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## Number Two... Again Bongs and Beaches Don't Mix

### Norse: Indy Bound

By John Kirtley  
Production Editor

The thickening plot of the Great Lakes Region came to a head Sunday when the NCAA revealed the pairings for the 1997 Great Lakes Region Tournament.

For the second consecutive year, the Northern Kentucky University Norse men's basketball team is the No. 2 seed.

No. 1 seed University of Indianapolis will host the tournament beginning Thursday.

"I think we should've been the No. 1 seed and hosted the tournament right here," NKU men's basketball head coach Ken Shields said. "There's no way Indianapolis belongs in the top two."

Shields remarks stem from the Greyhound's losses to No. 3 seed University of Southern Indiana and Great Lakes Valley Conference 10th place Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

"I can't imagine what their (NCAA) thought processes were," Shields said. "I think it's a travesty the way they set this thing up."

NKU, UI and USI finished the season in a three-way tie for the GLVC championship, but UI's two victories over the Norse may have put it over the top.

"They beat us twice and that's why they got to host it," NKU senior Paul Cluxton said. "We're all 16-4 in the conference so the (NCAA) knew we were pretty doggone close to each other."

The decision became cloudier after USI, the No. 4 seed entering this week's action, defeated UI and NKU to end the regular season and last week's No. 3 seed Oakland (Mich.) University lost to Grand Valley State University Saturday.

"I think it was decided before this week even started," NKU senior Shannon Minor said. "Obviously, Southern Indiana won two games that had no effect on their season."



Gabrielle Dion/The Northerner

Despite the top three teams falling, two of them to USI, the Screaming Eagles only moved up one spot.

"Southern Indiana got ripped off," Cluxton said.

Similar to a year previous, the Norse dropped its final game of the regular season, but Minor said the loss will have no effect on the Norse.

"It's kind of good that we're not hosting it. When you host it, there are so many other things that come with it, like tickets and a lot of hype," Minor said. "You don't want to be around all of it. Now we get away from everything and we go to someone else's arena with no pressure and they have the pressure of winning it in their own gym."

UI will play the winner of the No. 4 seed Grand Valley State University-No. 5 seed Oakland (Mich.) University game. GVSU won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Norse can make up for Saturday's loss because NKU plays the winner of the USI-Quincy game Friday at 5:30 p.m. in UI's Nicolson Hall.

The championship game is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the winner heading to the NCAA Elite Eight in Louisville, Ky. March 19.

"We should be the best team in the region, which we are," Cluxton said.

By Diana Schlake  
Editor in Chief

Lying on the beaches of Jamaica, drinking a few too many or smoking a joint could get any tourist in more trouble than they realize.

Spending spring break in jail is not anyone's idea of a good time, but it can happen and it is easier than anyone can imagine.

According to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' American Drug Arrests Abroad report, over 2,000 American citizens are arrested abroad, held on charges of using or possessing drugs.

"Once you leave U.S. soil, U.S. laws and constitutional rights no longer apply," said Katherine Munchmeyer, press officer of the Bureau of Consular Affairs. "If you are caught with any illegal substance, you would be held under the laws of the country you are in."

As college students travel abroad for spring break, the occurrence of arrests for drug possession rises, stated the ADA report. In 1994, 2,500 Americans were arrested in 95 foreign countries. Of those, 880 ended up in jails abroad because they assumed they couldn't get arrested for drug possession.

"Many young people will go to popular resort areas and overindulge in alcohol, assuming that because the atmosphere appears more laid-back than the states, such conduct will be overlooked by the local authorities," she said. "A number of students also assume that they are immune from prosecution in foreign lands because they are American citizens."

The State Department spokesperson said when anyone travels to another country, even if it is just for a short vacation, it is their obligation to know the laws of that country.

"Unlike the United States, few countries believe 'you are innocent until

proven guilty,'" she said. "The truth is that Americans suspected of drug violations can face severe penalties, even the death penalty, in some foreign countries."

A number of the Americans arrested abroad on drug charges in 1994 possessed marijuana, according to the ADA report. Many of these possessed one ounce or less of the substance.

"A number of countries, including Mexico, Jamaica and the Bahamas have enacted more stringent drug laws which impose mandatory jail sentences for individual convicted of possessing even small amounts of marijuana or cocaine for personal use," she said. "Many countries have mandatory prison sentences of seven years or more without parole for drug violations."

Drug and alcohol use is not the only way an American citizen can spend time in jail. Possession of a controlled substance, whether by accident or smuggling, can result in a

prison sentence.

"There was a recent report on a U.S. citizen who was arrested for smuggling

a small amount of cocaine, and is now currently serving time in jail," Munchmeyer said.

"There is a case where a young girl, going home from spring break, was asked by some people in Peru to take a package with her back to the states. She was arrested and jailed for some time before she was even tried."

The best thing a vacationing student can do is avoid any drug use while in foreign soil, said Munchmeyer.

"Have fun with your friends but avoid anything illegal, that is the best scenario," she said.

The State Department suggest a few tips to avoid any legal trouble.

Don't carry a package for anyone, no matter how small it might be.

Don't carry any substance abroad unless for medical reasons. Carry a doctor's certificate attesting to that fact and keep all medications in original and labeled containers.

"Getting involved with drugs abroad can destroy not only your future but your life," Munchmeyer said.



### Trouble At NKU

### Student Radio Station

By Amanda Tittle  
Managing Editor

Rumors have been spreading that the Accounting Department was planning to shut down WRFN.

The only people who didn't hear the rumors were the ones playing the music.

WRFN General Manager Greg

Ruschman, a junior marketing major, and Ernest Britton, Executive Director for Student Affairs, both said the rumor is not true.

"From what Ernest said, we won't have any revenue. We're going to get no school support," Ruschman said.

But that isn't the case.

"I assured them there is no reason to shut them down," Britton said.

Linda Davis, Officer II of the Financial and Operations Department was in agreement with Britton and Ruschman.

"I don't think the accounting department has the power to shut something down," she said.

The station is in no danger of closing down.

"There is no budgetary reason to do that. They're living within

their means," Britton said.

When the disc jockeys heard the rumor, Nathan Summers said he quit. "I'm tired of it. They don't want to help us in any way."

"I've got better things to do with my time than play to a school that doesn't appreciate it," Summers said.

What does being in the red really mean to WRFN?

"Being in the red does not mean we are going to be closed down," Ruschman said. "We won't be able to buy equipment."

Even with the limited budget the station receives, those in charge are responsible for selling air-time for revenue.

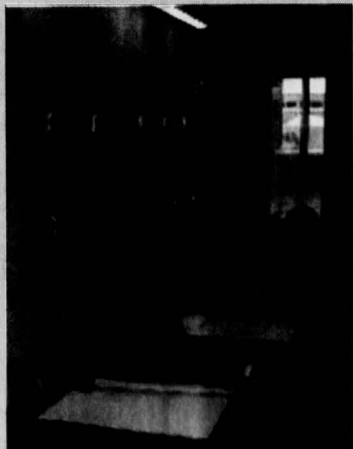
"They need to sell ads if they plan to make any major purchases," Britton said.

The problem WRFN faces, Ruschman said, is reaching an audience. "Who the hell are we advertising to?"

Many times the station is not heard throughout the University Center. There have been times when the station has been turned down or off in the UC plaza level, Ruschman said.

Britton said, "They're limited

### Not Just Loungin'



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
**DRAW ME:** Art students sit in the halls of the Fine Arts building working on drawing assignments.

in terms of reach."

"The station's not going to get gutted out and turned into a powder room," Ruschman said. "It's been WRFN for 16 years."

Britton said, "This is a transition year for them in that they've started putting things back together. But they've got a good team and they'll pull it together."

WRFN will continue to play the hits.

"People are still going to be able to go in to run their shifts and play music," Ruschman said.

Ruschman also said it would cost more for Student Affairs to turn the WRFN space into something practical than to let them stay open.

### Seeking Soccer Coach

**Former club level team now looking for strong coach**

By Tony Bosch  
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is seeking a head coach for the new women's soccer team.

The team currently plays at a club level and will begin competing at the NCAA Division II level next fall.

At the time Jane Meier said a committee will begin reviewing applications the week of March 10.

"I hope that by May 1, the coach will be able to start recruiting," Meier said.

"We have a solid club team here at NKU so we won't be starting from scratch. Our goal the first season is to play every Great Lakes Valley Conference team and to play at least 20 games total."

Besides a strong background in coaching, the job also requires a bachelor's degree or a high school diploma with five years experience.

"It would also be advantageous for the candidate to be familiar with the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area,"

Meier said.

"We're looking for someone who has been a successful coach and who cares about women's soccer."

The part-time position will be a 10-month appointment. The starting salary is \$8,500.

"The women's soccer team will be funded at the same level as the men's soccer team," Meier said.

"The only reason the men's soccer coach makes more money is because he has been here for 6 years."

Meier said the women's team will also receive the same amount of scholarship dollars as the men's team, but the money will be phased in over the next 2 to 3 years.

Some students were concerned that the pay rate is lower than the \$45,000 being offered for the full-time, 12 month position of football coach.

"As long as the women's soccer coach is making as much as the men's soccer coach, I'm satisfied," said sophomore Jennifer Reuss.

"What the football coach makes is irrelevant."

Freshman Bill Miller said he also thinks the salaries are fair.

"When the soccer team brings in 10 percent of the attendance the football team will, then maybe the coach should get paid a little more," Miller said.

**"I hope that by May 1, the coach will be in place and be able to start recruiting."**

**-Jane Meier**

# Biology Club Links Education And Environment

By Tara Studer  
Staff Reporter

Beta Beta Betas are about more than just biology.

TriBeta, a Biological Honor Society, is a non-profit organization that came to NKU in 1993.

The TriBetas have many projects going on at one time. Two of the projects they are working on now are the David T. Young Outdoor Education Center and the Butterfly Garden.

The David T. Young Center is in Boone County. The land is owned and operated by a group called the Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses, Inc. in Cincinnati. Seven Hills asked the TriBetas if they would help in the preservation of the land.

The land was donated to Seven Hills "to be used solely for a camping, educational and recreational area," by David T. Young. Young donated 339 acres of farm and woodland on Camp Ernst and Big Bone Church Road. He wanted the youth to enjoy nature and develop an appreciation for it.

The TriBetas are there to help maintain trails. They survey the flowers, herbs, plant, trees and wildlife. Recently, they have taken groups of children on tours of the land.

"The children really enjoy it because some don't get a lot of nature usually, or they enjoy being in nature themselves. It

is just a good chance for them to go out and explore," Tony Hampton, senior biological science major, said.

In 1992, 121 acres of the land was purchased and is now Central Park. The other acres have been left untouched.

"The boy scout and girl scout troops are lining up now that this has started," Dr. Edwin Barnes, project director of the service learning center, said. "It's just sort of mushrooming, and they are getting more requests then they can meet now, and that's a good thing. This is TriBetas' work, I'm just a go between."

The Young Center has over eight miles of nature trails, 12 campsites, space for five classrooms, access to Central Park Facilities, and an educational program plan. If interested in setting up a tour with the TriBetas call Dr. Barnes at 572-5604.

The Young Center is special. There is some jeopardy that some developers could be interested in buying the land. We need to demonstrate that this park has value," Dr. Barnes said.

Another activity the TriBetas are working with is the Butterfly Garden.

The Butterfly Garden is located between the Natural Science Center and Louis B. Nunn Hall. There is a small plot of land up against the Natural Science Building that NKU is letting the TriBetas take control of. The members are still removing some of the plants that are in there now, but leaving the trees. They will be planti-

ng some plants from this area that attract butterflies.

"We are doing this to make it not only educational, because it will attract butterflies and other insects and birds, but also to make it pretty. To have some color out there instead of just these green bushes," Hampton said.

The TriBetas are trying to create a home for butterflies. There will be food plants for the caterpillars and nectar plants for the butterflies. They will be using some perennials and annuals, found anywhere, to add color.

"We would like to educate people that there are things that they can buy that will provide the habitat for caterpillars and butterflies," Cynthia Cain, laboratory coordinator in the Natural Science Center, said. Involvement is open to everybody; you do not have to be a TriBeta member. If anyone wants to participate or donate contact Cain at 572-5689.

"Not only is TriBeta doing this to provide something on campus to educate and provide habitat, they are also bringing in members of the community to interact with students, and that's always a good thing," Cain said.

"It's a great opportunity. Anyone who wants to come and help us, if they don't mind getting muddy, are also welcome to join," Dr. Miriam Kannan, natural science department and TriBeta faculty advisor, said.



Photo Supplied By Edwin Barnes

**IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S THE TRI-BETAS!** Members of Tri Beta, the Biological Honor Society spend time at the David T. Young Outdoor Education Center, showing children the diverse plant and animal life.

TriBeta promotes research, and there are over 40 members. They have won many awards for excellence. Anyone with an interest in biology can join as an associate member.

"TriBeta is a very neat organization

because it's diversified. We get some neat interactions between students and faculty," Hampton said. "It's a neat chance to get some good ideas, and the chance to do some exciting things in the community and campus."

## Memorial Held For Boothe

By Gina Holt  
Northerner Contributor

Hundreds of people from Northern Kentucky University and the Greater Cincinnati community join together to mourn the loss of a dear friend.

Nancy James Boothe, wife of President Emeritus Leon Boothe passed away Jan. 27 from complications from Multiple Sclerosis. A memorial service was held for her on Feb. 28 in Greaves Concert Hall.

The Boothe family extended their thanks for the support the university has given them.

Executive Director for Student Affairs Ernest Britton was able to help people understand what kind of impact Mrs. Boothe had on people's lives.

Britton told the community of the difficulty he had informing his son Kai of Mrs. Boothe's death.

The Boothes were like family to the Brittons and Kai loved to spend time with Mrs. Boothe. Three days had passed and Britton still hadn't told Kai of her death. Boothe advised him to tell Kai that she is a place now where she can walk and run. Britton took this advice and Kai responded by saying, "Cool, can I go with her?"

This story brought laughter to the grieving room.

The service concluded with a prayer read by Executive Vice President and Provost Paul Gaston.

## The Northerner Makes News

NKU's independent newspaper, The Northerner, won several awards Sat., March 2, at the annual Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association conference, hosted by Bellarmine College and held in Louisville.

### WINNERS:

Diana Schlake: Editorial Writing  
Third Place; Honorable Mentions: News Story, Continuing News, House Ad, Opinion Page Layout  
Mimi Rook: Continuing News, Honorable Mention  
Sean Townsley: Advertising Campaign, Second Place  
Garbrielle Dion: Review, Second Place  
Amanda Tittle: Honorable Mention  
Gina Holt/Chris Mayhew: Continuing News, Second Place  
The Northerner (Spring 96): Honorable Mention: Front Page Layout

## Steely Library Focuses On Student Needs

By Mimi Rook  
Northerner Contributor

Steely Library is looking for students willing to participate in one-hour focus groups to help redesign campus library service.

The focus groups will be held March 31-April 11 and the results will be used to design a user survey coming out in late April. Participants in the focus groups will get \$5.00 added to their student i.d.'s as an incentive to attend the groups.

Perry Bratcher, head of Library Automation, is also Chair of the Library Reengineering Steering Team. He says the focus groups are important in helping the library staff understand what students want from their library.

The library has already run a test group using the library's student workers. He said that some of the results were a little surprising, especially the request that library hours be extended on Fridays until 6 p.m., while not one request was made for longer Saturday or Sunday hours.

Students also requested that copiers be placed in the loggia,

as well as a card/copier machine to add money to student i.d. cards. None felt that the noise from the machines would be a distraction. Students see the loggia as a group study area where there is more talking and foot traffic than inside the library itself, where quiet, individual study areas are necessary.

Bratcher says that although the suggestions from the student workers were good, the answers might have been biased by employment at the library—they probably know the system better than the average NKU student.

Questions asked during the focus groups will be open-ended, to encourage discussion among group members. There will also be two focus groups for faculty member input.

The volunteer form for participating in the focus groups needs to be filled out and returned to the library's circulation desks at either Steely or at the Learning Resource Center located in BEP, no later than March 7. This will allow the library staff time during spring break to contact volunteers and schedule focus group meeting times.

Participants will receive \$5.00 added to their ID card:  
I want to volunteer for a focus group and prefer the following time(s):  
(Focus group sessions are 1 hour long)

M W F 11:00	Noon	3:00	Other
T H 11:00	12:30	3:30	Other
M-T H evenings 5:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
Friday evenings 4:30	Other		
Saturday 9:00	10:00	Noon	Other

Please return this form by March 7 to the Circulation desks at Steely or the Learning Resource Center (LRC) or mail to:  
Allen Ellis/Steely Rm 323

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\_\_\_ To Gain Employment Opportunities \_\_\_ Other

2. The University has appropriate services to meet my academic needs.

High		High		Low
10	9	8	7	6
5	4	3	2	1

3. The University has appropriate services to meet my non-academic needs.

High		High		Low
10	9	8	7	6
5	4	3	2	1

4. What has been your best experience at NKU?

5. What has been your worst experience at NKU?

6. What impact has NKU made on your current and future plans?

7. Who or What on campus has been an integral part of your life at NKU?

8. In your opinion, are students adequately involved in campus decisions? YES or NO

Why not?

9. Are you involved in a student organization? YES or NO

10. What can NKU do to improve?

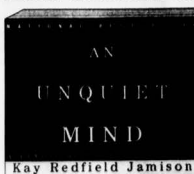
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# USI Shakes Up Final GLVC Standings

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

The season long race for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Title finished in a three-way dead heat.

The photo finish came about as a result of two upsets on the final day of the regular season.

The University of Southern Indiana defeated the Northern Kentucky University 116-111 in an overtime thriller at the PAC Arena in Evansville.

Rumors were circulating throughout the game that SIU-Edwardsville was beating Indianapolis. Those rumors were confirmed at the end of the game when the public address announcer read the final score of 86-75 to loud cheers from the crowd.

Indianapolis' loss meant that NKU, USI and Indianapolis were all tied for the GLVC championship with 16-4 conference marks. Indianapolis got the automatic NCAA Division II tournament bid through the tie-breaker system.

Senior Paul Cluxton, who has hit all 81 of his free throws this year for an NCAA record, said the tie shows that the Great Lakes Region is

up for grabs.

The Norse took leads of 12-0 and 18-4 by hitting four three-pointers (three by senior Shannon Minor), but were unable to hold it as USI took the lead at 22-20.

"I hate when we do that," Cluxton said. "I hate when we come out firing and hit everything." He said that when the Norse do that, they usually have a let down and let the other team back in the game.

The score went back and forth from there.

A free throw by USI's Jeremy Pearson put the Eagles up by three with two seconds to go in the game when Minor came up with another three. Sophomore Todd Clark threw a baseball pass to junior Andy Listerman who tipped it to Minor.

Minor shot it from about 25 feet out, and swished it.

The irony of Minor's shot is that it came almost directly in front of former USI player Chad Gilbert. Gilbert hit a three-pointer with two seconds left last year that gave the Eagles a victory at Regents Hall last year. He admitted that the shot looked something familiar.

Minor had 13 points in the first 3:35

of the game on his way to 24 first half points. He did not score again until the end of regulation.

The Norse went into the overtime period without two of their starters. Senior LaRon Moore and junior Cliff Clinton fouled out late in the second half.

It didn't take long for two of their teammates to join them. Kevin Listerman and Paul Cluxton fouled out during the overtime period.

That left Minor as the only starter on the floor at the end of the game.

Minor led all scorers with 33 points as the Norse put five players in double figures.

USI, however, put six players in double figures and four players over the 20 point mark led by Pearson's 25. The Norse were out-rebounded by a margin of 45-30 in the game. Pearson and Wayne Houston pulled down 11 boards each.

Cluxton gave credit to USI and their coach, Bruce Pearl, for beating the Norse without their leading scorer Johnny Moore who is out for the season with a knee injury.

Cluxton looked back to last season to try to bring something positive out of the loss. "We lost our last game last

year," he said of NKU's regular season finale loss at Kentucky Wesleyan. Minor said the tournament is an opportunity for all the teams in it to get a fresh start.

"It's do or die time," Minor said. "We've got to win."

The Eagles finished the season undefeated at home with a 15-0 record. They are 23-4 (16-4 GLVC). The Norse closed the regular season 26-4 (16-4 GLVC). The 26 wins is a new school record.

USI (18)

Houston 7-11 6-11 20, Taylor 4-10 2-6 10, Dominick 3-7 5-6 11, Hostetter 4-10 11-12 21, Wilcox 6-7 3-4 20, Kelley 0-2 0-0 0, Herdes 0-1 0-0 0, Pearson 10-16 4-6 25, Tooley 2-3 2-3 7, Williams 1-1 0-2 2.

NKU (11)

Cluxton 4-9 6-6 16, Moore 6-10 2-2 14, Clinton 2-3 3-4 7, Minor 10-19 6-8 33, K. Listerman 5-8 4-6 16, Lane 1-2 2-2 4, Pentrix 0-0 0-0 0, A. Listerman 5-13 0-0 12, Clark 3-6 1-2 7, Veth 1-0 0-2.

Halftime — USI 54, NKU 53. Fouled out — USI (Taylor), NKU (Cluxton, Moore, Clinton, K. Listerman). Rebounds — USI 30 (Houston, Pearson 11), NKU 45 (Moore 7). Assists — USI 27 (Hostetter 6), NKU 28 (Minor 7). Total fouls — USI 24, NKU 32.

A — 3,300.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner  
**HE'S HEATING UP:** Shannon Minor tied a career high with 33 points Saturday against USI. He added seven assists.

## Moore Paces Norse, But Cluxton Steals The Show

By Chris Cole  
Staff Reporter

In a wild night for the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team beat the Cougars of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 101-86.

The Norse win, along with an 88-83 loss by the University of Indianapolis to the University of Southern Indiana, moved NKU into a tie for first place in the GLVC.

NKU took an early 20-6 lead, and powered by eight first-half three-pointers, extended it to 56-35 at halftime.

The second half was highlighted by senior Paul Cluxton breaking his free-throw record with his 75th in a row.

The Norse had five men score in double-figures, and senior LaRon Moore led all scorers with 23. Junior Cliff Clinton added 18.

Cluxton and sophomore Todd Clark each contributed 17, and senior

Shannon Minor hit four three-pointers in 12 points.

Clark, who has been criticized by head coach Ken Shields for inconsistent play, gave the Norse a boost off the bench.

"He seems like he's back on track," Shields said.

The Norse held senior Cougar Jason Holmes, who averages just under 17 points-per-game to 10. Junior Marlin Clark led the Cougars with 17 points.

SIU-E (86)

Holmes 3-8 4-4 10, Smoot 1-2 0-0 2, Henderson 2-6 4-8 8, Clark 7-14 2-6 18, Moss 0-1 0-0 0, Sames 6-11 2-2 18, Bredfeldt 2-6 1-3 5, Krole 2-9 1-3 6, Holloway 5-7 0-0 10, Thoren 1-1 1-3, Wallbaum 3-4 0-0 6.

NKU (181)

Cluxton 5-15 6-6 19, Moore 9-16 5-8 25, Clinton 5-7 6-8 16, Minor 4-10 4-10 12, K. Listerman 0-1 3-4 3, Lane 1-4 0-0 2, Pentrix 0-1 1-2 1, A. Listerman 1-4 3-4 6, Clark 8-10 1-3 17, James 0-0 0-0 0, Veth 0-2 0-0 0, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — SIU-E 35, NKU 56. Fouled out — SIU-E (Smoot). Rebounds — SIU-E 41 (Bredfeldt, Wallbaum 6), NKU 44 (Moore 9). Assists — SIU-E 19 (Clark 5), NKU 13 (Minor 5). Total fouls — SIU-E 25, NKU 20.

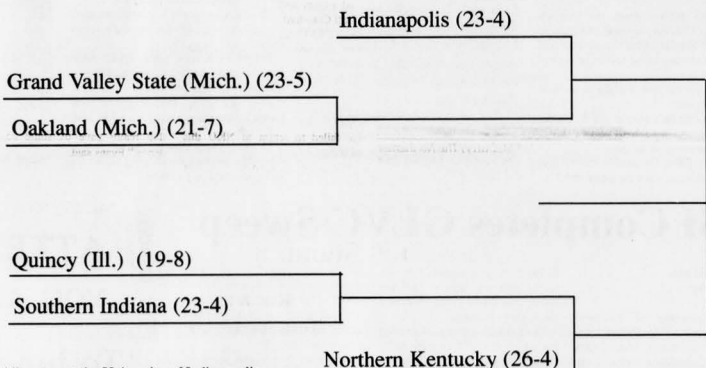
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## Norse Win In 2 OT's

By Chris Cole  
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team beat the Cougars of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 81-78 on Thursday in a double-overtime thriller.

The Norse took a five-game winning streak into SIU-E, and the win moved NKU into second place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, keeping their post-season hopes alive—if only temporarily.

The Norse were led by junior Alison McCarthy and senior Regina Webb, who scored 24 and 23 respectively.

Webb also added 10 rebounds. NKU held a 60-50 lead with under four minutes remaining, but poor free-throw shooting allowed the Cougars to come back and tie it at 62 at the end of regulation.

The Norse shot 33.3 percent from the free-throw line in the first half, and finished the game at 66.7 percent. "It wasn't always pretty, but it was certainly exciting," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said after the game.

Neither team would budge in overtime, and the score was 70-70 at the end of the extra session. The second overtime was owned by McCarthy.

She scored NKU's first eight points, and led the Norse to a 78-73 lead.

The Cougars kept it close, but sophomore Katie Kelsey added three free throws to clinch the victory for NKU.

Sophomore Kim Lowe led the Cougars with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

SIU-E (78)  
Mazner 3-4 2-2 8, Loomis 0-3 0-0 0, Phillips 7-20 1-2 15, Harkins 4-6 2-2 10, Brown 7-9 2-3 16, Monday 1-4 1-2 3, Lowe 8-9 1-30, Tusken 2-7 2-2 6.

NKU (81)

Stanley 2-2 1-2 5, Webb 7-11 9-13 23, Morningstar 5-7 0-0 10, Kelsey 2-5 3-6 9, Wenzlick 2-5 1-3 5, McCarthy 7-11 10-11 24, Penhwood 2-5 0-0 5, Roddy 0-1 0-1 0, Kanrath 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — SIU-E 37, NKU 30. Fouled out — SIU-E (Mazner, Harkins). NKU (Morningstar). Rebounds — SIU-E 34 (Lowe 12), NKU 33 (Webb 10). Assists — SIU-E 19 (Tusken 7), NKU 18 (Webb 7). Total fouls — SIU-E 36, NKU 21.

A — 400.

## Final Women's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records
Total (GLVC)	
Southern Indiana	26-1 (20-0)
Bellarmine	20-7 (15-5)
Northern Kentucky	17-10 (14-6)
SIU Edwardsville	19-8 (14-6)
Saint Joseph's	13-14 (11-9)
Lewis	16-11 (9-11)
UW-Parkside	12-15 (9-11)
IPFW	11-16 (7-13)
Kentucky Wesleyan	11-16 (8-12)
Indiana	11-16 (7-13)
Quincy	8-19 (4-16)
UM-St-Louis	5-22 (2-18)

# 1997 Men's Tennis Preview

## Norse Tennis Loses A Star, But Improves Depth

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The 1997 Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team returns five of its top six players from last season and adds five freshmen in an attempt to improve on a 6-12 overall record and a 3-6, seventh place finish in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 1996.

"We're much deeper," seven year head coach Geoff Crawford said, "All the returning lettermen are playing much stronger and the freshmen that have come in will fill in and make our team very,

very strong."

Darren Giuggio, 1996 GLVC Player of the Year returns for the Norse at No. 1 singles and doubles. The senior posted team-highs in overall and conference records and capped it off by going undefeated in No. 2 singles at the GLVC championships.

Although Giuggio returns as No. 1 doubles, his partner of a year ago does not.

Would-be junior Jon Wagner, who was 10-8, overall, and 5-4 in GLVC in the GLVC as a singles player, did not return to NKU to retain his title with Giuggio as

Crawford's No. 1 doubles tandem.

"It stung a little bit when I found out he wasn't coming back," Giuggio said. "It would have been nice to go out with him my senior year. We knew we could do it, we just had to go out there and play."

Wagner is the latest Norse to leave Crawford's team before his eligibility was up. Michael Horn, 1995 GLVC Player of the Year, was Crawford's No. 1 singles player before transferring to the University of Cincinnati after his sophomore year.

"It's just something you have to deal with. Everybody in every sport

has to deal with it," Crawford said.

"Wagner's vacancy means sophomore Dax Evans will play No. 2 singles, and, along with Giuggio, No. 1 doubles. Freshman Hurt County High School grad Aaron McDowell will play No. 3 singles, with junior Michael Cumayn, freshman Greenwood High School grad Jarrod Cooper and sophomore Todd Thielen, 10-8, overall, and 6-3 in the GLVC as a singles player in '96, filling NKU single spots Nos. 4-6.

"We've always had a top caliber player here, but we lacked a lot of depth," Crawford said. "This year we started to get some depth and

that's what it takes to win."

McDowell and Cooper man the Norse's No. 2 doubles spot, with freshman Mike Perazzo and Cumayn at No. 3 doubles. Crawford's learning curve for his top three freshmen at the NCAA Division II level will be minimal.

"I don't put a whole lot of stock in the freshmen person coming in and not being able to play," Crawford said. "Yes, the competition is tougher day-in and day-out, but I still expect them to perform."

Crawford also said he expects freshman Kevin Neal, gaining eligibility from the NCAA Eligibility

Clearinghouse Feb. 26, to leap into one of his top six singles spots.

NKU opened its season with a 7-0 win over Centre College on Feb. 21, but Crawford expects his squad to face another tough GLVC schedule beginning with Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on March 21.

"Bellarmine is still going to be strong...Indiana/Purdue/Ft. Wayne is another strong team, Indianapolis is always strong, SIUE is always a strong team so I think it's going to be a dog fight," Crawford said. "I think we're one of the top four or five teams in the conference."

## Giuggio Leads Norse Racquet Attack

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

This year was supposed to be the grand finale for the Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team's doubles duo of senior Darren Giuggio and junior Jon Wagner.

In '96, Wagner and Giuggio were one of the few bright spots on a team posting a 3-6, seventh-place mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They posted a 14-3 overall mark and were a team-best 7-2 in the GLVC.

Giuggio, the 1996 GLVC Player of the Year, and Wagner were to lead a team seven-year head coach Geoff Crawford said would contend for a GLVC title and now feature five freshmen and three sophomores.

So far, Giuggio is holding up his end of the bargain but if Crawford's team is going to contend in the GLVC he will do it without Wagner. He failed to return to NKU this year.

"Whether you have someone that doesn't come back to school,

whether you have someone who becomes academically ineligible, those are just things you're just going to have to deal with," Crawford said of Wagner's departure. "I take the people that I've got and we do the best we can."

In the wake of the loss of Wagner, Giuggio will team-up with sophomore Dax Evans to form the Norse's No. 1 doubles tandem.

"I'm excited to play with Dax [Evans]. He's playing well," '96 First team All-GLVC team selection Giuggio said. "I'm sorry Jon's [Wagner] not here but we'll get by."

Giuggio may be right because the two have previous experience together. This fall, Giuggio and Evans teamed up in The Rolex Tournament, a national junior event with players from other GLVC teams also participating.

"We played in The Rolex Tournament as an unseeded team and made it to the semi-finals, so that really gave us some confidence," Evans said.

The team Giuggio and Evans lost to won the tournament and are cur-

rently ranked in the top five doubles in the country.

"I think our games correspond together and we know what each other is thinking," Evans said.

Whether Giuggio & Evans duplicate Giuggio & Wagner's '96 doubles record, Giuggio still has some singles goals in mind. The senior from Milford, Ohio went undefeated at the No. 2 singles GLVC Championships and should contend for a similar feat in '97.

"Darren has always dominated the conference and I suspect he'll do the same this year," Crawford said.

Giuggio wants to repeat as GLVC Player of the Year but holds some team goals to end his career with.

"I'm just going to take it one point at a time. I'd like to duplicate what I did last year and go out with a team title," Giuggio said. "As long as we play like we can, we've got a shot to win the GLVC."

To do so, Crawford said three freshmen will play a total of four matches per contest. Giuggio thinks the freshmen will be able to

hold up.

"It's probably going to be rough on them when we start playing every day," Giuggio said. "It'll be tough at first but they'll be alright."

Evans agrees. "We've got a real good group. Everyone seems to get along," Evans said. "I think we're a top contender."

### 1997 NKU Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
March 13	Western Kentucky	3 p.m.
March 15	Dowling (N.Y.)	8 a.m.
March 17	Hopewell (Mich.)	8 a.m.
March 18	Wheaton	noon
March 21	SIUE-Edwardsville*	TBA
March 22	Missouri-St. Louis*	TBA
March 24	Denison	3 p.m.
March 25	at Indianapolis*	3 p.m.
March 27	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
April 1	at Wright State	3 p.m.
April 2	at Hanover	3 p.m.
April 5	at Saint Joseph's*	TBA
April 7	Lewis*	TBA
April 9	Thomas More	3 p.m.
April 9	IPFW*	3 p.m.
April 11	USI (at IPFW)*	TBA
April 12	Bellarmine (at IPFW)*	TBA
April 15	Kentucky Wesleyan*	TBA
April 16	Wright State	3 p.m.
April 18	Xavier	3 p.m.
April 17-19	GLVC Championship (at SIUE)	3 p.m.

\* at Hilton Head, S.C.  
\* Great Lakes Valley Conference match



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner  
TENNIS ACE: Senior Darren Giuggio is seeking his second consecutive GLVC Player of the Year title in 1997.

## Norse Win Baseball Opener 12-11

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

In a game in which 23 runs were scored between the two teams, Scott Wiggins pitched 1 2/3 innings of no hit, no run baseball to pick up the win for Northern Kentucky University.

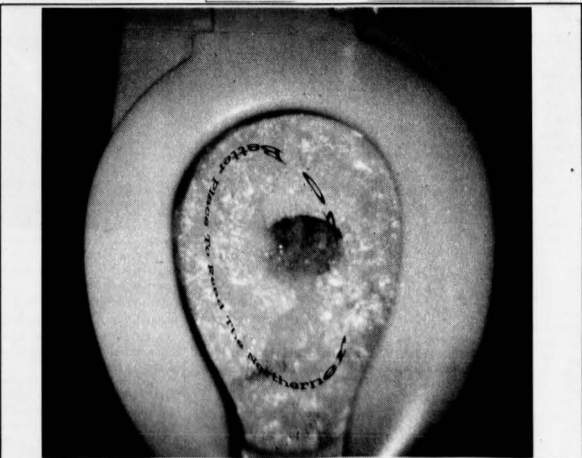
Wiggins struck out three batters and walked only one in the process of leading the Norse to a 12-11 victory over Lindsey Wilson on Friday.

Despite Wiggins performance, offense was the story of the game. Mike Pitzer led the Norse offense by going 3-5 with a 2-run home run. He scored two runs, had three runs batted in and stole a base.

Marc Emerson was 2-4 with two runs and two RBI.

## Final Men's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records
	Total (GLVC)
Northern Kentucky	26-4 (16-4)
Indianapolis	23-4 (16-4)
Southern Indiana	23-4 (16-4)
Quincy	19-8 (15-5)
Kentucky Wesleyan	21-8 (14-6)
Bellarmine	16-11 (9-11)
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# Law Student's Ethics--There Is No Question

By Pamela Boris  
Staff Reporter

Q: How many personal injury attorneys does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three: one to turn the bulb, one to shake the ladder, and the third to sue the ladder company.

Heard any good lawyer jokes lately? The ethics (or lack thereof) of practitioners of law have long been the object of humor in our society.

Terms such as "blood thirsty" and "ambulance chaser" have become common descriptors used when the ethical character of attorneys is discussed.

Those terms are often unfairly applied, says Matt Sanning, a third-year law student at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and winner of the Phi Delta Phi Highest

Grade Award.

Mr. Sanning received the award for earning an A-plus in the fall 1996 Professional Responsibility course.

Chase professor Ed Brewer presented the award to Sanning on Feb. 6. Aside from having earned the highest grade in his section, Brewer said Sanning was selected because he showed a deep understanding of legal ethics and a maturity of judgment.

"He's demonstrated that he's ready to hit the ground running in the legal profession," said Brewer.

Sanning and Brewer agree that the Professional Responsibility course is one of the most important courses for law students to take.

"There is a voluminous amount of rules and comment that we have to learn," Sanning said. "I'd say that 95% of the

students think it's the right thing to do."

All Chase students are required to take a Professional Responsibility course. The Phi Delta Phi award is given every semester to the highest achievers in various courses.

When choosing the winner of the award, Brewer also considers whether the student has consistently performed at a high level of competence. "I wouldn't give the award if the highest grade were a C."

Sanning said he had no idea he would win the award. "It was a shock," he said. "I was extremely pleased."

But what about the reputation of the legal profession in general?

"I think those stereotypes are a total misrepresentation of the profession," Sanning said.

"If attorneys seem zealous, it's only because they're doing their job."



Photo Supplied By Edwin Barnes  
**PLENTY OF ETHICS:** David Short, dean at NKU's Chase College of Law, and Professor Ed Brewer, center, present the legal ethics award to student Matt Sanning.

## Best Selling Author Coming To NKU

By Diana Schlake  
Editor in Chief

Since the age of seven, Sharon McCrumb knew exactly what she wanted to be when she grew up. Now that she is an adult, she is living her dream.

McCrumb is a *New York Times* best selling author, winning more awards in crime fiction than any other author. She was invited by her friend, Professor Phil Paradis to come and share her stories about writing at Northern Kentucky University.

Her hilarious Elizabeth MacPherson mystery series launched McCrumb's career and won her national acclaim. But crime fiction is not the only genre that McCrumb writes. She is well known for her books that are heavy in Appalachian history. The 'Ballad' series deals with her Appalachian roots. McCrumb's family roots are dug deep in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains,

where she says she gets her love of storytelling and her love of the Appalachian Mountains.

"My books are like Appalachian quilts," said McCrumb. "I take brightly colored scraps of legends, ballads, fragments of rural life, and local tragedy, and I piece them together into a complex whole that tells not only a story, but also a deeper truth about the cultures of the mountain South."

"I'm hard to pigeonhole," she said. "I've been called Jane Austin with an attitude. I'm just commenting on society."

McCrumb isn't just popular in the Appalachian area; her stories are far reaching.

"Judging from all the letters from around the country, there is not just one area of the country where I am popular," she said. "Traveling throughout the world, she said there is a word 'hillbilly' in almost every language."

"People can really relate to that lifestyle," she said. "People can

relate to my stories because of the possibility of 'losing their land.'"

Her Jay Omega series, in which she writes satirically about science fiction, deals with a totally different culture.

"It's about people who don't make it in regular society," she said. "I got the idea from my husband who was a war-gamer."

Not just tales she's heard over the years go into her novel. She said she spends years researching detail after detail, to make the story as authentic as possible.

"I'm writing one now where I've spent three years researching," she said.

Even though it takes more hard work than anything she's ever done, she loves what she does.

"I can't imagine doing anything else," she said.

McCrumb will be at NKU on Thursday, March 6 in Landon 506 at 3 p.m. for a lecture and afterwards signing her books in the NKU Bookstore.

## Mariah Carey More Metal Than Chastain

Justin Lynch  
Music Editor

Chastain "Dementia"  
Leviathan Records 1997

Heavy-metal isn't what it used to be. With it's origins in punk and hard-rock, and content filled with the apocalypse and pure rage, as a genre it did it's job nicely as the ugly alternative to mainstream pop.

Then for awhile metal poked it's malformed head into the mainstream and enjoyed some commercial recognition and a fat pay-off. This proved lethal to

the genre as a whole, and the majority of metal's card carrying members splintered to the four winds (grunge, mainstream, industrial, and the great beyond).

Those brave souls that clung on to metal generally agreed that to survive, they'd have to make it a whole hell of a lot uglier, morbid, and nasty.

For all intents and purposes Chastain fits this criteria, but for all the wrong reasons. "Dementia" is a stinker.

About as interesting as watching people do calisthenics, which is basically what this CD

is; a vigorous work out by some fairly talented musicians yet totally devoid of talented expression. It all fits together well, but what it fits together as, is a sure fired cure for insomnia, if not an alternate method of euthanasia.

Usually I'd be prone to steer clear of slamming any band or artist and simply ignore them. In this case, I feel this is less a review, and more a public service announcement. Even if you are the biggest fan of all things heavy and metal, you'll find more intense music on a Mariah Carey CD. 1/2\*

## Classic Favorite & Surprise Inside

By Josh Sneed  
Movie Critic

Well folks, it's that time again. I'm back with two new flicks.

Unlike last time, I have two terrific movies to tell you about.

I've decided to add yet another section to my column. I'm going to give you some suggestions on what to

check at the local video store. Whether it's a new release, (or one that the only reason I've seen it is from working at Blockbuster for eight months), I'll give you movies that are sure to please the crowd, but won't disappointingly dent the pocketbook.

This week, check out "Fargo" and "The Usual Suspects." Both are worth renting, and the rule is, you

have to watch them both all the way through. Especially with "The Usual Suspects," the movie doesn't make a lot of sense until the end, so don't turn it off early.

This week's movie quote is, "You're on a gravy train with biscuit wheels." Last week's answer: European Vacation.

Now, off to the movies!

## Lucas Strikes Back With 'Empire'

Our first look is towards the second of the Star Wars prequels, "The Empire Strikes Back."

Once again, George Lucas does not disappoint.

In this movie, the rebel base hidden in the Hoth System is discovered by the Empire. Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) takes R2-D2 away to the Dagobah System where he encounters Yoda, the Jedi Master. Luke seeks to begin the training to become a Jedi, but leaves it unfinished to save Leia (Carrie Fischer), Han Solo (Harrison

Ford), Chewbacca, and C3-P0 (Anthony Daniels) who are being ambushed by the Empire at Bespin, the city in the clouds.

The administrator of Bespin, Lando Calrissian (Billy Dee Williams), is an old "buddy" of Han, forced to turn on his old pal by Lord Vader. Captured by Boba Fett, the bounty hunter, Han is carried away to Jabba the Hut to whom he owes money.

Luke loses his hand in a lightsaber duel with Vader, but escapes on the Millennium Falcon with the others, (including Lando), as they meet up with the others in the Rebel Alliance. Chewbacca and Lando leave them, and venture off to save Han.

The Rebels are hurt, but not

beaten. Will Lando right his wrong? Will Luke return to finish his training? Will Chewbacca ever say something we can understand? Will Vader every take some Chlorescopic to ease that breathing? You'll have to wait until my next column to find out. Hey, I have to get you to come back somehow.

The sound in this movie was unbelievable. Don't sit at home because 'you've already seen it.' Go "see it again, for the first time."

I'm going to give this movie the "M & M's" rating. It was something that is colorful, has been around for a while, but still the same great taste that you always expect.

## 'Booty Call' a pleasant surprise

Lastly, we have "Booty Call." I was pleasantly surprised with this movie. I figured, mistakenly, that it would be the equivalent of adding "In Living Color" + "Jamie Foxx and Tommy Davidson's Comedy Hour and a Half." I was wrong. Both of these guys were absolutely hysterical in this movie.

Bunz (Foxx) and Rushon (Davidson) are at dinner with Rushon's girlfriend Nikki (Tamala Jones) and her friend Lystine (Vivica A. Fox). Bunz and Lystine are on a blind date. She sees him as a little hood rat, he sees her as a snob. But in their case, opposites attract.

After shooting some pool, and doing a little dancing, each couple retires to the ladies' apartments that are right across the hall from each other. Lystine shows her wild side, but Nikki plays the "no glove, no love" role and sends the boys out on a mission for protection.

This is just the first in a series of



Bruce Macaulay/Columbia Pictures  
**DON'T ASK:** Rushon (Tommy Davidson, 'J) and Bunz (Jamie Foxx) venture to a convenient store to buy condoms where they encounter Judge Peabody (Bernie Mac) in Columbia Pictures' provocative urban comedy "Booty Call."

scavenger hunt type requests by Nikki. After being sent back out for Latex condoms and Saran Wrap, (don't ask), we see that Nikki feels that Rushon cares more about looking cool in front of Bunz, than being her man.

A nightful of crazy events and zany antics by both comedians make this movie a delight. The

audience I saw it with sometimes laughed for minutes, and even clapped at parts from laughing so hard.

As a result, I will give this "fancy chocolates" rating. You're not sure what's inside, but you'll find parts you like. But, as always, don't take my word for it, enjoy the show!!!!

Never before has a man done so much with so little.

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## Just Think 'I Believe'

Know the phrase 'No Knowledge University?' Know what that maxim means?

Northern Kentucky University. As a whole, NKU is not taken very seriously. This is an obstacle that needs to be conquered.

Historically that phrase was used because NKU was considered a community college, and there is a stigmatism with those two words-community college. Can't get an education at a community college... go to a university like U.K. or U.C.

Now there's an education!

But times, they are a changin' and NKU is maturing into a first-class institution. People choose NKU because they want a superior education. The education one receives at NKU is not in question any more.

There is still a dilemma, a problem which needs to be addressed.

Just the other day, a student was overheard saying, "This school sucks!" That is simply not accurate. What 'sucks', besides that person's terminology and lack of thesaurus, is school pride or school spirit.

Only during basketball season does our school spirit elevate, but instantly diminishes once the season is over. Basketball is not the only entity the NKU community should adulate.

There has to be more. There is more. But what?

A case could be made that there is not much that takes place on campus; therefore, what else is there?

More than most can imagine. Athletics is not the only department that should be cheered.

Look at the Theatre Department's *Grease* production. Each night's performance was sold out. What an accomplishment, worthy of extreme school pride.

Our speech team wins award after award, competing against schools which offers scholarships to their team members. NKU barely recognizes them, much less gives out scholarships.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. There are so many reasons why we should take pride in NKU. This paper is full of other department's accomplishments.

As our growing pains begin to get worked out, the rest of the university and community will catch on to what a great institution this is.

And just think, NKU is only a half a decade old. Imagine what it can become with just a little guidance and nurturing.

We can only get better. We just need people to believe in themselves and the school.

## Boothe Should Be Honored Not Blown Off

### Editorial

Does the name Leon Boothe mean anything to you?

Well, it should, it should mean a lot.

Leon Boothe is President Emeritus of Northern Kentucky University. His 13 year presidency of NKU lasted until June 1996.

Under Boothe's leadership the NKU exit ramp off of 275 and the Applied Science and Technology Center was built. Additions to Residential Life, Stealy Library and Fine Arts were completed. The land expansion on Johns Hill Road and the approved funding for the planning of the new science center were also done under his leadership.

Not only did Boothe help the campus grow with new buildings and land but he also started new programs.

The radio station, WNKU that you listen to every day, the speech team and several undergraduate degrees were ignited under him.

We, the students of NKU owe Boothe a great deal of respect for all of the work he has done for US over the past 13 years. This man has dedicated his life to our university and only because he believes in us.

On Friday, February 28 we had a chance to show Boothe how much we respect him by attending the memorial service for his wife Nancy Boothe. But did we take advantage of this opportunity? No, the majority of the students did not.

I can not express how disappointed I am that only a handful, if even a handful of students attended the service.

I do want to recognize the students who did attend. The Presidential Ambassadors and Student Government President and Student Regent Chris Saunders were present. There may have been a few others but just a few.

SGA, where were the rest of you?

Out of all of the students on campus I expected and I'm sure Boothe expected you to be there.

What is your excuse?

You should be ashamed of yourselves. This is a man who has dedicated his life to us. Even if you did not know Mrs. Boothe, which as SGA members you should have made sure you did, you still should have paid your respects to him.

I also have a few questions for Interim President Moreland.

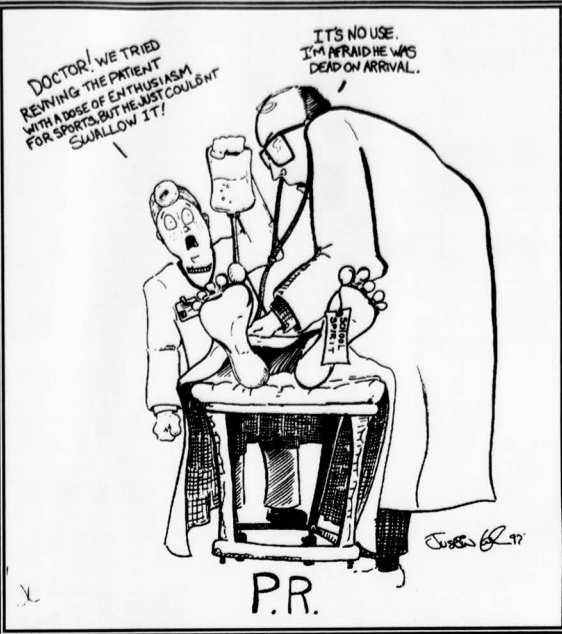
Why did you leave? If you were going to come you should have stayed or not come at all. Getting up in the middle of the service was very distracting, rude and took away from the moment. I'll just say, think before you act.

People, we are suppose to be a community that cares about one another. If we can't even show Boothe the respect he deserves then how can we respect each other and truly be a community?

## Guidelines For Writing Letters To The Editor

The Northerner encourages students, faculty and staff to submit letters to the Editor and guest editorials for publication in the newspaper.

Letters must be typed or neatly printed. Letters should be no more than 350 words. Editorials should not exceed 550 words. The Northerner requests that, if possible, entries be submitted on



## Athletics or Academics... Which Is More Important?

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed with a student named Andy who wrote an article to you last week. It seems that this educated young man believes that football will, "help this university grow up into what it was meant to be, a university the equal of any in the state."

If its opponents will grow up enough to allow it. He also states, "It will be a reason to come to campus for something other than class, and give students a great opportunity to meet and party with their fellow Norse."

I'm sorry, Andy, football is not the answer you are searching for to create a University that will be equal to any in the state.

In order for NKU to compete with other Universities, we must be totally committed to improving its business in academics. There is not a sports program in the world that will assist me in achieving educational goals. An increase in technology, improved library resources, and classroom materials, to name a few, I believe, will accomplish this better than 11 football players on a multi-million dollar field.

And to Andy's remark of football opponents needing to grow up, sir, I challenge you to find the maturity within yourself to understand that this issue goes well beyond the simple idea of being able to frolic and party with friends.

This whole Intercollegiate Athletic issue has been slanted from the get go.

For example, the forum that was held, which I attended, was supposed to be an arena in which we could voice our concerns, and hopefully get some much needed answers. We indeed had hoped

that it was going to be non biased, at least by those individuals on the panel listening to the concerns of the students and faculty attending.

This was not the case, it was obvious from the start that several individuals on the panel had previously decided the fate of the proposal.

Many questions were left unanswered, and they were defending the Athletic proposal, as if their minds were made up. I thought they were there to take into account all statements, not disregard them.

Interim President Moreland's non-verbal indicators revealed his position at these forums. Whenever a person stood up to proclaim support of the proposal, your face would light up with a smile. However, when an individual who was reluctant of the Athletic proposal would speak out, you would become much more serious, and a look of disapproval would overcome your face.

This, I'm afraid is not exemplary conduct, or representative of a man concerned with student and University well being. You should be equally concerned with those persons who have opinions on both sides of the issue, not one or the other.

Those who have been opposed to the proposal, presented by Mr. Bill Erpenbeck, and Mr. Jack Moreland, are skeptical because there are still many unanswered questions that remain.

The most relevant question asked, is do we need these added sports programs before we need to increase technology in the classroom, buy added resources for the library, or increase additional full-time faculty members? I ask not what the Board of Regents or the Student Government Association believe, but of the NKU community composed of its students and faculty, which of these necessities do you feel is more important?

I ask you because it is your assessment which matters most! As of June 30, there will be five open seats on the Board of Regents who voted on this controversial Athletic Proposal, and Interim President Moreland will be replaced at the end of this semester.

The students and faculty will be here much longer, and deal with any consequences that will evolve from this hasty decision making.

Sincerely,  
Sean C Jones

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