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Pieces Of Art Stolen From Gallery

Budget eliminated security system

By Chris Specht
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David Mesple's fingers did the walking... right out of Main Gallery.

Two works of art valued over \$1,100 were stolen from Northern Kentucky University's Main Gallery last Wednesday, gallery director David Knight said.

Knight said the thief of thieves took artist David Mesple's "Nailed" and "Timeline" between 2:30 and 3:00 that afternoon.

Sergeant Charlene Schweitzer of the Department of Public Safety said the case is being treated as a burglary.

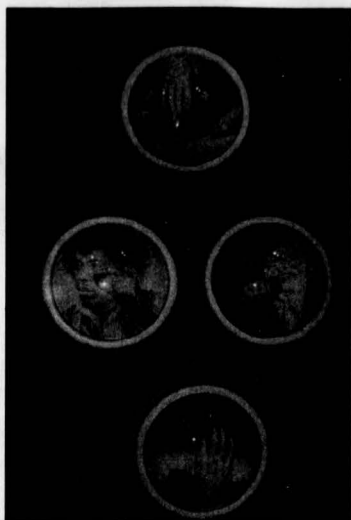
The DPS had no suspects as of Monday, she said.

Knight said the gallery has suffered acts of vandalism and minor thefts but nothing this major.

One problem the art department faces is the lack of a security system in the galleries, Knight said.

"Five years ago the galleries were renovated. A security system was originally in the budget, but that had to be cut," he said.

Knight said the art department



STOLEN ART: The piece of artwork on the bottom is the piece that was stolen from the Main Gallery. There are no suspects at this time.

has asked for funds in the past for a monitor, work studies students, or other security options. "We hope this will put some initiative to reconsider a security system for both galleries,"

he said.

Art students have offered a temporary solution of monitoring the galleries while studying. Kristen Sekowski, senior art major, watched the Main Gallery

Friday afternoon.

"I think it's really sad that it should come to this," Sekowski said.

"They've wanted security here for a long time. The library has a security system. You can't walk out of the library with a magazine, but you can walk out of here with a thousand dollars worth of paintings," she said.

Sekowski said she was shocked that someone at the university would steal from the gallery.

"It's pretty nerve-y," she said. Knight said he was across the hall from the Main Gallery in the Third Floor Gallery photographing at the time of the theft.

Besides the paintings, the labels identifying the works were taken, he said.

"It could have easily not been discovered until Thursday morning," Knight said.

The exhibit has been open since February 13 and will continue through March 14, though the gallery will only open when students are available to monitor it.

Mesple will be on campus Thursday for a public lecture in the University Center Theatre at 7 p.m.

His "Nailed" is a color "xerox-ed" triptych, or a three-paneled piece. "Timeline" is graphite on "geosoid."

Schweitzer said anyone having information on the theft can call the DPS at 572-5500.

Calls will remain anonymous, she said.

Not Easy Being Candidate

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Being a presidential candidate for a university is not as easy as sending a resume and having an interview.

According to President Emeritus Leon Boothe, the entire process can be draining.

"You're in the public spotlight... the limelight. It's pretty stressful," Boothe said. "It's a very tiring process. I always enjoyed it to tell you the truth; although, I was always exhausted after doing that type of thing."

That 'type of thing' includes starting a nonstop day at 7 a.m.

"It's a very, very tiring process because you have to be up, you have to be on your guard, you have to be careful of what you say," he said.

"You want to be careful you're not bad-mouthing your former institution."

When a presidential search begins, Boothe said the people who would like to be considered for the position either apply or they are nominated by their colleagues.

"Those are the two ways you could be considered," he said. "If people know you're in the market, people or colleagues will put your name in."

But that, he said is the easy part. In most search processes, the candidate goes through preliminary interviews, usually off-campus, Boothe said.

After those are completed, the search committee recommends the final candidates.

At this phase of the search, there is an issue of privacy. At NKU, the final three candidates names were announced together, but two days

before the scheduled visits to campus. Bob Zapp, the spokesperson for the selection committee said that out of respect for the candidate's right to privacy, the names wouldn't be released prior to the campus visits.

Boothe said the privacy issue is very real to many candidates, especially sitting presidents at other universities.

"There are a lot of people where it's a very touchy situation," he said. "It's so funny, because if it's a vice president trying to get a presidency, most people understand that. But if it's a sitting president, then people tend, sometimes at their home institution, to think he or she isn't totally committed. It's a tricky situation."

The issues the presidential search committee asks run the gamut, Boothe said.

"How do you relate to legislatures? Have you experience fund-raising? How well do you relate to the governance groups on campus," he said are questions they might consider asking each candidate. "You can be sure football will be a question that will be asked."

There will be negotiations once the final choice has been made. "Salary, expectations of the board, perks of the job: car, the house... those types of things are all part of negotiations," Boothe said.

"Of course the Board could make a decision, if the number one person didn't take it, and the other two are unacceptable, they could either start it all over again or they could re-open the search... or heaven forbid, they could go for another interim year," he said. "I say heaven forbid because I don't think any institution, even if you've got the best interim president in the world, I don't think any institution profits by having an interim for two years."

The Board of Regents will make the final decision in April.



Leon Boothe

Elite Eight Bound

Norse take 2nd consecutive GLVC Regional Championship

By John Kirtley
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University men's basketball head coach Ken Shields is a religious man.

He attends church regularly, and on road trips with his basketball team he attempts to find a local parish so he can attend Mass before Norse road games.

In the Great Lakes Region Tournament at the University of Indianapolis' Nicoson Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it looked like his trips to church were beginning to pay off.

Shields and his Norse defeated the Oakland University Pioneers Saturday, 101-87, to capture NKU's second consecutive Great Lakes Region championship.

NKU advances to the 1997 NCAA Division II Elite Eight beginning March 19 in Louisville, Ky.

"Who would've thought we would've been playing Oakland in this game, but we're just glad we won the ball game and that we're going back to Louisville," Shields said.

The Norse opened the first-half with a 22-13 lead before OU availed themselves with a NCAA Division II tournament record-tying three-point field goal barrage.

OU connected on 11 three-pointers and shot 55 percent behind the arc in the first half.

Pioneer senior guard Kevin Kovach, averaging 25.5 points per game in the tournament, connected on three three-pointers while freshman guard Mike Riley made six.

Riley's final three-point marker gave OU a 49-48 halftime lead.

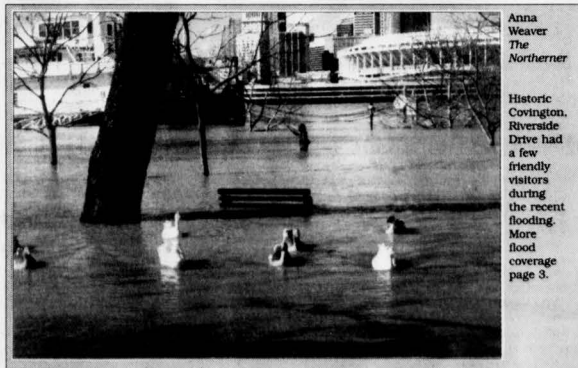
"I just told Shannon Minor he's the quickest player I've ever had on offense and he better become the quickest on defense," Shields said. "I told him he had one more chance to get in his [Riley] britches and he did a much better job in the second half. That was a big key."

Shields' paint peeling worked. Riley made two three-pointers in the second half and the Pioneers' hot hands cooled to an 18 percent clip from three-point range in the second half.

"I thought my defense in the second half was a lot better. I got chewed out at halftime, but that's what we need sometimes to motivate us," Minor said. "I got motivated because the senior I am and I came out and just played better defense."

The Pioneers clung to a three-point lead at the 16:10 mark of the second half before NKU senior forward LaRon Moore took over. "I thought that LaRon Moore in the second half, when we really had to have someone step up, stepped up big for us," Shields said.

Moore's three-point play at the



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Historic Covington, Riverside Drive had a few friendly visitors during the recent flooding. Norse flood coverage page 3.

15:54 mark tied the game at 58. The Norse proceeded to a 22-11 run over 7:18 and forged its biggest lead of the game at 80-69, with Moore providing nine.

The 1st-team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection finished with a game-high and career-high 35 points; 20 in the second half.

"It was just an effort that I didn't want to lose. If we would've lost we would've gotten here for nothing," Moore said. "If we're going to be here we might as well finish all our goals and go get the national championship."

The Pioneers, who tied a NCAA Division II tournament record with 13 three-pointers, would not go quietly, climbing within four points at 84-80. But one of Minor's two three-point field goals of the game with 3:12 remaining pushed the lead back to seven and NKU iced the game with nine free throws down

the stretch.

"The whole time I was thinking, 'can they really shoot this good consistently?'" NKU senior guard Andy Listerman said. "It was their third game in three days and in the first half they played a lot on adrenaline and they kind of lost their legs in the second half."

While NKU's defense needed a second-half kick start, the NKU offense was in high gear all game.

The Norse shot 52 percent from the field, 50 percent from three-point range and 82 percent from the free-throw line. NKU committed just five turnovers against a team forcing 18 per game in its previous two contests. Shields' backcourt of Minor, the Listermans and junior Demond Lane combined for 18 assists and one turnover.

"NKU kept the game fast and we told our kids the game had to be in the 70s," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "The game was at

their pace. It was a shoot-out and they had more weapons than we did."

In an upset-minded tournament, No. 6 seed Quincy University knocked off No. 3 seed University of Southern Indiana Thursday and No. 3 seed OU upset No. 1 seed and host University of Indianapolis Friday.

USI beat NKU March 1 and UI was the only team to beat the Norse twice this season.

"Let's face it. We're surprised that Southern Indiana lost and that Indianapolis lost; especially on their home court," Shields said.

NKU senior forward Paul Cluxton was six-for-six from the free-throw line, extending his NCAA men's basketball record for consecutive free throws made to 91.

The Norse play Texas A&M University-Commerce in the first round of the Elite Eight March 19 at 9 p.m.

And The Candidates Are...

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

The Presidential Search Committee has named its three finalists for the position of President of Northern Kentucky University.

Dr. Marlene I. Strathe, who has a Ph.D. in Education/Research and Evaluation, is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of North Dakota. In her cover letter to the selection committee, Strathe stated, "My experience in higher education has been both rewarding and challenging. I believe the opportunity described at NKU is very compatible with my background and experiences." Strathe visited toured NKU's campus Monday.

Dr. James Votruba, who has a Ph.D. in Higher Education, is Vice Provost for University Outreach, Michigan State University. In his cover letter, Votruba stated, "What I would bring to Northern Kentucky is a well developed vision for the 21st century university that incorporates both the highest standards of academic excellence with strong connections to the external public." Votruba visited visited NKU on Wednesday.

Dr. Donald Mash, who has a Ph.D. in Higher Education, is the President of Wayne State College, Nebraska. "I think I have the leadership as well as the vision for what a relatively new institution can become in a growing dynamic metropolitan area," Mash said. Mash will be visiting NKU's campus on Friday.

Delta's Reservations Office Opens Doors

By Marie Curry
Staff Reporter

Don't worry, you're not losing your mind if you're getting lost in the University Center, it's just a game of musical rooms.

What was once the home of the game room is now the new office of Delta Airlines and Student Activities. The Women's Center also will be moving into the old Student Activities office.

On Monday, March 3, Delta opened its doors at NKU. This day started a 10-week training session for the student employees. After training, the students will be qualified to take reservations for Delta Airlines.

NKU is the third university in

the United States to try out the College/Airline Reservation Office Combination. The other two offices are located in Salt Lake City at Weber State and Georgia at Clayton State.

The office hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The business operation is open during scheduled university holidays. Reservations can be made by calling the general reservation number at 721-1000.

Faith Kenney, coordinator/supervisor and Eileen Glasgow, supervisor, are running the Delta office. They supervise the office and conduct interviewing.

"The recruiting of students during the middle of the semester was a terrific success," Kenney said.



HEADS UP: A worker was putting the finishing touches on the Delta Reservations Office for its March 3 opening.

"The students that started on Monday seemed to be eager, attentive and excited about the new venture with Delta."

Kenney said it is not too late for students to join the Delta team. Qualifications are academic full-time status, and a GPA of 2.2 or more. Student employees are also eligible for airline flight benefits.

Interested students can receive applications from the Career Development Center or at the upcoming job fair.

Currently, Delta has hired 48 students and plan to eventually run with a staff of 200. "Delta is continuing to hire even though training has started-training will always be available," Kenney said.

On Wednesday, March 5, the Student Activities office moved into the new office suites located

next to Delta.

The Women's Center is scheduled to move into the old Student Activities office on the second floor of the University Center, but the move is temporarily on hold, due to Women's History Month.

"This is a very busy time for us," Katherine Meyer, coordinator of the Women's Center, said.

The space committee is still deciding where this office will relocate from its current third floor office in BEP.

"It has been tentatively stated that this office will move into the old Student Affairs office, but there has been no official ruling yet," Meyer said.

The final decision will come from the space committee.

Hewan Taking Expertise to Jamaica

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

Prof. Clinton Hewan, of the Political Science department, will be taking a break from NKU to teach foreign policy in Jamaica.

Hewan will be completing a one-semester sabbatical at the University of the West Indies-Mona Campus in Kingston. While there, he will be teaching a class on "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Developing World."

"I will be in the Department of Government in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University," Hewan said.

He will also complete his second book. The book is a study of Politics and International Relations of the island of Jamaica, Trinidad-Tobago, and Barbados.

from colonialism to independence.

Linda Bennett, Political Science department chair said,



Clinton Hewan

"We will miss his contributions during his leave as he is a valued member of the department."

Hewan is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a

B.A. in Political Science, and an M.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in International Law and Foreign Policy, and a Ph.D. in Political Science with his emphasis on International Politics. Hewan has taught at NKU for eight years and was tenured last January.

Hewan teaches several classes in politics including: International Politics, International Law, and Comparative Politics.

Hewan took a group of 10 students to Spaulding University last November for a Model United Nations Conference. They brought home the first place prize in the Security Council as the best delegation.

Hewan said he is looking forward to going to the University of West Indies because he has many fond memories from his younger

years, having gone to school with many of the faculty members.

Both NKU and the University of West Indies will benefit from this exchange, Hewan said. He will also be making contacts for the CCSA Program at NKU.

Hewan said, "I hope that both universities will establish lasting links where we can exchange students as well as faculty."

NKU will benefit quite a bit because of the invitation from such a prestigious university, Hewan said.

"I will be rubbing shoulders with highly intellectual giants and I am looking forward to it," Hewan said.

Senior political science major Michael Ash said, "He will be missed. He is the reason I declared political science as my major. I think he is a great teacher."

Provost Mauldin Heading Back to Class

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

Associate Provost Rosetta Mauldin is resigning from her position after three years, to return to the classroom.

"I am resigning to finish my sabbatical," Mauldin said. "It was granted before I took the position here, and I want to complete the project while it is still current."

Mauldin has a B.A. in Social Work from Hampton University (Va.), an M.S.W. from Ohio State University and a Ph.D. in Social Work, also from Ohio State University.

Duties of the Associate Provost include: serving on several academic affairs committees, being responsible for 12 academic programs (such as developmental Math, developmental Reading, Honors, International Studies, and Research) acting as vice president when the Provost is absent, and participating in new faculty

orientation, student appeals on academic matters, and special projects from time to time.

June 30 will be Mauldin's last day and she will then finish her sabbatical in research on enhancing international content in social work curriculum, so that it may be taught on a more global perspective.

"After the sabbatical I will



Rosetta Mauldin

rejoin the faculty in the Social Work Department here at NKU," Mauldin said.

The search for an associate provost is already in the process. Mauldin said that a search committee has been set up and will be accepting applications until March 24.

Paul Gaston, Provost/Executive Vice-President said, "Doctor Mauldin has brought to the position of Associate Provost a remarkable sensitivity to a student based university."

"She is remarkably sensitive to faculty concern, student needs, and community services."

Respiratory Care Recruiting Students

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

The Respiratory Care Program at Northern Kentucky University is trying to recruit students for the 1997 fall semester and increase program awareness.

Program Director Robert Langenderfer said most people do not know what the Respiratory Care Program is about.

The Respiratory Care Program offers an associate degree and is part of the Department of Allied Health, Human Services, and Social

Work. The program is 21 months long, covering two school years and the summer in between.

Approximately 16 students can be accepted into the program annually, but there have always been open spaces.

Eric Stephenson, a first year Respiratory Care student, said the program doesn't get enough recognition.

Respiratory Care students begin working in local hospitals during their first year with routine patients. In the summer, they learn to work with patients on artificial ventilators, and in their second year they learn spe-

cialties such as pediatric and home care.

Langenderfer said that the Respiratory Care Program is for people who have a strong science and math background and want to help people in the medical field. He said that it is an exciting and rewarding field, but like other medical careers, long, around the clock hours are involved.

Langenderfer said the students get to know the staff at the hospitals and then have an inside track when jobs open up.

Gary Brown, a first year Respiratory Care student, said a large benefit of the program is

that students can start working and making money in their first year.

According to Langenderfer, of the eight students about to graduate this spring, five are already working with limited student licenses.

Langenderfer said all graduates are working and that starting salaries are between \$25,000 and \$27,000.

He also said two 1993 graduates are hospital department heads.

People interested in the Respiratory Care Program should call at 572-5777, 572-5608, or 572-5476.

RAD Takeoff Delayed Once More Self-Defense Program Needs Sponsors For Books

By Ayumu Kondo
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University's Department of Public Safety is again getting ready to hold a program of self-defense for female students after two delays.

The program is called "Rape Aggressive Defense." It aims to teach women how to defend themselves in case of an attack.

The program has already been delayed twice since Jan. 1,

because of funding difficulties.

DPS Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer said she found a sponsor who can supply pads and instructor suits.

She said she wants to begin the program as soon as the equipment is obtained.

Schweitzer still needs another sponsor to take care of the books for which the students will have to pay.

For cheaper cost of the program, she needs to purchase at

least 50 books at a time, she said.

She expects the program will cost \$15-20 for each student.

RAD is a nation-wide system. Schweitzer and Officer Kevin Matthews of DPS attended a 10-day program in Lexington to become certified to teach the program.

They are the only two who can teach the program to NKU female students.

The program consists of 12-

hour sessions, on four consecutive days, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Schweitzer and Matthews will teach 10 students per session.

Once the students complete the course, they receive a life-time certificate which allows them to take the course again free at any time anywhere in the country.

DPS has distributed the brochure for the program in the residence halls. Schweitzer said 30 people have already signed up for the program.

Masters Program Widens Options Technology and Accounting Degrees Are Now Available

By Shannon Graham
Staff Reporter

Within the next year, the Technology and Accounting departments at Northern Kentucky University will offer students the chance to obtain a Master's degree.

The Department of Technology will be the first, offering its students a Master of Science in Technology degree, according to Charles Pinder, chairperson of the Technology Department.

Pinder said the first two classes in the Master's program will be offered this fall.

In order to obtain this degree, he said, students must complete six core upper-level technology courses, including the two new classes.

Students must then choose between two tracks: Technology Management or Industrial and Engineering Systems.

The total number of hours needed to graduate from this program, he said, is approximately 33 semester hours.

Pinder said that the decision to add the Master's program to the Technology Department was officially approved by the Council on Higher Education in late January.

"It will be unlike any other Master's program in the area," he said.

According to Pinder, technology students who obtain a Master's degree will receive more opportunities for higher-level positions. He said there is a big need in the technology

field for students with Master's degrees.

Technology majors who are interested in this Master's program can contact the Department of Technology in ST 206 or call 572-5441.

Linda Marquis, chairperson of the Accounting Department, said her department hopes to offer the first class in the Master's program in the fall of 1998. Marquis said it took about eight years for her department to convince NKU to add this Master's program.

Marquis said she believes that adding the Master's degree program will have a positive effect on the Accounting Department. "It will draw better undergraduate students to our program," she said.

Marquis believes it will be more beneficial for accounting majors to obtain a Master's rather than a Bachelor's degree. A Bachelor's degree will give the student the adequate education needed for an entry-level job, she said, but a Master's will present the student with better job opportunities.

Anyone interested in this upcoming Master's program can contact the accounting department in BEP 469 or call 572-6526.

Sarah Smith, a sophomore accounting major, said she is glad that NKU will be offering a Master's degree in Accounting. "It's about time," Smith said. "Now we won't have to go to another school to get a Master's, which makes it very convenient."

Clowning Around



Anna Weaver
The Northernner

WHAT'S A CLOWN TO DO:

Barnum & Bailey Circus Clown Paul Miller searches for his fiancée Renee Reigler at Sletsky Library Wednesday. Circus shows were cancelled due to flooding. He accompanied NKU grad and fellow clown Harry Mueller to flood relief stations in New Richmond and Columbia to cheer up flood victims.

Local Businesses Team Up To Help Flood Victims

By Gabrielle Dion
Executive Editor

After Ohio River flooding submerged homes and businesses in Greater Cincinnati last week, the community responded full force.

WNKU is just one of the radio stations contributing to the cause of helping flood victims.

NKU students and the Northern Kentucky community responded to public service announcements from WNKU. The station collected a 10-foot truckload of items for the flood victims in a 24-hour period, which was donated to St. Vincent DePaul last week.

The station is still fielding calls from people who want to help. Assistant General Manager for Development and Marketing Vickie Ellis said the radio station's main goal is trying to inform people how to help.

"There are a lot of different places doing a lot of different things, that's the best thing we can do right now," she said. She said the American Red Cross is

handling volunteers and monetary donations and St. Vincent DePaul is handling all other "items" donations. Victims are still very much in need of items like water, generators and kerosene,



Rising Waters: This house on Riverside Drive in Historic Covington normally sits on the Ohio River. During the flooding it sat in the Ohio River.

Ellis said.

Ellis said the next step for the radio station will be clean-up after the river goes down. She said in five to 10 days the victims will need furniture, and WNKU will

do what they can to help.

The station will decide how to help next as the needs arise.

"We have to wait and see," Ellis said. "We're taking it as it happens, there's still a lot of people in need."

WNKU is airing public service announcements to update listeners about what they can do to help.

Other radio stations have also used their medium to help flood victims. The Jacor, Inc. stations have teamed up to collect goods and money for the flood victims. They broadcast from drop-off locations around the city where people could donate items.

Another radio station, WGRR, formed a task force called "Flood Fighters," which have six drop-off spots at Bigg's locations that are manned 24 hours a day. Also, they have a Web site that tells people what they can do to help.

WGRR is airing public service announcements every hour to tell the public what they can do.

Special Services Administrator for WGRR Nadine Gunther said the station

will be organizing a group to help clean up.

"As we see further needs arise, we're going to be out to help as much as we possibly can."

Channel Z is also helping support the flood cause. They sponsored the annual Extreme Fest which took place last weekend at the University of Cincinnati's Shoemaker Center. The cost was \$5, and \$1 from every ticket went to the American Red Cross to help victims.

Also, local Arby's restaurants will match any amount that is given to Channel Z. If you can give only \$5, with the help of Arby's, you are really giving \$10.

So far, according to St. Vincent DePaul and The Red Cross, monetary and item donations have been plentiful and the whole community has come out to help.

What has not been forgotten in the community is these flood victims are in great need and can use anything they can get.

One Cincinnati restaurant realizes that. The Precinct on Columbia Parkway is giving a free steak dinner to anyone who is out of a home due to flooding.

Dorms House Victims

By Gina Holt
Northern Contributor

Houses destroyed, vehicles underwater, valuables lost and people missing are just some of the things the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati community has been experiencing due to the flooding.

Administrative Secretary of Admissions and student, Kristin Carskadon said NKU has been a huge help getting through this terrifying time for her and her husband Jim Carskadon.

The Carskadons live in Falmouth, Ky. The basement and the first floor of their home was completely under water due to the flood. They had to leave the house so quickly that they did not have a chance to save their valuables.

Dean of Students, Bill Lamb and Director of Residential Life, Patty Hayden decided that NKU had to find a solution for the flood victims.

The university is allowing students, faculty and staff who can not stay in their homes to stay in the dorms and apartments on campus.

Lamb said since the rooms were already vacant it is not costing the university anything to allow the flood victims to live on campus.

Director of Food Service, Andy Meeks said the cafeterias on campus are also doing everything they can to help.

Northern Commons Dining Hall is providing free meals for those stay-

ing on campus due to the flood. He said they will continue to feed them until they are able to go home.

The food service is also sending 50 gallons of soup, bread, bowls, cups and drinks to shelters in Falmouth everyday, Meeks said. They will continue to send the food until it is no longer needed.

Meeks said it is approximately costing the Food Service \$75 to \$100 a day to provide the free food.

Interim President, Jack Moreland said he is very pleased that the people of NKU are so willing to help.

"I have been very delighted and gratified at the response of the university community towards helping the people who were unfortunately impacted by the recent flood," he said.

Mrs. Carskadon said she has never been in a situation where she has had to ask for a place to live, clothes to wear or food to eat. However, now she has been forced to face that situation and is extremely grateful that NKU has so willingly provided for her and her husband.

On Friday she was completely astonished when she was handed a check for \$230. The money was donated in her name by people from NKU.

Mrs. Carskadon said she would expect this kind of support from a church, friends and family but not from the university and she is truly grateful.

She said, "We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the university."

Benevolent Association Offers Flood Aid

By Mimi Rook
Northern Contributor

The recent floods and the desire to help flood victims have focused campus attention on the Northern Kentucky University Benevolent Association.

It was the death of DPS Officer John Trapp in 1994 that inspired its origination. Trapp left behind a widow with 4 school-age children. Despite the obvious need, university Personnel Director Barbara Herald could not even release his paycheck to her until she had a court order deciding the executor of his estate.

Until then, as in most workplaces, people might collect money to help coworkers, but it was hit or miss. Herald knows about the personal situations of employees working on campus and she also knows the most about dealing with the ins and outs of employee benefits packages. But as personnel director, she cannot afford to provide preferential treatment to anyone, despite their circumstances.

In 1995, Herald was elected as a member of NKU's Board of Regents. Frustrated by her inability to directly help people in need, she said she realized that, "I can do something now." As staff regent she could finally provide assistance for faculty and staff when personal disasters struck, outside of the personnel office.

NKU administration backed the idea. Peter Hollister, then head of University Relations, suggested forming a benevolent association similar to that of his father's, a former fireman. Herald located one in operation at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. Using their guidelines, she and University Foundation member Jim Alford set up the association, and

tapped seven faculty, staff, and administrative members to assist in running the operation.

Herald says that although Dr. Boothe appointed the members, she gave him suggestions for members who she knew were

always willing to give freely of their time and money. The association advertised their services in the Faculty Campus Digest shortly before Christmas that year, suggesting that they show some holiday spirit by donating money to build the fund.

Names of association members are kept anonymous, but Dr. Lew Wallace, who died last year, got a special mention by Herald. She said he was one member of the group who, "...left a big hole... he wouldn't just give \$10, he'd give \$100."

The first recipient was a

mother whose husband died three days after she had lost a baby. Herald said it was one of the most tragic situations she has had to deal with and that it nearly wiped out the fund.

The fund cuts checks anywhere from \$50 to \$500 and Herald says the hardest part of the job is keeping enough money in the account to help people. Last year, the association came up with the idea of a faculty and staff talent show, which helps them raise money, the Annual Faculty and Staff Follies. The show generated \$800 in ticket sales, and this year, all money will go to help the campus families who were flooded out of their homes.

The Benevolent Association can only help faculty or staff totally without pay, or who have been ill or out of work so long they are only on partial pay. Herald's eventual goal is to build the fund up to \$7,000 - \$8,000, "...to fall back on, so we don't have to constantly generate money."



WATER PATROL: This submerged stop sign on Riverside Drive in Historic Covington shows the depth of water this community has seen.



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The Top Ten Most Memorable Spring Break Moments

-Names have been edited to protect the innocent and the guilty-

- 1) Spring Break lasted seven days. Why can I only remember two?
- 2) Getting caught stuffing napkins into the strippers bikini because you ran out of dollar bills.
- 3) Your Spring Break diet consisted of the three basic food groups-Beer, Beer, Beer.
- 4) Reservations for Motel Six suite for two, Spring Break translation—suite sleeps 20.
- 5) Not being able to include captions under Spring Break pictures because no one looks familiar.
- 6) When slur becomes the official language of Spring Break.
- 7) Attempting to get arrested for indecent exposure, yet you are completely ignored.
- 8) Spending all your time with your two best friends-Jim (Beam) and Jack (Daniels).
- 9) The cop that pulled you over on the way down, is the same cop that pulled you over on the way home.
- 10) Panama City—The only city where you can meet 10 different people you want to spend the rest of your life with, without even knowing their last names.

By Becky Bergman
Co-Features Editor

Sure enough, it's that time of year when nature calls its wildlife. The salmon are swimming upstream. The bears are awakening from their hibernation and the birds return in their flight north.

Even nature's biggest, meanest, and baddest animal of the wild responds to its primal calling. This species--the NKU party animal, will follow a ritual which has become an age old tradition. They will return to the waters which they will inhabit over a brief period referred to in the ecological system of nature as the Spring Break hot spots.

This year, the most popular hot spot is Panama City Beach Florida. South Padre, Texas is second, while Daytona Beach in Florida is third. According to a recent survey, Fort Lauderdale is not the place to be if you're interested in hitting the college scene. With Spring Break being such a

big attraction, it's very easy to hunt down a student who has an opinion about it, or a funny or embarrassing story to share.

Matt Moses, an English major at NKU has very vivid memories of his voyage to Panama in a very small Geo Metro. He said there were three people in the car and each was in charge of keeping the others awake. "Of course, all three of us fell asleep," he said.

He recalls drifting off only to awaken to his driver side door being smashed in as well as the rear view mirror being torn off. Moses expected his friend Jake, the owner of the car, to turn around and go home.

"Jake's solution was to get to Panama as fast as possible and get toasted the rest of the week," Moses chuckled.

Construction technology major Brad Trauth recalls a memorable moment that occurred at Panama City also. He said, "From what I have been told my most memorable moment was falling head first into the ocean, tripping over

a barely visible, or maybe a quite visible, sand bar. I lost my pitcher of margaritas from one hand and the sunglasses from off my head. This may have been a result of my record-setting keg stand."

Trauth recommends leaving keg stands to the professionals. Jason Coshitzke, a business management major, said he had a Spring Break moment at Myrtle beach that he can't seem to forget. He remembers going to the beach and drinking with a bunch of friends. He also recalls being locked out of his room, prior to being stripped naked.

Coshitzke has a word of advice for those headed to the beach, "If you are going to take your partying overboard, make sure you trust the people you party with!"

Nathan Summers is headed for New Orleans this Spring Break. Why? Because it is warm, he said. He also wants to go visit the famous Dungeon which is a night club he compares to the Warehouse except 100 times

weirder. His plans include drinking and getting his nipples pierced. He advises whoever goes on Spring Break to "bring lots of money, and don't lose your car keys."

Fort Lauderdale is where Carol Braden, a psychology major, went for Spring Break in the 1970s. Although she is grown, works full-time and attends college at night she still feels that Spring Break is a good idea because students need a little time to relax. On her break, she says they swam a lot and looked for guys. (Some things will never change.)

"I am all for Spring Break as long as the students take their brains to Florida with them. You can be careful and still have fun," Braden said.

Only when this ritual of partying is complete will the Norse return to their home in the North. It is certain that when they return, they will bring a whole new set of interesting stories with them.

WREN DJ SPOTLIGHT



Gregg
Ruschman

Got a bad case of the rock n' roll pneumonia? Boogie-woogie blues?

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Name: Gregg Ruschman
That Thing He Does: General Manager, DJ
Year & Major: senior, RTV
Favorite Artist: Depeche Mode
Fave Song: "Route 66"
First Record Owned: Monkees Greatest Hits
Last Record Bought: Romeo & Juliet Soundtrack
Best Concert Seen: Depeche Mode in 1990
Fave Conspiracy Theory: The hotdog to hotdog bun ratio mystery.
First Concert Seen: Kool & the Gang
Most Overrated Band Is: Smashing Pumpkins
Most Underrated Artist Is: Peter Murphy
When No One Else Is Around He Likes To Listen To: Schoolhouse Rock!!
Best Music To Get A Party On Its Feet: Old school rap/funk

Pick Of The Week

By Aaron Zlatkin
Music Critic

The Clarks *Someday Maybe*-MCA 1997

This four-piece outfit from Pittsburgh has been writing songs together since its debut album in 1988, and it shows. Tight musicianship blended with good solid melodies and an indefinable quirkiness make this band worthy of your ears. Claiming to have met at a place called Indiana University of Pennsylvania (how do you suppose they handle in-state tuition?), they write songs that make you want to start your own band--good ol' classic rock attitude mixed with some British Invasion influences. Picture if the Rolling Stones had hailed from New England. They occupy the other end of the American guitar rock spectrum, far away from the likes of the Counting Crows. Riffs like those on their first single, "Caroline" and the power ballad "Rain" are alternately classic, inventive, and pop-oriented. Although I wouldn't sit through the whole album at once, I would listen to "Last Call" about 20 times in a row. If the Blues Brothers had that song to sing in the country/western bar scene, they wouldn't have needed Timmy Wynette's "Stand By Your Man."

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The Northerner Pick of the Week is "Mercury." Hear it all this week on WRFN.

Anthropology Majors, All In The Family

By Jason Gargano
Staff Reporter

Anthropology seems to be a family affair these days at Northern Kentucky.

Anthropology is the investigation of humankind, past and present. Currently, four families seem to be interested in this investigation together. There is a mother and daughter, two brothers, and a husband and wife now enrolled in the Anthropology Department.

The mother and daughter are senior Lorraine Webster and junior Laura Webster. Lorraine was a social work major when she became interested in anthropology almost by accident.

"My freshman year I took Sharlotte Neely's 231 class to satisfy general studies," Lorraine Webster said. "We looked at the Native American culture and how they have been stereotyped for so long. I found it interesting how much is left out of general history concerning the Native Americans."

Soon after the class she picked up anthropology as a minor.

Laura, who was recently elected Anthropology Club president, became interested in the program through her mom. "She would come from class and talk about what she had learned that day. I found it to be really interesting."

Both have cited the anthropology department teachers as a major reason for their interest. Laura said, "The teachers have passion about what they are teaching which makes you want to learn about it even more, and they are always accessible."

"I know what to expect from each class, and I have someone at home to talk to," Laura Webster said. "It also is a help with writing papers."

Lorraine agrees that it has been a good experience. "We can discuss and compare ideas. It gives you a different perspective on things. She also keeps me refreshed and we can compare our experiences."

Not to say there isn't at least one drawback for each. Laura said, "I can't goof off and not do my homework." Lorraine said, "I can't fool her. If I'm wrong, she knows it and besides, who wants to be corrected by their child? There may be a little competition, but as the mother I would step aside."

Both intend to go to graduate school after graduation. Lorraine said, "I plan to get a job with my social work degree and then go back and finish up an anthropology degree. That would give me two fields to work with." Laura plans to get her Master's degree but



WE ARE FAMILY: Mother and daughter Lorraine and Laura Webster make a family business out of being anthropology majors NKU. Lorraine said the common ground brings them closer together.

isn't sure where yet.

The Websters believe the interest they have in anthropology gives them some common ground and has helped their relationship. Lorraine said, "I think it has brought us closer. She is my best friend."

Brothers Chris and Todd Young are another family duo.

Unlike the Webster's, Chris and Todd didn't really have any influence on each other's decision. Chris said, "We got along well, but he didn't really influence me even though he was already an anthropology major."

Chris, a triple-major in math, philosophy, and anthropology, welcomed the chance to add anthropology to his list of majors and was recently elected Anthropology Club vice president. "I'm a very science-oriented and I became tired of that atmosphere. By chance I took a cultural anthropology class and became interested in it."

Both commented that the teachers have been an influence on them. Chris said, "The professors are outstanding. I couldn't imagine getting better teachers at any other school."

They have had some classes together and describe it as an advantage. Todd said, "If one of us misses a class the other will be there to fill it in. We can also use the same books."

Both plan to go to graduate school following graduation.

The husband and wife team of Frank and Denise Lucas are unique in that they are both 50 years old and are embarking on a second career with their involvement in the Anthropology Department.

Denise, a junior, became interested while working in her current job as a nurse. "I would meet people from other countries and I would ask them about the cultural differences. It allowed me to see things through their eyes. Anthropology gives you the opportunity to travel all over the world and see these other cultures without ever leaving the campus."

Frank, a sophomore, said, "I was really interested in the Native Americans and their plight. Also no matter what field I get into, anthropology gives me a good background."

Frank and Denise are thinking of doing

some volunteer work when they retire. Denise said, "You get to a point in your life when you want to make a difference. Anthropology spreads the love of brotherhood and that is what I want to do some day."

When posed the question of the family connection, anthropology Professor Sharlotte Neely couldn't pinpoint the exact source, but said, "It is possible that families have been influenced by the Discovery, Learning, and PBS channels. There are some good programs that are available and it is possible that families are watching these programs together."

Whatever the reason behind it, general enrollment in anthropology has increased greatly in the past few years. Neely said, "We went from 20 to 70 majors in one semester. Every time an Indiana Jones film would come out our enrollment would increase slightly, but nothing like it has recently."

If the department keeps attracting families, that number will no doubt continue to rise.

Chamber Music: If It's Not Baroque, Don't Fix It

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

Audience members were taken back in time several hundred years when the Baroque Chamber Soloists and the Cincinnati Court Dancers performed on Sunday, March 2, in Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall.

The concert's theme was "The Games People Played" and featured music of the Baroque period. Music and dance were

the major forms of entertainment.

While the Baroque Chamber Soloists played music from the Baroque period, the 17th and 18th centuries, the Cincinnati Court Dancers performed dances from that period.

The Baroque Chamber Soloists wore period costumes and played authentic instruments in the style of the Baroque period. The group was founded in 1989 to perform the music written in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Musical selections included rounds, music played backward and music played upside down.

Barbara Mitchell Lamberti, who played the flauto traverso, an instrument resembling a modern flute, said the Baroque Chamber Soloists were formed because, "We liked the sound of Baroque music performed on the original instruments."

The Cincinnati Court Dancers were founded in 1982 to discover and perform dances from the Renaissance, Baroque,

and 19th century eras. While wearing Baroque period costumes, they danced to the music played by the Baroque Chamber Soloists.

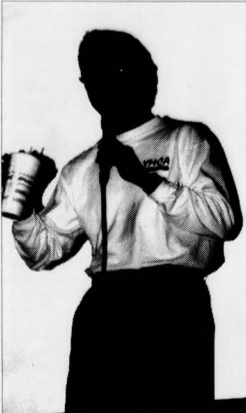
Dancer Jim Maigner said the group tries to find published manuscripts from hundreds of years ago in order to recreate the dances. Maigner said, "We try to be as authentic as possible."

The concert began at 3 p.m. and was presented by NKU's Department of Music.

Funny Man On The Road... Signs, That Is

By Shannon Graham
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University welcomed comedian Frank King last Wednesday afternoon in the University Center Theater



Anna Weaver/The Northerner
ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Comedian Frank King came to NKU last week to entertain students and show off his funny road signs.

in a free show sponsored by the Activities Programming Board.

King's 45-minute show consisted of a monologue, followed by a slide-show featuring road signs all over the country.

King opened the show with a series of jokes about his recent open-heart surgery. His monologue featured jokes about such topics as President Clinton, airplanes, smoking and college dorms. Throughout the show he bantered with several audience members, even incorporating them into his monologue.

King's slide show featured various road signs, including a sign advertising a radiator repair company whose motto is "A Good Place to Take a Leak." He also showed a sign advertising a company called "PMS Firearms," as well as an ad for a pair of dentists whose last name is Fangman.

King said he began taking pictures of the road signs just for fun, and decided to incorporate them into his monologue. "I enjoyed these slides myself and thought my audiences would enjoy them as well," he said.

The audience at last Wednesday's show consisted of about 35 to 40 students. "I enjoyed the show very much. I especially liked the slides," Karen Hein, an undeclared freshman, said.

Brian Daly, a junior chemistry major, said, "It was a really funny show. It helped me forget about midterms for a while."

King is originally from North Carolina and currently lives in California. He has appeared on such shows as "Star Search" and "The Joan Rivers Show" and has written for "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Experience Utopia & Get Overplayed

By Justin Lynch
Music Editor

Rahsaan Patterson -Rahsaan Patterson
MCA 1997

Here's another producer/knob twiddler from the R n' B world who decided to take his turn on the mic.

In his own words, "I just want people to feel what I feel, that utopia, that ecstasy, that heartache - all those things. With music, you can take people places, that's what's great about being an artist, and it's also what's so scary."

Definitely not a pretender to the new-

jack throne. Better watch your back
Babyface. ***

Star 69 EATING FEBRUARY -
Radioactive Records 1997

Here comes the next disaster /Here comes the big survival ...

Sorta nails the state of pop music these days.

No disaster here. The debut from this British combo, led Los Angeles native Julie Daniels provided fifty minutes of ear candy, reminiscent of the more somber tunes on Belly's debut. Sure to be the next overplayed band on eMpTyV. ***1/2

One For All, And One For Kids

By Josh Sneed
Movie Critic

Yes, it's that time again. I know how you've all been waiting to get your hands on this paper so you can speedily move to the "Features" section to see if I wrote another review or two. Well, let out that breath, 'cause it's ok, I'm here now. I've got a real treat for ya' this week. First, there's three new movies out of the video stores this week. All three scored very high points with myself.

They are "Courage Under Fire," "That Thing You Do," and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Rent one or all three of them, especially "Hunchback." Last week's quote: "You're on a gravy train with biscuit wheels," came from, (drum-roll), "Kingspin." Here's this week's quote (for John Kirtley): "Where's my Snack-Pak?" Lastly, I'd like to pretend I did this for money for a second, and give my picks for the Academy Awards. Best Picture: "Jerry McGuire," Best Actor: "Billy Bob Thornton," "Sling Blade," and Best Actress: "Juliette Binoche," "The English Patient." Now, off to the movies!!!

Anything for his happiness

First, we have a movie entitled "Sling Blade." Boy, was I blown away by this movie. This movie stars writer, director, and actor Billy Bob Thornton. He plays Carl Childers, a mentally handicapped man about to be released from the state mental hospital. Some 30 years earlier, Carl had been forced by his parents to live in the shed. He hears a commotion in the kitchen. On the way into the house, he grabs a sling blade. He sees a man on top of his mother "having his way with her." He throws the man off, and slits his neck. Then, he realizes his mother wasn't being raped, but was enjoying it. He then kills her too. The movie begins on the day he gets out of the state hospital. With nowhere to go, no place to sleep, Carl begs to stay at



Photo By Demmie Todd
HANG ON: Michael Cromwell (Tim Allen, left) holds on for dear life as he attempts to "rescue" his 13-year-old son Mimi Siku (Sam Huntington, right) on the ledge of a New York high rise in Walt Disney Pictures/TF1 Internationals live-action family comedy, "Jungle 2 Jungle."

the hospital. When he finds out he can't, he must make a new life in his old hometown. He befriends a young boy named Frankie, who quickly takes a liking to Carl. Frankie's father committed suicide, and his mother is caught in a nasty relationship with Cole (Dwight Yoakam). Cole is very abusive, and even threatens to kill Frankie and his mother if they ever try to leave. Frankie and his mother confide in her co-worker, Vaughn (John Ritter). Carl, living in their garage, feels for Frankie, and longs to see him happy. As Carl learns to adapt to a new society, the society makes little effort to adapt to him. The friendship between Frankie and Carl, and the extreme that Carl goes to in order to see Frankie happy, make this movie ONE OF THE BEST I HAVE EVER SEEN. I can't say a lot of movies truly move me, but this one did. I recommend that anyone who has a chance to see this movie do so. It is very powerful. I had no idea what this movie was about, and probably wouldn't have seen it if it were not for my position, but I'm glad I did. I took a straw poll after the movie was over, and I didn't receive one negative comment. Everyone that I talked to liked this movie. If you only see one movie this year, see this one. It's worth whatever you pay to see it. I'm going to give it the "Gift Certificate" rating. It's something that can be used for whatever we wish, but it's also something we all enjoy. It's like money, you can't go wrong with it.

Cute, but slightly sour

The next film we shall look at is Disney's "Jungle 2 Jungle." A tale of a young boy taken from his jungle in Venezuela to the American jungle, New York City, Michael Cromwell (Tim Allen), a successful commodities trader, needs his estranged

wife, Dr. Patricia Cromwell (JoBeth Williams), to inform him that he has a 13-year-old son, Mimi-Siku (Sam Huntington). Mimi-Siku, loosely translated, means "cat piss." It's a territorial thing. Michael arrives just in time to see his son "become a man." He is assigned a task by the chief that he must complete to fulfill the true status of manhood. His task is to bring back the "fire" from the Statue of Liberty. As Mimi arrives into New York, Michael must show his son the way men in the city live. After eating cat food, falling in love, losing his pet tarantula, and climbing the statue, Mimi longs to return to his island. A very cute tale suitable for all audiences.

Now, let's start the criticizing. Disney made one key mistake that was foreseen by a very wise person at The Northerner. I know what you're all thinking, but it wasn't me. Oh yeah, the mistake. The problem with this movie, (for mature audiences), is that all the truly funny parts can be seen on the commercials. The rest of the humor fancies to the liking of little children. For those of you that baby-sit or have little ones of your own, go see this movie. I'm giving it "Sour Patch Kids" rating. You turn your face at the thought, you're not sure why you're buying it, but something about it keeps the little ones happy. But, as always, don't take my word for it, enjoy the show!

There Are Healthy Alternatives At Northern

Even fast food restaurants offer healthy respite to the grease

By Becky Bergman
Co-Features Editor

In the past when the words "fast food" were mentioned, the first pictures that came to mind were greasy double-cheese burgers, deep-fried chicken, pizza, and french fries.

People assumed that if you were grabbing a quick bite to eat that for great taste it must be high in fat. Today, fast food restaurants haven't totally cut the fat, (everyone needs to satisfy a grease craving once in a while) but they are offering healthier alternatives for the health-conscious. At NKU, a student has a number of healthy choices on and

off campus.

Keith Studebaker, the director of cash operations for the Norse Grill said that he has noticed a significant increase in the number of students inquiring about low-fat foods, as well as vegetarian entrees. He said that the Grill offers a salad bar, potato bar, a selection of raw vegetables and fresh fruit, as well as vegetarian items at Blimpies. He also added that the Grill offers three different entrees a day, one of which is vegetarian.

Studebaker did say that the Grill does cater more towards a fast food audience. "The age group of college students desires more fast food

items. Healthy or not, that is what students eat," he said.

He also said that he is open to suggestions for improvement. "If we can do it, I definitely try it," he said.

"Having a vegetarian bias, I think the cafeteria could do a lot more in the way of providing diverse as well as nutritious meal options," said senior English major, Wendy Elam. She also added, "In the same aspect, I also realize that while vegetarianism is on the rise, it still constitutes only a minority population at this university."

Elam feels that a vegetarian soup option would be a good idea to increase the options offered.

Even if you are not satisfied with food on campus, and the salad bar provides just a little too much green on one plate, students should be

aware that they have options off campus also. For Chinese and Thai fans there is Chinatown located on Alexandria Pike. Sue Nitakorn, who works there, says that Thai is a healthy option because it is prepared with little oil and can be made with more vegetables and tofu. The menu contains almost 100 items, some of which won in "The Best Taste of Cincinnati" in 1991, 1992, and 1993. Nitakorn said, "Our food is healthy, and our prices are very affordable for college students. We offer a 10% discount for NKU students with ID."

Diane Cull of Ft. Thomas is a regular customer and a big fan of Pat Thai. She said, "It is the best authentic Thai restaurant in Northern Kentucky, and you can eat a lot because it is so healthy."

For those who do not like Chinese,

there are still those traditional fast food restaurants that offer healthy food.

Subway offers seven sandwiches under six grams of fat as listed in their advertisement. Among these are the Turkey Breast, the Subway Club, the Veggie Delight, and the Black Bean Sub. According to Jeanine Condit, a former NKU student, the advantage of eating at Subway is that you are in control of how your food is prepared.

Who hasn't heard about the famous light tacos at Taco Bell? For those who have a Mexican craving, Taco Bell now offers fat free cheese and sour cream that can be requested on any light taco containing six grams of fat. There are other light menu items available also.

Arby's has it's own light menu. The menu contains light roast

chicken, turkey and roast beef sandwiches under 10 grams of fat. They also serve baked potatoes and salads.

Surprisingly, BW-3 Grill and Pub offers light items to supplement their famous wings. For vegetarians, BW-3 offers a garden burger. For the health conscious there are countless sandwiches and salads. Their chicken breast sandwich is 98 percent fat free while their roasted turkey garden salad is also significantly low in fat. The fat and calorie percentages are conveniently listed on the menu.

As you can see, there are countless healthy options to choose from both on and off campus. Concern is growing about eating healthy and people are finding fewer and fewer excuses not to make a healthy change for the better. Do you have an excuse?

This Is The Year For The Norse Upsets Pave Way For Norse To Win It



Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Now that the issue of whether or not to get a football team at Northern Kentucky University has been settled, let's concentrate on what we have on this campus now...a pretty darn good basketball team.

While they haven't been ignored by any means, the basketball team seems to have taken a back seat to the football issue.

The men's basketball team will be in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight next week. They went into the Great Lakes Regional as the No. 2 seed and emerged as the champion.

The No. 2 seed has won the region three years in a row.

I have to think this is the year for the Norse. If there is a time when the Norse could win the National Championship, it is now. The seniors on this team were the centerpiece of the NKU turnaround—a turnaround that has made the Norse into a perennial power.

It would be a shame to see LaRon Moore, Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor leave NKU without a National Championship ring on their finger.

After last year's Cinderella season that saw NKU make it to the National Finals, it would almost be a letdown if they didn't win it all this year.

There is no doubt the Norse have the talent. This year's team is more talented and experienced than last year's team. The addition of transfers Cliff Clinton, Demond Lane and Todd Clark saw to that.

The addition of Clinton and Clark also filled in the holes left by Reggie Talbert and Andre McClendon at the center and forward positions. Lane added more depth to the guard position.

The next reason NKU will win the National Championship is that they are battle tested and battle proven. Head coach Ken Shields called his schedule the hardest in NCAA Division II history. He'll get no argument from me.

The Norse started the season in the National Tipoff Classic. They only played and beat three of the top 20 teams in the nation at the time. From there the Norse went to Florida to play Florida Southern, another top 20 team and a very tall lineup at Tampa, a team that made the NCAA Division II tournament. The Norse came away with two more victories.

All that and it wasn't even December yet. The Norse opened December by winning a tournament at California, Pa. They defeated another top 20 team in California, who was in the Elite Eight last year.

Things have to get easier, right?

Wrong. From there the Norse jumped into the Great Lakes Valley Conference play. That should be easy considering the schedule they had up to that point, right? Wrong.

The Norse are in the toughest league in Division II basketball. The GLVC is the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) of Division II.

The GLVC has had a representative in the National Championship game four of the last seven years.

This season, the number of GLVC teams in the top six in the Great Lakes Region rankings, fluctuated between four and five. They sent four representatives to the tournament.

NKU lost four games all season. Two of the losses were by one point on the road. The other two were in overtime.

While the Norse faced the No. 6 and No. 5 seed in the regional, the competition was still tough. The teams Quincy and Oakland beat

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

When the pairings for the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional were announced last Sunday, Northern Kentucky University head coach Ken Shields openly criticized the decision to make NKU a No. 2 seed.

NKU became the only favorite to win a game in the first two rounds of the regional when the defeated Quincy University, 82-54.

Quincy, the No. 6 seed, beat the University of Southern Indiana, the No. 3 seed, 125-118 in triple overtime in the first round.

Oakland University, the No. 5 seed, pulled off two upsets. They beat Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Grand Valley State 79-74. They then knocked No. 1 seed and host Indianapolis out of the tournament 75-72.

The Norse won secured a spot in the regional finals for the third straight year. It also marked the second time in those three years that the Norse knocked Quincy out of the tournament. NKU defeated Quincy 97-91 in the regional semifinals two years ago at Riverfront Coliseum.

"I think having been there before is certainly advantageous," Shields

said. "But the thing I keep emphasizing: It's not how good you are, it's how good you play."

The Norse put the game out of reach early behind the strength of a 17 point run that gave them a 23-6 lead.

Shannon Minor came out hot for the second game in a row. He followed up his 33 point performance against USI in the regular season finale, with 21 against Quincy.

He hit two three pointers in the first two minutes against Quincy. "I've been working on my shot through the course of the season," Minor said.

The difference between this game and the USI game is that the Norse didn't let Quincy back in the game after the hot start.

Quincy was unable to put more than two baskets together all night.

After the game, Quincy head coach Steve Larkins credited NKU's defense, not his team's fatigue, with Quincy's poor shooting for the game. The Hawks shot 34.6 percent from the field.

"I think if I admitted to us being fatigued, it would take away from the job that Northern Kentucky did," Larkins said.

"I think they were tired," Shields said, "but I think we came out ready to play."

Junior Demond Lane, a 6-foot-1

guard, came off the bench to record five rebounds and four assists.

Seniors Paul Cluxton and LaRon Moore scored 12 points a piece in the first half. But were held to two each in the second half.

Cluxton's two came on free throws. He shot two technical foul shots at the start of the half, because Quincy's Matt Steffe was called for a technical at halftime.

Steffe was the only Quincy player to reach double figures with 14. He also led the Hawks with eight rebounds.

Quincy (54)
Steffe 6-12 0-0 14, Ryan 1-8 0-0 2, Peck 3-5 1-2 7, Sherrod 0-3 2-2 2, Driscoll 1-3 4-6 7, Harris 2-3 0-0 5, MacIntosh 2-5 0-0 5, Lantz 1-4 4-4 6, Pickett 1-3 2-2 4, Sullivan 0-1 0-0 0, Hull 1-5 0-0 2, Nash 0-0 0-0 0.

NKU (82)

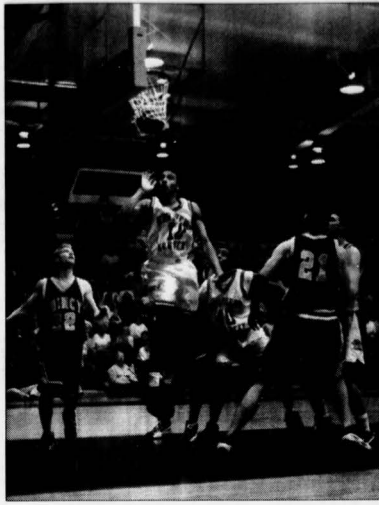
Cluxton 4-8 4-4 14, Moore 4-12 6-8 14, Clinton 3-6 2-8 8, Minor 5-9 7-8 21, K. Listerman 1-2 0-0 2, Lane 1-2 0-0 2, Pedraza 0-0 0-0 0, A. Listerman 5-8 4-4 15, Clark 1-3 2-2 4, James 1-1 0-0 2, Vieth 0-0-0-0, Gibson 0-0-0-0.

Three-point goals — Quincy (Steffe 2, Driscoll, Harris, MacIntosh 1), NKU (Cluxton 2, Minor 4, A. Listerman 1). Rebounds — Quincy 33 (Steffe 8), NKU 32 (Moore 8).

Assists — Quincy 10 (Driscoll 4), NKU 12 (Lane 4).

Total fouls — Quincy 21, NKU 15.

Technical fouls — Steffe, A — 1850.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
IN THE FAST LANE: Junior Demond Lane had 12 rebounds and 5 assists in the Great Lakes Regional.

McClendon Goes From Player To Coach

By Kevin Gohsen
Northern Contributor

At the end of last March's NCAA Division II championship game in Louisville, senior Andre McClendon sat on the Northern Kentucky University bench helplessly watching the clock run out on the Norse's run for the national championship.

This March, McClendon sat on the bench as an assistant coach for Scott High School. Scott's run at this year's Kentucky 9th Region basketball title also fell short with a loss to eventual champ Highlands in the region semi-finals.

McClendon will finish his degree in sociology in December. After then he hopes to return to school and get a degree in education so he can pursue a coaching career.

"I'm very thrilled about working with kids," he said. "Hopefully this can be the start of something good."

Jeff Trame was McClendon's coach at Holy Cross and is now the head coach at Scott. Trame said McClendon has done a tremendous job in his first year, coaching the 6th grade team and assisting with the junior varsity and varsity teams.

"He had to learn a lot on the job," Trame said. "He's brought enthusiasm to the job and got the kids excited about basketball,

that's what we need in our program."

Enthusiasm has never been a problem for McClendon, NKU coach Ken Shields said.

"He was fiery, incisive, and liked to trash talk," Shields said. "He was very talented, with extraordinary strength and body balance. He played with such confidence."

Trame said as a coach, McClendon is much more low-keyed. "He does his best to set a good example for the kids. He knows his job and does his job as a teacher."

Many fans will remember McClendon's Rodman-esque golden hair and propensity to pick up technical fouls last year. But even he admitted his coaching style is much different.

"I'm not a get-in-your-face, scream-at-you coach," he said. "When you talk to them quietly and tell them they did bad and how to correct that, I think most high school athletes respond better to that. They respect that."

One problem McClendon feared he might have been was accepted by the players since he just finished his college career. That fear has been unfounded, he said.

"How much they cared about the game of basketball and how much they were trying to get better, that's what really got my spirits up."

Scott center Anthony Matracia,

6-6 sophomore, said McClendon has earned the players' respect. "Coach will tell us once if we're doing something wrong. If we do it again, we run, but everyone looks up to him as a player and a coach."

McClendon said Trame's offering him a position on his staff is the continuation of a long, close relationship between the two.

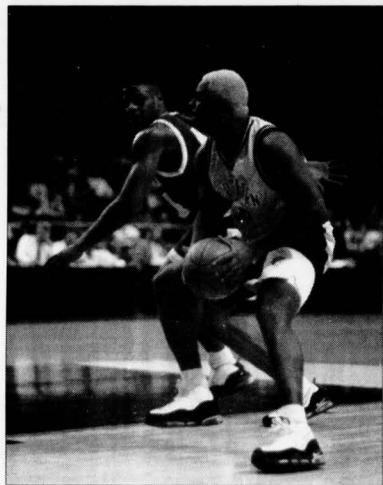
"I don't look at him as a coach. I look at him as a dad," said McClendon. "He was always there for me. He'd tell me if I was doing something wrong. He'd pat me on the back when I did something right."

The success of this year's NKU team hasn't been lost on McClendon. "It's hard to sit back and watch them play. I've used up all my eligibility, but I still want to get out there and play with them."

He said he still keeps in contact with the players and Shields. Last year's tournament run is still fresh in McClendon's mind, he said. "It was exciting. I hope they win it all."

McClendon has the character to be a successful coach, said Trame. "He's always been an outstanding person. Many may have misunderstood Andre, with his hair and the technicals, but if you know who he is he'll do anything for you."

"His disposition is very good, he's a good teacher and he has a lot to offer to the kids."



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

SWITCHING ROLES: Andre McClendon, '96 NCAA Tournament hero, has moved from being a player with colored hair, to a coach wearing suits on the sideline for Scott High School. He is an assistant for his high school coach Jeff Trame.

Subs Key To Norse Fate

By Kevin Gohsen
Northern Contributor

What was a concern for Northern Kentucky University before the start of last week's Great Lakes Regional basketball tournament became a key to the Norse's return to Louisville.

Strong play by junior reserves Demond Lane, Todd Clark, and Andy Listerman in wins over Quincy University and Oakland University have brightened hopes of a national championship for NKU.

"We've been having problems

once we bring in our sixth, seventh, eighth guys," said senior guard Paul Cluxton. "But this weekend we all came together."

Mesling an influx of new players such as Lane, Clark and Cliff Clinton with returnees from last year has been a season-long effort for a team ranked No. 2 nationally in the pre-season.

Lane was a member of last year's team, but because he transferred from Southeastern Louisiana he had to sit out as a redshirt and could only practice with the team. This year is different.

"Our bench is going to be the difference in whether or not we win the national championship."

1997 Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament Team

LaRon Moore, NKU--

Most Outstanding Player Kevin Kovach, Oakland Paul Cluxton, Northern Kentucky Marc Hostetter, Southern Indiana Matt Steffe, Quincy

What is Shields' Gimmick Going To Be This Year?

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

For the third straight year Northern Kentucky University men's basketball head coach Ken Shields made a promise to his team.

Two years ago, Shields said he would shave his head if the Norse made it to the NCAA Division II Tournament. They did and he did.

Last year Shields promised if the Norse advanced to the Elite Eight he would get his hair pierced.

They did and he did.

This year Shields has promised that he would get a tattoo if the Norse win the national championship.

Whether they will and he will, will be answered soon enough. Junior Demond Lane feels sure

both will happen. "He's going to get that tattoo," Lane said.

Shields said it was a motivational tool. "We have a lot of fun with them," he said.

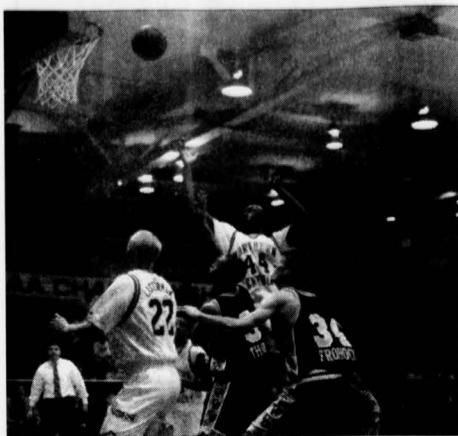
"If we do get the job done, I'll be real happy to have that on my left arm," Shields said.

"He'll just give a lot for the team," Senior Paul Cluxton said of Shields. He said that the Norse will do what they have to do to make sure Shields gets his body decoration.

"It's kind of relaxing. You're playing for a national championship on one side, and on the other side you're playing to get coach Shields a tattoo," Cluxton said.

Shannon Minor said Shields gimmicks give the team extra motivation. "If he gets it, probably other people will too," Minor said.

Norse Transfers Prepare For First Elite Eight



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT: Junior Cliff Clinton scores in traffic against Oakland on his way to 17 points. He is headed to his first Elite Eight.

By John Kirtley
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University Norse men's basketball team has previous experience on its side heading to the 1997 NCAA Elite Eight, with five of last season's National runners-up squad returning.

But for junior transfers Cliff Clinton and Demond Lane and sophomore transfer Todd Clark, this post-season has been a crash course in Division II men's basketball at its highest level.

"It's not easy when you join a team that has five players with as much experience and success like we have," head coach Ken Shields said.

Two of the three produced in their first test at the Great Lakes Region tournament. Clinton shot 64 percent from the field and averaged 12.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest.

Lane averaged six rpg and, along with sophomore Kevin Listerman, held Oakland University's Kevin Kovach, averaging 25.5 ppg in the tournament entering Saturday's championship, to 16.

"I think Cliff (Clinton) had a real good tournament and Demond (Lane) played a significant role against Oakland," assistant coach Pat Ryan said. "Clinton came to NKU because he wanted to make a

possible run at a national championship and Lane has been a real good sub all year long."

Former Norse and current assistant coach Reggie Talbert, a two-time Great Lakes Region tournament participant as a player, thinks the triumvirate got a taste of post-season basketball in NKU's final regular season contest versus the University of Southern Indiana.

"I think some of the newer guys didn't know how physical it was going to be at Southern Indiana and that was an NCAA tournament atmosphere," Talbert said. "I think in the Quincy game you saw Clinton and Clark playing a lot more physical, so Southern Indiana was a wake-up call."

Shields said he's pleased with his post-season rookies' perspective and play, so far. Now that the Norse are heading back to the Elite Eight, Shields will ask them to perform at another level once again.

"I'll probably be a little excited. Hopefully the guys on the team will calm me down and tell me how it is to play there," Clinton said. "I think I'll look at how they're playing and play my game off them."

Lane shares those thoughts.

"We're playing for the national championship so there's definitely going to be some butterflies at first," Lane said.

"We've got five guys who've been here before so whatever they're lacking I'll try and pick up."

Clark, whose post-season average minutes were cut in half from the 12 minutes he averaged per game during the regular season, will be ready if called upon.

"I'm really not nervous or scared. To me, these type of things aren't a big deal," Clark said. "If they give me the opportunity in big games, I'll play good."

Norse Receive GLVC, Regional Honors

Three members of the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team received Great Lakes Valley Conference honors last week.

Seniors Paul Cluxton and LaRon Moore were named first team All-GLVC. They were also named to the second team All-Great Lakes District by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Cluxton and Moore will be eligible to be named All-Americans by the NABC. The All-America team will be announced later this month.

Junior Cliff Clinton was an honorable mention All-GLVC selection.

NORSE

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(Southern Indiana and Indianapolis) are teams that were responsible for three of their four losses.

The Norse will face more tough competition in the tournament in the Elite Eight, no doubt, but they will be ready because of the schedule they have played.

Another reason that the Norse will win the National Championship is the coaching. Head coach Ken Shields has proven to be a master the past tree seasons.

In 1994-95 he was named National Coach of the Year. Last season it was his mid-season line-up change that boosted the Norse to the National Title game.

Andy and Kevin Listerman were inserted in place of Andre McClelland and Shannon Minor. At first this seemed like a questionable decision at best. But Shields liked the chemistry of having two brothers in the lineup together.

It worked. Andy became more of a scoring threat. Kevin became one of the top defenders in the GLVC, leading the conference in steals.

This season, the same thing happened. Shields felt that the things were not going the way they should, so he changed the lineup.

Shields is always looking to boost his bench strength. That strength showed this weekend as the Norse wore down their opponents.

When you add it all up it equals a National Championship. But as Shields has said you need something else. L-U-C-K.

Luck has to be on the side of the Norse in order for them to win, but getting lucky is easier when you're good, as the Norse are.

Next Up, Texas A & M -Commerce

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

As the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team began celebrating their Great Lakes Region championship, one thought became the topic of conversation—Fort Hays State.

After all, NKU won the Great Lakes Region last season, and it didn't help them when they lost to Fort Hays in the National Finals 70-63.

Similar to the Great Lakes Regional tournament, however, the powerhouse that has hurt NKU in the past has been eliminated.

Fort Hays lost to South Dakota State 90-78 on Sunday, March 9. Fort Hays, who finished last season

undefeated, had lost only one game all season.

With Fort Hays out of the way, NKU can now focus on its fourth-round opponent, the Lions of the University of Texas A&M-Commerce.

The Lions finished 11-5 in the Lone Star Conference, and 24-7 overall.

Junior guard Darrell Waters leads the Lions with 16.1 points per game. He shot 42.3 percent from three-point range this season (third in the LSC), and averages 7.6 rebounds per game.

The Lions beat Central Missouri State 80-74 in the first round of the tournament, and then knocked off South Central #2 seed Washburn University 80-75.

Northern Kentucky
vs.
Texas A&M-Commerce
Wednesday, March 19, 1997
9:00 p.m.

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Coach: Paul Peak

Record: 24-7

Lone Star Conference Record: 11-5

Team Nickname: Lions

Lion Lineup:

Ht	Wt	Pos	Yr	No	Name	PPG	RPG
6-4	205	G/F	Jr.	4	Darrell Waters*	16.6	7.9
6-9	235	F/C	Sr.	45	Kevin Miles*	13.7	8.6
6-3	180	G/F	Jr.	20	Stacy Lamb*	12.8	3.8
6-2	180	G	Sr.	22	Gregg Ward*	9.9	3.6
6-3	200	G	Jr.	5	Chris Metz*	6.5	2.9
6-4	195	F	Jr.	33	Brad Linder	5.8	2.0
6-9	200	F/C	Jr.	32	Jonathan Hopkins	4.1	2.4
5-9	150	G	Jr.	10	Ed King	3.6	0.9
6-3	220	G	Sr.	12	Evan Garnett	2.2	1.1
6-5	210	F	Fr.	44	Harold Chambers	1.0	0.7

* -- Probable starters.

With six of the eight NCAA Division II #1 seeds already eliminated, NKU is poised to make a return trip to the national championship game on March 23.

Of the #1 seeds, only Cal. State Bakersfield and the University of Salem-Teikyo are left in the tournament.

NKU beat Cal. State Bakersfield 56-55 in the Elite Eight last season. The Norse wouldn't play either of the remaining #1s until the championship game.

Northern Kentucky 101
Oakland (Mich.) 87

Oakland	M	FG	AT	R	A	TP
Buza	24	5	8	4	2	15
Prohock	25	3	5	4	1	8
McClellan	33	9	15	5	9	19
Riley	40	8	2	0	24	24
Kovach	39	5	15	6	6	16
Thom	12	0	1	2	3	0
Baber	1	0	0	0	0	0
Amelin	7	1	1	2	1	5
Reynolds	1	0	1	0	0	0
Matuzewski	18	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	200	31	59	29	28	87

Team Rebounds - 0.

NKU	M	FG	AT	R	A	TP
Cluxton	36	5	10	6	1	19
Moore	36	13	20	8	1	35
Clinton	21	8	11	4	0	17
Moore	33	2	5	0	6	7
K. Listerman	30	1	4	4	8	5
Lane	17	0	4	7	1	2
A. Listerman	22	5	12	2	3	14
Clark	5	1	1	2	0	2
Totals	200	35	67	35	20	101

Team Rebounds - 02.

3-point goals -- O 13-31 (Buza 0-1, Prohock 2-4, McClellan 0-2, Riley 8-12, Kovach 3-10, Reynolds 0-1, Matuzewski 0-1), NKU 8-16 (Cluxton 3-5, Moore 1-1, Minor 2-3, K. Listerman 1-3, Lane 0-1, A. Listerman 1-3). Technical fouls -- None. Officials -- Larry Birckett, Rich Annes, Ken Cornell.

Elite 8 Travel Info.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are available in the Bursar's office for the Elite Eight. Packages for all games can be purchased for \$40. Single-session tickets can be purchased at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville. Prices are \$12 on Wednesday, and \$14 on Thursday and Saturday. If tickets are unavailable in advance at the Bursar's office call (502) 595-3156.

Hotel Information:

The Galt House in Louisville is in walking distance to the Convention center where the Elite Eight will be played. The Galt House is the largest hotel in downtown Louisville. Reservations can be made at (502) 589-5200.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is the closest hotel to the convention center. Reservations can be made at (502) 587-3434. Also nearby are Days Inn Hotel

(502) 585-2200 and Best Western (502) 222-5500.

Directions to Commonwealth Convention Center:

Take Interstate 71 south to I-64 west. Go half a mile on I-64 and take the downtown Third Street Exit. At the bottom of the ramp is a stop light. Go straight to Market Street. Turn right and go one block. The convention center is on Fourth Ave. and Market Street.

Radio Information:

NKU men's basketball games are broadcast on 1050 AM starting with the Ken Shields Show with hosts Scott Borders and Denny Wright. Wednesday's show will begin at 8:45 p.m.

Television Information:

CBS will televise the NCAA Division II Championship on Saturday, March 22 at 12:45 p.m. Quarter-final and Semifinal games will not be televised unless rights are bought.

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Now Showing: NKU Fiction

With the multitude of rumors hovering over Northern Kentucky University's cement buildings, it's a sure bet that Oliver Stone will soon be shooting a movie about all the conspiracy theories circulating on campus.

Now showing: *President Wars*.

The plot of this movie is Jack Moreland returns to NKU as Interim President for another year because a certain selection committee picked three unacceptable candidates for the position of President. (Jack Nicholson plays role of president; Rodney Dangerfield, Martin Short and Roseanne play the three inept candidates.)

Coming soon to a theater near you: *Return of the Jack!*

Once again Jack Moreland is the main character and the Board of Regents have created a position just for him, Executive President. Jack is able to help run the university he has come to know and love, so the audience thinks. But he has another agenda. (Once again, Jack Nicholson stars, this time as an evil intruder plotting to take over the entire campus as he tries to instate other programs like scuba diving, wearing cement boots, in Lake Inferior, instructed by Jimmy Hoffa.)

A summer release: *Jack Strikes Back*

The Board of Regents (the dark side of the force) won't let Jack Moreland leave even though he's retired and all he wants to do is swim in the swollen Ohio River, fish and wait for redistricting. The force is with Jack as he plans a daring escape with the help of his light saber. (James Earl Jones is the voice of the Board of Regents, Mark Hamill plays a surprisingly good Jack.)

It is rumored the proceeds of the trilogy goes towards the funding of the football team. If you miss any of these films, don't worry. They will be re-released in 20 years- so your kids can pay for a new stadium.

A Christmas release, just in time for Oscar consideration... *Jackie McGuire*.

Jack becomes the sports agent to Paul Cluxton and the stars of the football team. He gets too involved, screaming 'show me the money!' all over campus, the Board of Regents has to fire him, begging Dr. Leon Boothe to serve as Interim President for a year. (Tom Cruise is a natural for the role of the money hungry agent, Cluxton makes a guest appearance as himself and Donald Sutherland stars in the role of Boothe. Larry Flint plays himself.)

Of course these are so far-fetched they couldn't possibly be true. Same holds true for the rumors.

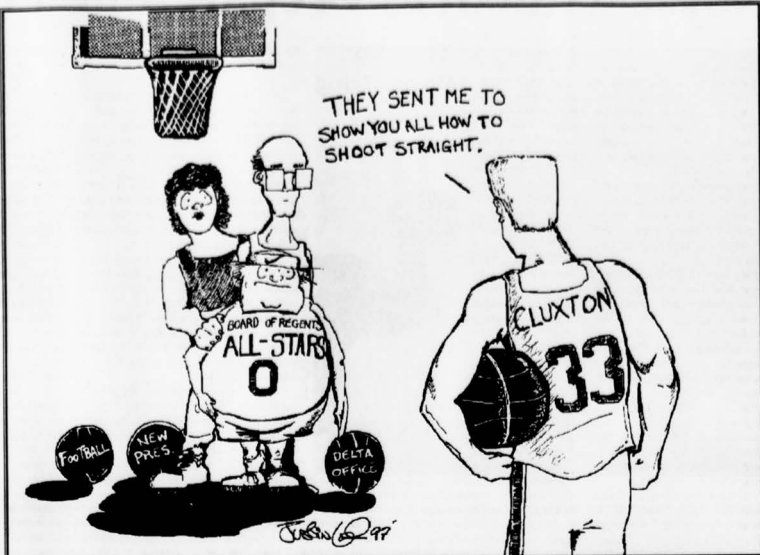
What a slap in the face for the three distinguished candidates and the Presidential Search Committee.

The worst part, the absolute worst part of the whole conspiracy theory is that some faculty, staff and students believe them.

They are just rumors and people are taking them seriously.

Some things are so ridiculous, you can't believe everything you hear.

Something to think about when dealing with people's reputations.



Security Doesn't Need To Be All That



Margie
Wise
Columnist

DPS has been wandering the halls of the dorms, and it worries me.

I mean, I can't go the bathroom at 3 a.m. without campus security knowing about it.

So maybe it's not a conspiracy worthy of the X-Files (Hmmm...I wouldn't mind bumping into David Duchovny late at night).

Still, what can they do inside the dorms, that they can't do from outside?

If they are worried about people getting into the dorms, why don't they beef up security outside, and keep them from getting close to the buildings?

Something just doesn't feel right to me about a male with a badge skulking around the girls' dorms.

If they have to be there, can it please be a female officer?

I understand that campus crime happens, and that DPS has to prevent it.

But why do they have to prevent it inside my wing at four in the morning?

This method seems a little bit extreme just to check for propped doors and fire hazards.

This method violates my freedom.

I realize that I am living (and

paying to live) on Northern Kentucky University property. They have every legal right to barge in to what is essentially my home for the moment.

Ethically, however, I deserve privacy and respect for my space. I deserve the right to heat up something to eat at three in the morning with out campus security knowing about it.

("911!!!! 911!!!! She's headed for the microwave!")

Although I appreciate the concern, it's a bit much. I have a phone.

I can call and ask DPS for help if I need them.

Allow me to walk to the bathroom in my robe without worrying about flashing a security officer.

I promise not to leave my door propped open while I'm in there, okay?

Summer Can't Come Soon Enough

I can't seem to wait for summer. The spring weather teases me with its intermittent warm days.

I want to lay out by the pool with a trashy paperback and watch the sweat bead on my body.

I want barbecues and family reunions in ninety degree weather. I want a car seat so hot I have to put a towel down before I can sit.

I want summer.

It is frustrating for me to sit in class and watch the sky outside, dreaming of liberation; which smells suspiciously like chlo-

rine and sun block. Because of this, school is increasingly torturous.

Deadlines pile on top of deadlines, until I just want to scream. Procrastination becomes my policy, and that is if I actually get it done.

Lack of sleep causes my morning brain fuzz to stick around all day, so my attention span rivals a two year old's.

I forget people are talking to me and drift off into space.

I offend family and friends with my impatience and rude remarks.

Simple things, like keys and umbrellas, sidestep my consciousness.

So, as I prepare to leave my room early one Tuesday morning for my eight o'clock class, the sky is gray and foggy and I can see the frost.

I check the calendar on the back of my door and sigh, only two more months.

Community Service For All

Tri-Beta combines community service and academics

To the Editor:

Thanks for your recent coverage of the NKU Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society contributions at the David T. Young Outdoor Educational Center and the Butterfly Garden.

For clarification, my interest in these projects is based on their link with the goals of service learning.

In fact, Tri-Beta has connected academics with community service. Along the way, the group's members grow as citizens, teachers, and leaders because they take time to reflect on their volunteering. If the service is successful, the impact is considered, then newly applied in another time, another setting.

The involvement of faculty like Drs. Kannan and R. Naczi (Tri-Beta Advisors) is rewarded when their

students become mentors themselves. This the the cyclical and meaningful process of service learning.

One further point: I am not part of Tri-Beta.

For more information on their history and future plans, visit them on the 5th floor of the Natural

Sciences Building, contact Keith Bricking (Pres.) at 572-5561, or check their home page — www.nku.edu/bbb.

Sincerely,
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'Buy Us Some Books!' And Pass On The Football

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to the recent action of the NKU Board of Regents concerning taxing each student an additional \$20 per semester to enhance the Athletic Department's new football program.

According to the report submitted by the football committee, their "main purpose was to examine the need, support for and feasibility of a football program at NKU."

They stated there were several major obstacles to be overcome before a team could actually be formed. Among some of the problems were "declining student enrollment, residence hall vacancies, less than desired alumni and community support, minority enrollment, student retention, and student life."

(1) When considering African American recruitment, it is essential to identify where the bulk of Kentucky's African American population is located. All of our urban areas have high concentrations of African Americans as well as excellent institutions of higher education.

Whether one speaks of Louisville, Lexington,

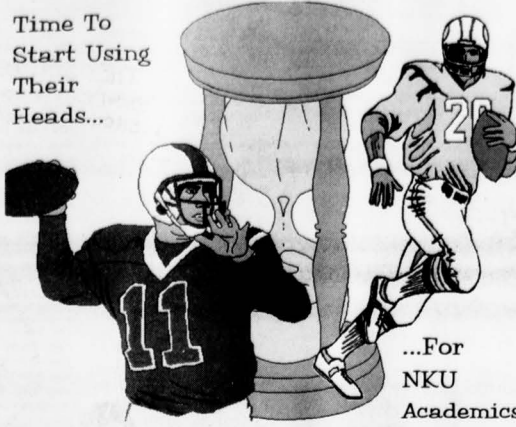
Richmond, Bowling Green, or Frankfort, it is clear that these areas have social outlets and universities with well established athletic programs. These facts support the idea that attracting potential students from these areas will be difficult.

It is my concern that NKU must compete more vigorously for those college bound minority students of African American heritage in this region. The question is how can NKU become more appealing to high school graduates in the Tri-state Area?

The committee's report and some of their misguided supporters would have us believe that football will open the flood gates and African American males and their girlfriends will come rushing to this university. This notion defies logic!

No student athlete worth his salt, (by this I mean a person who has the talent to play at the college level) will come to this university at his own expense to

Time To
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play for an institution that has no field, no coach, no equipment, and no track record. If football is to help recruit people of African decent, scholarships must be attached to this proposal. We will not jump through hoops over having more minorities on campus, we will save our joy for Graduation Day.

If recruitment is an issue, let me suggest another reason for a

lack of minority students on this campus.

As stated earlier we have to be competitive in the Tri-state Area. The quality of the buildings and grounds is competitive and the faculty is excellent. We compete well on all fronts except one.

It is ludicrous to expect students to cross the river in masses to attend this school at \$236 per semester hour when they can

stay at home and have a rate that is compatible to NKU in-state rates. When fees are competitive, we attract students from other areas in the Tri-state.

It is time for this school and the State legislature to consider a different formula for recruiting out of state students within a thirty mile radius of this institution. One that will offer a more competitive rating system.

If this university wants to increase its African American population it must evidence this desire by meaningful aggressive recruitment, an atmosphere of racial tolerance, and an economic friendly policy.

The second issue listed by the committee is, student retention. We will retain more of our students when administrative and economic policy aids the education process instead of hindering it. More resources must be invested in student retention. It should be the goal of this institution to recruit and graduate all who come through its door.

Most out of state students currently enrolled, are here in spite of high out of state fees and the absence of a football team.

It is difficult for us to understand how this administration expects us to complete our education at this institution when the fee per hour rate is being increased by the legislature and this institution adds to our burden an additional \$20.00 fee for, of all things, a football team. I could understand the increase in fees if the library were being stocked or the computer system were updated. But that is not what these rate increases are about. A rate increase for football is not justified.

It is time for the Board of Regents to recognize the hardship it has placed on students. Some form of fairness must be restored.

It is also time for supporters of the school's football program to realize that some of the arguments they put forth in support of the goal of fielding a team were insulting. They reinforced the myth that African American students are only food at round-bell, baseball, and football.

The African American Student of NKU implore you to stop trying to pass us the ball and buy us some books!

Sincerely,
Earl D. Hudson
Human Resources

North Poll

How Has The Flood Affected Your Life?

By Anna Weaver/The Northerner



"I don't live anywhere near the water. But it kept me from going out on Sunday to Annie's"

-Jason Miller



"I live ten minutes from Falmouth. I don't have any (drinking) water at home."

-Amanda Bowman



"I feel bad for people who have lost everything that they ever had."

-Anna Weiner



"I've stopped to think about giving my charitables."

-Greg Zaskowski

Faith Restored In Northern

Dear Editor,

After the series of unintelligent dribble in support of Jack Moreland's quest for immortality at NKU, my faith in this institution to think rationally has to some extent been restored by both

Gina Holt's Editorial, and Sean Jones' letter to the editor, in the March 5 issue of *The Northerner*. It is certainly comforting to know that despite the belief among some that NKU means "No Knowledge College," there are those among the student body who continue to make professors

happy and proud. Thank you so much for having the courage to speak up and more so to demonstrate your ability to think critically.

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Dining Out

Whet Your Appetite For Service

(NAPS)—When you eat in a restaurant, what does it take for you to give the waitstaff top rating?

That's the gist of a recent survey of 500 adults who eat at table service restaurants regularly. The results can help you determine what to expect the next time you dine out, and help restaurants evaluate their staff.

The San Pellegrino "What's the Dish on Dining" Survey, conducted by the number one sparkling mineral water in restaurants, was designed to gauge America's growing thirst for service when eating away from home.

"Building an effective service staff is one of the greatest challenges in the restaurant industry today," says William O'Donnell, San Pellegrino USA, president. "Good service can make or break the dining experience and can ultimately have a significant impact on the bottom line."

Among the survey's findings:

- Seventy percent of respondents say that next to food, attentive waitstaff is what contributes most to an enjoyable dining experience.

- Respondents want the food fresh, but not the waitstaff. A rude server was listed as the biggest dining turnoff by four in ten respondents. Eighteen percent said the biggest problem was having food spilled on them. Next came having food taken away too soon. Scrapping leftovers off plates right there at the table was a definite no-no for ten percent of the diners surveyed.

- Forty-four percent of those who have made reservations but are then made to wait expect some sort of accommodation, ranging



Nine out of ten diners expect to be asked for their beverage order within five minutes of being seated, while 44 percent expect to be asked within a speedy two minutes.

from a free dessert, appetizer or beverage, to a better table.

- Speed is of the essence. Ninety percent of diners expect to be asked for a beverage order within five minutes of being seated. Sixty-eight percent say they're willing to give between three and ten minutes to be served bread or crackers. Seventy-six percent expect to wait between three and ten minutes before ordering.

- Six in ten diners say familiarity breeds "content," believing that regular customers receive better service than do first-time patrons.

- Forty-two percent of restaurant customers in the south believe a compliment is likely to help a great deal in getting good service. Compare that to 35 percent in the Midwest, 27 percent in the West and 24 percent in the Northeast.

- What's in a name? When asked if they thought waiters should introduce themselves or remain anonymous, seventy percent of Southern diners said they want to know their server's name, compared to 67 percent in the Midwest, 64 percent in the West, and 61 percent in the Northeast.

NEWS IN PICTURES

The Bahamas Bounces Back



Luxurious resorts, deserted beaches and tropical beauty are luring vacationers in record numbers to The Islands Of The Bahamas.

(NAPS)—The Islands Of The Bahamas—located just 50 miles southeast of Florida—are clearly on a roll. From swimming with dolphins and diving the old James Bond 007 movie sets, to Chris Blackwell's chic color "elegant love shacks," that draw the jet-sets from New York and L.A. and the stunning aquarium resort that is Atlantis, vacationers are discovering the renaissance in The Bahamas.

In the past 18 months, more than \$1.5 billion dollars have been invested into Nassau and Paradise Island alone. New air terminals, widened roads, repaved sidewalks, massive landscaping, sweeping esplanades, an island-wide clean-up campaign and additional police officers walking the beat are all part of the improvements travelers applaud during their visits, in addition to tropical beauty.

New Resorts

Five new or completely renovated hotels and resorts have opened in Nassau and on Paradise Island. Atlantis experienced a \$124 million investment; the all inclusive Breezes Bahamas and Sandals



The stark white uniforms of the Bahamian Police in Nassau offer a vivid contrast to the lush beauty of these colorful islands.

underwent \$14 and \$12 million renovations respectively. Radisson Cable Beach Resort is completing a \$30 million refurbishment and the Nassau Marriott Resort and Crystal Palace Casino is undergoing a \$30 million refurbishment.

In 1995, The Islands Of The Bahamas had its best year ever with more than 1.59 million stopover visitors and indications are that 1996 will set an all time high. With such a dramatic comeback, vacationers are learning that the phrase "been there, done that" no longer applies to The Islands Of The Bahamas.

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