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Saunders Back For Second Term

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

The ballots are cast and counted, the results are in. The cast of characters in the top positions have changed, except one.

Chris Saunders, present student government president will again take on politics at Northern Kentucky University for one more year.

Even though he's proud of last years accomplishments, he said with his experience he and the newly SGA members will have a more productive year.

"I really think we can get a lot accomplished next year," he said. "I know who to go to and what to do, it's something I wouldn't trade for the world."

Saunders beat out his opponent, Felicia Shields by 116 votes.

"I was overly pleased how everything went," he said. "I was very pleased with the people who ran."

Taking a second term, Saunders said he has three goals he'd like to accomplish with SGA.

"I want to make sure the parking garage gets started, I want to work on the science center and I want work on the library. They need more funds," Saunders said. "The parking garage is something that is supposed to be happening before 1998-99. I don't want to see that to fall between the cracks."

The parking garage has been an issue for years and monies are already being taken from students in the form of the price increase of parking stickers.



PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: Chris Saunders and Felicia Shields discuss Student Government issues during the Candidate's Debate last Monday.

Saunders said he feels that since students are already paying for it, they should see results.

"The stages need to be in place.

When I leave office, I hope they'll be in the building stages and if that doesn't get accomplished, then we've failed," he said.

Saunders is not the only student government member who has goals.

Chris Boggs, the newly elected executive vice president, has one main goal he'd like to see reached. He said he is positive about next year and sees a bright future for SGA.

"I want to bond the executive board together so we can become one strong, productive force, which hopefully will help the senators become a productive force," Boggs said. "I also want to make students aware about what goes on in the meetings."

One of the issues facing Student Government is low voter turnout, which in the past, had been a problem, said Saunders. This year, more students voted than in recent years.

"From what I can tell, there was a higher voter turnout than last time, and I think it is do to the fact that a lot of people found out about Student Government because of the many big issues we faced on campus this year," said Josh Sneed, a re-elected senator. "I am very happy with the results of the election and the school can rest assure that the people that were chosen will prove themselves worthy of their positions."

Along with Saunders and Boggs, Greg Mecher is the new vice president of external affairs, Jill Stauch is the vice president of public relations and Theresa Hayden is the vice president of official records. All the senators who were on the ballot were elected.

State Laws To Keep Evaluations Locked

By Tony Bosch
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University students who want to see the results of the instructor evaluations they will soon be filling out will have to break the law.

A letter published by former Attorney General Chris Gorman regarding open records explained that anonymous evaluations of professors made by their students are exempt from public inspection because of state law.

Several NKU students said they do not understand why the records are kept under lock and key.

"If a student wants to take a particular class but is hesitant, knowing the instructor is regarded highly may be the deciding factor," said Julie Purcell, a junior nursing student.

Mark Resing, a junior nursing major, agreed that if students had access to evaluation results, it would improve the quality of professors.

"It would really send a message to teachers if no one signed up for their classes because students had seen their evaluations," Resing said.

Not all students feel access to evaluations is necessary. Sophomore Aaron Currin believes students need to take a chance

when signing up for classes.

"Sooner or later, you're going to meet someone you don't like or don't agree with," Currin said. "It might as well be in college."

Currin and several other students remarked that most teachers already earn a reputation without students ever seeing evaluation results.

"Everything around here (NKU) is pretty much word of mouth," Currin said. "When scheduling

"If a student wants to take a particular class but is hesitant, knowing the instructor is regarded highly may be the deciding factor."
-Julie Purcell

time comes around, I get a lot of recommendations from my friends."

On the other side of the academic realm, teachers have dissenting opinions on student access to evaluations.

Williams, a former part-time art professor, said she has mixed emotions about allowing students to see completed evaluations. She likes the idea of students knowing what to expect, but is afraid one disgruntled student, perhaps upset over a failing grade, could ruin an instructor's reputation.

"If I had to choose," Williams said, "I would say 'yes.' Trust the students to form opinions and make judgments. It would definitely challenge instructors."

James Niewalner, a chemistry professor, has seen evaluations since he started teaching at NKU over 20 years ago. He believes students do not need to see evaluations because they are not true measures of a teachers' performance.

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Women Walk For Athletic Scholarships

By Carie E. Bauer
News Editor

Supporters of women's athletics rallied together Saturday for the annual Northern Kentucky University Women's Walk.

The Women's Walk, sponsored by Burger King, and held on the NKU track is an annual event intended to show support and raise money for the sometimes overlooked field of women's athletics.

"The purpose is to raise scholarship money for women athletes and the women's athletic programs. We've raised over \$150,000 in the last six years," Jane Meier, athletic director said.

Walkers and team captains raise money for the women's athletics program by soliciting either cash donations, or pledges by laps. Walkers are given a half hour to walk, jog or run as many laps as they can.

In the last six years, over 1500 women have put on their walking shoes to show their support for women athletes.

Before the walk began, Jane Meier asked for a moment of silence from the crowd for Nancy Boothe, a long-time supporter and organizer of the event. Boothe's initials were also on the sleeve of the free t-shirts walkers were given for the event, as a dedication to Boothe.

"You know, regardless of the weather, she was there in her health condition, it didn't stop her. She wanted to be a part of it, and she really loved it. She always smiled and she always seemed to enjoy it. I know she really cared, when

anybody that is in a wheelchair in sometimes 40 degrees weather, overcast, is out there," Meier said.

Despite the overcast skies and rain, the walk began at 9:30 on the soccer field-track. Hey U, NKU mascot led the teams onto the track. Dei Lynam, chairperson of the event and Channel 9 sportscaster fired the pistol, signalling the start of the event. Over 45 teams participated in the half-an-hour walk-a-thon.

On the sidelines, student athlete representatives cheered the teams on.

Walkers ranged from young and old, to even a black labrador that put in a couple of tail-wagging laps around the track with its owner.

After the walk, participants were treated to a muffin and fruit luncheon inside the gym, accompanied by a band.

For their efforts, door prizes ranging from free long distance gift certificates to free massages donated for the event were given away to participants. Each walker will also receive tickets to women's basketball game. Prizes for best-dressed team, oldest and youngest walker, and the walker with the most pledges will also be given away.

Team Captains for more than five years were also honored at the event.



FUTURE LADY NORSE: The Women's Walk recruited future ladies as well as a past president to raise money for women's athletics. This is the sixtieth year for the event.

Diana Schneider, campus recreation, was one of those honored.

"I know a lot of the athletes, and this is a really good way to get everyone aware of what's going on. To get women involved to send their daughters to NKU, and to help out. So what better way than everyone coming together and doing it," Schneider said.

Schneider said she thinks women's sports are getting more attention.

"I think it's getting more equal all the time because more people are speaking up and doing it and getting involved."

Participant Rhonda Saccone said she knows firsthand the difficulties of being an athlete.

"I know how important it is to be an athlete and a student and how it

costs so much money to go to college. It's so great that the community comes together to help them achieve their goals, not only academically but athletically. I wish them all the best of luck in the world," Saccone said.

Chairperson Dei Lynam was pleased with the large turnout.

"The point is to get out there, do something. But you're really doing it to raise money, so people can participate in sports," Lynam said.

Although the final total is not yet tallied up, a rough estimate of \$18,000 was raised just in cash donations.

"Most of the money will be in by the 1st of June, but we'll have a pretty good idea, really, by the end of May," Meier said.

Norse B-Ball Tap Local High Schools For Talent

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University men's basketball head coach Ken Shields is facing one of his toughest tests to date.

His task is more challenging than turning around the Norse basketball program, which was muddled in mediocrity for decades until 1993.

Then, he signed LaRon Moore, Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor, and went on to compete in two straight national championships.

Now, he must find a way to replace the 4,601 points, 1,430 rebounds and 262 starts they combined to contribute.

The three players Shields credited all season for turning his program around are gone. They have moved on, and Shields has begun the process of filling the holes they left behind.

"You don't lose LaRon, Clux and Minor without being hurt," Shields said.

"I wouldn't say we're rebuilding, though. We are kind of going back a little bit to move forward."

NKU has signed two local high school players, and though a few prospects have turned down offers, Shields feels optimistic.

"We've still got a lot of irons in the fire," he said.

Last week, NKU signed Craig

Sanders, a 6-foot-3, 185 pound guard from Cincinnati's McNicholas High School.

While with the Rockets, Sanders received first team all-state honors, made the all-city team all four years, and was named player of the year in Southern Ohio, Cincinnati and the Greater Catholic League.

Sanders scored 40 points in the Northwestern Ohio Division II All-Star Game two weeks ago.

"He shoots off the dribble as well as anybody we've had here in a while," Shields said.

Sanders said that Shields was the reason he chose NKU.

"Coach Shields is pretty much what it all came down to," he said. "I saw how much everyone there loves him."

Sanders said he expects to come in and contribute right away, but will accept any role he's given, and that NKU will make a return trip to the national championship game.

"That's my goal right now going in," he said.

"He loves to play, and has a passion for the game," Shields said.

The Norse have also signed 6-foot-5, 205 pound center Adam Norwell from Cincinnati's Anderson High School.

Norwell averaged 23.7 points and 13.2 rebounds per game at Anderson, while shooting 62.6 percent.

Norwell scored 20 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in the Northwestern Ohio Division I All-Star Game two weeks ago.

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Hold Your Ears



Jeff McCurry/The Northern
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! Del Lynam, chairperson of the NKU Women's Walk, fires the starting pistol, marking the beginning of the walk-for-women's-athletics fund raiser held on Saturday at the track.

Delta Office Opening Its Doors For Open House

Delta's plan is to recruit more student employees

Michelle Levine
Staff Reporter

Delta will be having an Open House on April 24th from 10:00 noon and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

According to Jeff Chesnut, a liaison between Career Developments and Delta, this event will allow students, faculty and staff to see Delta's new facility on the ground floor of the University Center.

Holly Bolton, a Freshman Communications major and a travel reservationist for Delta is looking forward to the Open House.

Bolton said, "I am excited because my parents will be able to see and understand what I do at work."

She said it is a great opportunity for people to see what the workers do such as create a reservation for a passenger or answer any questions a passenger may have.

Refreshments will be served at both the morning and afternoon Open Houses and door prizes will be given away.

Chesnut hopes this will open Delta up to the college community.

Eileen Glasco, a supervisor for Northern Kentucky University from Delta said, "it is a great chance for the friends and families of our student employees to visit and see where they work and what they do."

Glasco hopes people who come will be interested in train-

ing for a position.

She said they offer two classes which are for five weeks, eight hours a day which will begin May 19th.

Glasco said they currently have 70 students enrolled and with the Open House hope to raise it to 200 students.

According to Glasco, NKU is the third campus to have a Delta office. The other ones are located in Atlanta and Utah.

Social Work Club Putting Education To Work

Fundraising Efforts To Help Hunger Problems

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University's Social Work Club and the social work senior class will sponsor a Hunger Banquet

on Thursday, April 24.

The Hunger Banquet will be held at St. Agnes Church in Fort Wright, Ky., from 7-9 p.m.

"The Hunger Banquet is a conscious fund raising event to help the local community realize the hunger problem existing in the Northern Kentucky area," senior social work major Shannen Risher said.

Risher is the student organizer for the club and said there are

about 50 students involved in putting together this banquet.

Tickets will be sold for \$25 a piece or \$200 for a table of eight. All proceeds from ticket sales will be divided among Covington's Parish Kitchen and the victims of the recent flood in the Rosedale area of Latonia, Ky.

Risher said this banquet will be more unique than most. "Each table will be served a different dinner," she said.

Senior social work major Alicia Thornton said, "I think this banquet will be a growing experience not only for those involved directly but for those that attend the event, as well as, helping the NKU community become more aware of the hunger problem right here."

For those interested in attending the Hunger Banquet, contact social work professor Patricia Knox at 572-5609.

Student Newsletter Highlights Mad Consumers' Complaints

By Shannon Graham
Staff Reporter

"I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore, and you're invited."

This headline boldly stands out on the first issue of *Greater Cincinnati Consumer Complaints and News*, a free newsletter created by Rodney Jackson, a Northern Kentucky University student.

Jackson, a junior sociology major, said he created the newsletter in order to allow the public a chance to vent their anger about companies whom they believe treated them unfairly.

The newsletter will be comprised entirely of consumers' bad experiences, Jackson said.

"By allowing people to make their complaints heard, we hope to embarrass these companies into changing their ways," he said.

Jackson said he and a friend, Darrell Cox, got the idea for the newsletter last summer.

"Both of us had run-ins with certain companies, and we were tired of it," he said. "We knew these companies wouldn't change on their own."

Jackson and Cox said they have no worries about getting into legal trouble with the companies mentioned in the newsletter.

"If we can get at least one company to admit it was wrong and change its ways, it will all be worth it," Cox said. "I couldn't care less if we get sued."

Prince Brown, a sociology professor at NKU, said Jackson is very determined to get what he wants.

"He's one of the most interesting students I've ever had in any of my classes," Brown said. "He's extremely strong-willed and savvy about business. I know he'll succeed."

The first issue of *Greater Cincinnati Consumer Complaints and News* came out in the first week of April. It will be published once a month, Jackson said.

The newsletter will be distributed all over downtown Cincinnati, Jackson said. It can also be received by fax, he said, by calling (513) 569-9448.

Anyone wishing to relate a story to the newsletter can call the office at (513) 569-0494, or write to P.O. Box 429324, Cincinnati, Oh., 45242. The e-mail address is Press2@Juno.com.

At The Polls



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ELECTION TIME: Senior Paul Cluxton casts his ballot during the Student Government Association's elections, held Wednesday and Thursday in the University Center and Norse Commons. For coverage of the winners, see front page.

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Army Offers Many Opportunities After College

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

If the thought of paying back all those student loans makes your head spin, then the Army may be just the direction you're looking for.

Travis Turner, senior speech communications major, chose to join the Army after he graduates in May.

"I chose to enlist in the Army to travel abroad, instead of opting to take a job in the area that I grew up in. I wanted to experience other cultures. I also wanted to pay off my student loans," Turner said.

It's true. If you join the military, they will pay off your student loans. If you are eligible, under the College Loan Repayment Program, you can receive up to \$65,000 to pay back your student loans.

Sergeant First Class Gregory Johnson, a U.S. Army Reserve Recruiter, from the Florence Recruiting Station, explains that there are many other benefits to joining the Army, than the College Loan Repayment Program.

"We've talked to a lot of college graduates and they tell us time and time again, 'I can't get a job in my

field because I don't have experience,'" SFC Johnson said.

"The big difference between college and an active role in the military is hands-on training.

Most employers look for two things: hands-on experience and a degree. They will hire you quicker with just hands-on experience, than with just a degree," SFC Johnson said.

With over 250 jobs to choose from in the army, a person will learn many skills needed in the work force, such as the ability to be an effective leader, SFC Johnson said.

Turner believes his Army experience will benefit him in the long run.

"Hopefully, I will acquire skills that will make me a more lucrative employee in the future, like managing and leadership skills," Turner said.

Staff Sergeant Michael Blum, a U.S. Army Recruiter, also in Florence, stresses the military is also a good idea for someone who has not yet attended college, but would like to in the future.

"If you want to go to college first, but want to join the Army, join the Army Reserves. You work one week-end a month, and get extra money

toward college as a full-time student. If you want to put off college, join the active Army. Once you complete basic training, which is 8 weeks, and your job course, and you're doing your job on a daily basis, you can attend as much college as you want to. The Army pays 75 percent of any class you take while you're on active duty.

You also have your college money while you're out. The Montgomery G.I. Bill offers \$15,403 towards college. The Army College Fund offers up to \$40,000 to put towards college," SSG Blum said.

SSG Blum and SFC Johnson also want to dispel some common myths about the army, like once you in the military you lose your freedom.

"The big main myth is that after basic training, the Army will tell you what to do. I've been in the military almost 18 years. I picked my job. The Army has always been that way, and it still is today. It's based on mainly 2 things: what people are physically and mentally qualified for," SFC Johnson said.

If you are interested in learning more, contact SFC Johnson and SSG Blum at (606) 371-1412.

Pyramid Perfect



CHEER ON: Members of the volleyball team and student athletes cheer on walkers from the bleachers during the Women's Walk Saturday.

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Pornography On World Wide Web Topic Of Forum

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University's Women's Studies Club and Women In Communication will be hosting an open discussion on "Pornography On The Internet" on Wednesday, April 30th, from 12:00 to 1:30 in the University Center Ballroom.

The forum includes free lunch of pizza and soft drinks, donated by Papa John's.

Featured speakers will be Sara Sidebottom, associate legal counsel; Penelope Summers, professor of communications; and Joan Ferrante, professor of sociology.

An open question and answer session will follow the discussion. Everyone is invited to attend.

Speakers will be addressing social and legal implications of pornography, as well as current legal issues facing the World Wide Web.

History Professor Chronicles The History of Horseracing And Local War Hero

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University professor of history, Dr. James Claypool, has a history as rich as those he writes about.

Former NKU archivist and Dean of Students, Dr. Claypool has many interests ranging from European and American history to horseracing.

Dr. Claypool has long been active at NKU, he has the honor of being employee 001-the first hired.

A music lover, Dr. Claypool, who owns over 10,000 records, was responsible for bringing acts like the Eagles, Arlo Guthrie,

Lynyrd Skynyrd, Crosby, Stills and Nash, and Sly and The Family Stone, to name just a few, to NKU for a series of concerts in the 1970's.

Dr. Claypool has interviewed the likes of the Everly Brothers, and also was a good friend of Harry Chapin.

A lover of history, Dr. Claypool has been published in military magazines "Armor" and "Leatherneck", international publications, and has also edited for the "Kentucky Sports Encyclopedia" and the "Encyclopedia of Southern Culture".

Dr. Claypool has also hosted several radio and television programs, and is currently working with Nancy Jordan on a chil-

dren's book about the Kentucky state park, Big Bone Lick, and on a poetry anthology with poet/journalist Alice Roberts.

Recently Dr. Claypool has written about two of his passions, horseracing and history, in two recently published books.

The Tradition Continues: The Story of Old Latonia, Latonia, and Turfway Racecourses, with a foreword by jockey Steve Cauthen, chronicles not only the history of the racecourses, but the communities they once thrived in.

"It isn't just racing history. There's a substantial body of local history. A lot of it is based on personal experiences. I've lived here since 1948," Dr. Claypool said.

Dr. Claypool's interest in horseracing began as an 8-year-old, and has not ended in sight.

Dr. Claypool said his fascination in horseracing lies in the uncertainty of the event, the excitement of not knowing what could happen next.

Dr. Claypool explains the satisfaction he received in writing the book because of the corrections he also was able to make that have long gone unnoticed in horseracing history books.

"There was a lot of loose writing of horseracing. A lot of horseracing is based on journalistic writing, which were kind of based on a daily basis and then facts not checked. And I found a huge number of errors that I was able to correct: stats, dates and misinformation. That was satisfying as a historian," Dr. Claypool said.

In The Tradition Continues, Dr. Claypool writes of the effects the war had on the area, and the people. In particular, Dr. Claypool writes of the effects the war had on the German community, who at one time made up 30 percent of the community.

"Old Latonia, they had to be American, so they did a number of things. They had bond drives, patriotic displays. They ran Fourth of July parades. So you see the track reflects what went on in the community. I find that very interesting," Dr. Claypool said.

"It's a very interesting area. It's an area that has not seen the harshness of depression or recession. It's also an area that has a certain taint because of the gambling and that sort of stuff. There's an interrelationship there."

EVALUATIONS: Locked By Law

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Niewahner said, "In the past couple of years, I have lost faith in the evaluation process. I really don't think they are meaningful."

Niewahner said that many times a "mob mentality" develops in a classroom, and students do not seriously think about how to critique a professor. Students may turn an evaluation into a "group thought." Other times, students' comments simply do not make sense.

"One time a student wrote that I was the best instructor he had ever had," Niewahner said. "But under the excellence rating, he only gave me a three on a scale of five."

"Does that mean he really did not think I was a good teacher or were all his other instructors simply mediocre?"

Niewahner worries how new professors may react to a critical evaluation. He believes teachers who try to get better evaluations may make tests easier, give less homework, and lower their expectations of students.

"Teaching can be difficult the first few semesters," Niewahner said. "Students can be demanding, even cruel, and great teachers with a lot of potential could be intimidated."

Niewahner's concerns were echoed by an article in the *Journal of European Industrial Training*. The author, Brian Kleiner, explained that evaluations have been reduced to popular contests.

"Factors that increase student ratings - non threatening environment, less rigorous objectives or testing, entertaining classes - may detract from the quality of student learning," Kleiner wrote.

Despite various opinions, the fact remains that students will never see evaluation results unless the law changes. Niewahner said he has seen students develop alternative methods to obtain results.

At some colleges, students produce their own surveys and pass them out to their peers. The results are then tabulated and circulated without the administration even getting involved.

"It seems to work for the students," Niewahner said. "All the evaluations are completed outside the classroom, so technically they aren't breaking any rules."

Niewahner added that these results may be as pointless as official evaluations.

"Students really don't need to see the results because they can always get the scoop on a professor through the grapevine."

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Spring Fever Hits NKU

Becky Bergman
Co features editor

It's spring time and love is in the air again. Whether you are one who chooses to jump up and take a deep breath, or one who would rather hold their nose and duck down low, everyone has an opinion or advice to give when it comes to the dating scene. Who better to ask for advice than the experts—Your fellow students.

Mark Resing, a major in Secondary education, said he is a firm believer in the five date rule. This means dating someone at least five times before you choose to become intimate.

"I think you should wait for five dates because girls have five different split personalities and you need to see every one of them," added Carrie Niehues an Education major.

According to Niehues, girls can be happy the first fifteen minutes, and Satan's partner the next. This all coming from a female herself.

Recreation Fitness major, Jason

Lanham said he doesn't see why dating has to be so expensive these days. He said he can have as much fun on a \$5 date, as on a \$75 date.

"I use too spend more time with the JEANIE than I did with my own girlfriend," he chuckled.

Lanham added that he really doesn't mind spending money but some people just get way out of hand!

Speech Major Scott Rizzo said the best way to meet people is to not stay indoors and wait for them to come to you.

"You should get out and enjoy life, the right person will come along. Don't look too hard, you'll lose them in the search," he said.

Rizzo also said he feels that if you have trust, it makes a relationship a wonderful thing.

Kathy Blomer, Speech major, says the first things she looks for in guy is well groomed nails and nice teeth. Her favorite kind of guy to date is the kind that will let you wear his sweat shirt and won't ask for it back.

Blomer also said, "I always like when

guys tell you that your so beautiful that you don't need make-up, and the first day you don't wear it, they ask you if your sick or not feeling well."

"If you're looking for a long term relationship it has to be based on friendship first," Eric Spoonamore said. This Political Science major said he feels that for a relationship to be meaningful, you must have the building block of friendship.

Spoonamore said meeting people can be very simple. He said he met a girl at a play at school once. He also said he feels the recreation center here at school is also a good place to meet people.

Spoonamore recalled one time when he met a girl at the mall. He followed her into Victoria's Secret and started asking advice on what lingerie his fictitious girlfriend might like. "Whatever works," he said.

When asked where Dave Deangelo, Campus Recreation Coordinator, meets all the women he said, "I don't know. When you find out the best place to meet people, let me know so I can go there."



Anna Weaver
The Northerner

CUDDLIN' UP:
Spring fever has hit Nathan Fulmer and Christine Parrott.

Top Ten Most Cheesy Pick Up Lines

By Becky Bergman

- 10) If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together.
- 9) I hope you know CPR, because you take my breath away.
- 8) Can I have directions? (Where?) To your heart.
- 7) Do you know what would look good on you? Me.
- 6) Do your legs hurt from running through my dreams all night long?
- 5) Can I see the tag on your shirt? I want to see if you were made in heaven.
- 4) All those curves, and me with no breaks.
- 3) I lost my phone number, can I have yours?
- 2) Your daddy must have been a baker, because you have a nice set of buns.
- 1) Can I borrow a quarter because my mom told me to call her when I met the person I am going to marry.

Floating Theater Is Quite Majestic

Showboat Majestic gives NKU students sense of confidence and theater goes entertainment

By Kristi Meek
Assistant Copy Editor

In the midst of the sporting events, bars and restaurants, there is a small feature of the Ohio River landscape some people may have missed.

The Showboat Majestic, permanently docked at Cincinnati's public landing since 1969, presents an exciting season of professional musical theater each summer.

Many Northern Kentucky University students enjoy not only attending shows on the Showboat, but participating in them as well.

The Showboat Majestic is the last of the floating theaters which once dotted the Ohio River. Built in 1923, she is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places.

The historic atmosphere is part of the boat's appeal, said student Mike Lewin, who appeared in last season's *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Another student, Danielle Muething, is currently rehearsing for her role as Ulaie Shinn in *The Music Man*. This is her fourth show on the boat. She says that working there has "given [her] confidence in her acting ability."

She adds that she has met a lot of great people there.

Theater major Justin Glaser made his Showboat debut in last summer's *Gypsies and Dolls*, and plans to audition for other shows this summer. He said he enjoys the

opportunity to meet and work with performers from outside of Northern Kentucky University.

Helen Jo Luther, who graduated from Northern Kentucky University in 1996, has done technical work on board the boat, such as assisting with lights, sound and costuming. She will also appear in *The Music Man*.

Tim Perrino, artistic director for the Majestic calls Northern Kentucky University "an important part of [their] talent base."

The 1997 season opens April 16 with *The Music Man*. Shows to follow include *Cinderella*, *Tiny Tim*, and *Company*. Call (513) 241-6550 to purchase tickets, or for a chance to get involved in the productions.

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Angels Heard On High At Northern

By Anna Weaver
Staff Photographer

In the midst of football controversy, art thefts, and parking problems, the Northern Kentucky Children's Ensemble is here to show us that we do have angels among us.

The Ensemble will be celebrating its fifth year in existence on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Greaves Hall.

With members ranging from second grade to 16 years old, the Children's Ensemble will be singing a special commissioned arrangement of "My Old Kentucky Home."

"They sound like a choir of angels," said Annie Allen, an NKU freshman. She joined the choir when she was a freshman in high school. Prior to that she had no musical experience.

Being a part of the Northern Kentucky Children's Ensemble put her on a college level, helped her find professionalism, and gave her the confidence to sing.

Allen is in the Northern Kentucky University Choir, and she said being a part of the Children's Ensemble helped her a lot. "It was a shock the first day going into

the choir. Dr. Pennington was like, 'Let's sight read this music.'" Allen said. "That means you've never seen it before, you just go in blindfolded."

"Being in [the Children's Ensemble] helped me meet people that are in the choir now."

Allen's involvement in the Children's Ensemble now is picking up her sister, Megan, and keeping in touch with her friends.

"I try to come up here at least once a month to see them, they sound like a choir of angels," she said.

Allen said she feels that children gain a lot of positive experience by being part of the Children's Ensemble.

When she was a part of the choir, they got to sing at the University of Illinois, the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati, Union Terminal, and Disney World for the ABC Christmas Special.

The Children's Ensemble has also sung with Rosemary Clooney and has had the opportunity to work with Henry Leck, a children's music composer.

Be sure to catch this talented group of kids while you can.

To Be Or Not To Be?



ROMEO, ROMEO, WHERE FOR ART THOU, ROMEO?: The annual Shakespeare festival took place on the Plaza. Shakespeare didn't show up to see his works performed.

Anna Weaver/The Northerner

Winner Takes All With Three Of A Kind

By Josh Sneed
Movie Critic

When the mail came in, I was presented with a slew of choices for movies that I had the opportunity of seeing this week. I am happy to report that I am completely satisfied with the decisions I made. For your pleasure I have three movies to review. No matter what you look for in a movie, I'm quite certain you'll find it in one of these films. But, before I tell you about them, let's catch up on what to check out at the video store. In honor of a film I saw, I would like to recommend "Clerks" and "Mallrats." If you haven't seen one or either of these movies, please do so. Last week's quote, ("I figure in five or six years I'm gonna be head groundskeeper."), was from another classic, "Caddyshack." For this week, I would like to dedicate the quote to my "fellas" across the hall at WRFN. If you heed my previous advice, you'll know this quote right away. "That's criminal. That kid is back on the escalator again!" And now, off to the movies.

Snipes Doesn't Disappoint in 'Murder'

"Murder at 1600" is a mind-boggling mystery that is sure to have Sherlock Holmes scratching his head. Homicide detective Harlan Regis has been called upon to investigate the murder of a young blonde woman whose body was found in the White House bathroom. With tensions running high in North Korea, the last thing the President wants is a scandal in the White House. Aided by his partner, Detective Stengel (Dennis Miller), and Nina Chace (Diane Lane), a gold medal-winning sharpshooter turned Secret Service agent, they try to piece together the murder mystery of the year. This movie has some great action scenes and the plot takes twists and turns that engineers at King's Island drool over. I recommend this movie to anyone who likes movies that leave you guessing until the very end. I'll give this the "Gobstopper" rating.

By the time you're done with it, it has undergone numerous changes. No matter how many times you think you have figured it out.

'Volcano' Erupts on the Big Screen

"Twister," "Mission Impossible," and "Independence Day." What do all these movies have in common? They are high budget blockbusters that pleased audiences across the country. Well, add "Volcano" to that list. This pricey film is absolutely chock-full of special effects and action. The only things wrong with this movie were a few cheesy lines, and its predictability. Look past those, and you have an absolute winner. Not only were the special effects dazzling, they were realistic. They were believable. The problem I had with "Anaconda" was a lousy plot, and special effects that could be done with "Microsoft Paintbrush."

"Skittles" rating. You know what is inside the bag, you've had it before, but you find yourself paying for it time and time again. And it tastes just as good every time.

'Chasing Amy' is All About Talent

No special effects. No mind-boggling plot. No big name actors (unless you work at Blockbuster... nooch!). Before you turn the page, let me say that this third film, "Chasing Amy," may have been the best of the three. It's the third installment of Director Kevin

Smith's New Jersey films which included "Clerks" and "Mallrats." This is the tale of Holden and Banky, creators of the popular comic book, "Bluntman and Chronic." Fellow comic book creator Alyssa Jones is introduced through their mutual friend Hooper, creator of the comic book "White Hat in 'Con." Holden quickly falls head over heel for Alyssa. There's one problem though, Alyssa is a lesbian. An even bigger problem, she's starting to like Holden. Talk about a war in the soul. Watching from the outside, Banky does his best to break the two of them up. As in his previous two films, Kevin Smith uses unbelieve-

able dialogue to keep his audience on the edge of their seats. This film will cause your stomach to hurt from laughing so hard. Though probably not a movie for those offended by constant vulgarity, lesbians kissing, and sexual innuendoes that could make Larry Flint blush, anyone reading this paper seen and heard worse. So, I will strongly recommend that you see this movie. It probably won't be here for long, so make it a point to check it out. I'll give it the "nacho" rating. Only because, I can say nothing bad about nachos. They're beautiful. But, as always, don't take my word for it. Enjoy the show! Snowgans.



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CONTEMPLATING THE 'CHASE': Jason Mewes (left) with Kevin Smith (right) in a scene from Kevin Smith's "Chasing Amy," a Miramax Film.

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Giuggio Named Player Of The Year Again

Northerner Staff Report

Darren Giuggio was named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year in tennis for the second consecutive year.

Giuggio led the Norse to a fourth place finish in the GLVC Championships in Edwardsville, Ill. The Norse lost 5-4 to the University of Indianapolis in the semi-finals and 5-0 the University of Southern Indiana in the consolation match.

GOLF TEAM WINS DAYTON MEET: The Northern Kentucky University golf team won the University of Dayton Men's Golf

Invitational on April 19.

The Norse shot a 329, tying Robert Morris University for the Invitational title.

Norse leader Matt Eilers shot an 80 for the course, followed by Brandon Reis, who shot an 81.

The Norse finished fourth in the Mubea/NKU Golf Invitational on April 14.

In that tournament, NKU shot a 320 as a team, beating only Campbellsville and Saint Joseph's.

On a positive note, Eilers shot a 74 for the 71 course, which is located at the Lassing Pointe Golf Course in Union, Ky.

Eilers edged out Bellarmine's

Nick Gerch in a shootout for individual second place.

Chad Hall shot a 76, tying two Bellarmine golfers for fourth place overall.

Eilers and Hall were the only NKU golfers to finish in the individual top 15.

BASERBALL TEAM FINISHES WEEK WITH WIN: After dropping a doubleheader to SIU-Edwardsville on Saturday, The Northern Kentucky University baseball team beat the same team in a single game on Sunday.

The Norse had to work overtime in order to pick up the win and improve to 21-17 on the season.

They defeated SIUE 8-7 in ten innings. Kirk Ashcraft picked up his first win of the season for the Norse.

Matt Baker led the Norse offense, by going 4-for-5 with a double. Baker, the second leading hitter on the team, raised his batting average to .373.

The game went back and forth with SIUE jumping out to a 3-0 lead, and the Norse responding with two in the fourth and two in the fifth. SIUE retook the lead with three in the sixth, but the Norse came back with three in the seventh. SIUE tied it in the eighth, before the Norse won it in the tenth.

Setter Up Molly



Jeff McCurry/
The Northerner
GETTING A JUMP ON THE SEASON: Soon-to-be junior Molly Donovan does what she does best, setting the ball for her teammates in an NKU volleyball spring season game.

Recruits: Local High Schools Supplying Norse
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"He is a born rebounder and has a way of finding the ball," Shields said.

"I'll probably be a rebounder. I'll play hard and just get after people," Norwell said.

Shields said that Norwell does need to improve his jump shot, but that the Anderson senior is a definite scorer, who knows how to "take the ball to the bucket."

Norwell, too, said Shields was the deciding factor in his decision to attend NKU.

"Coach Shields is a great guy and a great coach. It's a great program down there."

Norwell was named Queen City Conference player of the year his junior and senior seasons.

Reports that Norwell will be a walk-on, Shields said, are false. "He is a scholarship player. He's not a walk-on. The situation is that when I decide to kick in his scholarship is dependent on some things."

"He is not here to prove himself. He's here for his career," Shields said.

NKU is also expecting to sign 6-foot-2, 170 pound Sycamore High

School senior Brian Lawhon.

Lawhon averaged 18.1 points, 5

rebounds,

and 3.3

assists per

game during

his senior

season at

Sycamore,

leading the

Aviators to

the Greater

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Conference

championship

for the second

straight year.

Lawhon, a McDonald's All-

American nominee, was named to

the first team All-GMC and the

second team All-Southwest District

his senior year. He also received

honorable mention for the all-Ohio

team.

Lawhon came just one assist shy

of completing a triple-double in this

year's annual East/West All-Star

Game. He scored 28 points, pulled

down 11 rebounds and dished out

nine assists.

"I verbally committed last week,"

Lawhon said.

Lawhon said.

He said he plans on signing with



Craig Sanders

the Norse either today or tomorrow.

Lawhon, like Sanders and Norwell, credited coach Ken Shields with his decision.

"The coach, basically, it was his sincerity," Lawhon said. "He's a really nice guy and he means what he says."

"Plus, they've been in the national championship two years in a row."

Lawhon said he hopes his job will be "shooting the basketball from three-point land and just getting after it."

Lawhon's play has been described as fervent, like that of Norse junior Kevin Listerman.

Though Shields is confident with the players that have signed, he knows his recruiting job is not finished.

"We still need to nail down a big guy," he said.

Shields had hoped to sign 6-foot-6 Beechwood High School forward Anthony Frommeyer. Frommeyer averaged 24 points and 17.5 rebounds per game last season.

"I think Frommeyer is the most talented basketball senior in Northern Kentucky," Shields said.

Last week, however, Frommeyer signed to play baseball at Lynn

University in Boca Raton, Fla.

Though Shields was disappointed to find out about Frommeyer's decision, he said, he understands.

"You give a kid a chance to play baseball in Boca Raton, and he's gonna take that."

The Norse also failed to entice Lexington Paul Dunbar's Collier Mills into coming here.

Last week, Mills said he will play at Transylvania University next season. Mills, younger brother of University of Kentucky junior guard Cameron Mills, expressed a desire to stay close to home.

Previously, Mills said he wanted to play for an NCAA Division I program, but he chose to attend Transylvania, which is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The NAIA is one level below NCAA Division II programs.

Bevill (Ala.) Junior College small forward Greg Griffin, who was scheduled to visit NKU on April 15 but didn't, is expressing interest in Division I.

Southern Alabama University.

"He just fell through, it looks like," Shields said.

Sources close to the NKU athletic department say that NKU is also looking at Brian

Krosschell, a 6-foot-7 forward from Grand Rapids Christian High School in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Krosschell averaged 13.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game last season, and also blocked 1.3 shots

per contest.

A decision has not yet been made concerning Krosschell's status.

As for any possible other recruits, Shields said that he is keeping all options open, and pointed out that at this time last year, he was just beginning to hear about Manatee

Junior College center Cliff Clinton. Clinton averaged over 17 points and just under 8 rebounds per game in his first season at NKU.

Shields said that players such as Andy and Kevin Listerman have brought an academic standard and work ethic to his program, and that everyone has caught their enthusiasm.

"We are recognized throughout the nation as being the hardest playing team in collegiate basketball," Shields said.

"And when we recruit, we look towards that."



Adam Norwell

Norse Comings and Goings

Graduating Seniors:

Player	HT	WT	Notes
LaRon Moore	6-6	190	NKU all-time leading rebounder (858), 4th all-time scorer (1,866 points).
Paul Cluxton	6-3	180	Career 48.9% 3-point shooter, 7th all-time scorer (1,495 points).
Shannon Minor	5-11	155	NKU all-time assist leader (528), 13th all-time scorer (1,240 points).

Incoming Recruits:

Player	School	HT	WT	Status	Notes
Craig Sanders	McNicholas H.S.	6-3	185	Signed	22.7 ppg, 5.4 rpg, scored 1,834 points at McNicholas
Adam Norwell	Anderson H.S.	6-5	205	Signed	23.7 ppg, 13.2 rpg, 62.6 fg % at Anderson
Brian Lawhon	Sycamore H.S.	6-2	170	Expected to sign today	McDonald's All-American nominee

Why they chose NKU?

Sanders:	"Coach Shields...I saw how much everyone there loves him."
Norwell:	"Coach Shields is a great guy and a great coach. It's a great program down there."
Lawhon:	"The coach, basically, it was his sincerity. He's a really nice guy and he means what he says. Plus, they've been in the national championship two years in a row."



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Softball Team
Exits Tourney,
But Still Has
Games To Play

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University's softball team lost its first two games in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament on Friday in Kenosha, Wis.

The Norse lost to the nation's No. 1 team in host Wisconsin-Parkside, 8-0. The Rangers improved to 45-7 with the win over the Norse.

In the game, the Norse were held to only three hits.

The Norse also lost to Missouri-St. Louis, 6-3 on Friday. With the game tied at one, the Norse gave up five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, and were only able to respond with two runs in the top of the seventh.

Stephanie Rowland was 2-for-2 against MSL. Rowland is the leading hitter for the Norse this season at .389. She also has stolen a team high 13 bases.

Holly Trauth was 2-for-3 with a double for the Norse. She also is hitting over .300 for the season.

Despite the losses, the Norse season is not over. They still have games remaining this weekend at the SIU-Edwardsville Invitational.

The Norse will attempt to finish the season with a winning record. They now stand even at 24-24.

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Have The Students Spoken?

The students have spoken and Chris Saunders is planning his second term as Student Government President.

Only about 7 percent of the Northern Kentucky University students voted, so the question is 'Have the students really spoken?'

Out of 14,000 NKU students, about 900 students voted... so where are the other 13,100 students?

It's a mystery. Voters could cast their ballots from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. last Wednesday and Thursday, in both Norse Commons and the University Center.

That gives everyone a chance to vote, day students and night students, those who take classes only on Tuesdays and Thursdays and those who take classes Monday and Wednesday.

Everyone had a chance to vote. If you voted, good for you. Your voice was heard. If you didn't, you can shut up now.

Anyone who doesn't vote in the election gives up their right as a student to have their voice heard.

The reason that we have a student government is so that the students opinions can be voiced. Everyone in the university can't just go up to the President's office and expect interim President Moreland to pencil them in. That's why we have representation from SGA.

It's just like the real government. You wouldn't expect to be able to talk to President Clinton if you have a problem. You would write to your congressman. You vote for and support the candidates that you feel are going to represent your special interests.

Or, if you choose not to exercise that right, there's nothing you can do to change that. That's your voice. When the election is over, you just have to put up with the outcome.

This is college. It's set up to be almost just like "the real world." Well, in the real world, you have to take the initiative to vote if you want your voice heard.

There's just one explanation for all of this: voter apathy. Yep, college is just like the real world.

Student government members are open and willing to hear any suggestions and comments you have, and will stand up for what the students want.

That is, if you tell them what you want.

During the football forums, criticism was heavy upon SGA for the way they conducted their survey. They gave the opportunity to actively voice their opinion through this survey.

The key word here is "actively." SGA is not going to come to you. If you had an opinion on the football issue, they gave you a survey and you said what you thought. From the results they received, they determined that the students who "actively" spoke up supported football.

Well, it's the same thing with the elections. If you had an opinion on who you wanted to represent you, you had to "actively" go vote. And if you didn't vote, if you waived your right, then you have no right to complain at the results.

But, that's what concerns me. NKU is going through some big changes right now. A new president, new sports programs, and a lot of publicity.

These issues should concern more than 7 percent of NKU students enough to make sure they are represented on these issues.

So what's an apathetic NKU student to do now?

So you missed the deadline this time to voice your opinion on who's going to represent you. Here's what you do: Stop complaining when SGA does something you don't like. Tell an SGA senator how you feel instead of whining about it to your friends. Or better yet, attend the SGA meetings held every single Monday at 3p.m. in 108 University Center. They want you there.

Chris Saunders has told students and SGA all year that he wants to hear what the students think before he makes a decision. Well, he's back, and he's ready to hear you.

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Work Together To Make Future Bright

Dear Editor,

I am writing to all people associated with NKU and those who will become a part of this institution. It is time to support our university. Along with supporting the university comes the football program at NKU. If you would like to know my feelings about football at NKU, please feel free to ask me, I'm extremely accessible. However, my letter is not to address whether football should be on our campus or not, my letter is to address where we go from this moment.

I know this was and still is a very touchy, possibly heated topic, but it is time we all supported it or at least found positive aspects about the program. It is here and, like it or not, it won't be going

anywhere anytime soon. So, what do we do about it? Well, the supporters can continue to revel in the fact that football is on its way and the non-supporters can continue to express their dislike. That is both of your rights. I would like to make that perfectly clear. I don't think anyone is wrong for their feelings regarding this issue. As a matter of fact, I am happy to see this much enthusiasm amongst my peers, but this is the way we want to go about things? Do we want to simply continue along the same road saying the same things, to the same people until those who care become numb to the situation? I personally think there are too many bright, insightful students out there on both sides of the issue, who can make the program benefit our university.

How do I think we can come

together to make this program benefit us? I'm not sure. I do have my own ideas and possible solutions and I'm sure if you care about this institution you could come up with some solutions yourself.

The voting is done, the Board of Regents has made a difficult decision, and now it's up to us, individually, whether we want to help this program accomplish good things for the university or whether, individually, we choose to continue to be pompous supporters and pissed off non-supporters, or whether we all come together and figure out the best way for this issue to help NKU.

What does a person do when given a special gift? What does a person do when they have a deadly illness? (I know these are not football, but they have relevance). I

hope the person given a special gift will make the best of it and not blow it away and I hope the person with the illness will find the best way to make their life better.

I am simply trying to say to all of us, whether you support football or whether you despise it, let's come together and for those of you in support, use the gift and for those of you not in support, find a way to make it work for you. But we must all come together and work on it together and not against.

Football is here, we are young, smart, and full of energy. Let's make it work, for all of us.

I repeat, if you want to express your ideas about this issue with me, please do. I represent you in SGA, and I want to know.

Chris Boggs

Tips To Keep Chivalry Alive



Margie Wise
Columnist

It occurred to me the other day, as someone walked past me and let a door close in my face while I was holding a huge load of laundry, that maybe we need to relearn an old virtue. It's called chivalry.

And, while I don't think it's dead, I certainly think its on hiatus.

This was confirmed when I called up a business office the next day, and a woman answered the phone with the greeting, "What?"

We need to start practicing common decency and respect for our fellow human beings. Here are some of my suggestions:

- Please wait patiently in line.
- Please hold the door open for the person behind you.
- Please recognize my presence when I'm waiting to be served. If you are busy, please tell me so. I

will either wait or come back later, but please don't ignore me.

- Please don't act put out when I am simply asking you to do your job.

- Please treat tellers, servers, clerks, etc. with the same respect you would like to be treated with.
- Stop and help me collect my dropped books or papers.
- Wait for me at crosswalks.

You'll be even later if you run me over.

- If you recognize me, acknowledge me with a smile, a nod, or a "Hello."

It's these insignificant things that can make a bad day a little bit better. One smile can take a dreary, losing-eyes-head-achy, just-failed-a-pop-quiz type day, and make it seem (almost) livable.

So, think about this the next time you see me, and if I look slightly harassed ask me how I'm doing. I appreciate it. Thank you.

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