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LUCKY 13?: At the halfway point of the basketball season men's basketball coach Ken Shields has his club at 10-3. The major difference in the starts of this season and last year may be efforts at Southern Indiana University. Last season, NKU began a rise to the Great Lakes Valley Championship with a win at USL. This year, the Norse were pummeled by 33 points by the Screaming Eagles. **Page 4**

Flashback

January 21, 1987 . . .



*Northern Kentucky University officially recognized a holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. for the first time. Students were off school for the day. This year NKU continued in the commemoration of the holiday with a tribute to King and a vigil in his memory at 7 p.m. at Norse Commons.

Who's Paying the tuition at NKU?



In-State 9,035 students
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Source: Office of the Registrar 1994
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Science Center Nixed Boothe 'Disappointed' By Patton's News

By Chris Mayhew
Managing Editor

The new science building desired by Northern Kentucky University may be stalled in Frankfort for the next two years.

Gov. Paul Patton told NKU President Leon Boothe in a meeting of university presidents recently the science building would likely be on hold for another two years because of a belt-tightening budget plan, Boothe said.

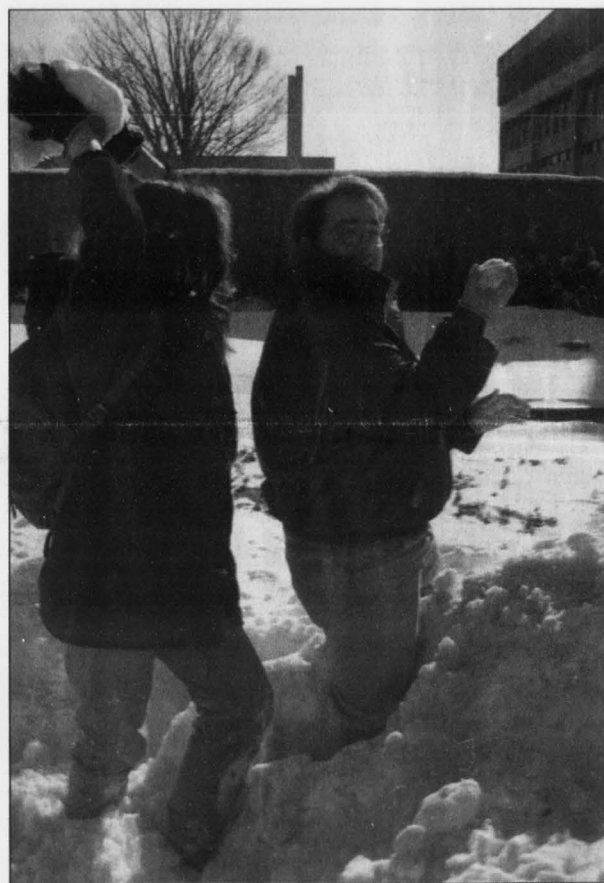
Boothe said the governor told him, if he makes an exception for NKU, other areas would want their capital pet projects as well. "That's the reality as the governor sees it, at least as expressed to me," Boothe said.

Boothe said he was hopeful about the governor's view towards higher education though. "I was disappointed although the governor's words were encouraging in the long term," he said.

Boothe said he plans to push the issue in the state legislature to try to get them to include it in the state's budget, going around the governor.

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HAVE A BALL



Ferry Renaker/The Northerner

Northern Kentucky University students Helen Luther and Ken Durbin pelt each other with snowballs last week. The snow that hit northern Kentucky on Jan. 6-7 set records for the area, dropping more than 14 inches of snow in one storm.

Blizzard of '96 Closes School; NKU Reflects

By Michelle Levine
Staff Writer

The worst snowstorm of the century caused businesses and schools to close including Northern Kentucky University, on what was supposed to be the first day of the spring semester.

Some students such as Ray Briedwell, a junior art major, made the best of the snow by going sled riding, but some did not enjoy it as much.

"I slid all over the road Friday on my way to school and once I arrived I had to park in a snow drift," Activity Coordinator Mary Chestnut said.

Angie Gabbard, a junior English major, said she was glad to hear school was canceled because she could not get out of her driveway because of the 14 inches of snow.

Gabbard said she also had problems parking. "I arrived at 9:30 a.m. the day classes began and could not find a place to park due to the snow drifts in the parking lots," she said. "I usually park behind the Health Center but it was completely covered with snow. I finally found a spot after 20 minutes of driving around the lots."

Assistant supervisor of roads and grounds, Gary Chenot said they have already used 200 tons of salt to try to keep the grounds clear and within two weeks he put in over 62 hours of overtime to try to keep the grounds clear.

He said the other employees have also had to put in a lot of overtime because the department is short employees and several have been out sick.

Chenot said that faculty, staff and students can help the parking situation. If they see a plow in the parking lot please do not park in that lot, also if there is a clear spot park there even if a snowy spot is closer to your building. This will help roads and grounds clear the lots more efficiently.

Assistant Director of Public Safety Donald McKenzie said the amount of parking spaces were slightly reduced because of the piles of snow but employees of Physical Plant Roads and Grounds crew are doing the best they can. McKenzie said it is rare for NKU to cancel classes because of snow and it only happens in severe cases.

Dean of Students Bill Lamb, said in the past 20 years the university has only closed for two other snow storms.

In 1978 the university closed for an entire week. Even though the '96 blizzard brought more snow, the '78 blizzard brought ice which

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New Semester Brings Landrum Renovations

By Chris Mayhew
Managing Editor

Students had the rug literally pulled out from underneath their feet in Landrum Academic Center when they arrived for the first day of classes last Tuesday.

The rug burn encountered by students is part of a \$52,000 renovation project to replace the old rust colored carpet which had been in place since birds of students first started trampling through Landrum in 1977.

During the winter break while students were resting, Physical Plant workers pulled up the old carpet on all floors in Landrum which director of campus planning Mary Paula Schuh said was in very poor condition.

In high traffic areas the carpet was worn, but not torn, Physical Plant carpenter shop supervisor, Gary Easton said.

Easton who worked to pull out the old carpet with other Physical Plant employees said the carpet was in poor condition in some places with stains and spots.

What was left was a blotchy mess of dried glue everywhere. Carpet could not be laid over the break because the university was still negotiating over the price of installing the carpet until late last week.

"We've been negotiating over a period of four weeks, haggling back and forth since before Christmas," Schuh said.

Workers from A&B Carpet began to cover the floors of

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Chris Mayhew/The Northerner

Michael Polston of Tim Hogan's Carpet works to put tile into Landrum Academic Center. Polston and other Tim Hogan employee's began installing the tile last Friday.

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Waiting Patiently



Torry Renaker/The Northernner

Students waited in lines for hours to buy books for their classes from the NKU Bookstore.

Video Cameras Too Costly For NKU

By Glen Robinson
Features Editor

The Rodney King and Reginald Denny beatings were both caught by video cameras. The outcomes of the ensuing trials might have been different if those incidents weren't recorded.

Northern Kentucky University does not have cameras to monitor its campus anymore because of the lack of funding.

Even if the university had cameras, people would have problems viewing what was captured by the cameras because of the insufficient lighting in some areas. The poor lighting could induce speculation if a camera captured an incident on tape just as it did in the King and Denny cases.

The cameras the university did have were disconnected because they were damaged by the weather.

Physical Plant employees removed the cameras stationed around campus because they required too many repairs. Department of Public Safety Assistant Director Don McKenzie said.

The cameras were getting old. They were disconnected and removed

from their stationed positions about 10 months ago. It was an agreement reached between Physical Plant employees and the DPS employees, he said.

They worked very well when they were first installed in 1981, but DPS employees never relied heavily on the cameras.

The number of personnel patrolling the campus wasn't changed because the cameras were just an added bonus. The regular number of officers patrolling the area was maintained.

There wasn't a noticeable difference in NKU's campus crime rate when the cameras were in use because they weren't used for crime, he said.

There has been an increase in the number of patrols being made around the campus since the cameras were removed. There also are more emergency telephones located on campus.

DPS has submitted proposals to the university for cameras. The new camera equipment would cost around \$30,000.

NKU won't consider the purchasing of new cameras because they are too costly, Administrative Affairs Vice President Carla Chance said.

The only new camera equipment

that the university would consider purchasing would be used in the new parking garage after it is completed, she said.

Camera equipment would be considered being purchased for the parking garage because the equipment wouldn't be exposed to the weather. That would make the cameras last longer and more dependable.

NKU was one of the first universities with closed circuit television.

The lighting is also a concern for the university, but Physical Plant employees can only do so much with the limited amount of funds allocated for lighting by the university. Physical Plant Associate Director Bob Bolce said.

Physical Plant employees are always working on improving the lighting around campus. The lighting was improved around the Fine Arts Center and the Business-Education and Psychology Center recently, he said.

The lighting by the C wing of the dorms was also improved.

That was all Physical Plant employees were able to do with the money supplied to the department for lighting.

Martin Luther King Day For Faith In Future

By Diana Schlake
Business Manager

One state is still a hold-out for the federal holiday celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.

The people of New Hampshire celebrate Civil Rights Day, said Dale Clayton, Senior Budget Director for the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.

"Arizona came around two years ago, New Hampshire still doesn't associate Martin Luther King Jr.'s name as the national holiday," Clayton said. "I don't know why."

As the rest of the nation remembered the slain civil rights leader on Monday, Northern Kentucky University celebrated last Thursday in Greaves Concert Hall with many distinguished guests.

Orlando Allen, a student at Morehead State University, spoke with knowledge and insight about a man whom he greatly admires, but has only seen through TV news clips and read about in books.

Using anecdotes and humor,

Allen weaved the audience through the life and times of King, sharing stories he's heard and read while studying the great leader.

"He (King) was 'miseducated' in public schools... they teach you to hate yourself because there were no black role models in the history books," Allen said. "He learned discrimination at an early age."

He further explained that even though King went to Morehouse College questioning his professors and he taught his students to do the same, his early education always stayed with him.

"He became a modern day prophet to the black community," Allen said.

King used non-violence and passive resistance during the turbulent civil rights movement. He also showed the nation how to believe in something greater than themselves, Allen said.

"Martin was a man to challenge the masses," he said.

Allen spoke of problems in the black community, but he added

what he feels are good solutions.

"Support black businesses... Get finances together... Get back to the church... Build community centers to get kids off streets," he said.

Presidents were also in attendance.

NKU President Boothe spoke about his feelings for King. He said King helped him focus a great deal on what he and the country needed to do.

Student Government Association President Jamie Ramsey, along with Felicia Shields, the co-chairs of the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award, asked the audience to nominate a peer for the award, which will be presented Feb. 1, 1996.

Residential Life is sponsoring a candlelight vigil honoring King tonight at 7:30 in Norse Commons.

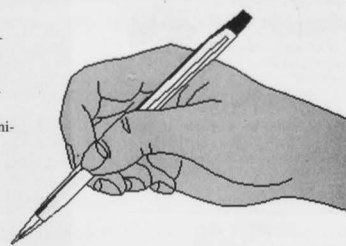
"Let us maintain faith in the future," Martin Luther King Jr. said.

"That's my credo, and I say Amen," Boothe said.

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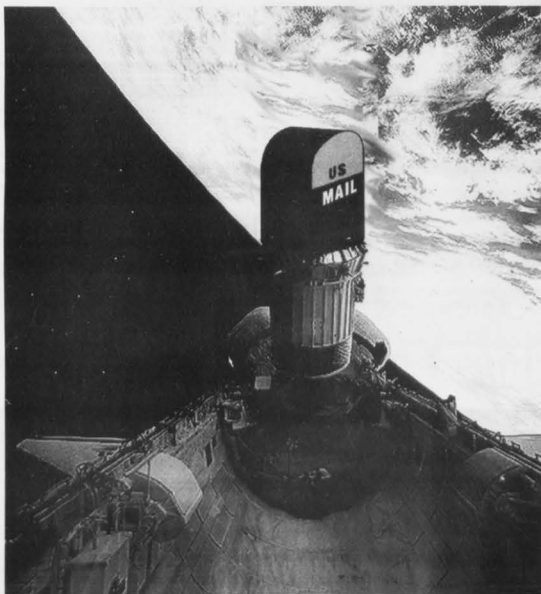
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SNOW: NKU Road Crews Worked Overtime

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made road conditions terrible, McKenzie said.

Classes were canceled in 1994 for four days because of snow. Lamb said the university was forced to close because former Gov. Breton Jones closed the expressways.

This semester class was canceled for two reasons. The main reason was because Northern Kentucky accumulated more than 14 inches of snow and because it came so rapidly it was impossible to clear the roads efficiently. Another reason class was canceled was because several coun-

ties such as Campbell and Kenton declared a snow emergency, which means that you can only drive if it is for an emergency.

Lamb said it is a slim chance school would be canceled again this semester. However, if it is there are several ways a student, faculty or staff member can find out.

The best way is to watch the television news, listen to WKNU or another radio station. Another way is to call the Department of Public Safety at 572-5500.

Lamb said students, faculty and staff should also be aware of NKU's severe weather policy.

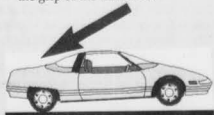
Plan A means that the entire campus is closed. Plan B means that classes are canceled, however, all non-teaching faculty and staff personnel should report to work. Plan C means that evening classes are canceled.

If there is a heavy snowfall and school is not canceled but a student cannot get to class they should make an attempt to contact their professor immediately, Lamb said. Professors are able to make their own attendance policy, but most will excuse a student because of bad weather conditions if they are informed by the student they will not be attending class.

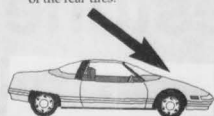
Winter Driving Basics

Weight Transfer

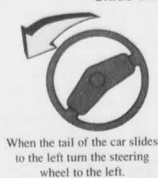
Acceleration shifts the weight to the rear, reducing the grip of the front tires.



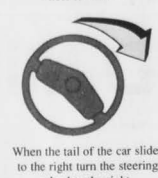
Braking shifts the weight to the front, reducing the grip of the rear tires.



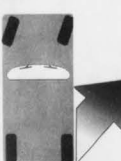
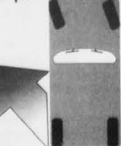
Skids and Slips



When the tail of the car slides to the left turn the steering wheel to the left.



When the tail of the car slides to the right turn the steering wheel to the right.



Source: KY Drivers Manual
Vid Vodich/The Northerner

WORK: Walls, Floors, Elevator Updated

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Landrum with a blue colored carpet last Friday, while Tim Hogan's Carpet covered the lobby areas on the first and third floors with patterned tile, Schuh said.

Work on the walls around the elevators will not be finished until the university figures out what it wants done.

If enough money is left, Schuh said that the controls in one of the

elevators in Landrum will be lowered to meet ADA requirements.

Some painting was done on the walls and because of the carpet removal the vending machines students frequent during class intervals were removed.

Over the years the color of the carpet has changed from orange, white and brown to blend into a hodgepodge of dirt, grime, spilt soft drink spots and patches of dried gum.

It's nice, but it's a lost cause, nobody respects anything in Landrum Hall," Mark Stanley, a senior information systems major said. "It won't last two years."

The renovation is a good idea and it makes Landrum have an appearance like the rest of the buildings on campus.

"It's about time that they did it because all the other buildings are up to date," Tiffanai Williams, a senior education major said.

SCIENCE: Higher Education Budget May Become Buildings Last Chance Until 1998

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Sen. Dick Roeding, chairman of the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus, has been pushing for NKU's science building in Frankfort lately.

Roeding along with most of the other 13 state legislators from northern Kentucky signed letters stating they stood together in support of the science building.

Roeding said he hopes the science building will be brought in under the higher education bud-

get.

If the legislature does not include the science building in their budget the university would then have to look at temporary solutions to fill in for the building.

"We can get by without it in a sense, but we are clearly going to have to do something," Boothe said.

That something could mean trailers parked on campus to serve as classrooms or borrowing classrooms in local high schools and businesses to hold classes in their

labs, said Carla Chance, vice president for administration.

"We've just reached the point that we can't limp along for another two years," Chance said.

Everything which may be done is going to be short term, and would be far from satisfactory, Boothe said.

Something would have to be done now because students haven't been able to get classes, he said. In the future, students still won't be able to get classes and will have the same problems.

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Midseason Report: Men's Basketball

Shields Searches For Same Magic
As Last Season's Cinderella StoryBy Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team wrapped up the first half of the season with a 10-3 record, but are still searching for the groove they hit last season.

"We're looking for something to catapult us to that flow," head coach Ken Shields said.

The turning point last season came when they defeated University of Southern Indiana, the eventual Division II National Champions, on the road.

This season, they lost to Great Lakes Valley Conference rival Indianapolis, 89-73 on Dec. 7.

They hit the road for a west coast trip after exam week to play Cal. State-Bakersfield and Cal. State-Los Angeles. CSB, who was ranked fifth in the nation, defeated NKU 83-71 on Dec. 18. The Norse rebounded to defeat CSLA 76-63 two days later.

The most surprising outcome over the Christmas break was NKU's match-up against Southern Indiana in Evansville on Jan. 4. USI, ranked fourth in the nation, defeated the Norse 99-66 in what was expected to be a very close match-up.

The 33 point loss was the worst since the 1989-90 season when the Norse lost by 70, 117-47 to Kentucky Wesleyan College.

"We're not where we need to be," Shields said, "but we're not far off from being a real good team."

Shields has made some changes in the starting five. Senior forward Andre McClelland has gone back to the bench. McClelland says he feels more comfortable coming off the bench.

McClelland is joined on the bench by Shannon Minor. Shields inserted brothers Andy and Kevin Listerman into the starting lineup in their place.

Shields said this move accomplishes two things. The Listerman's

bring intelligence, chemistry and a strong work ethic to the team.

The other thing it accomplishes is bench consistency. The Norse now have two potential starters in McClelland and Minor, coming off the bench. "We need other players to step up and play consistently," Shields said.

With the return of Jamie Pieratt from suspension, and two capable starters coming off the bench, the Norse will have the kind of depth that they had last year when they made it to the regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

If the Listerman's go back to the bench, Shields said, they will be better players for the experience. Shields said senior co-captains McClelland and Reggie Talbert, as well as junior guard Minor need to take on a leadership role as the season progresses. If the Norse are to make a strong run at a GLVC title and ultimately in the NCAA tournament, they have to have that leadership, he said.

Midseason Report: Women's Basketball

Winstel Sees Blue Skies Ahead As
Freshmen Gain More ExperienceBy Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

After starting the season with a 2-4 record, the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team has rebounded by winning four out their six games during the Christmas break.

With a 6-6 record, head coach Nancy Winstel said, "We would like to be better, but we are improving."

Winstel talked about the six newcomers to the team (five freshman and a junior college transfer), and how their inexperience created the slow start.

The new players had to learn and adjust to Winstel and her system.

"Initially, it takes time to learn and get used to a new system," she said.

Now they are at about the midpoint of the season, Winstel said the players are getting along and

the team's chemistry is coming along.

An 80-63 loss before Christmas at Indiana-Purdue/Port Wayne helped pull the team together, she said. They returned home on Dec. 28 for a 78-41 victory over Lewis University.

Winstel said that game was the turning point for the team. After that game, the Norse defeated Wisconsin-Parkside 74-50 and Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville 67-65. On Jan. 4, they lost to the Great Lakes Valley Conference leader University of Southern Indiana, on the road 67-60.

Winstel said the loss to USI was an improvement over last season, when the Norse were beaten badly, 97-78 and 75-55. Winstel was not satisfied, however, with only losing by seven.

"I don't want them to be happy with playing close."

Winstel said one of the reasons the Norse have been successful of

late is they are keeping the number of turnovers down. They are keeping that number in the high teens or low 20's whereas early in the season their turnover rate was in the high 20's or low 30's.

Winstel said the team needs to work on continuing to improve. "We need to keep getting better at all phases," she said.

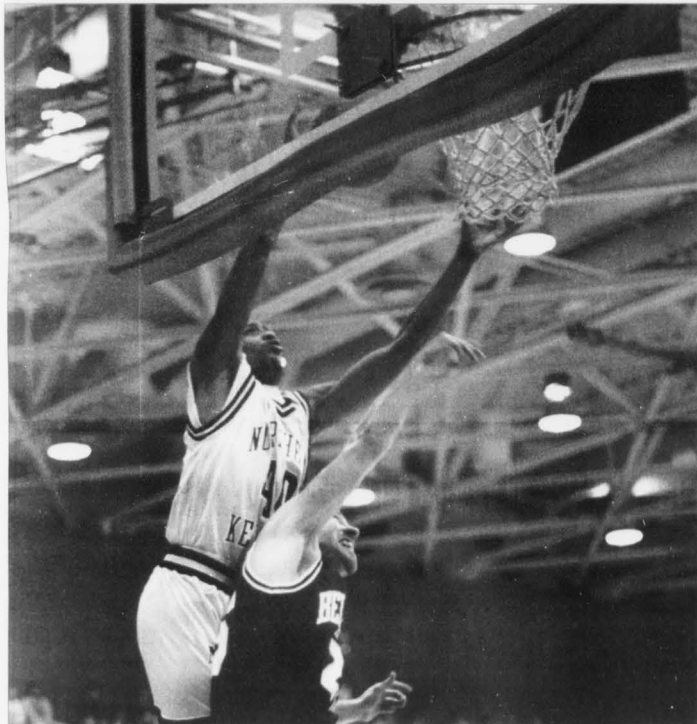
She added the team needs to stay disciplined fundamentally, play good defense and take good shots on offense. "This will give them confidence," she said.

Looking to the rest of the season, Winstel said she will count on the leadership of Stephanie Jordan, Dana Morningstar, Shawna Daly and Regina Webb. She is also hoping for a quick recovery from a broken finger for Alison McCarthy.

"Everybody has to contribute," Winstel said. "The freshmen have a great opportunity to play."

But Winstel told them they can't play like freshmen anymore

Moore Reaches GRAND Milestone



-Jeff McCurry, The Northerner

NEWEST ADDITION: Junior forward LaRon Moore became the 16th member of the Norse 1,000 point club. Moore needed 12 points in Wednesday's game against Oakland City College. Moore outdid himself by scoring 29 points in leading NKU to the easy victory over the Mighty Oaks, 91-59.

By John Kirtley
Staff Writer

LaRon Moore has officially begun his campaign for Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Player of the Year and he added another piece to his already lengthy resume by notching his 1,000 career point last Wednesday night against Oakland City College.

He entered the contest with 988 career points, but he did not stop when he reached the 1,000 point milestone. Moore led Northern Kentucky University to a 91-59 trouncing of OCC with a game-high 29 points and a team-high six rebounds. He moved to 16th place on the Norse all-time scoring list and is just nine points shy of Willie Schlarman (1983-'87) for 15th.

Moore is putting together the banner year that head coach Ken Shields thought he might have for NKU after averaging a team high 16 points per game and seven rebounds per contest as a sophomore for last season's Norse squad that went 25-4. Moore was also named first team All-GLVC and this year is a definite NCAA Division II All-America candidate.

"LaRon is one of the top players in the GLVC, and he has the ability to be one of the best forwards in the country," Shields said.

Moore has upped his scoring average this season to 21 points per game while still pulling down 6.5 rebounds per game. But even with his impressive statistics, Moore has no plans on staying put.

"Everybody can do better and I'm just trying to play where I can contribute to the team," the Bryan Station High School (Lex.) graduate said. "I want to step up my level

each year, because if you don't improve, it's a setback to yourself and the team."

So far this season, setbacks have come few and far between for the 10-3 Norse, but Moore definitely thinks there is some pressure in matching or exceeding last year's splendid season that saw NKU come within one game of the NCAA Division II final four.

"I think there is pressure to be as good as last year's team because everybody is comparing us to last year's team," Moore said. "I think we're a good team and we're just trying to do what we can do, whether it's winning the conference or going to the national championship."

Through all the scintillating dunks and tremendous rebounds that Moore shows every night, he thinks the best part about his game is the way it brings his team together and gets the crowd involved.

"I just like getting my team involved," Moore said. "Getting the team hyped up and the fans hyped up after a dunk or something really brings that team chemistry together."

Watching LaRon Moore play may lead most fans to think that he is an experienced senior, but the fact of the matter is that Moore has another season and a half to write his name into the NKU record books as one of the all-time greats. Despite all of his accomplishments up until now, Moore still thinks he can improve on almost every part of his game.

"I think I can improve on my ball handling, my passing, shooting and posting up. Basically I think I can improve on everything," Moore said. "Everybody has room for improvement, but I think I'm doing O.K."

It would be fair to say that as of right now, LaRon Moore is doing a bit better than O.K.

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THE MOVE
LaRON Moore moved to 15th place on the NKU all time leading scorers list after Saturday's performance against Bellarmine

1. Brady Jackson 1979-83	1980
2. Richard Derkson 71-75	1927
3. Dan Doellman 75-79	1920
4. Derek Fields 85-89	1664
5. Shawn Scott 84-88	1533
6. Jeff Stowers 72-76	1410
7. Chris Wall 85-89	1367
8. Ryan Schrand 91-95	1329
9. Greg Phelia 89-93	1310
10. Dan Fleming 81-85	1275
11. Mike Hofmeyer 77-81	1208
12. Todd Svoboda 89-92	1114
13. Pat Ryan 74-78	1109
14. Jimmy Matthews 87-91	1076
15. LaRON Moore 93-96	1028



Norse And Minor Sets Knights On Fire

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

Junior guard Shannon Minor scored 26 points and junior Paul Cluxton added 17 as NKU defeated Bellarmine College, 84-71, Saturday to run its undefeated streak at home to 22 games, which dates back to the 1993-94 season.

The Norse, 11-3 (5-2 GLVC), faced the Great Lakes Valley Conference's most dominant player, 6-foot-7 junior Steve Mercer, who entered Saturday's game averaging 23 points and nine rebounds a game.

"He (Mercer) works very hard underneath the basket and has some great moves," said NKU coach Ken

Shields. "He's experienced and is definitely one of the premier players in the conference. He's very tough inside."

Although Mercer averaged 23 ppg, 9 reb.) against the Norse, it wasn't enough for Bellarmine, which saw its record fall to 6-6, and 1-6 in the GLVC.

The Norse began the game by storming out to a 14-2 lead, still with 13:26 to play in the first half. But what looked to be another dismantling of a Norse opponent on NKU's home court turned into a tight game as the Knights fought back to a 43-39 halftime lead.

"At halftime I told my players that

in our 36 possessions we turned the ball over 11 times," Shields said. "That was a major disappointment, and I told the guys to come out in the second half and take care of the ball and not allow turnovers, take smart shots and do something on defense to get some key stops."

Shields' halftime speech must have had some effect on his players, as the Norse managed to regain the lead with 14:30 remaining in the game.

After NKU took the lead, the Knights shifted to a full-court press in order to slow the Norse's game and take away some of the momentum.

Bellarmine was unable to put a

halt to the Norse's second half run in which they were outscored 19-5. They did, however, get to watch Minor and Cluxton put on a 3-point shooting clinic. As a team, the Norse hit 65 percent of their 3-point attempts, en route to a 69 percent shooting night overall. Minor, who helped rally the team after junior forward LaRon Moore fouled out with 6:20 left, made 5-7 (70 percent) from 3-point range.

"I've been struggling lately and it's a long season of 27 games, so I'll have some good and bad games," Minor said. "You're not going to have 27 great games, so since I didn't start I had to go in and play my role and provide a spark to get the

team going and that's what I did today."

Bellarmine coach Bob Valvano, brother of the late North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano, however, was hoping Minor's spark would fizzle out sooner than later.

"He's not a very easy player to guard because he has an awkward shot," said Valvano. "I think on a few occasions, our guys were just surprised he was shooting from where he did - he took two or three shots from way behind the 3-point arc and hit them. He just couldn't miss."

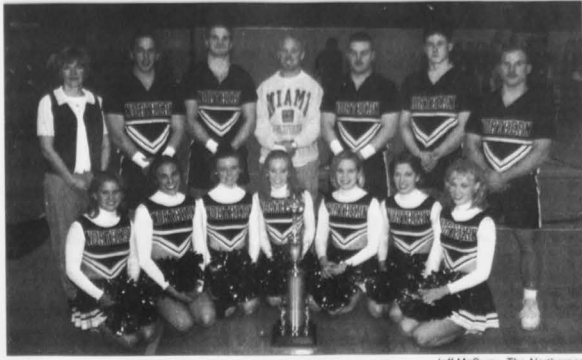
The Norse's next game is Thursday night at home against GLVC rival St. Joseph's.



-Jeff McCurry, The Northerner
Shannon Minor's 26 points Saturday snapped his slump.



AKER HONORED: In Celebration of 25 years of Norse Athletics, head baseball coach Bill Aker is honored by the retiring of his uniform. Aker has been the coach all 25 years of Norse Baseball.



CHEERS!: Congratulations to the Norse Cheerleaders who placed second in the Division II National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando last Saturday. ESPN 2 will televise the event.

Young Norse Fall Short Of Upset Bid

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team lost Saturday, 75-73 to Great Lakes Valley Conference rival Bellarmine College at Regents Hall.

NKU and Bellarmine are the top two winning teams overall in the GLVC with NKU holding a 28-12 lead in head-to-head meetings before Saturday's loss.

The young Norse hung tough against the division favorites without two starters: Sophomore forward Alison McCarthy (broken finger) and freshman Katie Kelsey (sprained ankle).

Head coach Nancy Winstel said she was impressed with how her team played, especially boxing out for rebounds and not allowing second chance points. Winstel said she felt her team was getting tired the last five minutes and this allowed the Knights to grab more offensive rebounds.

"I don't want to be satisfied playing a good team close," Winstel said. "We are making strides."

"If we keep playing this way, we are going to beat some good teams," Winstel said.

The Norse may have lost the game at the foul line. Bellarmine connected on 30 of 35 foul shots as the Norse made nine of 12.

Bellarmine scored the games first seven points, but NKU held their composure and was able to take the lead several times in the first half. The Knights grabbed the lead just before halftime 35-33.

The second half wasn't much different than the first half as both teams traded leads. All-in-all eight lead changes in the second half led to an exciting well-played game.

The Norse were lead in scoring by freshman center Shannon Smith with 23 points and junior Dana Morningstar with 13 points.

Bellarmine was lead by senior forward Kate Clemmer's 17 points.

The loss for NKU dropped their record to 6-7, 3-4 in the GLVC. Bellarmine improved to 10-3, 5-2 in the GLVC.



Stephanie Jordan scrambles for the loose ball.

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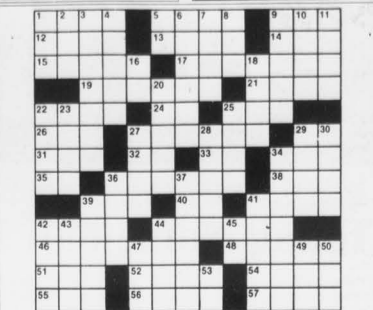


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11. Negative answer
12. That (in gangster jargon)
13. End cloth
14. Finish
15. Right (abbr.)
16. In (plural)
17. Near
18. Impersonal pronoun
19. Female deer
20. Nova Scotia (abbr.)
21. To an excessive degree
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27. Any person
28. Nose (noun)
29. Whole
30. 2,000 pounds
31. Sins
32. Farm building
33. Winkles
34. Eye movement during sleep (abbr., pl.)
35. Jacket
36. Standing room only (abbr.)
37. Top of pop can
38. Medium
39. Attack from all sides
40. Slang (abbr.)
41. Unmarried lady
42. Kite
43. Fish
44. Act in response
45. One-twelfth of a foot
46. Pertaining to oil
47. Time zone (abbr.)
48. Sew
49. Bring together
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51. Hearing organs
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53. Hearing curves
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55. Red flower
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New Movie Semi-Sweet

By Avery Woolfolk
Advertising Manager

The new film "Don't Be a Menace in South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood" was typical of the "In Living Color" ensemble. The film spoofs "Menace II Society" and "Boyz in the Hood."

Some of the actors in "Don't Be a Menace in South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood" even spoofed the characters they played in those movies.

The movie stars Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans. Shawn played Ashtray (Tre from Boyz in the Hood) and Marlon played Loc-Dog (O-Dog from Menace II Society).

There were brief moments where the movie had a message, but the objective of this movie was not to educate through entertainment.

Anyone who enjoys watching "In Living Color" will definitely say this movie is hilarious. It has the same type of humor which pushes the envelope. It's good comedy but it's not vulgar. Some people left the theater because it was too raunchy but more people stayed.

The cast of characters are a

stretch but not for the creators of "In Living Color."

There is a blunt (fat marijuana cigarette), who is also a gang member.

There is Ashtray who is supposed to be Tre from Boyz in the Hood. Ashtray goes to live with his father to learn to be a man. Of course his father is only a couple of years older than him.

Loc-Dog is a gun loving, ready to blast on your behind, save that sensitivity hood, gimme a 40 all day-everyday.

young man.

Loc-Dog eventually gets a job as a crash test dummy. That's the type of humor you will find in this movie.

Keenan Ivory Wayans is the executive producer of this movie. He was also the creator of "In Living Color."

As I looked around the theater, the people in the audience had two

types of looks on their faces. One was this stuff is very funny or either I cannot believe I am watching this. I can't see anyone saying that it was just O.K. I can see people saying it was either funny or they didn't like it.

When going to see the movie just be prepared to expect the unexpected in terms of comedy.

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Snowed In Humor



Terry Renaker/The Northerner

Someone found humor as a way to deal with the blizzard of responsibilities involved with the first week of school. Police lines were put outside of the Natural Science to block off a snow covered door. Someone drew up a similarity with fake murder scene.

Dorm Rooms Available On Short-Term Basis

By Glen Robinson
Features Editor

Life often seems complicated. How much alcohol can an individual drink and still drive home safely? Should one try to drive home through the blizzard conditions?

Northern Kentucky University is a dry campus, meaning alcohol is not allowed on campus, so NKU students don't have to worry about campus drinking binges. The question of

whether to trudge through snow or not is a dilemma students sometimes face. NKU does offer a solution to the question.

Students and faculty can access the dorms on the cold night when they have been on campus too long and are too tired to drive. They can also use them when they don't feel that they can make the journey home because of the treacherous traveling conditions presented by the snow.

But there's the catch! There is a

fee. They can be rented for a week, weekend or a night. The rooms can range from \$8 to \$18 for a day. It depends on where the person stays.

It's not guaranteed it will be a private room. Private rooms are scarce because most of the students request those because they don't like living with roommates. Residential Life Staff Member Ruth Ross said.

It's better for students to spend a night in a dorm room rather than be concerned about their safety on the

trip home, she said.

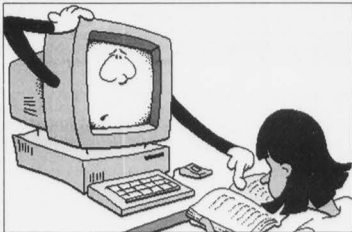
In the case of bad weather, the dorms present many benefits for those individuals who drive because northern Kentucky is full of hills, Ross said.

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Campus Could Turn Into Trailer Park If Science Building Is Not Funded

A message to Frankfort: Don't drop the ball, or Northern Kentucky University's science building.

Now is not the time to play politics with higher education because of the so-called turf battles in higher education.

Almost every representative in the state legislature realizes the need for a science building for Northern Kentucky University, even Gov. Patton said he supported it in his campaign.

The governor left the \$35 million science building and every other higher education construction request out of his budget proposal sent to the general assembly Monday.

Now it is up to the members of the legislature to place NKU's science building on the budget agenda.

The legislators must realize NKU's immediate need for the building. Any grudges they hold against the Council on Higher Education because of the way universities refuse to work together in some instances, like the fight between the University of Kentucky and Murray State University over who should get a new engineering program needs to be set aside.

To make NKU wait at least two more years for a science building would only hurt the students who can't get into science classes now, because there is not enough lab space. It wouldn't teach CHE a lesson. It would send a message that the legislature does not care about the education of northern Kentuckians.

The consequences of waiting for a science building aren't pretty. NKU will have to look at temporary solutions like buying trailers to wheel up Nunn Drive and onto cinder block foundations to use as overflow classrooms.

These unsightly menaces would be inadequate solutions, even only in the short term. Money would be wasted on a solution which won't work. That's more extra money which wouldn't have to be spent if NKU got a science building this year.

The reality of funding a science building for NKU comes down to money. Let the legislators consider this: To balance the budget for the state, is there nothing which cannot be cut out of the budget? If there isn't it could mean stunting the growth of northern Kentucky, the fastest growing region in the state.

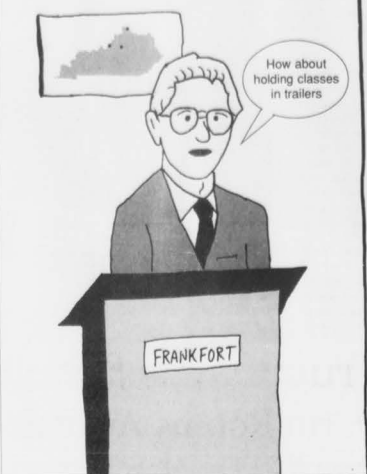
Northern Kentucky needs science graduates to help continue its growth. Natural science credit hours have increased 47 percent since 1987, and the enrollment in science classes is up 34 percent, according to NKU's 1994 Capitol plan for 2000.

Students are majoring in science because employers in the area are hungry for technologically savvy applicants and students know it.

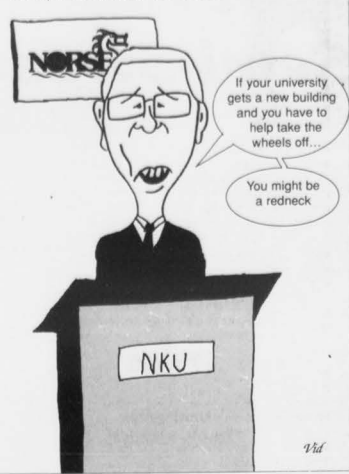
So to all the legislators, don't forget to include a science building for NKU in the budget like Gov. Patton's short term memory has. A pivotal part of northern Kentucky's future is in your hands.

Local legislators like Rep. Jim Callahan and Sen. Dick Roeding have voiced the need for the building. Now it's time for all the people who are in the legislature who are not from northern Kentucky to hear their cries and support CHE's No. 1 priority this year.

Newly elected Governor Patton excludes NKU's proposed science building from his budget



A skiing accident leaves comedian Carrot Top unable to perform at NKU. Dr. Boothe attempts to entertain the crowd



Financial Aid Operations Misunderstood

Editor,

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (formerly the Office of Financial Aid) would like to extend their apology for any misunderstandings related to our Open House that took place on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995. The staff would also like to take this opportunity to clear up issues that were printed in Friday, Dec. 8 issue of *The Northernner* that were not accurate.

There seemed to be some concern from an employee of *The Northernner* who telephoned us on Dec. 6, that we place students on hold for a lengthy amount of time and that our message stating that students should come into the office to avoid a lengthy hold is unjust. The intentions of this message is not meant to imply that we will not provide service to students over the telephone but that if they are going to be on campus, it may be beneficial for the student to come in personally instead of holding until we are able to answer the

phone. Generally, when a student receives this message, it is because of the fact that we are on a stacking system utilized by other offices at the university. This means that if phone lines are tied up in a different office, the calls that come into the Office of Student Financial Assistance may not directly reach our Office until the phone lines are clear. This is more than likely the circumstance that the employee from *The Northernner* encountered when they tried to reach us by phone. It is necessary at times to place students on hold because we have to answer incoming calls and greet counter traffic simultaneously. We do take the calls as quickly as possible. A monitoring system is in place to call on additional staff when students appear to be holding for a substantial amount of time.

The statement regarding phones not being answered because of a "Christmas Party" is untrue. Our full-time and part-time receptionists were still performing their duties even though there were a number of guests throughout the

day. The event in question was an open house that all students, faculty and staff were invited to attend to meet our staff members and tour the office. The informational tour was given to assist in familiarizing the university community with the functions of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. There was also concern expressed from the employee from *The Northernner* that our students have to wait up to an hour to see a walk-in coordinator. This is also not an accurate statement. When a student signs up to see a coordinator, the receptionist writes down the time. If any student waits 15 minutes, our assistant and/or associate director begin seeing students. However, during our peak times (June, July and August) even with three to four staff members seeing students, the wait could be extended. At this time of year, however, a student will not wait any longer than 10 to 15 minutes. Our walk-in hours are posted outside our door so that all students are aware of the availability of a walk-in coordinator. We do stop taking

students on the sign-in sheet to see a coordinator at 3:30 p.m.; however, we will not turn a student away who is already signed up or who has a real emergency. The reason walk in hours end at 3:30 p.m. is to accommodate those students who are already signed up and to insure they receive assistance at a reasonable hour.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance does agree with the fact that we have a "tiny financial aid office" and at times the lobby does tend to get filled rather quickly during our peak times. We apologize that it was a little crowded during our open house, but any student walking in during the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day had the best opportunity to get all their financial questions answered because the director, associate director, assistant director and various other staff members were in the lobby and would have been more than happy to assist.

Bob Sprague and the office of student financial assistance staff.

President Thanks Snow Fighters

Editor,

President Boothe would like to thank the Northern Kentucky University Roads and Grounds Employees for all of their hard work during these days of inclement weather. Their out-

standing coordination and efforts made it possible for all of us to drive and walk throughout the University.

On behalf of all the students, faculty, staff, and visitors of NKU, thank you for your prompt and efficient response.

Amie DeMott

Leaky Library Is Ironic

Editor,

Greatly enjoyed your paper-but was especially gratified to read page article Nov. 29 *Renovated Library Suffers Growing Pains*. "Steele library is also experiencing some leaks in

the library after heavy rain caused by the construction."

What a breakthrough! Stimulate economic development while preventing droughts! If you build it... it will rain!

Amie DeMott

Prison's Could Be Only Exception In Patton Budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Since taking office, Gov. Paul Patton has been busy sifting through some of his campaign promises.

He has said his commitments for tax cuts are to be fulfilled over four years. His promise to bring higher education into line is a four-year deal. He may even ask the General Assembly to essentially approve a stay-where-you-are budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 1996 so he can get the state's fiscal house in order.

But the no-growth approach apparently doesn't apply to one area of state government — prisons.

"We're expecting an additional thousand prisoners per year in our prison system. We don't have the space for them," Patton said during an appearance on Kentucky Educational Television last week.

"So we're making a commitment to make certain that we have the prison space that it takes to keep those people that have violated our laws off the streets. And I think that is the number one concern — public

safety," Patton continued.

And prisons are expensive propositions.

The Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex at West Liberty cost about \$44 million starting in 1986 for its 500 beds. When 550 beds were added from the 1989 budget, it cost a bargain-basement \$27 million. The difference was largely attributable to the fact that much of the infrastructure, from kitchens to plumbing, had been built in the original structure with a doubling of capacity in mind.

When the Green River Correctional Complex recently opened near Central City was approved in the 1990-92 budget, the first 550 beds cost \$30 million. A proposal to double the capacity was turned down in the 1994 General Assembly.

The Corrections Department has inmates all over the place — in three private prisons, in county jails, a dozen prisons and halfway houses sprinkled around the state.

And they are full to overflowing. The problem is that people are going behind bars faster than offi-

cials thought just two years ago. And they are staying longer.

Justice Secretary Dan Cherry said the Corrections Department is going to offer Patton alternatives on what to do with the new guests of the state.

"If we can figure out other ways than new construction, we will," Cherry said.

In 1991, there were 8,893 inmates in Kentucky prisons. By October 1995, the latest complete figures available, the population had grown to 11,576.

But prior to the 1994 legislature, the department was predicting the prison population would reach 12,330 by the end of 1996. It now predicts 12,525 this year.

Population estimates have been increased through 2000. Two years ago, the end of the millennium was supposed to see 15,227 Kentuckians in prison. That figure is now expected to be 16,829.

It works out to about a thousand more inmates a year, as Patton noted. Patton has not revealed his own budget plans yet and may not do so

until the Jan. 24 deadline required by the legislature. But the department proposes its own budget before the governor's office gets involved and makes the recommendations that actually go before the legislature. Counting a number of renovation projects, such as for a replacement maximum security wing at the Kentucky State Penitentiary near Eddyville, there are 27 recommendations.

The department wants a new 314-bed dormitory at Green River, apparently the stripped-down version because it would cost only an estimated \$7.9 million.

A new 150-bed dormitory is proposed for the Roederer Correctional Complex, part of the huge prison sprawl near LaGrange that includes the Kentucky State Reformatory, the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex and the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, the state's only women's prison.

The big-ticket item is an altogether new prison — 550 beds at \$44.4 million, or about \$80,727 a place.

"You may refuse to publish material on legal, moral or ethical grounds." I respect these guidelines but, in the future, I would hope these same standards be used for items you choose to use in NKU's newspaper. Mr. Dennis Taulbee, JD (Chase Law School) has quite a number of true and faithful friends at NKU and the northern Kentucky area. Now, once again, this has reminded us of the lack of compas-

sion that was shown by some of his colleagues when a dedicated and loyal NKU member needed them the most.

I just cannot understand why we have to continually and everlastingly open old wounds. Let people get on with their lives.

Margaret A. Burlew
Covington Campus

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Feeling Like "Alice In The Dorms"



Margie Wise

problem, or to squeeze into my room to check on me when I'm sick. There is always somewhere to go, someone to laugh with or someone to talk to when I want to be distracted. I have had some of the most original experiences in my life just in these last four months. I live in the sink, frogs in the hall...

Like Alice, I arrived dazed, amazed and slightly confused. Gaping at all the "frightening peculiarities." Luckily, friendship was my "magical mushroom." I saw just a touch of the "Mad Hatter" in my Math teacher (I mean that in the nicest way possible). My "March Hair" would be my roommate. She works 50 hours a week and goes to school full time, and as a consequence, is always "Late, late, for a very important date!" Everywhere I look, I still see the "Cheshire Cat", "Twiddle Dee and Twiddle Dumber (huh... huh, Jim Carey Rules!)" and the wicked "Queen of Hearts" (Can we say R.A.? Kidding!!) I keep waiting for the furniture to start floating out from underneath me!

Unlike Alice, however, I do not think I am in such a hurry to get out. I am happy to have found someplace with a craziness and looniness to match my own. No, I don't appreciate cafeteria food and generic lighting, but I'll survive it. I'll live in the cramped quarters and march to class through thunderstorms because it is all part of the great (if perhaps not so big) "Wonderland" that is Northern Kentucky University.

Living in the dorms is something like Alice's Wonderland... everything is "all backwards and upside down." The rules that used to govern our relations with friends and those who could be much more seen to have been abolished. Politeness and discretion need to be taken to new heights, having been amplified by the lack of space. Plans are last minute. If I pause, I lose. A right to privacy is

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wishful thinking, a thing measured more in minutes than hours. Different schedules and personalities lead to constant disruption, even during quiet hours. Not to mention fluorescent lighting, public bathrooms, nappy carpeting and Alanis Morissette blaring down the hallway at 8 a.m. Need I say more? It is not hard to find someone to help me with that impossible math

Student Upset With Stafford Loans

Norsuasion

This semester I applied for a Stafford Loan in order to be able to attend school and pay for living expenses. I was surprised at how easy the process was, but began to have suspicions that something would go wrong in getting my money. The problem is usually a lack of communication between the Financial Aid Department and the Office of the Bursar. My fears, of course, proved true.

I received my promissory note from the bank and called to make sure that the Bursar Office had received my loan checks. The girl I spoke to told me that they had indeed received my checks, but that I was not allowed to pick them up until the first day of school. I told her that my promissory note said in clear wording that the date of my disbursement was in December, not January. She told me that it was the school's policy to withhold student

loan checks until the first day of school of the semester.

No one informed me of this policy. This would mean that I would not be able to buy any books in advance and would have to go the first couple of days without them. By that time, all of the used books would be gone and I would have to buy the more expensive new books.

On Jan. 9, I walked from the bookstore to the Bursar's Office to pay my tuition and pick up my student loan check. I waited in line for two hours and missed two classes. I saw yellow signs which read, "Why stand in line for 2 hours?" These signs suggested students pick up their loan checks the week after school starts instead of on the first day! We rely on this student loan money to pay our tuition and other expenses. Most students cannot afford to wait another week to get their money. If I waited another

week for my loan check, then my enrollment in classes would be canceled for lack of payment.

Once I finally came to the front of the line, the person at the counter told me that I was only allowed to have one of my loan checks which was for half of the amount of my loan. She told me it was policy to disburse loans in two separate checks and that the other would be mailed to me in February.

Later I called the Financial Aid Office. The woman there told me that I should have received my other check. She called the Bursar's Office for me and told me I could pick it up whenever I liked. I will have to allow another two hours in my busy schedule to wait in line once more for the check that should have been given to me the first time.

I don't know the answer to all of the problems with student financial aid and loans at this university, but I

know that they exist and they need to be dealt with. I think the key to solving most of these problems is organization and personnel who are willing to take the time to help each student individually instead of being prepared with a standard "that's our policy," sending the students out the door, only to return again and be told something else. Students should be able to receive their loan checks when the bank sends them, not when the school decides students are allowed to have the money. Student loan money comes from banks, not from Northern Kentucky University. Students should be able to get their checks when the bank disburses them, not when a person in the Bursar's Office finds it convenient.

Erin Shull

Norsuasion is submitted by Paul Ellis and the students in his Persuasive Writing class

True Garth Brooks Fan Fights Back

Editor,

I was reading through *The Northerner* on Friday, Dec. 8, 1995 and was appalled at the article written by Pat McEntee on Garth Brooks' new album. The newly cut album "Fresh Horses" is one of the, if not the best, album he has ever released. I have always been a fan of

Garth Brooks' music and was waiting for his music to go back to his original style. He has not only added his old true to heart style, but has also managed to capture his upbeat new sound in the country world. As far as saying that "The Old Stuff" track is like his other albums, I think it is the best song on the whole tape. There isn't a song

on the new album that isn't absolutely fantastic. We have all waited a long time for this tape, and now I know why: It is simply the best album he has ever produced! As far as the comment that they hope the wait for the next album is worthwhile, you can't possibly have a true love for country music and make a statement like that. Every

album he produces is well worth the wait. And I hope there will be many more to come. This is the best, and Garth Brooks is the best thing to ever enter country music.

A True Garth Brooks Fan,
Alissa Ogle
Academic Secretary
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Loyal Opposition

Welcome to the first day of class



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Happy New Year!

1996

If there is a time for everything, New Year's Day is *not* the time for making resolutions.

We've lost all hope of keeping 1995 resolutions. We've blown our budgets, imbibed past the limit and stuffed ourselves with high-fat, high-cholesterol holiday goodies.

After a DUI, 10 extra pounds and a bunch of credit card bills, we're expected to plot a series of successful 1996 resolutions? Get real.

Any good athlete knows you have to warm up before playing a game. And warm-ups can take a long time. Earnest players start practicing two or three months before the actual season.

March 1st should be proclaimed New Year's Resolution Day. February 2nd is the day we honor the foresight of American Groundhogs, and April 1st has a self-explanatory title we can all relate to. But March isn't spoken for yet.

We would have two months to get ready. We could slice a little off the credit card bills and get a good running start on our grades. Big sweaters and jackets would still cover what we don't want anyone else to see.

"After Christmas we're flooded with calls from people making New Year's resolutions to lose weight" said Patrice Striet, assistant regional supervisor for Jenny Craig. "We are open New Year's Day when most businesses are normally closed."

"We get a lot of calls from people who have made resolutions. In fact, we run a special for them. But most of them drop out and come back in March. They

Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



realize they haven't lost the weight, and they need help."

They've been warming up, that's all. Just gearing up for serious training. In March, fashion magazines filled with pages of bikini-clad models warn of the competition.

At this point, fear becomes a driving force.

Support groups provided by Jenny Craig and other weight-watchers organizations help, according to a *Reader's Digest* article. Experts suggest New Year's resolutions may be easier to fulfill if people plan realistic resolutions. That means getting a one-piece bathing suit, just in case.

Reminders and persistence also help, say the experts. Photographs tacked on the refrigerator door usually suffice. A full-length mirror can also be motivational.

The resolution game isn't for the faint-hearted. Once we *resolve* to do something, we set ourselves up for failure. That one-piece bathing suit can loom like an oncoming disaster. It would be more productive to *aspire* to a certain goal.

"I've never made them," said sophomore Marissa

Cramer. "My goal is just to get through the school year. New Year's resolutions aren't a priority. I'm just too busy."

On the first of March, Cramer will be half-way to her goal. Where will you be?

New Woman magazine suggests setting goals for 1996 that include doing desired activities and trying new things. That downsizing, rather than striving for lofty goals, makes planning more fun.

"Take it easy, but take it," said folk singer Woodie Guthrie. He stressed a positive, yet realistic, attitude.

Don't be afraid to hope, to plan, to *aspire*. Taking it easy doesn't mean passing up your math homework in favor of "Seinfeld." The marvels of modern technology make VCRs a viable option these days.

Little side-trips for entertainment call for a plan. Not a resolution. Plans can be changed, rearranged, amended and occasionally scrapped altogether.

They are road-maps that can help you "take it," and still "take it easy."

We've got almost two months until the muddy month of March. Start warming up.

Take the stairs when you can. Put the cigarette out before you've finished smoking it. Do your homework. Call your mother.

Consider these as completed "resolutions."

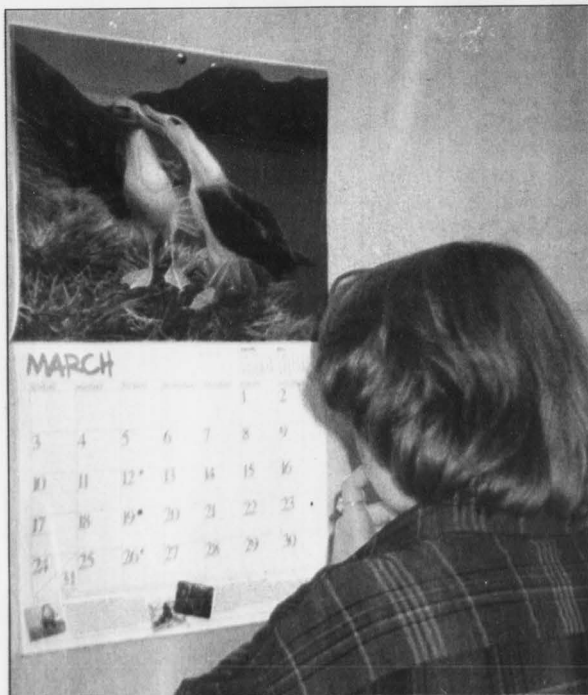
Perfection is a concept that will drive you crazy. After all, there are no examples to follow. Sometimes good enough will do.

Repeat - sometimes good enough will do.

March is not a perfect month, but it will do.

"My goal is just to get through the school year. New Year's resolutions aren't a priority."

-Marissa Cramer



"Take it easy, But take it."

-Woodie Guthrie
Folk Singer