so I'll shut up. That would be fine too.

Then I would be able to move on to other things-- like soccer attendance. Just kidding.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Carrie Blomer
Sport: Volleyball
Accomplishment: 24 kills, four aces and six blocks in two victories

Norse News'n'Notes

By Chris Cole

Women's Cross Country- NKU finished 12th overall at the 1997 Queen City Invitational on Friday. The Norse finished with a score of 334.

Taryn Pence finished the five kilometer race 61st overall in the individual standings. She recorded a time of 20 minutes, 14 seconds. Tricia Miller finished in 68th place with a time of 20:24.

Tabatha Smith finished the race in 77th place with a time of 20:42.

Men's Cross Country- NKU finished 11th overall at the Queen City Invitational. The Norse finished with a score of 336.

Dan Foltz finished the race in 65th place in the individual standings with a time of 26:32.

Nick Kleiner finished 89th with a time of 27:03 and D.J. Carter finished 116th with a time of 28:04.

Joe Zeiner finished 119th with a time of 28:16 and 41-year-old Jeff Smith finished 123rd with a time of 30:46.

Women's Soccer- The Norse lost to Carson-Newmann (Tenn.) 2-1 in overtime on Saturday.

Lindsay Smith scored NKU's lone goal in the first half. The Norse held off the Eagles into overtime, but just over 11 minutes into the extra session, gave up the game-winning goal.

NKU falls to 6-8 in its inaugural season at the varsity level.

NKU doesn't play again until it hosts Kentucky Wesleyan at noon on Nov. 1.

Volleyball- The Norse extended its winning streak to twelve by beating the University of Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan College over the weekend.

On Friday, senior setter Becky Fisher recorded 43 assists to lead NKU to a 15-4, 15-7, 15-8 victory.

Saturday, senior Carrier Blomer contributed 11 kills and three service aces in the Norse's 15-2, 15-2, 15-5 win over Kentucky Wesleyan. KWC is now 0-19 this season.

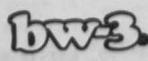
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Priority #1

A new science building is currently priority number one for NKU and the Council on Postsecondary Education. The project is anticipated in 1998 and is right now "building momentum," according to President James Votruba. Although the holes and stains in the carpet and the pungent aroma of chemicals in our current science facility should be enough for students to realize that we need a new building, many people don't realize the full scope of this project and what it means to NKU.

President Votruba invited local media last week to walk through the science building and take a closer look at the real roof of the problem and why we need to build a new science facility. The Commonwealth of Kentucky will soon be sinking \$38 million into this project—here's why:

- Fume hoods do not function in accordance with code and safety requirements
- There is no sprinkler system
- The ventilation system is inadequate
- Gas shut-offs do not meet code
- Many labs need safety showers
- Labs are too small and have inadequate storage space

These are just a few of the major problems in the science building. Based on the findings of the architectural and engineering consultants hired to inspect the building, renovating the science center to get it up to par with safety standards would cost almost as much as a whole new building. Plus, where would classes be held while the building was being refurbished?

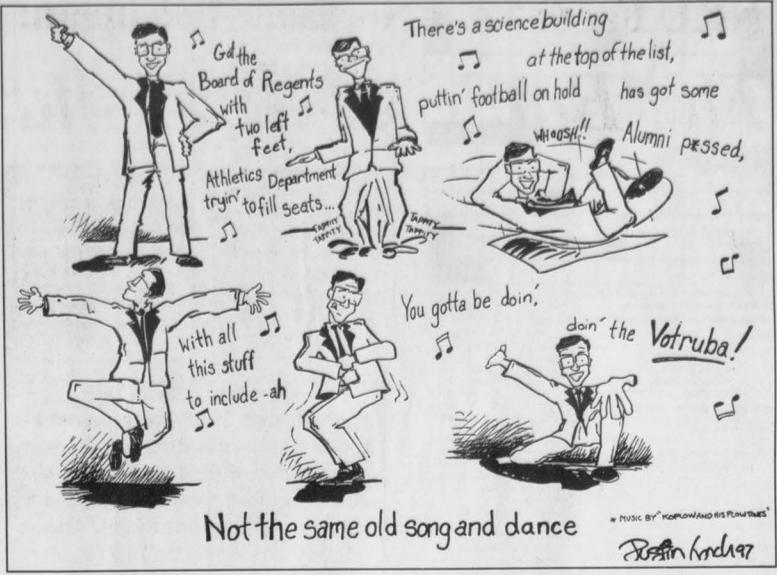
It's important to note that the current science building, built in 1974, isn't falling apart—it's just not equipped with modern technology necessary for science today. The building itself is in fine condition and would be a great place to unload the problems of overcrowding in Landrum Hall and Business-Education-Psychology Center.

Therefore, it is not just science students that are affected by this. This new science building will allow NKU to spread out among the buildings, allowing for more desirable time frames for classes and less limitations on class size.

The new science center is a great dream for NKU—one that draws nearer. However, this \$38 million dream has a catch. President Votruba has often expressed that this project needs to be funded in one phase. That means the Commonwealth of Kentucky approves the building, they give us the money and it's a done deal. But, there is talk of a two-phase building process, which means that Kentucky gives us some of the money, we start some of the building, and we have to hope and pray that they decide to give us the rest.

Everyone should care about the new science building. We all have a stake in this. For science students, you have the opportunity to move your studies to a new level (literally). For other students, this new building can enhance your education by finally giving you some room to breathe. For the greater Cincinnati community, this is just one more reason to have confidence in NKU graduates. For administration, faculty, staff and NKU alumni, this new science center will be the representation of the very essence of excellence that you have brought to NKU and all that we have achieved together.

For everyone at NKU, a new science building can launch NKU to the year 2000 and beyond. Let's make tomorrow's dream a reality today.



Does NKU Know It's True Colors? Black And Gold Are All Wrong

To the Editor:

The lead story in the Oct. 8 *Northerner* detailed the efforts being made to boost student enthusiasm about NKU during the University's first observance of Pride Week. This certainly was laudable. Northern Kentucky University is a great place with many programs and people in which to take pride, and we can't tell this to the community often enough.

Nonetheless, I found something very bothersome in the account, that being the continual reference to NKU's colors as gold and black. It should not be surprising that this "fact" continues to assert

itself, for the same claim is made at homecoming, on the happy occasions when our athletic teams have high visibility, and during the various hospitality days that the University hosts.

There's just one problem: it's wrong. For the record, Northern Kentucky University's colors are gold and white, with black added as an accent.

Since NKU's founding and the selection of its colors, decorators, designers and printers, both internal and external, struggled with the problem of using the gold/white combination. With variations in ink and paper, and without any consistent guidelines, resulting products often did not

offer enough contrast in the colors. It made sense, then, to include black—in type, borders, outlines, etc. to give definition.

In 1989, an idea was even fielded to change the University's colors, at least for graphic purposes. That proposal met with a cold reception, but as a result, a style and standards manual was developed, defining the "official" shade of gold (Pantone Matching System #123) and showing how the colors could be incorporated into all types of University identity. Black still is appropriate to use to provide additional contrast or accent in University materials, and it frequently is listed as a third color.

Somehow, though, the erroneous notion of black and gold being Northern's only colors has crept into NKU's collective consciousness, and while it's a small matter, it's irritating that people, some of whom should know better, don't bother to learn a basic component of the institution's identity and/or correct a blatant error.

It's a wonderful thing to cheer, but be sure of what you're cheering.

Respectfully,

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What Is Your Biggest Pet Peeve?



Steve Bertsch
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English

"People from *The Northerner* that come up and ask me questions."



Michael Curnay
Medina
English

"People who chew with their mouths open."



Brian Heflin
Maysville
English

"People who put peanut butter in the jelly jar. It ruins the integrity of the jelly."



Allison Gayer
Florence
Elementary Education

"I don't have any."



Ashleigh Pickett
Cold Spring
Undeclared

"When my brother leaves empty cereal boxes in the cupboard."



Melanie Zai
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"People who drive below the speed limit."

