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Snapshot:

NEWS

BANQUET: Myrtis H. Powell, of Miami University, is the featured speaker at the Black History Month Dinner on Feb. 28. The event begins at 6 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

FEATURES

TOP DESIGN: NKU's latest art exhibit, *Designer as Author: Voices and Visions*, received more than 80 parcels of submissions, containing up to a dozen entries each. Fifty-eight participants are featured in the exhibit, including four NKU students. Page 6.

SPEAK UP:

Northern Kentucky University's speech team is preparing for the state tournament on Feb. 22-23 at Georgetown College. On Feb. 10, the speech team had only three out of its 10 members in the final but placed ninth out of 21 other schools. Page 6.



SPORTS

THE END 1: The NKU basketball teams play their final home games of the season against Quincy University on Saturday. Men's seniors are Chuck Perry, Andre McClendon and Reggie Talbert. Women's seniors are Stephanie Jordan and Shawna Daly. Page 3.

SQUEAKING BY:

The NKU men's and women's basketball teams narrowly escaped defeat at St. Joseph's College last weekend. The men won 67-64 behind 17 points and eight rebounds by LaRon Moore. The women were led to a 69-64 victory by Stephanie Jordan's 13 points. Page 3.

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PSYCH 101:

Dionne Warwick, Billy Dee Williams, Brigitte Nielsen and even La Toya Jackson have their own psychic hotlines, and all people need to do to get their insight is pay \$4.99 per minute. Page 5.



Flashback

Feb. 25, 1977



"To keep pace with the energy crisis, Northern Kentucky University formed the Task Force on Energy Management. The goal of the committee, said Michael McPherson, was to "make this campus a more efficient user as far as energy is concerned." The university's utility bill for January 1977 put NKU in a budget bind, said Roger Buchanan, director of budget and financial affairs.

International Non-Resident students dropped 15.7% in 1996

1995

127 students

1996

107 students

Number of countries represented - 40

Source: NKU Institutional Research

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Regent Supports Junior College Hirings, Learning Would Increase, Taliaferro Says

By Chris Specht
Staff Writer

Increasing enrollment, stagnant funds and an over-dependence on part-time faculty have Northern Kentucky University feeling growing pains, faculty regent Michael Thomson said. This and tax admission standards fueled talk at a recent Board of Regents meeting about NKU's need for a com-

munity college, Thomson said.

Director of the Learning Assistance Program Paul Ellis said almost 75 percent of incoming freshmen in the fall of 1995 were unprepared for some college level courses.

The number of incoming freshmen needing remedial help in math, reading or writing has been 50 percent and above in recent years, he said.

Making matters worse, developmental

courses routinely fill up in the fall, leaving some students closed out, Ellis said.

This puts students with deficiencies in the precollege curriculum and low ACT scores in the same classes with students who are prepared to learn on a college level, Ellis said.

"Imagine the frustration of a professor teaching at two different levels at the same time," Regent Phil Taliaferro said. Taliaferro said NKU could turn its

Covington campus into a community college to help students needing remedial courses to catch up.

With a "junior" college, NKU could hire faculty with masters degrees, freeing up full-time faculty on the main campus to teach more general studies classes, Thomson said.

It would also allow NKU to enforce or raise the admission standard that it has.

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Plugged In



Terry Renaker/The Northerner

Promenade, a band from Cincinnati, performed at WNKU last week. Scott Cunningham (left) plays base guitar and vocals. Steve Sauer (right) handles guitar and vocals. The drummer, Brian Ferry, also performs backup vocals. Promenade will play songs from their album, "Francis Coming Home," at the Showcase in Toronto, Canada March 8-10. They are one of 15 bands for the United States selected to perform at the event.

Report Says Building Harms Health Headaches Most Common Of Respondent Symptoms

By Pat McEntee
Assistant Sports Editor

If you call or stop by Associate Sociology Professor Joan Ferrante's office at any given time, you probably won't find her there.

She no longer holds office hours in Landrum, but can be found in the lobby of W. Frank Steely Library at certain times.

The reason she tries to stay away from Landrum as much as she can is her health. Ferrante attributes the health problems she has had over the past several years to the building.

She didn't make a connection until October 1995, when she went

on a trip to New York. While in New York, an ear infection that had been bothering her cleared up. Within an hour of returning to campus, the infection came back, she said. This prompted her to conduct a survey of students, faculty and staff at Northern Kentucky University.

Ferrante distributed 1,500 copies of her survey on Dec. 4 to find out what people on campus felt about the relationship between the health-related symptoms and building conditions. With the results, Ferrante published her report on Feb. 6, and presented her findings at an NKU town meeting on Feb. 8.

Out of the 1,146 people who completed and returned the survey, 991 experienced one or more of 11 symptoms that were listed in the week prior to completing the survey. Headaches were the most common symptom. Over half of the respondents had a headache in a week's time.

Of the 614 full-time students who returned the survey, 563 or 91.7 percent said they had experienced one or more of the symptoms. But 64 percent of those who had symptoms believed there was no connection between their symptoms and the building conditions. Only 8.2 percent felt there was a connection, while 27.8 percent

weren't sure.

By contrast, 86.2 percent of full-time staff and 68.8 percent of full-time faculty who had symptoms, believed there was a connection or at least the possibility of a connection.

"I get sick when returning to campus. I've discussed this with my doctor, who is familiar with NKU's campus. He agrees there is a strong correlation between my health and the NKU buildings," according to an unsigned comment from the surveys.

Ferrante said the 147 written comments that she received, most

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BEP Center Elevator Work 'Major Job'

By Angie Brant
Staff Writer

Crowded halls, busy stairways and slow elevators are some of the factors students, teachers and the staff at Northern Kentucky University must deal with on a day-to-day basis.

But the elevator problem in the Business-Education-and-Psychology Center has been the most burdensome on the people who have classes or work in the building.

The elevator, which is located in the middle of the building, has been out of service since the beginning of the spring semester. Associate Director of Physical Plant Bob Bolece said the elevator has a hole in the hydraulic cycle.

"This is a major job, and we are fixing it as quickly as possible," he said. Although there is another elevator in the BEP building, it does not allow access to the majority of first floor classrooms.

Until the elevator is fixed, students must use the stairs or the remaining elevator at the plaza entrance of the building in order to get to their classes. However, for disabled people, this solution does not solve all their problems.

Using the remaining elevator is complicated by the fact the first floor entrance on the plaza side of the building was not equipped with a handicap accessible door. The university installed one, but it has malfunctioned. They must use other routes on campus that are handicap accessible in order to attend their classes or reach their job site. This can also be difficult for them.

"It is an inconvenience," Carol Maschiot said. "Without the elevator it takes more time and has caused me to be late for classes."

The first week of spring classes proved to be the most difficult for Maschiot because she did not

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History Major Chosen Member Of Educational Elite

Student Garners Mention In National Newspaper

By Julie Martz
Staff Writer

It is not every day a student can open a national newspaper and see a fellow Northern Kentucky University student's name. If anyone picked up the Feb. 8 issue of USA Today, they would have seen just that.

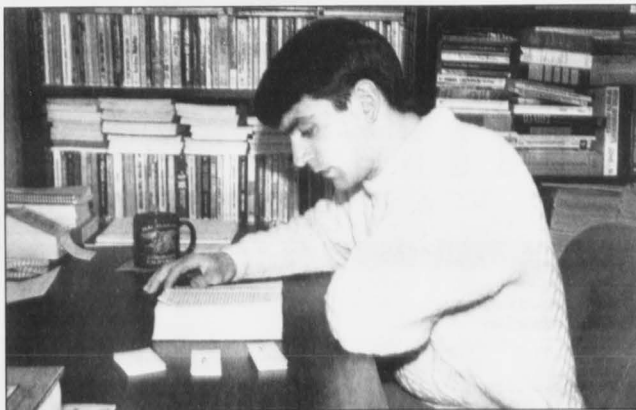
A senior history major, Steve Watkins, received an honorable mention in the newspaper for his nomination to the 1996 All-U.S.A. College Academic Team. The All-U.S.A. College Academic Team awards scholarships to the applicants who meet the team's qualifications.

A total of 1,300 applicants competed for the awards throughout the country. The competition was open to any college or university student in the United States. There were 60 awards given out and about 50 or 60 honorable mentions.

"I was up against applicants from places like Yale, Princeton and the Naval Academy," Watkins said. "I was just surprised to get an honorable mention."

The nomination process started with a recommendation from chairman of the history and geography department, Michael C. Adams and professor of his-

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Terry Renaker/The Northerner

Senior history major Steve Watkins, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, was selected to The All-U.S.A. College Academic Team in USA Today. Watkins was one of 1,300 applicants and 60 selections.

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of which were unsigned, were the most significant part of the study. Most of the comments pointed to possible causes, or at least what people believed to be the causes, of the illnesses.

"People have a reason for their concern," she said.

Better than one of every five respondents, have had a conversation

with another person about the issue of physical symptoms and campus buildings. This was shown in many of the written comments, as well as being a part of the survey. Many of the comments blamed poor ventilation and air circulation for the health problems.

"I have spoken to many people with physical ailments or conditions in Landrum which seem likely to be a result of poor health conditions in the building, especially air circulation and mold resulting from moisture," an

unsigned comment read.

A faculty member said of Nunn Hall, "In the last three to four years, I have been of the opinion that this is a 'sick' building. It would help things if you could open a window in this d— place once in a while. The air is stale and there is no appropriate circulation, just a recycling of old running air."

Another said, "The inability to open windows means that all airborne viruses are constantly recirculated." The numbers show, not everyone

agrees there is a problem. It's hard for me to connect the occasional cold with work environment," one respondent wrote.

Another simply said, "I can't believe we wasted time and money for this questionnaire."

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Carla Chance said there are vents in each building to bring in fresh air, but with renovations in many of the buildings, there may have been a change in the flow of air. Two of the written comments from the survey

said they felt bird droppings in front of these vents could be contributing to the problem.

There is a sign on second floor entrance to Landrum which says, "Please do not smoke by the air vent. Thank you"

The idea that toxins may be in the air in the buildings on campus hasn't been completely ruled out though.

Paul Gaston, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said at the town meeting, there have been air samples taken regularly. No toxins

have shown up in these samples. However, air samples will continue to be taken, he said.

Chance said she is going to recommend to NKU President Leon Boothie there be permanent funding for these air quality tests.

Ferrante strongly believes in the accuracy of the results of the survey.

"I believe if this study was done again, we would get the same results," she said. "For what it was intended to do, I think it is a very accurate study."

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he said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Norleen Pomerantz said community colleges are usually set up for students seeking associate degrees, and NKU already offers that.

"We don't have dumb students at Northern," she said. "We have very bright students."

Pomerantz said teaching at different levels in classrooms is normal when students have different

academic strengths and come from different backgrounds.

Ellis said the idea of having a community college should be looked into, but faculty should have a big part in its design.

"If developmental educators participated fully, developing community college standards and policies, then it would be an improvement over the present situation," he said.

"Even if it (NKU) doesn't go that route, it still needs to put more resources into lower level courses, not just developmental courses," Ellis said.

This then leads to full-time faculty drawing away from general study courses.

"Our full-time faculty is being drawn away from general studies courses," Thomson said.

"The best thing NKU can do to improve the education is to raise the salary of part-time faculty and hire more full-time faculty to teach students on lower levels," Ellis said.

"Given the present part-time faculty salary, I cannot hire enough qualified teachers to serve all the students," he said.

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tory and geography, James A. Ramage.

"When the competition was brought to my attention, Steve was immediately the logical choice," Ramage said. "He is an outstanding person academically and in every other aspect."

Watkins then had to solicit letters from four other professors in the history department. After obtaining the letters, he had to write a 500 word essay entitled, the "Academic Endeavor."

It was a biography of the accomplishments he has made throughout his academic career. Watkins called it a "brag sheet," but Ramage disagreed. He said it was a tough essay which had to relate the research Watkins has done to everyday life.

Watkins has made significant accomplishments while he has been at NKU. One has been being elected Phi Alpha Theta History Fraternity president. He has also been accepted into The Master's Seminary in Los Angeles, Calif.

He plans to continue his studies there once he finishes at NKU. He

wants to pursue graduate studies in Greek and Hebrew languages and in ancient near east history and culture. He said he looks forward to moving back to Los Angeles. He lived there for a couple years while he was stationed in the military.

Watkins said he has had much inspiration from professors at NKU, but one has stood out in his mind the most.

"Dr. Ramage has inspired and encouraged my leadership the most," Watkins said. "He is so dedicated to the students and not himself, that it makes me want to go above and beyond."



Catch The Spirit

WEEKLY EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner
Every Thursday 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study
Every Thursday 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Sunday Mass
7:30 p.m.
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As part of the W. Frank Steely Library Expansion project, a diamond-shaped area in front of the library and adjacent to two landscape beds on the main pathway to Landrum Academic Center has been designed to accommodate dedicatory pavers. There will be built-in walls for seating adjacent to the paver area.

Funds from this project will be used to support campus beautification efforts.

This particular paver opportunity, at the low cost of \$50, is now available to students and present and retired faculty, staff, and Regents.

Inscribed pavers make great gifts (Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, commencements, anniversaries, weddings, etc.). Commemorate a person, a family, a special event, or an organization.

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\$50 per paver. Total donation is tax deductible.

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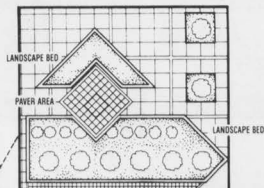
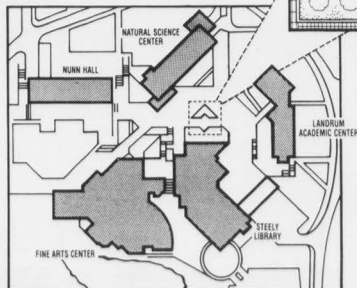
Each paver is 4'x8" and has 3 lines of inscription with 14 characters maximum per line, including spaces and punctuation.

MARCH 27 DEDICATION

A ceremony dedicating the commemorative paving bricks on the plaza in front of Steely Library will take place on Wednesday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m. following the NKU Board of Regents meeting. Orders must be received no later than March 1 for the pavers to be inscribed and set in place for the March 27 dedication. For more information, call the Development office at 572-6910.

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Norse Thursday: Minor Breaks Record

Northern Kentucky University's junior guard Shannon Minor scored a career-high 35 points and hit nine three-pointers for a school record in the Norse win over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 94-60.

Minor's nine three-pointers broke the record of eight held by Greg Phelia and Ryan Schrand.

The Norse improved their record to 17-5 overall and 11-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU is ranked No. 3 in the Great Lakes Valley Region. The top six teams qualify for the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Also, Paul Cluxton continued his hot streak of three-point shooting making four of six and finished with 21 points.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (94)—Moore 3-11, 3-4-9, A. Listerman 2-4 0-0, Talbert 4-4-4, 7-15, K. Listerman 0-2 0-0, Cluxton 6-10 5-6, 21, Minor 10-16 6-6 35, Perry 0-1 0-0 0, McClendon 0-4 1-6 1, Gibson 0-0 4-4-4, Veach 1-4 4-6, James 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 27-54 27-37 94.

WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE (60)—Bradley 5-12 6-7 16, McCarty 2-4 3-4, Houtakier 2-5-4, 4-8, Lucas 1-2 0-0 3, Rodgers 5-9 1-2 12, Luedke 0-1 0-0 0, Banya 0-3 0-0 0, Trice 2-5 0-2 4, Evans 4-8 1-1 9, Jacobs 0-0 0-0 0, Bye 0-1 1-3 1, Totals 21-48 16-23 60.

Halftime—NKU, 50-28. Three-point goals—NKU 13-25 (Cluxton 4-6, Moore 0-1, A. Listerman 0-1, Minor 9-15, K. Listerman 0-1, Perry 0-1). Wisconsin-Parkside 2-10 (McCarty 0-1, Lucas 1-2, Rodgers 1-2, Luedke 0-1, Banya 0-2, Trice 0-1, Evans 0-1). Fouled out—Evans. Foul—NKU 20, Wisconsin-Parkside 21. Rebounds—NKU 27 (Cluxton 8); Wisconsin-Parkside 36 (Bradley 11). Assists—NKU 11 (Minor 4); Wisconsin-Parkside 7 (Banya 2). Technical Fouls—None.

Norse Thursday: NKU Edge Rangers

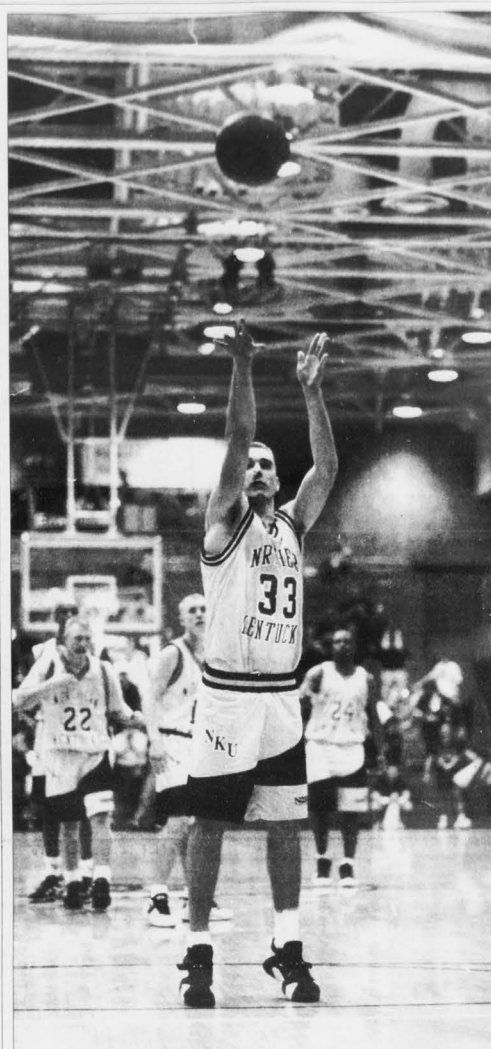
Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team improved to 14-8 and 10-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 56-47 win over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Freshman Katie Kelsey led NKU with 11 points. Her trio of three-pointers in the second half propelled the victory.

The Norse held the Rangers to 40 percent shooting from the field.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (56)—Webb 2-4 1-2, Smith 4-10 0-0 8, Jordan 3-7 1-2 7, Morningstar 4-13 0-0 8, Kelsey 4-7 0-0 11, Stanley 0-0 0-0 0, Siskin 0-0 0-0 0, McCarty 2-3 1-2 5, Penhollowood 0-0 0-0 0, Roddy 1-2 0-0 3, Kamrath 1-2 2-4, Daly 2-5 1-2 5, Totals 23-53 6-10 56.

WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE (47)—Kassing 2-6 0-4, Hurlbous 4-13 0-1 8, Verkulien 2-4 1-2 5, Persons 0-1 0-0 0, Bogensneider 6-11 2-14, Georgoff 1-3 0-0 2, Jellis 1-3 0-2 2, Hawn 1-4 0-0 2, Morrissey 5-9 0-0 10, Randolph 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 22-55 2-6 47.

Halftime—NKU, 25-19. Three-point goals—NKU 4-8 (Morningstar 0-1, Kelsey 3-6, Roddy 1-2). Wisconsin-Parkside 1-5 (Kassing 0-2, Bogensneider 1-1, Jellis 0-1, Randolph 0-1). Fouled out—none. Foul—NKU 13, Wisconsin-Parkside 11. Rebounds—NKU 33 (Jordan 8), Wisconsin-Parkside 34 (Bogensneider 6). Assists—NKU 11 (Morningstar 3), Wisconsin-Parkside 15 (Kassing, Hurlbous, and Persons 4). Technical Fouls—None.



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner
STRING MUSIC: Junior Paul Cluxton's recent hot streak has put him on pace to finish tops among three-point shooting in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

When You're In The ZONE

By John Kirtley
Staff Writer

In sports, athletes speak of a streak of play when everything is going their way. Every shot taken goes in, every pitch swung at is a line drive or every pass thrown is a completion. This streak is what most athletes refer to as "the zone."

Northern Kentucky University junior basketball player Paul Cluxton may be right in the middle of this unpredictable and uncontrollable "zone."

Cluxton is scoring 18 points per game on 57.6 percent shooting from the floor in his last nine contests along with connecting on an astonishing 58.3 percent of his three-pointers. He is tied for second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in three-pointers made with 61 and fourth in the GLVC in three-point field goal percentage at 50 percent.

Averaging 11 ppg in his first 12 games of the season, Cluxton is now the second leading scorer for the Norse at 14.2 ppg. "He's been in a zone," NKU men's basketball head coach Ken Shields said. "You can just see in games that he feels like it's going to go in every time."

Cluxton has made at least three three-pointers in eight straight games, including six against the University of Southern Indiana on Feb. 3 and five against Bellarmine College on Feb. 13; Kentucky Wesleyan College on Jan. 13 and the University of Indianapolis on Feb. 8. Cluxton's season high was seven against the University of Indiana-Southeast on Dec. 5.

He has not shot less than 50 percent from three-point range in nine straight games, including 6-for-9 against USI, and 5-for-8 against Bellarmine and KWC. He was also 3-for-4 at Quincy (Ill.) University on Jan. 25 and 5-for-9 against UI.

Cluxton's torrid pace the past month may have been the result of a decision Shields made two months ago. Cluxton credits the insertion of sophomore guard Andy Listerman and freshman guard Kevin Listerman into the starting line-up for providing better ball movement for the Norse.

Combined with solid screening, Cluxton has been getting open shots.

"I think with Kevin (Listerman) and Andy (Listerman) we got more ball movement," Cluxton said. "They'll pass up the open shot to give you one and they're just good team players. And if I get off the picks from LaRon (Moore) and Reggie (Talbert) I'll get my shots off."

Junior guard Shannon Minor sees teams collapsing inside on leading scorer LaRon Moore and pivotman Reggie Talbert, which leaves Cluxton open outside.

"A lot of teams are keying on other players like LaRon, Reggie and myself," Minor said. "I just try to penetrate and once their men collapse on me I kick out to 'Clux' who'll knock down the open shot 60 percent of the time."

Cluxton is on a record pace that has him three three-pointers away from Jimmy Matthews' team record of 64 three-pointers in the 1990-'91 season. He will also probably break David Marshall's three-point field goal percentage team record of 46.2 from the 1991-'92 season.

Shields said he believes Cluxton's shooting spree has a lot to do with confidence and his team's unselfish play.

"He's very confident right now," Shields said. "You can just see it in his eyes that he's thinking in a very positive way. Our guys, in general, are fairly unselfish and they know whose got a hot hand, and they look for him." Cluxton downplays an increase in confidence, believing a shooter should not be surprised when getting on a successful streak. "I just try and make every shot," Cluxton said. "You've got to think every one of them is going in. I think they're all going in, and I feel surprised if it doesn't go in."

Hopefully for the Norse, Cluxton will still be in "the zone" for tomorrow's home contest against the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Paul Cluxton is Hot From Three Point Range

Opponent	% FG	Total Per Cent Points
Oakland City	50%	12
Bellarmine	63%	17
St. Joseph's	50%	17
Purdue-Ft. Wayne	50%	19
Quincy	75%	16
Lewis	50%	13
Ky Wesleyan	63%	20
Southern Ind.	66%	29
Indianapolis	56%	19
Wis. Parkside	67%	21
St. Joseph's	50%	13

Source: GLVC Vid Vidovich/The Northerner

Thursday's Games vs SIU-Edwardsville

Two Spots Separate NKU From NCAA

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

The Cougars of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville come Thursday to Regents Hall to play Nancy Winstel's streaking Norse.

Northern Kentucky University has won 10 of its last 13 games and are currently on a streak which might give them a berth in the Great Lakes Valley Regional playoffs. The Norse are currently ranked eighth in the Great Lakes Valley Region. The top six teams in the region qualify for the NCAA Division II Tournament.

NKU Attempts First Series Sweep

By Pat McEntee
Assistant Sports Editor

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will try to play spoiler when they visit Regent's Hall on Thursday at 7:45 pm.

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team will face SIU-Edwardsville to kick off its final home-stand of the season.

SIU-Edwardsville comes in with a sub-.500 record, and is out of the running for a spot in post-season play. But a victory over the Norse would hurt NKU's chances of appearing in the NCAA Division II

tournament in March. NKU won the first meeting with the Cougars 79-67 at Edwardsville.

The Cougars are led in scoring by junior Jason Holmes with 17.8 points per game. Chris Harris leads SIU-Edwardsville in rebounding with an average of 6.6 per game.

NKU counters with LaRon Moore who leads the team in scoring and rebounding with 19.0 ppg and 6.9 rpg. Moore's 19 point average is good for third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. SIU-Edwardsville will also have to contend with the hot shooting

second in steals averaging 2.5, second in three-point shooting percentage (.387), eighth in free throw percentage (.742) and ninth in field goal percentage (.419).

The Cougars boast one of the most balanced scoring attacks in GLVC having four scorers averaging 10 or more points.

Sophomore 5-foot-10 forward Alicia Harkins is second on the team in scoring (14.9) and eighth in the GLVC. Harkins ranks fifth in the GLVC in field goal percentage (.510).

In the last meeting on Jan. 6, NKU won 67-65 at Edwardsville.

Paul Cluxton. Cluxton has been shooting the lights out over the last several games from everywhere on the court.

Cluxton leads all Division II players in free-throw shooting with a 94.8 percentage from the line. He has missed just three of his 58 attempts this season.

Senior Andre McClendon leads the GLVC in field goal percentage at 63.4 percent. Reggie Talbert leads the GLVC in blocked shots with 1.8 per game.

If SIU-Edwardsville is going to pull off the upset they will need to shoot the ball well and control the game's tempo.

Saturday's Games vs Quincy

Quincy Game Dedicated To Seniors

By Pat McEntee
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University men's basketball fans will get a chance to say goodbye to the senior players this weekend on Family Day.

NKU will play its final home game of the season against Quincy University on Saturday at 3:15 pm at Regents Hall.

Seniors Chuck Perry, Andre McClendon and Reggie Talbert will suit up for their final performances at Regent's Hall.

In the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 25, NKU won 85-73 at Quincy.

In that game, the Norse were

able to hold the second leading scoring team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, 14 points below its average.

The Eagles shot only 35.5 percent from the floor for the game, and 11.5 percent from three-point range. Both are team lows for the season.

Quincy averages 8.2 three-pointers made per game. The Norse held Quincy to only three.

A key for the Norse will be to have a lead at halftime. Quincy is 12-0 when leading at the half. They are 3-6 when trailing at the half.

The Hawks are led in scoring by Jason Holmes with 16.4 ppg. Matt Steffe pulls down an average of six

rebounds per game.

Jay Driscoll leads the GLVC in assists with 8.1 per game for the Hawks. He has had double figures in that category seven times this season, including back-to-back games with 15.

Junior Shannon Minor is second in the conference in assists with 5.7 per game.

Quincy is a team that lives and dies by the three pointer. If the Norse can shut down the attack like they did in January, they should win.

A win against NKU will solidify NKU's chances of making the NCAA Division II tournament, and will certainly boost them as they finish out the schedule on the road.

NKU Owns 18-3 Record On Senior Day

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

Quincy University's Lady Hawks play Saturday at Regents Hall on Senior Night. Quincy's 4-16 overall record and 2-12 Great Lakes Valley Conference record is the worst in the GLVC.

The Norse have not lost on Senior Night since the 1980-81 season. That loss came against Morehead State, 83-97.

Northern Kentucky University is 18-3 in the history of Senior

Night. NKU's seniors are center Stephanie Jordan and guard Shawna Daly.

Quincy has not quite adjusted to the GLVC competition in its first year in the conference losing nine of its last 10 games. The Norse defeated the Lady Hawks on Jan. 25 at Quincy, 59-49. Leading NKU in the last game was junior Regina Webb with 17 points and three assists. Senior Stephanie Jordan's 10 rebounds also paced the Norse. Quincy's junior Jennifer Spates led the

Lady Hawks in scoring and rebounding in the loss with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Jamie O'Brien leads the Lady Hawks in scoring (11.4) and rebounding (5.8). Junior guard Tonya Edwards is second in scoring (10.7) and leads in assists with 11.1 for a 5.6 average assists per game.

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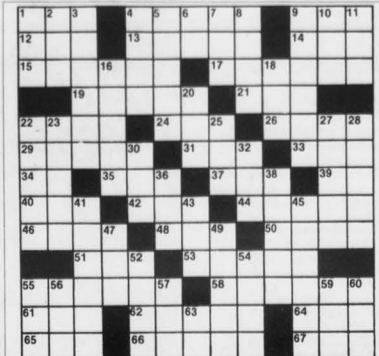
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33. Age
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35. Morning moisture
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7. Burned wood
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9. Stir up
10. Completely
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"Your palm is a road map God sent you," Marty, a professional palm and tarot card reader said. "The lines mean different things, it is up to you to follow his guides."

Besides palm reading, many other psychic support services are available.

Tarot cards are a set of cards used for fortunetelling; each card showing a virtue, an elemental force or vice.

Marifran Korb, a professional psychic, said she took classes from a friend and realized she had a knack for card reading.

"The pictures (on the cards) tell a story," she said. "Tarot is being on the cutting edge, spiritually as well as energetically."

Korb explained what a reader goes through when the client and the cards meet.

"You know the cards. You pick up something psychically," she said. "I know their energy and I put it all together for them. I try to help them know themselves."

She said some ask silly questions and some look for superficial answers to superficial questions.

"Who am I going to marry, or what are the lottery numbers this week," are common questions.

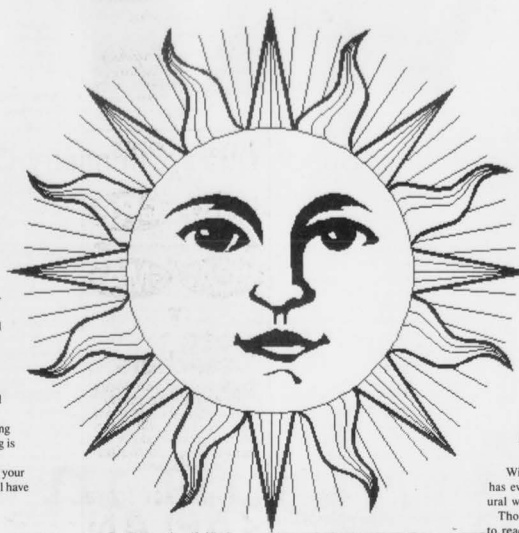
Like she would give the winning numbers away. Psychics are spiritual, but they too, need money to live.

"I don't predict their future," Korb said. "I help them step into their future, to take responsibility for their life."

Psychic readings are becoming the most popular forms of the medium.

According to an informal, very unscientific survey, about half of the students surveyed admitted they've seen some type of psychic.

"Psychic readings have become more popular. Some years ago, in the 60's for example, everyone had their psychiatrist, then it was their psychoanalyst. Now, everyone has their psychic," said Mary Lou Ackerman, a professional psychic.



FOR ALL THE ANSWERS,

ASK THE STARS

Even celebrities are jumping the psychic bandwagon. Dionne Warwick, Billy Dee Williams, Brigitte Nielsen and even La Toya Jackson have their own psychic networks.

For just a mere \$3.99 a minute, you can learn about your future from the same psychics who predicted Lisa Marie and Michael would have kids and live happily ever after.

For \$4.99 a minute, you can talk to the same psychic who predicted Anna Nicole Smith would be the next Oscar winning actress and Sean Penn will win the next Nobel Peace Prize.

The psychic phenomena is not all smiling fairies and fun. It is not just entertainment. There is a real legitimacy to it.

NOT ALL FUN
&
FAIRY DUST

A local psychic was heralded as a "crimebuster" in a missing person investigation.

Through a picture of the missing man, Patricia Mischell told the police she knew he was dead. In a psychic session she pictured where the body would be found.

She gave the police other information and two days later, at a sight very similar to what she predicted, they found the body of the missing man.

She said police come to her as a last resort, usually it's the victims family and friends who ask for her help first.

"We are here on earth to help whoever we can in the process," Jim Ballou, a professional psychic and owner of The Violet Vortex, a traveling New Age Fair, said.

"Being spiritual is supposed to be an everyday occurrence," Ballou said. "We are here to help everyone."

That is why they donate one dollar out of every admission they make to the homeless.

"Plus, we ask for canned goods when they come to the fairs,"

he said.

This whole mystic phenomena is often referred to New Age. The Violet Vortex stages New Age Fairs and are traveling the United States. For four years, they have been adding more and more psychics and readers to their already full roster.

"We've been growing. I've definitely seen the entire medium grow," Ballou said.

Included in these fairs are psychic readers, healers, speakers in astrology, palmistry, numerology, tarot, clairvoyance, crystal ball readings, aura readings and spiritual guiding.

A spiritual way of life or another way of life, the whole New Age medium is gaining ground in many areas. Stores are popping up everywhere, catering to anyone with the need to look into their past and future.

EVERYONE HAS THE GIFT

With fairy dust sprinkled on the floor, the store Kindred Spirits has everything needed for a journey into the spiritual and supernatural world.

Those with The Gift reside there every Friday and Saturday night to read palms, tarot cards or perform a psychic reading for anyone willing to learn more about themselves.

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Marty believes we all have The Gift; it comes easier to some people, others have to work hard to see it.

"We all have psychic eyes, we just chose to see or not to see," she said.

Sister Marie Pepper agrees.

"We all have imaginary eyes," she said. "We will ourselves to see things that aren't there psychically, but the image is in our eyes. It is called *willed eyes*."

For example, what color is your car? The car isn't physically here to look at, but the car's image is willed into your inner eyes, and you can see it and say what the color is. That is *willed eyes*.

"A clairvoyant can do this, but with people. Their gifts allow them to see things that are there, it's just most people won't see it," Pepper said. "If one practices, their gift of seeing things will get stronger, as strong as you allow it to get."

POPULARITY IS SOARING
BUT THEY KNEW
IT WOULD

Psychics are having multiple opportunities to practice their gift.

Ads for live psychic readings, psychic hotlines and astrological chartings grace page after page in almost every female-oriented magazine.

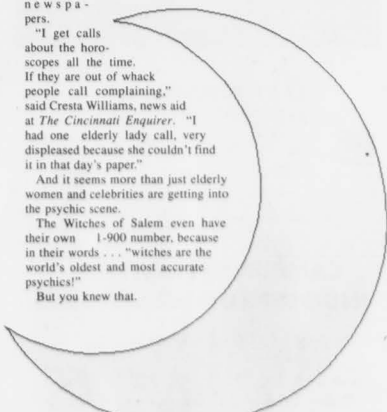
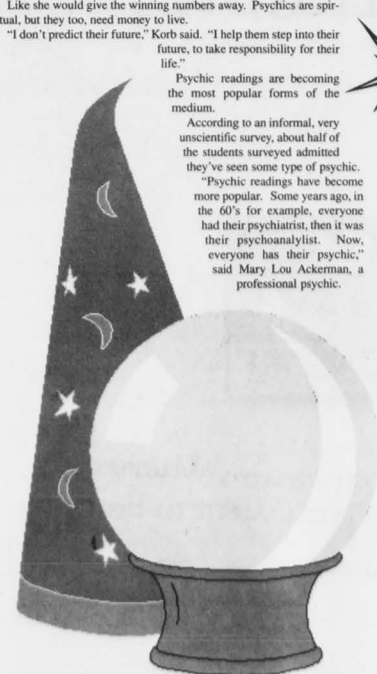
Horoscopes have always been one of the most popular features of magazines and newspapers.

"I get calls about the horoscopes all the time. If they are out of whack people call complaining," said Cresta Williams, news aid at *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. "I had one elderly lady call, very displeased because she couldn't find it in that day's paper."

And it seems more than just elderly women and celebrities are getting into the psychic scene.

The Witches of Salem even have their own 1-900 number, because in their words "...witches are the world's oldest and most accurate psychics!"

But you knew that.



Team Prepares For Speech State Tournament

By Amanda Title
Production Manager

They keep talking through the good and the bad. They never shut up.

They are the Northern Kentucky University speech team, and they're getting ready for the State Tournament being held at Georgetown College on Feb. 22 and 23.

At Ashby College on Feb. 10, the speech

team had only three out of its 10 members in the final. The team as a whole placed well, though. The team placed ninth out of 21 other schools from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, West Virginia and California.

Forensics coach Tony Chowning said he felt Ashby was what the team needed to prepare for State.

"It was an eye opening experience to show them what they have to do to well at State.

It was a needed thing," he said.

The speech team's toughest competition is going to come from Western Kentucky University. At Ashby, Western accumulated 446 sweepstake points, the second-place team did not accumulate half of that. Sweepstake points are points given for each individual place a team member takes, they are then added together to determine the final ranking among the schools for the competition.

Freshman member Eric Vismer said about the team, "They're...nerdy, but they're also working very hard to beat Western."

He said he believes the team will do well because the team is working harder and has raised its level of expectation. He thinks the team will place in the top three.

Senior member Candy Fehler said, "I think we'll do very well for the small size of the team we have."



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Senior Speech Major Candy Fehler

NKU and Germany Exchange

By Annette Bauser
Staff Writer

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Northern Kentucky University students who speak German now have the opportunity to participate in a newly created student exchange program in Munich, Germany.

The program is a joint venture with the University of Cincinnati, in cooperation with the Munich Sister City Association. International Programs Director Michael Klembara said.

Thomas Leech, assistant professor of literature and language, said most exchange programs involve large fees. This program, however, allows students to study up to a year at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University-Munich while only paying the regular NKU tuition and receiving university credit. Students would either live in a dormitory on campus or with a host family.

"The program was created to allow students at Northern to get access to an affordable foreign study opportunity in Germany," Leech said.

Being a foreign exchange student can be a good experience for anyone from anywhere.

"An international experience is valuable for anyone, not just in this country but for everyone," said music

education senior Paul Bower. "I would jump at the opportunity."

The program will be run jointly by a committee comprised of faculty from NKU and UC. Each university will recommend students and the committee will decide who the candidates will be.

In order to be nominated, students would need a strong German language background and have a high grade point average, Leech said.

Students coming from Germany will be shared by NKU and UC.

While NKU already offers exchange programs, including programs in Japan, Australia, Spain and Denmark, most are summer programs. This program offers total immersion which is important in today's business world, Klembara said.

"German is a good business language to have," junior accounting major Lemmy Kuntz said. "Spending time in Germany would look great on a resume."

International studying is a good opportunity, and students should take the opportunity to pursue it.

"These opportunities exist and students need to seriously consider them," Klembara said. "International business is here to stay."

Hangin' With Art



Terry Renaker/The Northerner
York Street Cafe in Newport gives NKU art students opportunity to display their art to an audience.

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

Saturday Night Live's hilarious duo of Chris Farley and David Spade team up once again (shortly after appearing together in "Tommy Boy") to head the cast of "Black Sheep."

Mike Donnelly (Farley) is on a mission to impress his brother Al, who is running for governor of the state of Washington, and plans to do so by assisting in Al's election campaign.

Fearing that his bumbling brother will destroy his credibility, Al hires

Steve Dodds (Spade) to supervise Mike's work.

Dodds views the opportunity as a chance to earn a spot on Donnelly's staff, so he's out to impress Al as well.

Al Donnelly would probably have never guessed that Mike, while "aggressively" campaigning for him, would:

•Get framed by devious photographers for possessing a marijuana joint (he was actually giving some local teens a "Say No To Drugs" speech) and setting fire to a county recreation center.

Events For The Week Of Feb. 21 - Feb. 28

Wednesday, Feb. 21

*Lecture: "Malcolm X"

noon - University Center Room 303

*Lecture: "William Shreve Bailey: Kentucky Abolitionist"

3:00 p.m. - Landrum Room 506

Thursday, Feb. 22

*Poetry Reading:

"Poetry By and for Black Women"

12:15 p.m. - UC Room 108

Friday, Feb. 23

*Presentation:

"Kentucky at Sunrise"

noon - UC Theatre

Tuesday, Feb. 27

*Cultural Diversity Coffee

9:30 a.m. - UC Room 108

Wednesday, Feb. 28

*LA Link movie:

"The Name of the Rose"

4 p.m. - UC Theatre

Presentation by Andrew Taylor

*Lecture on the 1996 International Women's Conference held in Beijing, China

noon - UC Room 108

Farley-Spade Duo's Chemistry Continues To Entertain

Farley is at his best, often sending the audience into fits of uncontrollable laughter.

Farley and Spade seem to work synergistically, as Spade plays a small and sarcastic intelligent man who is always there to insult Chris Farley's portly, clumsy character. The comedy that these two characters bring to the screen is unique, inoffensive and fun.

"Black Sheep," a must-see movie for any Spade or Farley fan, or anyone who needs a good laugh, is now playing at Showcase Cinemas in the Tri-state area.

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Community College A Good Start In Ideology

Finally, Northern Kentucky University is starting to look at what is perhaps, the most serious educational problem at the university, remedial education.

With the revived idea of a community college to ease the burden NKU faces of teaching students what they should have learned in high school comes a much needed return of vision and ideas.

For years NKU has been bending over backwards to teach college-age students the basics, something local high schools have failed to do.

It is important the university community think this one over, as they say they are. But something has to be done to temporarily remedy the remedial problem, because no matter what the university decides to do, it will be years away. A solution is needed now.

One important question which should be asked, is what the ACT score cut-off point should be in determining if a student has to attend the proposed community college or come straight to college at the Highland Heights' campus.

Would the need to take one remedial class mean a student would have to spend two years at a community college. These are the important questions to the students who could be affected by a community college.

With high schools sending an overflow of unprepared students to NKU (almost 75 percent last semester) an immediate solution, even if only a temporary one, is critical.

Only 25 percent of incoming students are prepared to enter college, NKU clearly needs a community college.

But if it is not monetarily feasible, at least the university can start looking at other solutions to the remedial problem. These may be found in studying the possibility of a two-year junior college. NKU is wise in considering the options.

The university is thinking . . . finally.

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Math Department In Need Of A Teaching Change

Editor,

When I failed my first Algebra class at age 50, I hated it. Math seemed to be a mountain I would never conquer. I knew the problem was within me. But how to explain these fresh high school graduates with well-scrubbed faces crashing and burning along side me? An abstract thought flashed: "Maybe the problem is not me, maybe I am only a symptom of the problem." So I took the "loser" sign off my back, turned my cap around and began to explore this new perspective. My goal was to discover WHY I was spending so much time and energy on a subject that I was failing.

The journey began with a visit to the Office of Institution Research which gave me a computer printout of math classes for the spring semester of 1994. I searched for a trend. It seems that out of a total of 1,830 students, 640 had the good sense to drop before midterm, and 406 fought gallantly to the bitter end, receiving an F for their efforts. This tells me that 57 percent of us will have to do it again! Upper division is slightly better with only 47 percent failure rate. Suddenly, I didn't feel like the Lone Ranger: Is it possible that the remedial math department needs to upgrade their teaching methods?

In my attempt to understand the topics that the math teacher was speeding through in class, I desperately searched through the local libraries looking for clues. I found that there are other math books constructed much better than the class text. As some of my tutors put it, "Don't read the book, it'll just confuse you." I agree.

Looking under Math in the library produced Mathematics and Education Reform 1990-1991. In an article in the book titled "Using Computer Animation to Teach Mathematics," the authors Apostol and Blinn explain:

Charles O'Driscoll
Norsuasion is submitted by Paul Ellis and the students in his Persuasive Writing class.

Reader Disagrees, Get Information About Concealed Weapons

Editor,

After reading the editorial piece, "Kentucky's Smoking Gun," in *The Northerner*, Wed. Jan. 31, 1996, I thought that Mr. Mayhew was only slightly off the mark, but he definitely missed the target.

First, let's take a real example of a state that has passed a concealed weapon's bill - Florida. Florida passed just such a bill in 1986, and after almost 10 years with such a law in effect the consequences - positive or negative - should be apparent.

In that time, Florida has not become an Armageddon. More people aren't gunning each other down in the middle of the streets, corpses aren't lining the streets, blood is not flowing in the gutters - in short, Florida isn't a violent deathtrap.

I recently talked with Lynn Cobb, secretary of Florida's Criminal Justice Department, and she stated that neither her office nor those of the state congressmen have been besieged with calls asking for the repeal of this law.

She even stated that the mood of most calls she has received about this topic has been optimistic and supportive.

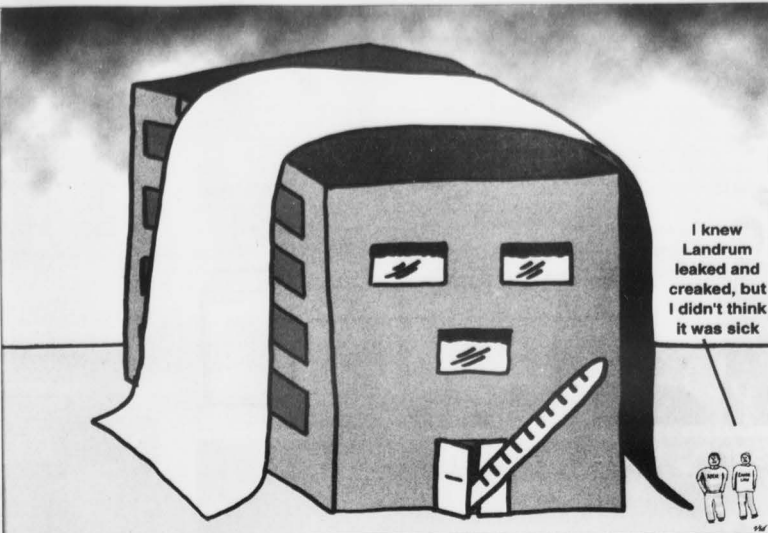
Although this does not prove that Florida is necessarily any better off with this law, it does prove

that a majority of people aren't afraid to walk down the streets for fear that the person next to them might be packing a gun. Most people seem to be relatively satisfied with this law.

The point of this letter is not to prove whether the concealed weapons bill is a good or bad idea. The point is that when legislators and citizens get together to debate any bill that will directly effect the lives of everyone, it should be done rationally, logically and factually. Hyper-emotional rhetoric and banal name-calling are simply unacceptable.

If anyone would like the straight facts so they can make an intelligent decision, here are a few names and numbers: Lynn Cobb, secretary of Florida's criminal Justice Department, 1-904-488-9685, (she can supply you with any and all information and statistics for the past 10 years regarding this topic - death rate, crime rate); Rep. Bob Damron, sponsor of the concealed weapons law presently in session in the Kentucky General Assembly, 1-502-564-8100; and the toll-free legislative message recording service (if you want to leave a message for any representative they will forward it to you) 1-800-372-7181.

Bret Handahl



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North Poll

Who would be your pick for the Republican Presidential Nomination?

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner



"Steve Forbes."

Deidre Breitholtz
Freshman Education



"Bob Dole, because he is the one I have the most information on. But since I have my choice, I would pick a Democrat."

Keri Yates
Sophomore Graphic Design



Dave Davies, Jr.
Junior Justice Studies

"A freshman who hasn't been corrupted yet."



"Pat Buchanan, he has high morals."

Chris Riggs
Freshman Pre-Med



"Steve Forbes, because I read his magazine and if he is that organized, he should make a good president."

Dan Maier
Freshman Education



Ruth Ross
Freshman Education

"None, because I would not vote Republican."

ELEVATOR

From Page 1

know the elevator was not in use. Without this elevator, disabled students are not able to get to some of the classrooms on the first floor of BEP or to use the building to get to classes in the Applied Science and Technology Center.

"I needed to talk to a teacher, but without the elevator I did not know," Maschjot said.

The bad weather has also caused

difficulty for these students, who must travel outside the buildings. Samantha Meyer said without the maintenance people clearing the pathways, it would be difficult for her to attend classes.

"Maintenance has been very helpful," she said. "They have even helped me across the pathways."

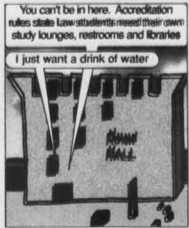
The elevator problem has also affected Media Services. Without the elevator, they are unable to transport visual equipment to classrooms on the first floor.

Mitchell Daton said their solution to the problem is to leave one television

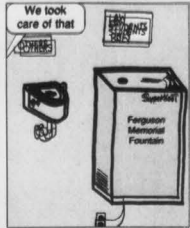
on the first floor at all times and transport it from classroom to classroom. However, sometimes this solution is complicated because the television may get locked in a classroom or more than one television is needed at the same time.

The elevator will be a problem for the rest of the semester. Bob Blose said construction will begin soon after a contractor is found and the elevator should be fixed around May 15 of this year. Until then, it is up to the students to find the best route to their classes with this inconvenience.

Loyal Opposition



Vid Vidovich



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