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Alumni Awards offer connection and opportunity

By Jeffrey Williams
Staff Reporter

Last year, the Northern Kentucky University Alumni Association offered students from 15 departments \$200 for textbooks for this spring if they submitted one-page essays. Students from 10 of the departments won the awards, but \$1,000 offered to students from five of NKU's departments for book awards remains unclaimed.

The Association is comprised of 15 Alumni Affinity Organizations (AAO). People who have graduated from NKU are alumni of the college. They have a fondness for the department or major from which they have graduated. The organizations sponsor events throughout the year to show their continued support and attachment to their respective departments and majors at the university.

According to Alumni Association secretary and treasurer Nancy Perry, the book awards are very important to the students and the alumni. "Awards are given in majors as a bridge and as an opportunity for the alumni to stay connected with students. The alumni have a strong affinity to their departments. They want to give back to the university and create a network for themselves and the students," said Perry. She said the relationship between students and alumni is mutually beneficial because of the connection.

The Association sponsored a golf outing last June that raised over \$5,000, with part of the proceeds slated for the AAO's book awards.

Perry said the departments on campus having AAO's and were offered the book awards are: Accounting, African American Studies, Anthropology, Biology, Chase, Communications, History Society, MBA, MPA, Nursing, Social Work and Young Alumni Association.

Perry said \$200 was offered to students in all NKU departments with AAOs but that no students from African American Studies, History Society, Information Systems, International or Literature/Language departments applied for the award.

According to Carol Beirne, the assistant to the director of the Association, information about the book awards is not getting to the students and some are intimidated by the offer of an award for an essay. "We leave it up to the departments to get the word out but I think a lot of people are

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Anna Weaver/The Northerner

The controversial "Way Down East" sculpture was located on the main plaza level until the beginning of last semester. The newly renovated artwork will find a new home this year.

Grooms Sculpture Refinished

New site considered, but still needs approval from Votruba

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

The restoration of the Red Grooms sculpture "Way Down East" that began this fall has been completed, and is awaiting final approval on a new location.

"Our primary objective was to do no harm to the sculpture," Art Professor Barry Anderson said. Anderson was in charge of overseeing the restoration process, and said he felt the sculpture had been "vastly improved." The effects of time, weather, and exposure to the elements had taken their toll.

He said the sculpture was originally painted with a type of long-life automobile paint, and then clear-coated, much the same way that an automobile is.

The process involved washing it, applying a cleaner, and then

polishing it.

The actual work was done by Dan Collett, Joe Meiser, and Ben Huber, students at NKU applying for their BSA's with an emphasis in sculpture.

"I was in charge, but they did all the work," Anderson said.

"It's not like we're pros, but we did the best we could," Meiser said.

"It was a pretty big job to start off with," he said. "It took us around forty man hours total."

But he said once they got going, it became easier as they got the hang of it.

"I thought it was neat that we were working on a professional artist's sculpture," Meiser said of the experience.

"We definitely got to see it on a closer level," Collett recalled. "We got to see all the details of what Red Grooms was attempting."

He said there were certain areas that

were more difficult to work on because the exposure to the weather wasn't even all around, such as the underside of the megaphone, and there wasn't as much paint there originally, since people aren't expected to see those areas as much.

"It started to shine really nice," he said. "There were just some areas you couldn't do anything about."

It is still to be determined when and where the sculpture will be moved.

Mary Paula Schulz of Campus Planning said the most likely area for its relocation will be at the south-east corner on the end of the Fine Arts Building that is closest to the University Center, beside the new landscaping near Lake Inferior.

The site still needs approval from President Votruba, and the funds for some of the additional landscaping that it would require needs to be approved.

Northern Cheer

Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

CHEER GEAR: Two-year-old Ellie New (below) cheered along with Norse fans and grandfather Ken Shields at the basketball game Thursday night.

VICTORY VOICE: Freshman Amanda Smith (right) and her cheer-leading teammates finished 4th in the nation at the National Championships.



Enrollment of African American students on the rise Recruitment office says retention of these students is now a major goal

By Hlevani Baloyi
Staff Reporter

The doors of Northern Kentucky University have been open for 31 years and each year the population becomes more diverse than the year before. This year, the enrollment of African American students has increased.

Rhonda Webb, admissions counselor and African American recruitment organizer, has been a member of staff at NKU for five years and has been in charge of recruitment since 1995.

According to Webb over 300 African Americans are enrolled at NKU this school year. Webb

emphasized that she travels to a majority of predominantly African American high schools in a variety of cities such as Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Detroit.

She said she prepares a program for the youth to promote NKU as a potential college they would like to attend. Webb said she tries to highlight NKU as a good school to attend.

"A good way to give high school students an idea of what our campus is about is to put together tours and event programming," Webb said.

Once African American students enroll in NKU the problem

of retention seems to arise. "Personally, my job is not over once I have recruited the students. I feel the majority return but some don't because of financial reasons, grades or a lack of maturity level," Webb said.

Webb is the advisor of the Black Women's Organization and said she wants the students she recruits to get involved in organizations on campus. As a future goal for the year 2000, Webb hopes to reach the goal of enrolling 600 African American students at NKU.

In the fall of 1998, 286 African Americans attended NKU, and the number increase by 46 this

spring. However, the question of retention arose. Are African American students being replaced by new incoming ones?

Rose Morgan, assistant dean of African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, said,

"Research shows that African American students want to feel welcome and if their climate is satisfactory they will adapt to their environment."

Morgan mentioned the role her office plays in the lives of African American students and other minority groups is to build a relationship with the students so that they will feel they can always come to an office where their

needs are catered for. According to Morgan, Dr. James Votruba and a number of faculty members are very concerned about retention of African American and other minorities and have to come up with a list of goals that they hope to accomplish throughout the year.

Morgan said the following points will assist in assessing a strategic plan to solve the problem of retention: Academic support, Social culture commitment, Career development, Personal and family and Enhancement of student recruitment and retention.

Morgan's said her office hopes to reinstate its peer mentoring

program because she feels this is critical to keep African American students here as well as give them direction.

Her office is responsible for directing minority students with scholarships to take it upon themselves to assist those minority students who are faced with academic probation.

Morgan said that the addition of Votruba to the campus has been most rewarding, especially for the quest for diversity on NKU's campus.

Morgan urges all students to get involved in an organization that interests them, whether it be predominantly black or white.

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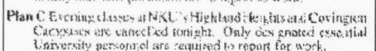
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Then they have to perform the

"We have a digital alpha system that serves the mail and the web and we ran Y2K patches and upgrades this summer," Thomson said. "The web is eventually going to be moved to a unix server called 'Sappho' and

Stone said, "We were one of 1,400 organizations across the country that participated with this teleconference."

NKU recorded the teleconference and it is available for viewing



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Lucas cops out?

By Steve Durm
Editorial Cartoonist

A tragic event occurred earlier in the week, when the man with the master plan, George Lucas, announced that the initially intended nine-part series of his *Star Wars* epic, will be cut down to six. Yep, you guessed it, he is wussing out on the initial plan leaving millions of *Star Wars* fans just a little bit more disillusioned.

Don't get me wrong, I can think of few things less exciting than the upcoming prequels, starting this spring with the much anticipated Episode 1, *The phantom menace*. But much like the fact that we had to wait almost 20 years for that, this recent announcement from Mr. Lucas just kind of blows.

When I was a young lad, *Star Wars* was one of the defining things in my life, I wanted to be a Jedi far more than I ever wanted to be a fireman, or a cop. In this love for these unbelievably compelling films, I was not alone.

It was not some singular obsession, but a national pastime for many people in a world that all too often skimps on genuine storytelling and entertainment.

I, for one, felt as though one more ray of light in a seemingly bleak future fell dim with Lucas's fateful announcement, and I am not alone.

I understand the fact that Mr. Lucas is probably been growing weary of the whole *Star Wars* ordeal, and the rigorous filming of the upcoming three will probably drain every last drop of his creative abilities, but that sounds like a personal problem to me. I mean, what did he expect?

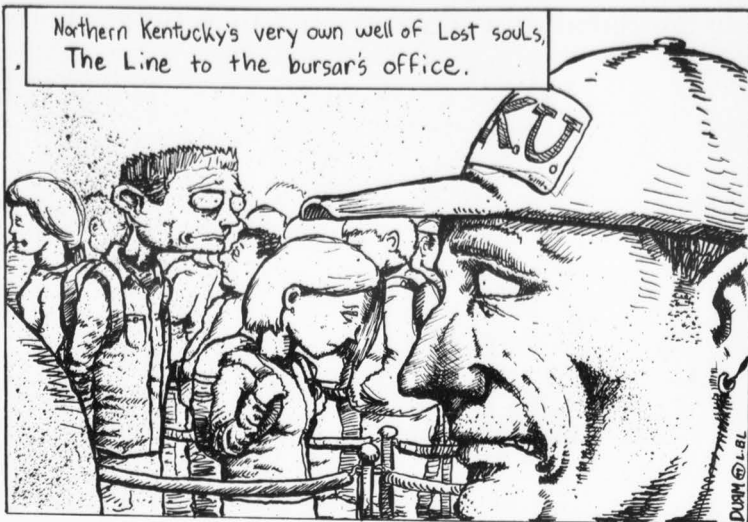
He is no longer just some director putting out some movie, he is a cultural demigod, blessing us all with his grace through film.

Though I suppose all demigods of culture have to wither into the abyss of complacent apathy for their followers, but why this one? Especially when he could just hand the blessed torch to some up and coming disciples of Hollywood, who could complete his vision for the sake of all of us little people who just can't really get enough.

Well George Lucas is still one of the most revered men in contemporary popular culture, and I will always hold him in the highest of esteem.

Though I still feel as though some strange part of my soul will never be complete, considering the fact that I have been eagerly anticipating the completion of his intended nine part series for almost my entire life.

Well, I guess I can still find solace in the three movies to come, unless he decides not to finish them.



Martin Luther King day, about "the dream"

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In 1983, while demonstrators marched outside of Washington, D.C. to commemorate the 20-year anniversary of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech, a political battle ensued within Congress over the formation of a new holiday in the civil rights leader's honor.

While many representatives didn't like the idea of another holiday, the promise that MLK Day would encourage charity helped ensure that by the third Monday in January, the nation would pause to celebrate one of its greatest personalities.

Today, many students on campus are looking forward to a three-day weekend. While there will be no classes Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not meant to be a day off.

As the country commemorates King's endless devotion toward making our society better, the University and many of its organizations have put together an array of publications, performances, events, lectures and films on Monday.

This is an ideal opportunity to do something positive. Students who believe in King's dream should seize this chance and participate in at least one of

these activities.

There are many events students may choose to attend in order to show their support for civil rights on MLK Day.

While it may seem tempting to take a three-day weekend, this Monday is the wrong day to take off. Since its beginning, Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been more than a holiday. It is one day set aside for Americans to focus on what they have done and what still needs to be accomplished.

For many, it is an opportunity to do some community service, from volunteering at a soup kitchen to building homes for

homeless people.

But for all, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day to think about what he stood for and for what he continues to stand.

Students must also remember that it is a day to remember a particular man and a particular method of getting things accomplished.

King put all his effort into obtaining civil rights for all Americans.

In honor of his work, class will be canceled on the third Monday of January every year, and everyone at the University should be helping to keep his dream alive.

North Poll

How might NKU make registration easier for the students?

Andrew Miller
Political Science
Alumni



"Online!"



Romin Carey
Social Work
Sophomore

"Phone registration. Plenty of colleges use that system. So should NKU."

Melanie Miller
English Lit.
Senior



"They should have the bursar, registrar and financial aid offices in one building."



Steve Ingram
Sociology
Sophomore

"They need to get more people to help out in the registrars office."

Scott French
Fine Arts
Junior



"At Western you can do all of your registration over the phone and NKU should consider doing that."



Ivory Kennedy
Psychology
Sophomore

"The computers that have class openings and closings on them should be found throughout campus, and we need more."

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Susan Sarandon steps up in a heartfelt role in "Stepmom"

By Kelly Carson
Features Editor

If you are in the mood to laugh, cry or learn something about life, *Stepmom* is the movie to see.

The film, starring Susan Sarandon as Jackie, Julie Roberts as Isabel and Ed Harris as Luke is a compelling drama about challenges faced by non-traditional family life.

Roberts portrays a career-mind-

ed fashion photographer, Isabel, who faces the unwelcome role of stepmother to her boyfriend Luke's (Harris) two children, ages 12 and 7. Jackie (Sarandon) is the children's mother known for her supermom abilities. Jackie resents Isabel's intrusion into her children's lives.

Jackie and Isabel appear to be complete opposites in the beginning of the movie, but as time goes on, it seems the two women

have more in common than they realize. Both women are strong and independent, but they end up needing each other. When Jackie discovers she is terminally ill with cancer, both women decide to put aside their differences in order to save the family.

Both Jackie and Isabel learn how to love and appreciate one of the important things in life—family. Isabel becomes less involved in work and finds herself wanting to spend more and more time with Luke's children. Jackie learns to let go of the anger and resentment she has towards her ex-husband and Isabel.

Director Chris Columbus, who also directed *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *Home Alone*, takes the audience on an emotional, yet exciting journey through this family's life. He captures every minute of the audience's attention. If you are not laughing or smiling, you are crying, either out of sadness or extreme joy.

Sarandon, Roberts and Harris



Photo Contributed

Sarandon, Aiden and Malone dance a jig while lip-synching a Mowtown tune.

provide an all-star cast to this all-star movie. Sarandon, who is nominated for a Golden Globe award for her role as Jackie, convincingly portrayed her character and went beyond the challenges of her role. The children, played by Jena Malone and Liam Aiken, do an excellent job of portraying children torn between two parents and struggling with the adolescent events surrounding their own lives.

I can't say enough good things about this movie. You don't have to be a mother or come from a divorced family to fully appreciate this film.

The title may not attract many men to the movie, and perhaps it is a little sappy for some people, but I think everyone who sees this movie will leave with a new appreciation for life and how precious the people in our lives really are.



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Sarandon and Roberts look onward with optimism.

Terrence Malick's war saga crosses the line of mediocracy

By Jeffrey Williams
Staff Reporter

Despite roads dangerously glazed by ice and rain that froze instantly to windshields, patrons ventured from their homes to see the movie *The Thin Red Line*.

The Thin Red Line is one of those borderline films that I don't really know if I liked or not. I had great expectations of battle scenes for this movie, but my expectations were cooled by the scarcity of blood and guts glory associated with the American view of the battle for Guadalcanal.

The film made up for this deficiency with good acting, wonderful

scenery and a fresh look at an old controversy: Man is basically good vs. man is basically evil. *The Thin Red Line* focuses more on two men's conflicting, philosophical views of warfare rather than the actual killing of men. *The Thin Red Line* contrasts peace and harmony against chaotic war.

The movie begins with two soldiers who have deserted their outfits and have somehow found themselves on an island paradise. The two men experience the peace and harmony of native living, but 30 minutes into the film they see a US patrol boat. They try, briefly, to hide from the Navy personnel on the boat but the two deserters are obviously captured

because the next scene shows one of them in a dark, jail cell deep in the bows of a ship. The captured deserter, a private in the infantry, discussed his convictions with his sergeant. The private has the philosophical view of warfare as a passing evil thrown into the world by dark forces; the sergeant has the philosophical view of warfare as an inescapable trait of mankind that will forever plague the world.

The private and the sergeant are both on the battlefield during the 45 minutes of actual fighting in the movie. The fighting scenes were good, realistic, and as gory as the technological age could make them. Men were blown up, men were blown into the air and teenagers died

dramatically on the screen. The controversy presented itself throughout the drama of men dying and the movie did not answer it.

Heroes committed the ultimate sacrifices saving friends and comrades ran shamelessly from battle. Is man basically good or is man basically evil?

The 20th Century Fox release was directed by John Madden and the film is stocked full of big named stars including John Travolta, Sean Penn, John Cusack, George Clooney, Woody Harrelson, Bill Pullman, Nick Nolte, and Gary Oldman.

Most of the big name actors have very small roles in this film despite their top billing. Travolta, for

instance, showed his face for less than five minutes as a Navy captain before sailing off to parts unknown. Clooney gave a two minute speech as the new commander of the squad at the end of the movie; that made me want to drop a grenade in his pants. Penn, on the other hand, gave a good rendition as the sergeant and Nolte was exceptional as the overall commander of the operation.

Perhaps I would have liked the film better if I had not had to scrape the ice from my windshield and drive precariously home after the movie. Perhaps not. This controversy also persists, in my mind at least, but I think you will find this film as mediocre as I did.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 21:

- Phi Beta Lambda meeting, 3:15 p.m. UC 303.
- Students Together Against Racism, 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Women in Transition support group meeting, 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

Monday, Jan. 25:

- *Les causeries du lundi*, French conversation hour, 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- Life Enhancement Series, "Chair Massage," 10:30-1:30 p.m. \$7/person. Call 572-5684 for appointment.

Tuesday, Jan. 26:

- "She Served Too," Women and the Vietnam War Experience. Military Lecture, 3-4:30 p.m. Landrum 110.
- Common Ground meeting, 4-5 p.m. UC 303.
- *Deutsche Kaffeestunde*, German conversation hour, 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.
- International Night Out, 7:30-9 p.m. Norse Commons.

Wednesday, Jan. 27:

- Satellite Conference: "Racial Legacies and Learning: How to Talk About Race" 1-3 p.m. UC Theatre.
- "She Served Too," Women and the Vietnam War Experience. Military Lecture, 7-8:30 p.m. UC Theatre.
- *Hora de conversacion*, Spanish conversation hour, 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- AA meeting, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. UC 232.

Friday, Jan. 29:

- International Student Union Ethnic Eat-Out, Jamaica 6-7 p.m. Norse Commons.

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NKU celebrates connection to Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Margie Wise
Production Manager

Dr. Vincent Harding, director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center in Atlanta, Ga., lectured about the connection between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) in Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall last week. The discussion was one of an annual series of speeches held in celebration of King each year around his birthday.

According to Cheryl Nuñez, director of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs, Harding spoke about the similarities and differences of the two men.

"People assumed that because Stokely was more militant than Dr. King they were in opposition," Nuñez said. "Though the two men had different philosophies about how to get there, they shared a deep and abiding faith in the possibility of democracy."

Nuñez said Harding left a message about how to apply Dr. King's philosophy at NKU.

"One very important point I think [Harding] made that we should all take to heart is that Dr. King came in to activism through a conscious decision. He knew before he ever went home to the South. He knew what his choice would entail...He made a conscious choice to pursue social activism rather than personal gain. The message is that choice is open to all of us," she said.

It is good for NKU to have a connection to Dr.

King, said Dr. Clinton Hewan, NKU political science professor. Hewan said other connections to Dr. King include the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who marched with Dr. King on several occasions and has spoken on campus many times and Anne Braden, who was an instrumental figure in the struggle for civil rights. Braden is a history/geography professor at NKU.

"I think [King's] message to this area...was the essence of humanism," said Hewan. "I think it's important because NKU can be a driving force for human understanding in this region. Our job is to instill civic responsibilities within our students."

Hewan said that because of this relationship between Dr. King and NKU, it is important for the school to recognize him and remind students of the importance of multiculturalism. But Hewan said King's connection to NKU was not the only reason to celebrate the man.

"He, above many others, is one of America's true heroes. He was not a hero created by myths and dogmas as in the case of Jefferson and other so-called founding fathers. His greatness was not a media construct but a real, true-life example of what a human being should be," Hewan said.

Planned for Jan. 14 was the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil. However, Debbie Morgette, the area coordinator for Residential Life, said it was canceled due to the ice.

She said it is usually held on or before Dr. King's birthday. Residential Life is now planning on holding the vigil in February.

What does your dorm's RA do?

By James Proffitt
Staff Reporter

Getting up at 2:30 a.m. to handle a noise problem may not sound like the most enviable job. However, when your job is a Resident Assistant, this is one of the things that you may have to do.

Erin Owen, an RA for 15 women in Commonwealth Hall at Northern Kentucky University, had to handle that exact problem the night before I talked to her about her job. She explained to me that being an RA comes with many responsibilities aside from handling noise complaints.

There are room inspections, monthly floor meetings, working the desk, handling roommate conflicts, and just being there to talk to. That part is particularly important for Owen's floor, because she works mostly with freshmen.

Owen, in her second semester as an RA, said, "I love my job. I

love to work with the freshmen and I like working with the residents. I have a really good floor."

She described her floor as very involved. She mentioned, among other things, that her floor had a Mary Kay party as an activity.

"You have to work as a team with the other R.A.s so you all know what is going on."

-Erin Owen

"Two actually," she said.

She also spoke about a Secret Santa gift exchange and a Christmas gathering. "We had a big 'ole Christmas party that one of the residents was in charge of," she said. Owen was very pleased with the event and described it as

a "...real success."

Although the parties can be nice, there are some down sides to the job to. "I work real early desk hours now," she said, but seems to accept the pains that can come with the job. "You kind of have to give some and take some."

Owen also has a bulletin board up on her floor, which currently has a collage the floor members posted up themselves.

At first, the bulletin board was covered with brochures and things of the sort. She says that as an RA, "You want to encourage them to get involved." That, according to Owen, is the biggest part of the job. She also said, "You have to work as a team with the other RAs so you all know what is going on."

Owen said that if her schedule permits, she would be interested in being an RA again next semester.

"I really enjoy it," she said, though she admits, "There is a bit of sacrifice."

ALUMNI: Scholarships are grad's lifeline

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scared away by a scholarship. They're afraid they aren't smart enough to win," said Beirne.

Senior accounting major Katie Curry won the award for her department. She said the accounting department's teachers announced the opportunity many times, but she agreed with Beirne about the fear students experience when subjected to scholarship opportunities. "I didn't know who else would enter. People think 'I won't win anything anyway so why apply.' My department only had one person apply last year because people didn't hear about it," Curry said.

Curry was surprised to win the award. She was able to purchase all the books she needed for the

semester with the money. "I spent \$199.85 on books. I had 15 cents left and that's \$200 I won't have to come up with," she said.

Curry said the bulk of the time it took to compose her essay was spent cutting things out of the essay. "I wanted to keep the best stuff in. That was the hard part. I only took an hour and a half to finish it," she said.

Kimberly Serra, who split the award with fellow MPA student William Fisher, offered another explanation about why students did not apply for the award. "Some people don't have the time to spend an hour on an extra essay. Sometimes an hour is more important than \$100," said Serra.

Perry said the alumni

Association will offer the book award next year and the prizes will be advertised in *The Northerner* and the *Campus Digest*, as well as by word of mouth within the departments.

"Our association sponsors friend fundraisers not fund raisers. The alumni dedicate their time, talent and treasures because of their good experiences at NKU. We want our associates to be interested, involved and informed," Perry said.

"It's almost sad. A lack of communications inside the departments," said Michael Chirumbolo, one of the two award winners in the communications departments. "But it's nice to see the alumni are willing to put something back into the university. Thanks," he said.

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NKU win streak extended to lucky seven

By Elden May
Sports Editor

As the old saying goes, winning is contagious. If this is true, the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team is on the verge of a full-scale epidemic.

The Norse stretched its winning streak to seven games with victories over Lewis University and Wisconsin-Parkside last week. The streak is the longest for NKU since January 1997.

NKU began the week at home against Lewis University and All-American candidate Milosh Pujovic.

Behind the play of sophomore Adam Norwell, the Norse overcame a five point halftime deficit and hung on to defeat the Flyers, 66-65.

Lewis jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the early going, but NKU stormed back to take a 20-17 lead. Norwell scored nine of his points in the first half. Lewis then went on a 12-4 run to lead at the half, 29-24.

NKU coach Ken Shields said that adjustments were made at halftime to attack the middle of the Lewis defense. "We wanted to go at Pujovic more," Shields said. "We set him (Norwell) up at the foul line to start the half and he scored on two straight possessions. That really set the tone for us."

After falling behind by eight at 42-34, NKU went on a 12-3 run to reclaim the lead. Norwell scored six of the NKU points during that stretch.

NKU clung to a slim lead until Lewis tied the game with under a minute remaining. Milosh Pujovic scored 11 of his 19 points in the final six minutes of play.

After Craig Conley hit one of two free throws to put NKU up 63-62, Pujovic missed both free throws that could have given Lewis the lead.

Two free throws by Craig Sanders put NKU up 65-62. The Norse finished the deal when Lewis guard Josh



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Craig Conley drives the lane against Lewis star Milosh Pujovic during NKU's 66-65 victory at Regents Hall.

Virostko was called for traveling in the game's final seconds.

Norwell led NKU with 22 points. Brian Lawhon added 12 points and Charles Nixon chipped in with 11. Pujovic led Lewis with 19 points.

Norwell said he took the attention given to Pujovic personally.

"We went up there last year and he (Pujovic) pretty much ate my lunch," Norwell said. "It cost us the conference title and I wanted to get them down here and get some revenge."

Guard Brian Lawhon said he was

proud of the way NKU stepped up in the game's final minutes.

"I felt confident and that was evident in the way we played. I'm proud of Adam. I'm proud of the team, I'm proud of everybody," Lawhon said. "The win upped NKU's record to 10-4 overall and 7-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Lewis fell to 8-5 with the loss."

On Saturday, NKU played host to the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers.

The game was never in doubt as NKU cruised to a 95-53 victory.

The Norse bombed the Rangers from the perimeter as they hit 16 three pointers in 29 attempts.

After Parkside cut the NKU lead to 8-6, the Norse went on a 23-4 run to put the game away. NKU led by 20 at halftime, 38-18.

NKU shot nearly 50 percent from the floor in the first half and held the Rangers to a paltry 29 percent.

After Parkside cut the lead to 45-26, NKU outscored the Rangers 50-27 the rest of the way.

Many of the NKU second half points came from the reserves.

Lenny Bays scored a career high nine points. Bays said he was glad to get some quality minutes.

"I just went in and hit the shots," Bays said. "I hope I sent a message to coach (Shields) today. My role is to provide a spark off the bench."

Brian Lawhon and Craig Sanders led NKU with 20 points each. Craig Conley added 11 points. Alfonso Lewis led Parkside with 19 points.

NKU stretched the winning streak to seven in a row with the victory. Shields said there really isn't any added pressure with the streak.

"We're having fun and we're really enjoying it right now," Shields said. NKU now stands at 11-4 on the season and 8-3 in the GLVC. Wisconsin-Parkside dropped to 1-13 overall and 0-10 in conference play.

NKU (95)—Sanders 7-13 2-4 20, Lawhon 6-10 2-2 20, Conley 3-8 5-5 11, Bays 3-3 0-0 9, Norwell 2-5 2-6 6, Vieth 3-9 0-0 6, Perdrix 2-3 0-1 6, Schaefer 1-1 4-4 6, Seiter 2-4 0-0 5, Nixon 0-3 3-4 3, Beckett 1-2 1-1 3. **Totals** 30-61 19-27 95.

Wisconsin-Parkside (53)—Lewis 6-10 6-8 19, Smith 3-8 1-2 8, Sterling 3-8 1-3 7, Carp 2-6 0-0 5, Mirkovic 2-4 0-0 4, Grice 1-4 2-2 4, Mallory 1-3 2-2 4, Knuth 1-4 0-0 2. **Totals** 19-53 12-17 53.

Norse schedule satisfies sweet tooth

By Elden May
Sports Editor

To fans and 'experts' alike, statistics can be many things. Helpful. Confirming. This season's Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team has added another word to this equation—confusing.

While NKU stands at a lofty 11-4 this season, a closer look at the statistics suggests this team may not be as good as the record indicates.

The stats may have more to do with the Norse opponents than the Norse. Of the eleven wins NKU has this season, the combined record of NKU opponents is only 58-77. Exactly three of the Norse victims have winning records. Thomas More (a Division III school) is 8-7, Lewis is 8-5 and Kentucky State is 8-6.

Whenever NKU plays a good team (one that doesn't hover near the .500 mark), it usually ends up in the loss column. Of the four NKU losses, two have been to nationally ranked Kentucky Wesleyan and Southern Indiana. The others were to Indianapolis (8-5) and NAIA Central State.

Is there a pattern here? It sure seems so. NKU beats the bad teams and loses to the good teams.

The distressing part is not that the Norse lost, but how it lost. NKU averaged 81.8 points per game while holding opponents to 70.1 in its eleven wins. However, in the losses, opponents averaged an astounding 86 points per game while holding NKU to 75.

A closer look at the stats proves it is amazing NKU is winning at all. For the season, opponents are outbounding NKU 36.2-33.5, an average of close to three per game.

Sure, everyone knows the Norse aren't blessed with size this season, but the guard-rich offense is being outperformed, too.

A team that relies on guards must hope for lots of assists and few turnovers. Norse opponents have 33 more assists than NKU.

Perhaps the most concerning stat is the assist to turnover ratio. Most coaches are happy if they get two assists for every turnover. This area isn't even close. NKU has committed 237 turnovers and produced only 175 assists.

And this is after NKU played Wisconsin-Parkside, a team that is 1-13 and could possibly be the worst team in Division II right now.

So how is NKU 11-4? It's a good question. NKU has won the close games this season, a trademark of Ken Shields. Close wins include: 79-77 over Kentucky State, 70-69 over Bellarmine, 72-69 over IPFW and 66-65 over Lewis.

NKU will get a chance to prove if it is for real soon. Starting against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (they upset Wesleyan), and at Kentucky Wesleyan (Shields is 0-10 lifetime against the Panthers in Owensboro). Wins in two of these three games would stamp the Norse as legitimate NCAA contenders.

We'll know if NKU is for real very soon. Until then, the Norse must be content to fatten up on a diet of GLVC cupcakes.



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NKU spells doom for Lewis, Parkside

By Elden May
Sports Editor

Many times in sports, youth can spell disaster. Fortunately for NKU, Michelle Cottrell usually spells doom for opponents.

Thanks to the play of the freshman, NKU blew past Lewis University and Wisconsin-Parkside in Great Lakes Valley Conference action last week.

Thursday, NKU tangled with Lewis University. After battling to a 31-31 standoff at halftime, NKU put the Flyers away in the second half and ran away with a 77-59 victory.

Cottrell was the story for NKU. The freshman from Boone County high school scored 32 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. After missing her first shot, she then made the next 14 in a row.

Cottrell's performance has NKU women's coach Nancy Winstel raving.

"She rebounds the ball better than anyone I've ever seen," Winstel said. "The thing that impresses me is her desire to play well and help the team win."

After shooting just 39 percent from the field in the first half, the Norse shot a blistering 64 percent in the second half on 18 of 28 shooting.

Cottrell led four Norse in double figures with 32. Shannon Smith and Michelle Tuchfarber each had 13. Julie Stanley contributed 10 points.

Winstel said Cottrell opened the game for the other NKU post star, Shannon Smith.

"Whenever Shannon touched the ball in the first half, she was being double and triple teamed and she would get the ball to Michelle," Winstel said. "It certainly helps to have that option."

One unfortunate side note to the



Jessica Jensen and Katie Kelsey double team Lewis forward Erin Watterson during NKU's 77-59 win last week.

game was the loss of Monique McRae for perhaps the season. McRae severely dislocated her finger and later had surgery to repair the injury.

"Monique injured her finger pretty bad," Winstel said. "She didn't break it, she dislocated it. But, it broke the skin and she had to have surgery on it. We hope not, but she may be done for the year."

The win raised the Norse record to 12-2 (8-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference) on the season. Lewis fell to 8-5 (5-4 GLVC) with

the loss.

NKU returned to the hardwood Saturday against the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers.

The Rangers were unable to put out the fire NKU started from the opening tip as the Norse romped, 75-39.

After a short tie at two, NKU went on a 7-0 run to prompt a Ranger timeout at 9-2. Things would get worse for Parkside as NKU held leads of 27-12 and 34-16 at halftime.

NKU disposed of Parkside quickly in the second half with an

18-0 run to balloon the lead to 52-16.

From there, the NKU reserves took over. No NKU starter logged more than 26 minutes.

The NKU defense held Parkside to a frigid 30 percent from the field, 26 percent in the second half.

Michelle Cottrell led the way for NKU with 22 points on 10 of 14 shooting. Shannon Smith added 11 points and Michele Tuchfarber had 10.

The win moves NKU to 13-2 (9-2 GLVC) on the season. Wisconsin-Parkside drops to 2-12 (1-9 GLVC) with the loss.

After dropping out of the USA Today Top 25 poll for a week, NKU was back in the poll at 25th last week.

NKU (77)—Cottrell 14-15 4-4 32, Smith 5-12 3-5 13, Tuchfarber 5-13 0-0 13, Stanley 3-6 3-3 10, Jensen 2-3 1-2 6, Roddy 1-4 0-0 2, McRae 0-2 1-2 1 Totals 30-59 12-17 77.

Lewis (58)—Jewell 6-16 1-1 13, Harnas 5-11 1-1 12, Collins 3-5 0-0 6, La Buhn 2-7 0-0 5, Heap 2-6 1-2 5, Rauch 2-2 1-2 5, Bourn 1-1 2-2 4, Frey 1-3 0-0 3, Mackinson 1-2 0-0 2, Watterson 0-0 2-2 2, Hogueisson 1-4 0-0 2 Totals 24-58 8-10 59.

NKU (75)—Cottrell 10-14 2-4 22, Smith 4-9 3-3 11, Tuchfarber 4-7 1-3 10, Kelsey 2-3 2-2 8, Chermi 3-4 1-2 7, Stanley 3-4 0-0 7, Jensen 0-6 4-4 4, Kamrath 2-6 0-0 4, Roddy 0-5 2-2 2 Totals 28-61 15-20 75.

Wisconsin-Parkside (39)—Meyer 3-7 2-2 11, Deichelboer 4-9 2-5 10, Seager 3-9 0-0 6, Sublett 2-8 0-0 4, Tennyson 0-0 2-2 2, Morrissey 0-4 2-2 2, Jury 1-4 0-0 2, Randolph 1-3 0-0 2 Totals 14-47 8-11 39.

Record: NKU 13-2 (9-2 GLVC)

The Northerner Players of the Week



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Michelle Cottrell/The Northerner

Adam Norwell scored 28 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in two Norse wins last week.

Michelle Cottrell continues to impress. The freshman scored 54 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in two Norse wins last week.

GLVC Women's Standings (Through Saturday, January 16)

	GLVC GAMES	ALL GAMES	
	W-L	W-L	Streak
Northern Kentucky (#25)	8-2	12-2	W-4
SIU Edwardsville	8-2	10-3	W-3
Saint Joseph's	7-2	10-3	L-1
Bellarmine	7-3	9-5	W-4
Southern Indiana	7-3	9-8	W-2
UM-St. Louis	6-4	7-7	L-2
Lewis	6-4	8-5	L-1
Kentucky Wesleyan	4-6	8-6	W-1
Indianapolis	2-7	6-8	W-1
Quincy	2-7	3-10	L-6
UW-Parkside	1-8	2-11	L-7
Indiana/Purdue-Ft. Wayne	0-9	0-13	L-13

Upcoming Games

NKU Women

Thursday, Jan 21 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 5:30
Saturday, Jan 23 SOUTHERN INDIANA 1:00

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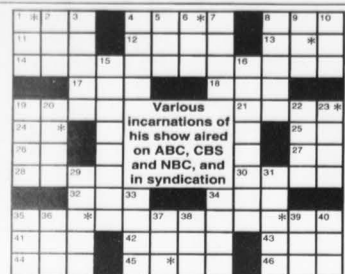
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- ACROSS**
1. *Marital* _____
 4. *Home Improvement* role
 8. *Who's* _____, 1977 Dan
 11. *Rather* series
 13. Part of the title of the Olsen twins' sitcom
 14. King or Ladd
 15. Suffix for stuff or fluff
 16. Actor on *The King of Queens* (2)
 17. *Thompson*
 18. *The* *Conway Show* (1960-61)
 19. 1974 best actor in a comedy series Emmy winner
 21. Series set in a school
 22. Edith, to Gloria
 25. *Libbers*: 1951
 26. *Improvisation* series
 27. *the Rocks* (1975-76)
 28. Word in the title of George Seng's series
 29. Actor Richard
 30. *Death* _____, 1985
 31. *Nick Mancuso* movie
 32. _____ the land of the
 34. *Sissy* swimmer
 35. *Will & Grace* actress (2)
 41. *Meyers of Kate & Allie*
 42. *The World According to* _____
 43. *Harper Valley* _____ (1981-82)
 44. Scouting group
 45. Read quickly
 46. Reserved
- DOWN**
1. Monogram for one of Michael Jackson's sisters
 2. Wonderment
 3. *My* _____ and *Welcome to It* (1969-70)
 4. 1967-68 Jay North adventure series
 5. *Veep's* namesakes
 6. *The* *Patrol* (1966-68)
 7. Make a cardigan
 8. Cave lady
 9. *How*
 10. Bobby the Bruin
 15. One-time *60 Minutes* personality
 16. _____ *On* (1989-93)
 19. Run _____ go wild
 20. *Turner*
 22. Vicki Lawrence role, once
 23. One who played a genie
 29. *Poles on* *Major Dad* (1989-93)
 31. *Wilson's* namesakes
 33. *to Riches* (1987-88)
 34. Cable network letters
 35. *Frasier*, to Frederick
 36. *Prior* to
 37. *The* _____ *Davis Show* (1974-76)
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Sunday



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By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

January 17 through January 23, 1999

- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
A dominating attitude does not accomplish anything. Harmony is needed if you are to finish a project.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
If you have been experiencing health problems, you will soon see an improvement. You have a deep need for spiritual counseling.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
There is no need to be depressed about a change in plans. Things work out for the best. Be more proactive in the workplace.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
You don't have time to feel sorry for yourself. Take a close look at what you are trying to do. Are you really giving your all?
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
Keep a close eye on someone who makes outlandish promises. Recognize your own abilities and follow through with your plan.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
It's time to put a stop to unnecessary spending. Be creative with your ideas when solving a difficult problem.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
You may have lost something due to unfair dealings. After your anxiety passes, things become better.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
Obstacles may arise at the last minute. Make sure you have everything in order before presenting your ideas.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
There may be some positive changes at home and work. Apply yourself and think things through carefully.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
Be careful that your sense of pride doesn't damage your reputation. Don't let another person take advantage of you.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Take the time to make notes about your dreams. Learn to rely more on your intuition, but don't let your imagination run away with you.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
This may be the beginning or the end of an important situation. There is also a chance you may be moving soon.

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Jan. 19 - Michael Crawford, Tim Allen, Dudley Moore
Jan. 20 - DeForest Kelley, Lorenzo Lamas, David Lynch
Jan. 21 - Bobby Brown, Glenn Davis
Jan. 22 - John Hurt, Diane Lane
Jan. 23 - Richard Dean Anderson

Rant

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