

Students Get Into Fight Over Parking Spot

assault - n. An unlawful threat or attempt to harm another physically.

In the incident on Tuesday, the male student was accused of fourth degree assault which is a misdemeanor. Assistant Director of Department of Public Safety Don McKenzie said it was assault "because there was physical contact." There are four degrees of assault in Ky. First degree is where the victim is seriously hurt, usually involving a weapon, and each degree decreases in harm to the victim as the number becomes greater.

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The Cold Spring Life Squad transported NKU student Elisa Grubbs to St. Luke Hospital East Tuesday, Feb. 10, to examine bruises on her right arm after she was assaulted by a male NKU student from Loveland, Ohio.

The incident occurred at 12:05 p.m. in parking lot A in front of the Albright Health Center. Twenty-five-year-old Grubbs and the other student were heading toward the same parking space. The name of the male student was not released and Grubbs could not be reached for contact. She pulled in first and he pulled up

behind her. She got out of her car to go to class, words were said and he got out to fight, said Don McKenzie, Assistant Director of Department of Public Safety.

After the man cursed at Grubbs, he pushed her to the ground. Grubbs defended herself by spraying Mace in his face. The suspect drove off, but was later tracked down by DPS. The Hamilton County sheriff's office lent a helicopter to search for him. They were trying to see what the car looked like and where it was, said McKenzie. They found him in the Knollwood subdivision.

"That same day we had talked with him; we caught him," said Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer. "He admitted the altercation took place, but his version differs from the version," said University Spokesman Rick Meyer in an interview with the

Kentucky Post.

McKenzie said that it was much like a case of road rage. The man was waiting for a parking space and "she ticked him off because she kind of whipped into the parking spot," McKenzie said.

According to McKenzie, Grubbs wants to prosecute.

In order to do this she will have to get a district court attorney and they will decide if it will be a case or not.

McKenzie said, "In 18 years I can probably think of three [incidents] where there has been physical contact and never has there been hospitalization."

"Disrespectful behavior on our campus will not be tolerated," Dean of Students William Lamb said. Three years ago Lamb recalls a similar incident. "A couple times a year we have altercations over parking spots," Lamb said.

But Lamb feels that at the time of day and the day that this happened there were probably 300

or 400 parking spots available. McKenzie said, "It's not like a lack of parking, just two personalities came into conflict with each other."

Lamb said, "There ought to be more important things in life than a parking spot."

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-Dean Lamb

Financial Aid, Scholarships To Increase

By Forrest Berkshire
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A plan for a \$75 million merit-based scholarship program aimed at current high-school students was proposed this month by Gov. Paul Patton. The program was set up in order to increase college participation in Kentucky in the coming century.

"I'm convinced that if we're going to achieve the goals envisioned in the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, we must substantially increase our student financial aid program," said the governor in a recent press release.

The governor's plan would allow every student enrolled in a Kentucky public high-school to earn scholarship credit for every grade better than a "C". A maximum bonus of \$500 would also be granted for ACT performance.

The average merit-based scholarship is estimated to be \$1,250, with the maximum amount available set at \$2,500.

In order to receive the full amount of the scholarship that a student qualifies for, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 would have to be maintained. If their GPA fell between 3.0 and 2.5, they would receive half, but the full amount would be restored if they raised it higher than 3.0 in a subsequent year.

Governor Patton said the money to finance this program would come from the state lottery proceeds. "I'm recommending and asking the legislators to consider passing a law stating that over a period of seven years we appropriate all of the proceeds of the lottery to this and part to the needs based scholarships, for a total of \$150 million, which equals the current annual proceeds of the lottery."

Patton and other lawmakers

hope that this will serve as an incentive for high school students to achieve higher standards.

While this proposal is aimed at future college students, it does not apply to any one currently enrolled in post secondary education. The goal of this legislation is to increase enrollment, not to enhance or help current student's status.

College participation has already increased in the state of Kentucky, from 25 percent in 1983 to 37.8 percent in 1994, according to the Council on Higher Education. So one must ask if higher enrollment of first term freshmen is the issue that needs the most concern, or if it is the retention of those already enrolled that is the issue that needs addressing? According to the Task force on Higher Education, "Kentucky still lags the nation and competitor states in educational attainment, even as college-going rates have increased."

According to the Council on Postsecondary Education, the persistence rate of freshmen enrolled in Kentucky's regional and community colleges is only 63 percent. The persistence rate measures the percent of first-time, full-time degree seeking freshmen who either graduate, transfer, or are still enrolled in the original institution at the end of a six year period. The national average is 14 percentage points higher than Kentucky, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

In 1989, only 36.8 percent of first-time, full-time degree seeking freshmen graduated from Kentucky's four-year institutions in six years. According to the task force on Secondary Education, "Kentucky's Post-Secondary Education System must ensure that students who leave college do so with a degree, or credentials in their hands. Low production at all levels of the system will result in a deficit workforce in the coming century."

According to the American Heart Association's publication, "Cholesterol and Your Heart," "Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance found in all of your body's cells. An important part of a healthy body, it is used to form cell membranes, certain hormones and other

Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue...



Suzanne Fleming/The Northern
Members of Theta Phi Alpha sorority sold roses on the Friday before Valentine's Day to add a little romance to campus and to raise money.

Web Site Growing

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University's web site services are expanding with the addition of the new NKU visit site and the possibility of online class scheduling in the future.

The new visit site features everything from housing information to directions to NKU. From the main page, prospective students can go to various links to find out information about the university.

"We want to be able to provide prospective students with a worksheet that could be printed out, so students can find out the total cost for one year at NKU," Norleen Pomerantz, Vice President of Student Affairs, said. "That would include tuition, books, living expenses, and meal plans."

The visit web site will feature an on-line application for students to print out and mail in.

Eventually, the site will have an application to complete and submit by e-mail.

Other services soon to be included on the visit page will be a search command for NKU programs and an e-mail response for questions from prospective students.

The new NKU visit site, located at www.nku.edu/visit, makes its world wide web debut on Thursday, Feb. 19.

The visit site is just a preview of the future of NKU on-line services.

"We would like to have an area for current students," Matt Cohen, manager of NKU web services, said. "It won't have directions to campus or housing information. It will specifically be targeted to current students."

One of the features of this possible area is on-line class scheduling.

Students would be able to dial into NKU's network, sign on, and schedule classes.

After scheduling, students would be able to print out a copy of their schedule and possible fees.

Before this service can become available, new software needs to be purchased that would overlay the current NKU database.

At this time, there is no timetable for this change.

Health Office Offers Screening

By Judy Bonhaus
Staff Reporter

Cholesterol levels affect everyone, whether you are 18 or 80 years old. Barbara Hoyle, campus health nurse at Northern Kentucky University said, "Just because you're young, you can't assume you have a good cholesterol level."

Not exercising and eating too much fat and too little fiber can raise the risk of coronary heart disease.

Genetic factors can also increase the risk.

As a service to all students, the NKU Health Office and the Kenton County Community Health Services will offer cholesterol screening on Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in the University Center, room 300. Hoyle said the \$5 fee is a real bargain compared to \$50, which doctors usually charge.

According to the American Heart Association's publication, "Cholesterol and Your Heart," "Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance found in all of your body's cells. An important part of a healthy body, it is used to form cell membranes, certain hormones and other

necessary tissues.

"Cholesterol travels to the body's cells through the bloodstream. Because cholesterol and other fats can't dissolve in the blood, they have to be transported to and from the cells by special carriers called lipoproteins.

"Low density lipoprotein is the major cholesterol carrier in the blood. When a person has too much LDL-cholesterol circulating in the blood, it can slowly build up on the inner walls of the arteries feeding the heart."

"Together with other substances, it can form plaque, a thick hard coating that can clog arteries feeding the heart or brain."

Some AHA experts said high density lipoprotein is the "good" cholesterol because a high level of HDL seems to protect against heart attacks.

"Triglycerides are the chemical form in which most fat exists," the AHA said. "A high triglyceride level often accompanies a higher total cholesterol and LDL-cholesterol level, and a lower HDL-cholesterol."

Hoyle said, "Having a normal (200 or below) level of cholesterol can give you a false security if your LDL is high." LDL deposits cholesterol in arteries and HDL clears cholesterol

out of the system. An LDL level that is too high increases the risk of a heart attack. So it is important to know the ratio of HDL and LDL to total cholesterol.

Screening for a total lipid profile measures total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides. No food or drink except water is allowed for at least 12 hours before this test. Fasting is not required for the other screening option, which measures total cholesterol and HDL.

Hoyle said the whole screening process takes about 20-25 minutes. A nurse or dietitian will record each participant's blood pressure, weight, height history and previous 24-hour diet. Then a small vial of blood will be drawn from each participant's vein.

Test results will be available on Tuesday, Mar. 10, at 11 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. at UC 300.

Getting results takes about 20-30 minutes because a dietitian from Kenton County Community Health Services will explain results and give tips on improving diet, exercise and lifestyles to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

To make an appointment call 572-5650.

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NEWS

Safety: Learn It On The Net

By Rich Wurzbacher and Tanya Wells
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Knowing what to do and where to turn for help in a life threatening situation is the best protection, police say.

Walter Clements, a former police officer and FBI agent says that "...one of the best defenses is knowledge. The knowledge to know what to look for, how to act and what to do if you are confronted in a threatening situation."

Information on safety can be found on the internet web site of the Cincinnati Police District Two at www.iglou.com/cintpd/parking.html. The site includes safety tips for parking your car in parking lots.

These tips include: always lock your car and roll up windows all the way, lock valuables

and packages in trunk, park your car near an exit or attendant if staying late, get your keys ready before going to your car, check the front and back seats before getting in the car and ask a security guard, coworker, or friend to escort you to your car.

Northern Kentucky University has several ways for students to protect themselves.

Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer of Department of Public Safety said the university offers an escort service where DPS will escort students to either their car or to a dorm room.

Sgt. Schweitzer also said, "There are emergency lights and phones throughout the campus." These lights are identifiable by the blue light. They are located in every parking lot, on the plaza level and near the dorms. There are also phones in each elevator on campus.

"I have used DPS before as an escort when walking from the buildings to my dorm at night," Katie Palmer, an undeclared freshman, said.

Sgt. Schweitzer teaches a self-defense class on campus that is only open to females. In this class, Sgt. Schweitzer shows the basics of protecting a female against her attacker. Currently Sgt. Schweitzer is looking for a partner to help teach the class and is waiting for a fellow officer to become certified.

Some other helpful hints are to park your car in a well-lit area, park close to where you are going, lock your car doors after getting in before driving away, carry Mace, pepper spray, or a body alarm, list your name in phone book using only your first initial and always remain calm.



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A student safety concern is the poor lighting of the parking lots, walkways, and roads. This photo shows Landrum at dusk.

Musical Chairs

A DPS officer observed a car making a U-turn on Nunn Drive near University Drive. The officer determined that the driver had been drinking; however, the passenger (wife) was sober. The officer advised them. The passenger was permitted to operate the vehicle while the original driver assumed the passenger position.

Goodbye License

A DPS officer observed a subject weaving on Kenton Drive, University Drive, and on Nunn Drive. The subject was then arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Smokin' Gun

A subject advised a DPS officer and Residential Life of a gun in a dorm room. A DPS unit was



advised. Upon search of the dorm room, officers found a lighter in the shape of a small caliber gun, two throwing knives, and incense. Also within the room, empty alcohol containers were found by DPS. The subject was advised of the policy for empty alcohol containers according to the housing agreement.

All Fun and Games Until...

Two DPS units were dispatched to the lobby of Commonwealth Hall in reference to a medical emergency. Upon arrival the officers met with the injured subject who stated that his right eyelid had been lacerated from an accidental head-butt while playing in the snow with friends. The subject had no affiliation with the university. A Cold Spring officer was dispatched and the subject was transported to St. Luke East hospital.

Dashing Through the Snow

Two units stopped a vehicle for dragging three subjects on a sled by a rope attached to the rear of the vehicle. The subject was arrested.

Tuition-Free College A Success

BY JOHN ROGERS
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There's a new classroom building going up on some of the 930 acres of rolling hills and picturesque mountain vistas that make up College of the Ozarks.

No big deal in that; new buildings spring up on college campuses all the time. Except elsewhere the students don't usually build them.

Here they do, but that's not the half of it. Students also run the fire department, the local airport, even the on-campus restaurant that caters to budget-minded tourists heading down the road to Branson. And they raise cattle and pigs, some of which wind up, in one form or another, on the plates in the restaurant.

In exchange for all that, they get to go to college for free.

"This place is in a class by itself. ... This is 'Hard Work U,'" draws Jerry Davis, a native Kentuckian and president of what has been for years one of the Ozarks best kept educational secrets, a college where you get an education absolutely free. All you have to do is work for it.

"All the students work 15 hours a week on campus, they're required to," says Michael Howell, a history professor. "That is the thing that is unique about this place. We try to establish a work ethic. To show what it takes to work, as well as the role of work."

It draws 90 percent of its 1,500 students from poor families, restricting their income levels to a range of \$20,000 to \$42,000 a year per family, depending on the size of the family and how many members are in college. And it receives 4,000 to 5,000 applications a year, Davis says, accepting only about 400.

Of those turned away, he shrugs and says, "Most are probably pretty good kids, but they just have too much money to come here."

The college is one of a handful of no-tuition schools in the country, including the military academies, Berea College in Kentucky and the Webb Institute in New York.

But even among them, College of the Ozarks stands out, says Davis, a mixture of good old country boy and firm disciplinarian who has presided over the campus for 21 years.

"I think this is the only college

today, that promotes work and discourages debt," he says from behind the desk of a modest office in the heart of campus, just off the intersection of Opportunity and Academic avenues.

Not only must everyone work, but students can't even take out a federally insured loan since the college dropped out of the program a few years ago. Officials became alarmed, Davis says, that they were sending students the wrong message, encouraging them to wrack up thousands of dollars in debt before going out into the world.

And for those who came to college to have fun, Davis says, they picked the wrong place.

"We're pretty old fashioned," he says. "There are no coed dorms, none of that here. Most of us grew up with standards of decency. We realize that's not the case with everybody anymore, but we don't want to be just like everybody else."

Indeed, despite the work the students do, Davis says College of the Ozarks could not meet its annual budget of \$24 million without depending on an interest-earning endowment of \$200 million.

Campus Calendar

Cultural Diversity Coffee Hour

A discussion entitled "Are Student Organizations on Campus Segregated?" will occur on Feb. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in University Center 108. Call 572-6497 for more information.

Dinner and Dancing

The Black Women's Organization is hosting "A Celebration of Women on the Rise" on Mar. 6, at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Ticket prices are \$10/single and \$16/couple. Call Mildred at 572-7850 for details.

Making It in Business

The college of business is

sponsoring a lecture on Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The lecture will focus on the African-American perspective, and will feature several prominent business men and women from the Cincinnati area.

Leadership Conference

African-American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services is sponsoring a two-day lecture on Feb. 27-28. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Cynthia Pace and Ray Davis. To register, call 572-6684. The cost is \$30 if you call by Feb. 20.

Free Movie

Al Pinolo, of the political science department, will introduce the movie "Strawberry and Chocolate" and answer questions about its content on Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., in Norse Commons 117. The movie was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1994.

Real World at NKU

Jason and Montana of *The Real World* will present "Diversity and Conflict Resolution" on Mar. 11 at noon in the University Center Theatre. It is sponsored by the Activities Programming Board and Norse Leadership Society.

Delta Now Hiring

Applications are now being taken for the seven-week training course at Delta that will begin Mar. 23. Stop by the Career Center located in University Center 320 or call 572-5900 for more information.

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Crichton Novel Ruined On The Big Screen

By Jennifer
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Executive Editor



which led me to believe it would be completely accurate. There are several minor, and one or two major details left out, but on the whole you could follow along if you bring the paperback with you.

The three big stars of "Sphere" are Dustin Hoffman, Sharon Stone and Samuel L. Jackson. If you look closely, you'll also spot a brief profile of Huey Lewis.

All three gave excellent performances, with Stone standing out as nothing short of brilliant. She pumped up for this movie, due to the task of carrying 127 pounds on her back during most of the filming.

Hoffman is Norman Goodman, (Johnson in the novel) a psychologist who believes he has been called to the middle of the Pacific to help shock victims of a plane crash.

His three colleagues, Beth Halperin, (Stone) Harry Adams (Jackson) and Ted Fielding (Liev Schreiber) believe the same.

In a matter of hours, the four discover that they are to live in an underwater habitat and investigate the crashing of an alien spacecraft. As if that shock wasn't enough, they discover that the ship is not a UFO, but something only Crichton could dream up, and that it's 300 years old.

I don't think I'll tell you what it is. That's one of the surprises.

Once the four venture inside the ship, a large sphere is discovered. No doors, no openings, just a constantly changing pattern of what appears to be liquid mercury. The "Hollywood" sphere appears exactly as I had pictured it in my mind—breath-taking.

The remaining special effects are massive. The habitat that the crew live in, the crashed spacecraft and the demons that

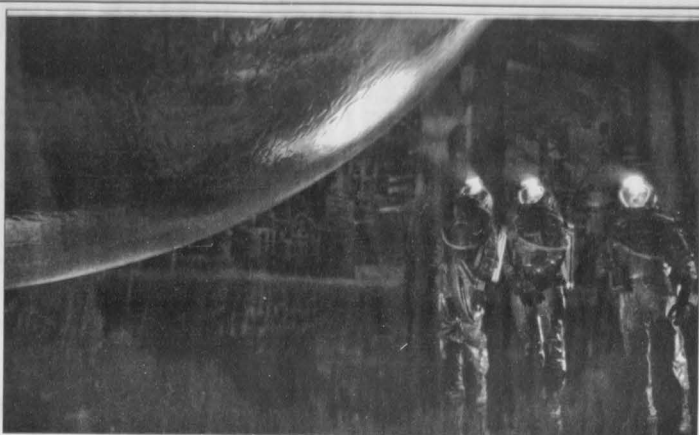


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Norman Goodman, (Hoffman) Beth Halperin (Stone) and Harry Adams (Jackson) look up in amazement at the perfect sphere discovered just moments earlier. The sphere was captured by a ship that has been buried at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean for 300 years. Once opened, the mysterious object turns the entire crew against each other.

attack are convincing.

The creatures were computer generated, but the crew was submerged underwater in 2000-gallon tanks. A new type of diving helmet was designed for this movie and it is now in demand worldwide.

One member eventually figures out how to enter the sphere and simultaneously opens "Pandora's box". Giant squids, jellyfish and deadly snakes appear at a depth where nothing but coral could exist.

Everyone who enters the sphere develops the same power, another detail that I will hold back. I will tell you that this power is strong enough to kill—and it does. Four crew members perish in not-so-painless ways.

It is soon discovered that "Jerry," the

entity from the sphere, is responsible for the deaths. However, he claims he was just "playing" with them. One of the best scenes in the book is when the crew begins to chat with Jerry.

Eventually, Jerry gets bored with the crew constantly asking questions and tells them that he is planning to kill everyone.

This scene was a disappointment in the movie. At one climactic point, Jerry tells Goodman several times to stop calling him Jerry, but Goodman never asks why. It was one of the minor changes that happened during the conversion from book to movie, and one that did not favor the movie well.

Overall, this is the best book I have ever read, but not a good movie because of that. I was hopeful because Crichton

participated in the production, but I was wrong. Too many of the little details were changed, and it made for too brief of a story line. I'm going back to my theory that really great books can never be converted well for the big screen.

"Sphere" runs about two and a half hours. I looked at my watch at one point, thinking it had been about 45 minutes, and it had been an hour and a half. It does draw you in, the way that "Titanic" and the other great ones do, but the sudden ending is a disappointment.

My recommendation: If you have read the book, don't bother with the movie. Hollywood should have left the novel alone. If you haven't read it, you may enjoy this movie, but will probably want to know more. If so, read the book.

First, for the record, I am not a fan of authors that "sell out" to Hollywood.

Secondly, I have never in my life intentionally seen a movie based on a book that I have read. It's just one of my quirks. "Sphere" is the exception.

I have been in love with this book since my middle school days. I read it for the first time in the eighth grade. I admit, it didn't all make sense to me, but I felt drawn to this novel, as if Michael Crichton had written it just for me.

I have read it about seven times since then and Crichton always manages to provide another detail in there that I had previously missed. Therefore when I heard that the movie was in production, I felt betrayed. How could a man who wrote such scientific, futuristic and amazing paragraphs, and then assembled them into the perfect book, do this to me?

Well, I decided to see it. If anything, to prove to myself that no director could ever put images before me that could match those in my imagination. I was right.

When you watch this film, which was shot mostly on Mare Island, California, and cost a rumored \$120 million to make, keep one thing in mind. Crichton wrote this in 1987, yet it seems to be a manuscript from the future, as do most of his novels (Jurassic Park, Congo, Andromeda Strain).

Crichton was a co-producer of this film,

New Fraternity Welcomes All

Mary Mountain
Staff reporter

The Phi Beta Sigma's are a conservative, low-profile, predominantly African-American fraternity who believe being a member of their fraternity goes hand in hand with being a member of the community. Anthony Woody, co-founder of the fraternity said.

The PBS fraternity is one of NKU's newest additions to the list of Greek organizations on campus.

Woody, co-founder of the fraternity, said his fraternity is unlike most fraternities because it is inclusive, not exclusive.

It was founded in 1914 at Howard University by A.L. Taylor, L.F. Morse, and C.I. Brown. These three young men wanted to create an organization that would prepare men to be successful and to serve mankind.

To a PBS member, "culture for service, service for humanity," isn't just a motto, it's a way of life, Woody said.

He said the main belief of the fraternity is to incorporate the skills that have been acquired through education and leadership into a bigger brotherhood, the community.

Even though PBS is predominantly African-American, it is accessible to everyone.

"No one is excluded based on race, social, or economic status," Woody said.

The fraternity is in search of students who are "motivated to be successful at whatever they do."

The goal of a Phi Beta Sigma is to earn a degree. The group is in search of students who have the same goals, and who have high academic standards, Woody said.

John Davis, who is president of the Cincinnati chapter of PBS, said they want students who can put those standards to use in servicing the surrounding communities. He said they prefer students with high academic credentials, but they will

help students who might not have a 3.0 G.P.A. get on track.

Davis said, "A unique part of our fraternity is that we pull out each member's own strengths."

This is done by participating in different activities throughout the community, Davis said. He said the main reason he joined was for the community service aspect, and the chance to reach out to the younger generation.

Woody said PBS is a good option for people who are not sure if they want to join a fraternity.

"In the beginning, I didn't even want to pledge. I am glad I did though, because my brothers are some of the best friends I have ever had. They are friends for life," he said.

Woody said the fraternity is interested in young men who are energized by each other, who want a chance to become successful, and a chance to become a living legend of their chapter.

Woody said they accomplish this everyday by promoting service and by creating a positive addition to N.K.U., as well as the surrounding community.

Today, over 95,000 men have joined the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and they have over 650 collegiate and alumni chapters located throughout the United States, with foreign chapters in Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe.

There are many prominent Phi Beta Sigma members both nationally, and internationally.

The list of prominent members includes George Washington Carver, James Weldon Johnson, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice, Scottie Pippen, Naamdi Azikwe, Blair Underwood and Karl Malone.

Local members include Rev. Donald E. Newberry Sr., Bro. Edgar Pressley, the first African-American vice president of a major bank in Cincinnati, and Bro. Reginald Wilkerson, director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections for Ohio.

Dean Scholarship 1998-1999 Academic Year

Each year numerous Dean's Scholarships are awarded to recognize and honor outstanding academic accomplishments of students currently enrolled at NKU. Each scholarship will cover full in-state tuition for the academic year.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Completion of no fewer than 60 credit hours
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50
3. A declared major at NKU.
4. Attendance in fall and spring semesters of the current academic year and completion of at least 18 credit hours over the two semesters.
5. Enrollment as a full-time student throughout the fall and spring semesters of the award year.
6. Students holding full-year tuition scholarships are not eligible.

Beginning February 27 application forms may be obtained from departmental office. Students must submit applications to a faculty member of their major on or before March 27.

NKU Hosts KWC In GLVC Mega-Showdown

By Chris McKee
Staff Reporter

The NKU men's basketball team will face nationally ranked and interstate rival Kentucky Wesleyan College Thursday night at Regents Hall. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

KWC comes to Highland Heights as the NO. 4 ranked team in the NCAA Division II national rankings. The game has possible Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship implications.

The game will be the second meeting of the season between the two conference powers.

KWC defeated the Norse 62-55 at the Owensboro Sportscenter. After leading most of that game, NKU watched the victory slip between its fingers.

Kentucky Wesleyan coach Ray Harper said that his team is ready for NKU.

"This game might be tougher to play than the first because we have to play in that pit of a gym," he said.

"Both teams are more familiar

with each other the second time around."

The game will have an impact on each team's momentum going into the GLVC Tournament.

NKU has won 10 of its last 12 games, and a win over Kentucky Wesleyan would propel

NKU into a two-way tie for first place in the GLVC. "Beating Wesleyan would give

our team a lot of confidence," said NKU senior Cliff Clinton.

A win for the Panthers of KWC would help reestablish some of the momentum lost when the Panthers were defeated at the University of Southern Indiana two weeks ago.

Clinton missed both of last week's games for the Norse with a swollen lymph node under his right (shooting) arm. Shields said that he hopes Clinton will be available for Thursday's game with Kentucky Wesleyan, but that "you have to play the game with the cards that are dealt to you."

It's obviously a big loss for us," Shields said. "This is about as

knocked up as any team I've ever coached in my life."

Along with Clinton, junior forward Scott Marston remains sidelined with a

dislocated left elbow. Guards Diamond Lane and Aaron Fehler have both been out with a

ankle injuries. And freshman guard Brian Lawhon has been playing with a severely bruised calf.

Regardless, the Norse have won

four straight games since losing at Kentucky Wesleyan on Jan. 31.

In what will be Clinton's, Lane's and senior Andy Listerman's last game at Regents Hall, NKU could even the score on Thursday.

"We don't want to go into that game Thursday night with anything but a chance to win the Great

Lakes Valley Conference," Shields said. "Tie or no tie, I like those GLVC banners hanging in our gym."

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Different Directions: Northern's Tell-Tale Heart(s)

Cole's Pit



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The Darker Side of Sports

Looks can be deceiving.

Before the season began, it looked like the NKU men's basketball team was ready to crawl back into its cave of mediocrity.

And it looked like the women's team was ready to climb the Division II mountain that it once scaled.

But as the standard cliché goes, you can't look into the heart of a competitor. You can't judge the spirit of a team.

Obviously, the men's team has clawed its way back into the realm of a national power. In doing so, the team has also clawed its way into NKU fans' hearts.

The team has remained fearless and battled the greatest of odds. The Norse have seen their core fall to injury, but have refused to let the "doubting Thomases" have their way.

In doing so, they have earned the greatest honor a college team could attain—respect. Not opponents' respect. Not necessarily fans' respect. Critics' respect.

Cole's Pit has been the haven of NKU criticism all season. It's time to give credit where credit is due. In continuing to fight and scratch each game, the Norse have proven me pitifully wrong.

Win or lose, their season cannot be seen as anything less than a triumph. And we should all be proud of them.

That brings us back to the women's team.

After its 58-40 loss to Lewis University on Saturday, head coach Nancy Winstel said, "If you get too emotionally involved in why you want to do things, you just don't get things done."

Try telling that to their men counterparts, who have played on little more than emotion all season.

The women's team is comprised of one of the most talented group of players in the program's illustrious history.

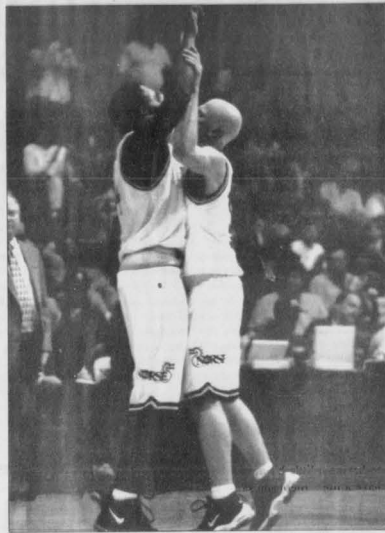
Take all the talent in the world but with no heart, you "just don't get things done."

The team, for whatever reason, has not stepped up and played like they were expected to.

The team doesn't have that special chemistry that has become so strong on the men's team.

The under-achievement stems, I would expect, from internal conflicts within the team.

Winstel said after her team's ugly performance at Lewis, losing is a humbling experience and that her team is pretty humble right now. They should be.



DOUBLE THREAT: NKU senior center Cliff Clinton, recently sidelined with a swollen lymph node, and freshman guard Brian Lawhon have helped propel the Norse back into the NCAA Tournament.

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Reality Crashes Down On NKU

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

They were living a dream.

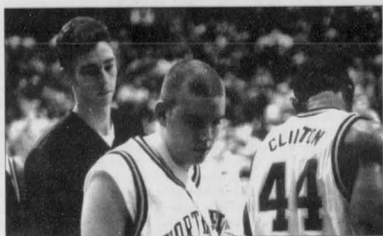
The NKU men's basketball team was beginning to talk the talk. Head coach Ken Shields was talking about the "doubting Thomases," players were talking about the postseason and everyone else was talking about the return of that Norse swagger.

In an instant, the talking stopped. There was silence. Cliff Clinton, NKU's senior center that drew unanimous preseason All-America attention and that is averaging 15.5 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, had a lump the size of a golf ball under his right arm.

He had a swollen lymph node and he was in serious pain.

"His arm just has not responded," Shields said. "But you have to play the game with the cards that are dealt to you."

NKU has been dealt one hellacious hand this season. Luck has certainly not been on the Norse's



MARSTON RETURN HOPEFUL: Junior Scott Marston hopes to return Thursday from his dislocated elbow injury.

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

side. However, before Clinton's injury, it had not killed the swagger. And just when they were beginning to get rolling...

"They had won nine of their last 10 games and had virtually locked up second place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference."

Now Ken Shields and his troops are facing the possibility of playing without the man Shields called

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Norse Win Two-Of-Three On Road

By Elden May
Staff Reporter

Most teams are happy when they win two road games in a week, much less three.

NKU tried for the elusive trifecta Saturday, but the recent lack of depth finally caught up with the Norse as they fell to Lewis University, 86-77 on Saturday.

The game was tight throughout the first half, which ended with a Kevin Listerman triple that gave NKU a 40-39 halftime lead.

NKU led 47-45 before Lewis went on a 12-0 run that sealed the game. The Norse drew within four late in the game, but the Flyers went to their big gun, Milosh Pujo, who finished with a game-high of 25 points.

Senior forward Andy Listerman led the Norse with 15 points. Junior forward Todd Clark pitched in with 12 points.

The loss of Clinton forced NKU to abandon the inside game that has been their strong point this season.

The Norse put up 33 attempts from three point range, hitting 13.

The loss dropped the Norse to 19-5 overall and 13-3 in the GLVC.

The loss is damaging because it drops NKU to two games behind GLVC leader Kentucky Wesleyan College. It also will likely drop NKU out of the no. 2 spot in the Great Lakes Region poll. That means NCAA would have to play a first round NCAA tournament game. NKU received bids by the last two seasons.

Earlier in the week, NKU racked up victories at Central State and Wisconsin-Parkside.

On Monday, NKU traveled to Wilberforce, Ohio, to take on Central State University. The Norse were in for a battle as they fell behind early 23-9, but rallied to claim a 68-64 victory. NKU got a big effort from senior center Cliff Clinton as he scored 20 points on 9-of-12 shooting and pulled down a career high 19 rebounds. Junior forward Todd Clark also chipped in 12 of his 20 points in the second half.

The play of the game came when freshman guard Brian Lawhon hit a three pointer in the final minutes to extend the Norse lead to 64-60.

From there, junior guard Kevin Listerman scored the final four points and the Norse escaped with a win over the NAIA Division I Marauders.

On Thursday, the Norse were without the services of Scott Marston, Cliff Clinton and three-point specialist Aaron Fehler when they traveled to Wisconsin-Parkside. The Norse didn't miss a beat as they routed the Rangers, 91-55.

Clark responded with 27 points. Freshman Craig Conley threw in 16 of his career-high 25 points in the first half as NKU raced to a 44-30 halftime lead.

The Norse put Parkside away with a 21-0 run to start the second half. As impressive as the offensive display was, the NKU defense was even better.

The Norse held Parkside to 33 percent shooting (19-of-57) and 0-of-14 from three point range.



FRESHMAN PHENOM: Freshman Craig Conley has assumed leadership of the Norse of late. He scored 25 and 24 points in GLVC play this week.

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Norse Fall To Lewis

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NKU women's basketball team dropped an important game to Lewis University 58-40 on Saturday.

The Norse, (12-4 GLVC, 16-8 overall), after winning their first eight conference games, have lost four of the last eight, and have fallen out of contention for the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship.

NKU scored only 13 points in the first half, as Lewis led by 13 at the intermission. The Norse finished with 40 points -- which tied a team record in offensive futility.

Forty points is the fewest ever scored by the team, matching a 1984 loss to Western Kentucky University (83-40).

NKU shot 28 percent from the floor and was out-rebounded by 14.

Junior Julie Stanley led the Norse with 14 points and seven rebounds. Junior Shannon Smith added nine points in the losing effort.

"Losing is a pretty humbling experience, and I think we're a humble team right now," said NKU head coach Nancy Winstel.

On Thursday, the Norse will host Kentucky Wesleyan College at 5:30 p.m. before traveling to Belknap College to wrap up the regular season on Saturday.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Name: Craig Conley
Sport: Men's Basketball
Accomplishment: Scored 25 points at Wisconsin Parkside and 24 points at Lewis University.

Youthful NKU Softball Team Prepared To Begin '98 Season

Biermann hopes for success in last season as NKU head coach

By Tony Bosch
Assistant Sports Editor

As she prepares for her final season with the Northern Kentucky University softball team, coach Mary Biermann faces the challenge of turning a young, inexperienced squad into a serious Great Lakes Valley Conference contender.

"We are a very young team," Biermann said. "We have a lot of freshmen who will have to fill positions for us."

Eight freshmen are featured on this season's roster, including the team's only pitchers—Jamie Moore and Kim Bina. Biermann said the Norse will need good pitching to stay competitive.

"A lot hinges on the rookie pitchers," Biermann said. "Once they gain experience, we will do some damage."

To handle the situation on the mound, Biermann added pitching coach Misty Bridges from Georgia Tech University. Biermann said Bridges' experience should help the young pitching staff adjust.

Biermann will share coaching duties this season with Angela Walter. Walter will handle the majority of the decisions on the field while Biermann will focus on practices.

"I've stepped back and let

Walter handle most of the roles," Biermann said.

Despite all these new faces on and off the field, the Norse have a strong veteran core this season.

Tri-captains Leah Hanna, Reagan Larbes and Stephanie Rowland will be expected to set the pace for their younger teammates.

"I've waited four years for the captain position," said senior Larbes, who will likely start as catcher. "I think our experience is going to help. If we come together, we'll be all right."

Larbes batted .313 for NKU last season. She scored 28 runs and recorded 26 RBI.

Senior infielder Hanna said she feels no additional pressure sharing the captain's position.

"The real pressure I feel is because it's my senior year," Hanna said. "I didn't have a good season last year and now I really want to go out with a bang." Hanna batted .289 for the Norse last season. She recorded 27 RBI, 50 hits and 35 runs.

Angela Walter

The Norse could also get a boost from the return of junior Andrea Thompson.

Thompson, who also plays volleyball under Biermann, could start as first baseman this season. Thompson sat out last season, but batted .317 two years ago for the Norse.

Biermann, who also coaches the NKU volleyball team, said stepping down after this season should help the Norse softball program in the future.

"The team needs a full-time coach," Biermann said. "It's too frustrating to handle two sports. It's not fair to the team or to myself."

Biermann's final season with the NKU softball team will begin on Feb. 28, when the Norse travel to Bellarmine College.

When the season concludes, Biermann said she will look forward to having a little bit more freedom. "I'd like to have a life," Biermann said. "I kind of miss that."

1998 NKU Softball Roster

(1997 Statistics)						
Name	Position	Year	Avg.	Hits	RBI	
Leah Hanna	Third Base	Sr.	.289	50	27	
Lori Hayes	Infield/Outfield	Sr.	.168	18	12	
Reagan Larbes	Catcher	Sr.	.313	42	26	
Shannon Storm	Catcher	Sr.	.295	28	16	
Stephanie Rowland	Outfield	Jr.	.344	55	18	
Andrea Thompson	First Base	Jr.		did not play		
Holly Trauth	Outfield	So.	.279	39	19	
Kim Bina	Pitcher	Fr.				
Becky Bulach	First Base	Fr.				
Kelly Coyle	Infield	Fr.				
Vanessa Jones	Catcher	Fr.				
Jill Kaliszewski	Third Base	Fr.				
Kerry McKee	Infield	Fr.				
Janie Moore	Pitcher	Fr.				
Leanne Sessa	Infield	Fr.				

Pitching Coach: Misty Bridges

Co-Coaches: Mary Biermann and Angela Walter

1998 NKU Softball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Feb. 28	at Bellarmine (DH)	noon
Mon.	March 2	at Midway (DH)	4 p.m.
Wed.	March 4	at Indianapolis (DH)*	3 p.m.
Sat.	March 7	at Morehead State (DH)	2 p.m.
S-T	March 14-17	at Pensacola, Fla.	TBA
Sat-Sun	March 21-22	vs. Lewis (DH) (at Indy)*	TBA
		vs. Saint Joseph's (DH)*	
		vs. Wisconsin-Parkside (DH)*	
Tues.	March 24	at Mount St. Joseph (DH)	3 p.m.
Wed.	March 25	at IPFW (DH)*	3 p.m.
Sat-Sun	March 28-29	at SIU-Edwardsville (DH)*	TBA
		vs. Missouri-St. Louis (DH)*	
		vs. Quincy (DH)*	
Tues.	March 31	IPFW (DH)*	3 p.m.
Wed.	April 1	INDIANAPOLIS (DH)*	3 p.m.
Sat-Sun	April 4-5	at Saint Joseph's (DH)*	TBA
		vs. Lewis (DH)*	
		vs. Wisconsin-Parkside (DH)*	
Mon.	April 6	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH (DH)	4 p.m.
Fri-Sat	April 10-11	BELLARMINE (DH)*	TBA
		SOUTHERN INDIANA (DH)*	
		KENTUCKY WESLEYAN (DH)*	
Wed.	April 15	IUPUI (DH)	4 p.m.
Fri-Sat	April 17-18	GLVC Tournament (at Kenosha, Wis.)	
Wed.	April 22	at Ashland (DH)	4 p.m.
Sat.	April 25	at Shawnee State (DH)	noon
Wed.	April 29	MIDWAY (DH)	4 p.m.

*Great Lakes Valley Conference

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

NKU senior catcher Reagan Larbes will likely start as catcher for the Norse this season.



Senior Leah Hanna should start at third base for NKU. Hanna batted .289 for the Norse last season.

SWAGGER

Now the team will have to rely on its supporting cast to prevent a fourth place finish. The "spokes", as Shields calls them, will be called upon to step forward and carry the Norse through the remainder of the season.

"We don't have any free rides from here on out," said junior guard Kevin Listerman after Saturday's loss. "Hopefully that'll help us in the GLVC Tournament."

The Norse will need to rely on winning attitude to see them through the final weeks of the season. That attitude, some have said, has been the driving force of NKU's success this season.

And now it may be all the team has. Injuries have riddled the squad, leaving its two leading scorers on the bench.

Scott Marston has missed two weeks with a dislocated left (shooting) elbow.

Though Marston is slated to make a possible return Thursday against Kentucky Wesleyan, his shooting may be severely hampered by the sore elbow, therapists say.

Senior guard Demond Lane and junior guard Aaron Fehler have both been sidelined with ankle injuries. Freshman Brian Lawhon has been hampered by a bruised calf.

Yet, through it all, NKU has continued to win.

"You look at our record and the team we put on the floor and some would say we shouldn't be this close," Kevin Listerman said.

Shields said that even the loss of Clinton has not dented his squad. "This is the most courageous team I've ever had," Shields said. "They think they can win without Cliff."

As a result, players like Todd Clark, Andy Listerman and Craig Conley have stepped up to lead NKU.

The Norse will need them, and others to step up even more if the team hopes to do any postseason damage.

A Special Cole's Pit Poem:

Sometimes I am obnoxious
And sometimes I am rude.
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THE NORTHERNER, Wednesday, February 18, 1998

It's About Time To Face The Facts

By Gabrielle Dion
Editor In Chief

It's all about perception.

Whether there is a "problem" with student parking at NKU is the perception at hand. I often overhear people whining about how bad the parking situation is at NKU. They say things like, "Man, I drove around for 20 minutes today looking for a spot!" Then I hear people reply to them, "You think it's bad here, try parking at the University of Cincinnati." How students at NKU perceive the situation ranges from "It sucks" to "It's not that bad." But students aren't in the position to do anything about it.

That's why it is a shame that university administrators have the "It's not that bad" attitude.

Maybe campus planning should have asked the question, "How bad does it have to get before we do something about it?"

I think last week's incident is evidence that the situation IS that bad. When two students get into a physical fight over a parking spot, it's time to do something about it.

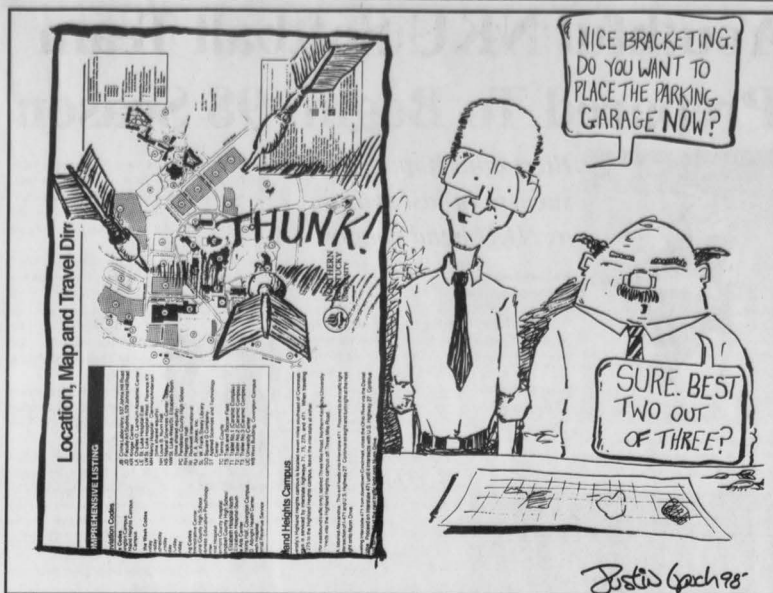
Student enrollment went up by 2.8 percent this year. That is 314 more students than we had last year. Technically, they could all be here at once. Why isn't there enough parking to accommodate them all?

In the sake of fairness, it only takes about a five minute wait for a spot to open up somewhere. It's not like NKU is sending students away because there is nowhere to park. At least not literally. Time and time again, it has been said that the students are the consumers of the university. How does it look when the consumers come here to buy, and can't find a spot to park? And if they can find a spot, they have to worry about getting beat up by someone else who was waiting for the same spot. If Florence Mall had that problem, they would be building a parking garage immediately to remedy the situation. The people who collect the revenue for Florence Mall don't want to lose any customers. What about NKU's customers?

There is supposed to be a parking garage under construction by this fall at NKU. However, it's too little, too late. The 300 to 350 spots that this parking garage is supposed to hold will not be enough to help the problem significantly. By the time they get this parking garage up, it'll be time to put up another one.

NKU administrators look toward enrollment increases for the new millennium. Students will come here if there is ample and convenient parking. Convenience is the key here. It doesn't matter how bad it is at UC, students at NKU demand close parking. Again it comes back to perception. Many NKU students look at the parking situation in comparison with parking at the mall, or in their driveways—they just don't want to have to walk far. Call it lazy, call it silly, but that's what NKU students demand.

Maybe campus planning ought to look at how to prevent another incident like the one that happened Tuesday. Maybe more parking garages or shuttles from the back parking lots will help solve the problem. But, something has to be done. It's time to look at the raw facts, instead of relying on mere perceptions.



Hey U.

by Justin Lynch and Steve Durm



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NORTH POLL

WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE THE NKU CAMPUS SAFER?

By Anna Weaver and
Suzanne FlemingTurquoise Garrard
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"I feel safe on campus. I walk by myself all the time and I've never had any problems."

Jennifer Shaffer
Speech
Paducah

"I think it's pretty safe already. I live on campus and I see DPS officers a lot."

Laura Turner
Communications
Somerset

"The escort system should be better. Some students are afraid to call because they think DPS won't come."

Ryan Deters

Aviation Administration
Lexington

"The campus is too dim. The walkways and the roads need to be lighter."

Mildred Patterson
Psychology
Cincinnati

"DPS should make sure they come and get you when you need an escort and there should be more lights at nighttime."

Marie Bailey
Middletown, Oh
Undeclared

"DPS should be more concerned with safety than just writing tickets."



A "Part-Time" Solution?

Dear Editor:

About fifteen years ago, I suggested that Northern Kentucky University respond to the perennial problem of extremely low pay for part-time faculty, full-time lecturers, and full-time clerical staff by distributing the money available for raises in terms of actual dollar amounts rather than as a percentage of salaries. That suggestion was ignored then and probably will be ignored now. After all, the new twenty percent salary system automatically awards most of the actual dollars to the persons with the greatest salaries, the same persons who make these kinds of decisions.

Why should they want to change the system? I don't know, but I do know why the system needs to be changed: because almost everyone agrees that the present situation is terribly wrong and has been terribly wrong for far too long.

There are three employee groups at NKU that contain the most underpaid persons: part-time faculty, full-time lecturers, and full-time clerical staff. Part-time faculty, almost all of whom have earned at least a Masters Degree, usually make \$1155 or \$1365 per course per semester. Most full-time lecturers, who have earned at least a Masters Degree and perhaps taught full-time at NKU for up to 10 years, make less than \$25,000 a year. Some full-time clerical staff make around \$20,000, but many make significantly less.

Let's take a hypothetical exam-

ple. Say Administrator Goliath makes \$100,000 dollars a year and Lecturer David makes \$20,000. (Actually, these figures are not far from NKU reality.) Let's also say 5% is available for raises. Administrator Goliath gets a raise of \$5000 while Lecturer David gets \$1000. You could say that both get "equal" 5% raises. Or you could say that Administrator Goliath gets five times the raise that Lecturer David gets. The difference between salaries before the raise was \$80,000. After the "equal" 5% raise, the difference increases to \$84,000. And that kind of thing occurs year after year after year.

That's how the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, in relation to each other. The traditional percentage system can get downright disgusting. A few years ago, part-time faculty got a raise, believe it or not, of 5%. I remember listening to the Provost proudly informing me

part-time faculty at an orientation meeting of the fact that part-timers got a 5% raise when full-time faculty got only 3%. The Provost did say that 5% was still not enough, but he did not say that 5% of \$1100 is \$55, that 5% of \$1300 is \$65. Part-time faculty got at most a raise of \$65 per course per semester. That is the honest fact.

In the David and Goliath example above, where 5% of the two "Salaries," or \$6000, was available

for raises, we could distribute the money as dollars rather than as percentages. We could award both Administrator Goliath and Lecturer David an "equal" amount of \$3000. The cost to the University would be the same. The only negative consequence might be a name-change demand made by Administrator Goliath. Granted.

I propose that for one year Northern Kentucky University place a cap on raises and distribute the remaining dollars above the cap to the most underpaid persons — the part-time faculty, full-time lecturers, and full-time clerical staff. Here's how it might work.

Say the money available for raises is the same as last year — 3% of all 1997 salaries. If a cap of \$1000 were imposed on raises, so that even Administrator Goliath would be left over so that lecturers could be granted more than 3% — could probably be granted the full \$1000, the same as Administrator Goliath! — and part-time faculty salaries could be seriously, truly, and permanently enhanced WITHOUT COSTING THE UNIVERSITY DOLLARS IT DOES NOT HAVE. No University official could claim, "The University can't afford it. The money just is not there."

This idea would positively change the present abusive situation immediately and significantly. Some might argue that this scheme robs Peter to pay Paul. Well, rich Peter has been robbing poor Paul for years. So what if the tables are turned for once? It's about time and the right thing to do.

Paul Ellis, Director
Learning Assistance Program

Disabled Student Questions NKU's Service To Special Needs

To The Editor,

I would like to address an injustice that goes on at NKU's campus every day. I hope that all professors on NKU's campus will please take note, there are students on campus that have special needs.

As professors it is your job to accommodate these needs. More than that, as people who are shaping the minds of the future, you owe more.

You owe doing whatever you can to make these students successful and productive adults of the future.

When I say special needs I mean physically disabled students.

There is much more to this issue than parking spaces and entry ramps.

What about the visually impaired students who have to constantly navigate the ever-changing debris littering Landrum's halls, or decipher the routinely poor photocopies given out in classes?

What about the hearing-impaired students who must struggle through films and narrated videos with no offer from anyone to supply an alternate choice?

A large portion of NKU's professors are kind, but that is all. I am sorry, but that is not enough.

A small part are rude and hostile toward making any extra effort in their classes for us. That is not right. Isn't a

college campus the place to promote equality?

Disabled students who have reached the college level have already proven their determination to rise above the norm, their dedication to making something out of their lives.

We need support on campus beyond the abilities of Dale Adams in disabled services. He does not teach us. You do.

I am a hearing-impaired student at NKU.

I have worn hearing aids since the age of six, at this time in my life I hear at 50% of the normal level while wearing two hearing aids.

I have never had any special education or special help. I am now a senior journalism major at NKU and I have not enjoyed my college experience very much, this is largely been due to my classroom experiences.

I sit in the front of my classes. I have worn every page that I am assigned in my classes because sometimes my lecture notes are inadequate.

I inform my instructors of my disability, at least I used to. Now I do not always because I have grown tired of the awkwardness they develop toward me. I feel it is time that attention be paid to this issue.

I am hearing impaired, I accepted it long ago, it is you who are uncomfortable.

I am fairly confident that most physically disabled people feel the same way.

We live the way we are, it does not make us uncomfortable to

discuss the limitations of our specific disability.

I do not expect you to copy your lecture notes for me, but if you play a film that is not closed captioned, then yes, you should supply notes on that film.

It is not my responsibility to get and rely on the notes of a fellow student.

I had a professor in the English department tell me that the headphones in media services would benefit me. Hello! I can't even use the telephone.

Of course I dropped the class, that was a sign his intelligence was overrated.

Also, are the televisions on campus closed captioned? If not, why?

If so, then please distribute a memo alerting Professors of this fact. This is 1998. These alternate devices have been around for a long time. People in position such as educators should certainly be informed about them by now.

So this letter is a plea to educators here at NKU and everywhere in fact.

By law, it is your job to accommodate us, educate us and prepare us for the future. The physically disabled have been left behind all of our lives in one way or another.

We are paying the university to educate us because we want to catch up and move ahead.

Thank you... Stacy Ridgway

"...I do know why the system needs to be changed: because almost everyone agrees that the present situation is terribly wrong and has been terribly wrong for far too long."

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HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

February 15 through February 21, 1998

	Aries (March 21 - April 19) Life is full of surprises; that has never been more true than now. Think twice before making long-term commitments.
	Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You may begin thinking about making financial investments. Do some research and stay away from risky ventures.
	Gemini (May 21 - June 20) If it is possible, put off your travel plans until a later date. You will discover more than one reason why it is a good idea to stay close to home.
	Cancer (June 21 - July 22) You have been nosing around other people's business; now you may have to pay the consequences. Sometimes no news is good news.
	Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Get turned on to eating healthy and discover how it can change your life. Your new outlook will take you far.
	Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) A love interest may seem a little preoccupied. Don't be too pushy or you will risk losing everything. Your patience will be rewarded.
	Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Don't let your partner's insecurities bring you down. Believe in yourself and do what is best for your peace of mind.
	Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Be prepared to defend yourself when your work ethic is questioned. Keep your temper no matter what happens.
	Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) A friend gives you a chance to do something new and exciting. The question is whether you are ready for such a big adventure.
	Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) A health matter may be more critical than you thought. Listen to your health-care professionals; follow their advice to the letter.
	Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) You may discover a talent you never knew you had. A family member may visit or call with some terrific news.
	Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) A problem with finances may require the help of a professional. Romance is on the way, and you had better be ready for anything.

Born this week:

Feb. 15 - Chae Bloom, Matt Greening
Feb. 16 - LeVar Burton
Feb. 17 - Hal Hillebrand, Michael Jordan, Leo Diamond Phillips
Feb. 18 - Mar Dillon, Toni Morrison
Feb. 19 (cont.) - Jack Palance, John Travolta
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