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## NKSC is "Hardship Case"

# Fuel Shortage Main Topic At Regents Meeting

By Dennis Limbach

"If there is a hardship case in higher education, this is it," stated John DeMarcus at Tuesday's Board of Regents meeting in reference to heating the Science Building.

DeMarcus, administrative vice-president, went on to explain that new regulations had recently been passed and a mandatory fuel allotment must now be requested of the Federal Government.

"Now we are in almost a situation where it has to be made mandatory by the Federal Government. At the beginning, the Federal Government had allowed each state a 10% margin. They've changed that now to 3%. The state allowed us a 4.5% increase for the cost of fuel oil and the latest figures have shown the price up 20%."

When asked by one of the Regents if heat could be diverted from the other buildings to keep the Science Building

above freezing, he stated that heat had already been cut back because of the fuel shortage and further temperature reductions were impossible.

"We can't convert to electric heat without tremendous expense. We could convert to gas but we are also applying for that and so far have been turned down. It seems hardly justifiable that we would continue full athletic programs in the state of Kentucky and yet have several hundred students in frame houses and a 7 million dollar building sitting idle."

In response to a question of when the Science Building would be ready outside of the heating problem DeMarcus stated, "I would say by February 1st the building would be complete. I would say after that it would take three weeks to a month to move in."

He added that plans for the Fine Arts Building and the construction of the W. Frank Steely Library were on schedule.

Dr. Roger C. Meade, Director of the Office of Research and Institutional

Studies, reported to the board the progress of his office in securing grants from various agencies and foundations. He stated that approved applications and proposals totaled \$89,241 and that submitted applications and proposals totaled \$1,215,811.

Meade revealed that a \$600 grant and consultative services had been awarded by the Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan, through the Institute for Community Education Development at Ball State University. Ball State is the regional center for the Mott Foundation for the region including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

"They (Mott Foundation) will come down and talk with us on how we might better administer programs and they value their time at about \$100 a day plus expenses," Meade stated. "We get a lot of mileage out of their services."

The lack of a graduate program is "hurting us desperately" on loans from other foundations, Meade reported.

"Once we have a graduate program, we have more to sell in terms of services, personnel, and programs."

Dr. Joseph Price, associate dean, submitted three names of prospective faculty members for the board to approve. They were David P. Jones, assistant professor of education and doctor of education candidate at the University of Cincinnati; Russell Harris, assistant professor of Accounting will be substituting for Jack Hale for one semester while Hale finishes his doctoral work at UC; and Donald R. Welti, assistant professor of psychology. The board approved all three men for hiring.

Dr. James Claypool, dean of student affairs, reported on many student activities and programs. He stated that the NKSC varsity basketball team was competitive with the top five small colleges in basketball, that Financial Aid had gone over the million mark since beginning with \$40,000, and that with the proposed intramural sports fields the intramural program should triple.

## SG Considers Loan Program

Student Government (SG) Monday voted to set aside \$1,000 from its treasury to use for interest-free loans of up to \$75 to help needy students pay their tuition.

The plan, still under consideration by the Administrative Council of SG, would be combined with money obtained from athletic concession sales and distributed by Jim Krue, financial aid director at NKSC.

To insure that each student will pay back the loan, the Administrative Council would be authorized to withhold the student's grades. The loan would become overdue at the end of the semester it is borrowed in, according to Adeyoin Sonaice, SG treasurer and member of the Council.

Bob Anstead, representative-at-large, opposed the measure. "I don't think one group of students should be encroaching the giving of grades to another student. The plan as presently conceived is inoperable. - \$1,000 is too much!" he said.

The plan will not be implemented until the Council and Krue "work out details," according to the approved motion.

In other business, Treasurer Sonaice presented the 1973-74 budget. According to his calculations, SG has a total balance after expenses of \$3,772.40.



HANKS HALL on the Covington campus will be dedicated on Jan. 20.

Photo by Karl Kuntz

# Building Dedicated Sunday

By Drew Vogel

The NKSC Board of Regents will, this Sunday, honor the first director of Northern Community College, the late Thomas Lee Hanks, by naming in his memory the building which housed NCC.

Hanks was named director of NCC, the University of Kentucky's first

extension center, in 1949 and served in that post until his retirement in 1969.

The building, which will be named Thomas Lee Hanks Hall, was completed in 1960 by the University of Kentucky. It now houses the Salmon P. Chase College of Law and several NKSC associate degree programs.

UK turned the building over to Northern in July, 1970.

Dr. Stanley Wall, vice president for

the Community College System at the University of Kentucky, will deliver the principal address.

Northern Kentucky dignitaries on the program include: Gordon Hood, Chairman of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education; Charles O. Landrum, member of the NKSC Board of Regents who was a member of the NCC

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## Editorials

# The Killers Of The Young

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people, according to a recent article in The Cincinnati Enquirer. The greatest cause is accidents and some of these accidents are questionable.

Los Angeles County alone last year had 410 suicides by people under the age of 30. The 15-24-year-old age group seems to be the most susceptible. Thus, it appears that youth, at least to some, is something to try and live through rather than to enjoy.

All the standard poor circumstances can be blamed; broken homes, homes where there is a drinking or drug problem, strict parents, lenient parents,

fear of pregnancy, general feelings of futility.

Cited studies have found that the common denominator of suicide is another standard catch-all cause - lack of communication.

Accordingly, the potential suicide is someone who has failed to find understanding by his parents, his spouse, or his peers. He feels he has no one he can talk things over with or turn to in his frustration.

Real potential suicides usually do not discuss the subject, this article said. His tendency is manifested in noticeable behavior changes. Someone pondering the idea of taking his own life might

become more withdrawn, less talkative and exhibit apparent strain. These are the signals of disaster that will strike unless someone intervenes.

How often, when a friend or acquaintance gets moody or develops uncharacteristic behavior, do we write him off as a wet blanket or take his distress personally and get angry with him?

How often have WE been upset for reasons of which no one else could know and then gotten all the more hostile because no one seemed inclined to take pity or offer consolation?

How many problems could be solved

if each of us really cared enough to perceive the emotional turmoil within those with whom we come into contact?

And, most drastically, how many lives could have been saved if someone had been willing to be a sounding board for a person with no where else to turn?

The act of talking things over with another human being can produce tremendous relief, as we all know. We doubt if there is anyone who has never needed someone to talk to - someone who would really listen.

Take the time to care. Maybe someone will return the favor.

## Magic Signs Appear Again

It seems that every January three signs mysteriously appear in the Regents Hall corner of the student parking lot reserving parking spaces for the Athletic Department.

Last year, upon questioning from "The Northerner," it was determined the signs were printed and erected without authorization. They were removed.

The signs are back, but not totally unauthorized this time. John Deedrick, chief of building and grounds, said he

gave his okay for two spaces to be reserved.

Apparently the Athletic Department feels that since it has an extra sign laying around, it might just as well assume an extra space. Rules are just made to be broken, aren't they?

It is natural for all working people to want to park close to their job. But the faculty lot is really only about the length of a basketball court farther away. It would be invigorating to jog to the gym ... get the heart pumping, keep

in shape and all that!!!

Deedrick said the (two) spaces were authorized because the Athletic Department needed them for loading and unloading equipment. We are quite certain the Security people would not put a ticket on an Athletic Department car being loaded in the driveway.

The Athletic Director is, after all, the chairman of his department. Why should he have a special parking space when the chairmen of all the other departments have to fend for themselves

in the faculty lot?

We see nothing wrong with reserving spaces, temporarily, on game nights, for officials and visiting coaches or scouts, but there simply is no good reason why the Athletic Department should be given one parking space in the student lot, much less three ... er two.

If this institution is truly emphasizing the academic atmosphere, why is the Athletic Department allowed to flaunt this pseudo-authority?

## Companies To Recruit On Campus

The following is a list of those companies who will be recruiting on campus on the dates indicated.

The spring recruitment program is sponsored by the Career Service Center. Seniors desiring more information should contact Ms. Marty Malloy, Director of Career Services, at extension 138 or stop by the center located in House 49 John's Hill Road.

Seniors should register with the Center on or before January 28. The center is open from 8:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wed., Jan. 30 - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - seeks Revenue Agent (Acct. Major), Special Agent (12 hrs. Acct.), Revenue Officer/Tax Auditor (any major - Six hours accounting preferred)

Tues., Feb. 5 - KENNER PRODUCTS - seeks Sales Representatives (Business/Liberal Arts), Production Manager (Business), Purchasing Trainee (Business/Liberal Arts)

Wed., Feb. 13 - NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE - seeks Career Life Insurance Agents (any major)

Tues., Feb. 19 - INVESTOR'S DIVERSIFIED SERVICES - seeks Investment Sales Trainees (Associate/Bachelor degree - any major)

Wed., Feb. 20 - MABLEY AND CAREW - seeks Merchandising Trainees, (any major)

Fri., Feb. 22 - ARTHUR ANDERSEN - seeks audit staff accountants (Acct. major), 20-24 hrs. of accounting.

Tues., Feb. 26 - CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE - seeks Sales Management Trainees, (any major)

Wed., Feb. 27 - CLERMONT CO. SCHOOLS - Certified Teachers only, all elementary, Elementary Special Ed., Secondary: Math, Science, Spec. Ed., Business Ed., Art, Foreign Languages.

Thurs., Feb. 28 - McALPINS - seeks Asst. Buyer/Management Trainee, (any Business related major)

Journalism instructor Lois Sutherland is recovering from surgery over the holidays. She was taken into the hospital Christmas Eve and went under the knife New Year's Eve. Some folks will do anything to get out of cooking Christmas dinner.

There is a brochure now available on campus for students who need help with academic counseling, personal counseling, grad school and career counseling, medical services, mental health, drug abuse, alcoholism, birth control or venereal disease. The bright orange brochures entitled "HELP" are available in the Student Activities office student activities, the health center, student services (419 John's Hill) or the testing center (415 John's Hill).

Is nothing sacred anymore? A local drive-in theater is headlining a feature entitled, "I Disember Mama." What next? "Gidget Gets A Fix," maybe?

TANK bus schedules are now available in the Student activities office and the Admissions Office.

Karoly Rose, wife of Pete and new sports commentator on WNOP admits that she is not exactly thoroughly versed in all sports (wrestling and roller derby are among her favorites). This

Newport answer to Howard Cosell, when faced with what to call the start of a hockey game, took a rather uneducated guess and announced "Puck off time will be at 8:00." Good try.

This past week, ex-Editor Chela Richardson left for Lexington to switch her allegiance to the University of Kentucky (was it something we said?). At any rate, GOODBYE "PICKLES." We will surely miss you.

It has been suggested that we run a contest patterned after our infamous Sports Quiz written by the equally infamous Mike Wilcox. Anybody interested? Of course we will have to come up with prizes. Maybe ice skates would be nice.

Best comment of the week: "Splat" heard from all the people who have fallen outside our front window.

Incidentally Nurse Alice Hales said she surprisingly had no callers for medical aid from falls on campus. She did treat a couple of people who were injured in falls at home however.

Students who want to student teach this fall should sign up for the necessary interview immediately in Suite A, Room 529. The deadline is Friday, February 8.

## Northern Notebook

Students arriving in class to take the final in Mrs. Moses Intro to Anthropology class last semester immediately noticed something was amiss. Mrs. M. was not there and a strange gentleman was administering the final. The gentleman was Mrs. M's father

... who had just become a grandfather with the birth of Joshua Benjamin Moses. The little tike just couldn't wait until after finals. Mrs. Moses, incidentally, is back this semester, rarin' to go.



# Book Conservationist Restores Books At Chase

The law books shelved at the Salmon P. Chase Law School are getting a face lift. Those books in need of repair are being refurbished by Jack L. Ankrom, a professional library consultant and book conservationist, from Cambridge, Ohio.

Mr. Ankrom is a professional journeyman and the owner of Sobleau's Bookbinding Company in Cambridge. He has been in the business of binding and restoring books for 18 years.

Ankrom, the "only known vendor who performs this service," uses a six step process when refurbishing books. This process includes the removal of loose dirt, checking the body of the book for separations, making repairs where necessary to reinforce the book and making outside repairs. The book is then oiled with a special blend of oils to help in preservation and a preservative is applied to the spine and labels to protect them from air.

After four years of apprenticeship in a book bindery, Mr. Ankrom spent one year at Ohio State University as a Bindery Technician. "The U.S. Government Printing Office requires a five year apprenticeship before certification is issued," he said.

Ankrom said that "there are many volumes here at Chase that are irreplaceable." A large number of the



JACK ANKROM, professional book conservationist fixes some of Chase's well used books

HE CHECKS out the binding on one of the law books.



SKILLFUL HANDS at work.

books being cleaned and repaired at the Chase library are between 50 and 75 years old.

Cellophane tape is probably the biggest destroyer of books," stated Ankrom. "Once tape is put on a page, it is impossible to remove without taking the print off the page."

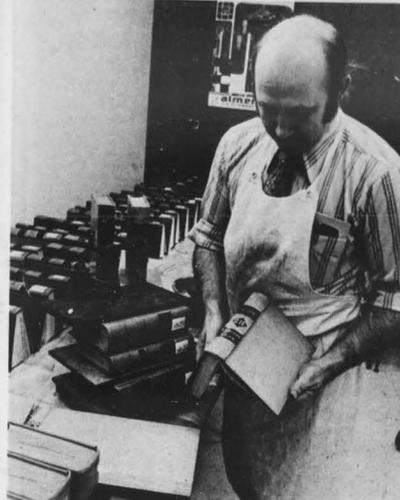
"Increased enrollments and xeroxing of pages adds to the deterioration of the books," Ankrom explained. With the number of students who handle the books increasing, Ankrom's service is necessary for preservation of the old volumes.

Mr. Ankrom has worked on books as old as 400 years which is approximately as old as his profession. He has worked on original volumes of Blackstone and Coke as well.

"Chase has a very fine collection of books here," Ankrom stated. He began his work at the Chase library on January 7 and will continue his work there for another seven or eight weeks.

Asked if he found working conditions and work space adequate at the library Ankrom replied, "It's not often that you get your own room to work in."

Mr. Ankrom considers his work to be very rewarding. He is considered to be "an innovator in his field" by many.



ANKROM USES a press to correct the book bindings.

## Beauty (?) Pageant Announced

First a Homecoming Queen - now a "Sweetie Pie" man.

Theta Phi Alpha Sorority is sponsoring the first annual "Sweetie Pie of the Year Award". It is just for men because the sorority feels it is time equal rights came to NKSC.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, all interested males can sign up in the lounge. A picture and any information about potential candidates should be submitted then and names of those

running will be announced in The Northerner.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, are the days to vote and ballots will be cast in the lounge.

The winner will be announced at the ADG dance Friday night, Feb. 1. The location of the dance will be determined later.

Strike your blow for equal rights, be a cool slice, because a "Sweetie Pie" is just what we need!

### Dedication

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Advisory Board, John Stephenson, past student body president at NCC, who is now field representative for Congressman John Breckinridge; NKSC President Dr. Frank Stealy; and NKSC Academic Vice President Dr. Ralph A. Tessenier, Jr.

Special guests include members of "Hanks" family; son, Thomas C. Hanks of Park Hills; daughter, Mrs. Albert Remley of Lexington and a niece, Mrs. James E. Hardin, also of Lexington.

The ceremony will take place Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the main building on the Covington campus.

## Mason Comes To NKSC

Dave Mason and his music will come to NKSC at 8:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Tickets will go on sale Monday at the Student Activities Office and are also available at all Ticketron outlets.

Prices are \$5, \$3 for students with a validated ID, and \$6 on the day of the show.

The concert is presented with the cooperation of WEBN.

A backup band will be announced later.



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## Northern Student Issues A.P.B.

In the last few months, Northern has seen its share of requests to the campus community, whether it be urgently-needed blood for a hospital, or clothes and other dry goods for the not-so-fortunate of a nearby city. Such requests are considered commonplace at our college, except for when its Wine Bottles? If you think recycling has finally come to NKSC, you're wrong!

Instead, this unusual request comes from a student of the Theatre, Debbie Wolff. She among several other students, under the direction of Dr. Bob Williams, are beginning preliminary work on a Rock Opera production for this spring.

With Dr. Williams, accomplished set designer, at the helm of this project, one can only speculate with anticipation of what purpose the wine bottles will serve. One student recently suggested launching them - with NKSC scholarships inside, on the banks of the

Ohio; or for those who are patriotic, from the Licking River.

However, all we know is that Debbie needs hundreds of bottles, and doesn't think a self-indulgent drinking marathon will satisfy the goal of several hundred, while retaining some form of academic sanity for herself.

Ms. Wolff has formally launched a contest to collect Wine Bottles, and has offered a gracious reward of one-half keg of liquid refreshment for the person submitting the most. The only conditions are that the wine bottles must be long-necked and tinted green or another color. She hinted that MOSELLE, CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, CHARLIS, types will do fine.

If you are interested in competing and want more details, such as the contest deadline, leave your name, address, and telephone number at Mailing Box 50, in the Student Union Bldg. next to Nunn Hall.

## Art Forum To Meet

The Art Forum will hold its first meeting of the semester on Thursday, January 24, at 12:15 p.m. in the Ceramics Building.

A possible trip to Detroit or New York will be discussed at this meeting. The Forum is seeking new members and welcomes suggestions.

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# Cagers Facing Tough Schedule

By Bill Wayland

Playing a demanding schedule in which they must play six games with teams ranked in the top ten of the small college poll, the NKSC Norsemen went into Thursday's game with Bellarmine sporting a 7-4 record and a three game win streak.

In only its third year of existence, the team has done this without the aid of a "big man." Sophomore Steve Meier at 6'4" is the tallest starter. Coach Mote Hills feels that in order to make up for lack of size, the team must take advantage of its quickness and "try to dictate the tempo of the game."

On January 30, the Norsemen take on small college powerhouse Kentucky Wesleyan at Regents Hall. (This is one of the six games with teams in the top ten. The others are two with Chattanooga, two with Tennessee State, and one with Kentucky State.)

Wesleyan, rated number one in the small college poll until two weeks ago, should prove to be the most interesting home game remaining this season. Coached by Bob Jones, graduate of Bellevue High School and former coach at Ludlow, Wesleyan has what Hills calls



COACH HILLS directs his players to action.

Photo by Karl Kuntz

"exceptional quickness." When matched with the quickness of the Norsemen, this should make for a fast paced and exciting basketball game.

Hills feels that the reason for the improved play of the Norsemen this season is that "we've got things we've never had at Northern - experience, confidence, consistency, and the biggest thing - the attitude of the players." The life that the team needed was provided, Hills believes, in the victory over Thomas More.

The schedule for next year is still being put together, but appears to be even tougher than this year's. One addition is a school with a funny name but an excellent basketball team - Slippery Rock. Coach Hills has also contacted Xavier about scheduling a game, but has received no affirmative reply.

NKSC should be even stronger next year based on the fact that the team loses only one senior - Denny Egan - and this year's starting five consists of two sophomores - Jeff Stowers and Steve Meier - and three juniors - Rich Derkson, Chuck Berger, and Ken Noll. As coach Hills says "we're going to be tough to handle."



RICH DERKSON & Jeff Stowers take a breather at a hard practice session.

Photo by Karl Kuntz

## PLAYBOOK

By Joyce A. Daugherty

Anyone interested in joining the Track Club should contact Charlie Cleves or Jerry Outlaw at ext. 236.

Outlaw says the club is in special need of field events men.

What NCAA tennis champion has the best diet?

Twenty years from now he will be Robert Mark Mullen, son of NK's Dr. Robert Mullen of the speech department and Mrs. Linda Mullen, coach of the women's tennis team.

Robert Mark was born Saturday evening, January 12, and weighed in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Robert Mark has informed this reporter that he will not join the pro tour until he has learned to walk.

The Cincinnati Reds will open their spring training camp with pitchers and

catchers reporting on February 22. The remainder of the team, that is, those who have signed contracts, will report February 27.

The Reds will hold their training camp at Al Lopez Field in Tampa, Florida.

Ex-WKU basketball star Jim McDaniel has been cut from the NBA Seattle SuperSonics and has cleared waivers without being picked up.

McDaniel reportedly has been earning \$285,000 a year.

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## A "Taxing" Sport

By Terry Boehmker

While most folks are busy filling out their income tax forms, NKSC basketball coach Mote Hills is preoccupied with a different set of figures.

The statistics on his Norsemen cagers is what's on Hills' mind lately and unlike his W-2 form, the coach should be happy about these results.

The Northerners, who stood 7-4 after their first 11 games, apparently owe their recent success to their offensive game.

Although NK's opponents have outscored them from the field, the Norsemen have a dominant 54 point edge over their rivals at the free throw line which has enabled Northern to boost their per game average to 86.3

points per game - two points ahead of the opposition's average.

Of course, like death and taxes, Richard Derkson leads NK in scoring so far this season with a 23.2 points per game average. That is nine better than Northern's number two point getter Ken Noll, who has a 14.9 average.

Derkson, a 6-2 forward, and Noll, a 6-3 center, also lead the Norsemen in rebounding with 84 and 87, respectively.

The other starters on the squad have also turned in respectable performances as guards Jeff Stowers and Chuck Berger teamed up to pour in 245 points and grab 113 rebounds while rotating forwards, Steve Meier and Ken Ewald have contributed 85 rebounds and 125 points collectively to the Northern effort.

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# SPORTS QUIZ



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1. What NBA player just surpassed the 20,000 point mark? He is the eighth player to do so.

- A. Paul Silas
- B. Connie Hawkins
- C. John Havlicek

2. Who was the most valuable player in the Sugar Bowl this year?

- A. Tom Clements
- B. Wilbur Jackson
- C. Buddy Brown

3. Who was the freshman running back who scored three touchdowns for Ohio State in this year's Rose Bowl?

4. What major university basketball team has failed to win a game thus far this season?

- A. Army
- B. Buffalo
- C. Appalachian State

5. When Larry Csonka gained 145 yards on 33 carries for a Super Bowl record, whose record did he break?

- A. Duane Thomas
- B. Jim Taylor
- C. Matt Snell

6. Who was named most valuable player in this year's Super Bowl game?

- A. Bob Griese
- B. Fran Tarkenton
- C. Larry Csonka

7. True or False? Jerry West was named to the NBA All-Star Game for the 14th time although he will not play due to an injury.

8. How many major college basketball teams remain undefeated?

- A. two
- B. four
- C. eight

9. True or False? When Columbia defeated the United States Davis Cup

team, Sunday it was the earliest the United States had ever been eliminated in Davis Cup play.

10. Since 1933, how many times has the University of Kentucky won the SEC Championship in basketball?

- A. 15
- B. 25
- C. 28

2-10 help!, 4-10 fair, 6-10 good, 8-10 you can take our place

- 1. John Havlicek
- 2. Tom Clements, ND, quarterback
- 3. Pete Johnson
- 4. Buffalo 0-8
- 5. Matt Snell
- 6. Larry Csonka
- 7. True
- 8. four - UCLA, Notre Dame Marshall, and Centenary
- 9. True
- 10. 28 times

## Wrestling Team Seeks Members

NKSC's wrestling team will open their first season Saturday at Georgetown.

Dr. Geismann, who is coaching the wrestlers, reported that Northern has eight meets scheduled, two of which will be triangular meets.

Of the ten weight divisions in college wrestling, Dr. Geismann has been unable to fill two of the divisions which will have to be forfeited Saturday unless something is worked out.

The following should be NK's Saturday lineup:

- 118 lbs. Tom Gindele Soph.
- 126 lbs. Jerry Weller J r.
- 134 lbs. Darien Kearns Fr.
- 142 lbs. Tony Frolich Fr.
- 150 lbs. Denny Cain Soph.
- 158 lbs. Pete Pinelo Soph.
- 167 lbs. Jeff Struve J r.
- 177 lbs. and 190 lbs. undecided over 190 lbs. Rick Kidwell Sr.

Dr. Geismann cited work commitments as the team's major problem

# Denny Egan - "Fine Young Man"

by Mike Wilcox

"Whether he plays basketball or not, he is a fine young man." That was the way NKSC coach Mote Hils spoke about his fine senior Denny Egan, who at 6-5, 200 pounds is one of the larger Norsemen.

Coach Hils could not be happier with Egan. Hils exclaims that Egan is a great jumper and an excellent rebounder.

Denny, a graduate of Covington

Catholic High School, did not play basketball while in high school. At NKSC, Egan played intramural basketball and led the league in scoring and rebounding. When Coach Hils held tryouts, Denny went out and made the squad.

That was two years ago. This is the type of walk-on that Coach Hils would gladly have at any time.

Denny is a business major.



DENNY EGAN discusses strategy with Chuck Berger at practice. Photo by Karl Kuntz

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1971-72	27	197-503	39.2	122-164	74.4	196-7.2	33	45-0	516	19.1
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# The Exorcist - Putting The Horror Back In Film

By Tim Funk

With the mating of William Peter Blatty's lurid tale of an ancient subject (demonic possession) and William Friedkin's brutally realistic style, THE EXORCIST (now showing at the Showcase cinemas) has emerged as possibly the scariest movie ever made, eclipsing, in terms of effect, even the best of Hitchcock.

Virtually any competent director could have steered the stuff of Blatty's bestseller into a chilling film. Yet, William Friedkin, recipient of the 1971 "Best Director" award for his breathtaking THE FRENCH CONNECTION, brings to THE EXORCIST the same, unyieldingly realistic treatment that characterized the aforementioned award-winning movie. For this reason, THE EXORCIST represents something new in the horror genre; namely, putting the horror back in the film. In recent years, this genre has been represented by movies like PSYCHO (1960) and ROSEMARY'S BABY (1968) which were ultimately as much comedies as horror thrillers. Friedkin's hard-hitting style has no room for the comic touches of a Hitchcock or the phinness of a ROSEMARY'S BABY. THE EXORCIST, then, is terrifying - too much so, for many - because it retells a hideously frightening story without letting up or even providing effective comic relief. Briefly, THE EXORCIST concerns cute twelve-year old Regan McNeal (Linda Blair), daughter of famous actress Chris McNeal (Ellen Burstyn). Their rented apartment adjacent to Georgetown College (where the mother is filming a movie) begins to emit strange sounds from the attic. The unexplained phenomena continue with, among other things, the violent shaking of Regan's bed.

Suddenly, it becomes Regan who begins to act strangely. The loss of control of her own body gives way to the seeming appearance of another personality within the young girl. Chris, distraught, seeks immediate medical explanation which, despite numerous hypotheses and clinical tests, never comes. Finally, a peculiarly violent outburst by/against Regan leads her mother to consider soliciting a priest to perform exorcism, an ancient ritual designed to dispel the devil from the body of a human victim. The remainder of the film follows the tormented Father Karras (Jason Miller) and the elder exorcist, Father Merrin (Max von

Sydow) as they fight the demon for young Regan's body.

This story (reportedly based on a true instance of a young boy similarly "possessed" in St. Louis in the late '40's), which made Blatty's book a convincing page-turner and catapulted it to the top of every best-seller list, was nevertheless clouded by ambiguity. That is, was it strictly a horror story or perhaps a religious parable?

The author's subsequent statement ("...quite frankly, I consider it (the book) an apostolic work.") and this more conscientious film adaptation seem to verify the latter opinion.

Yet, Blatty's vision - that man does not have as much control of his world as he would like to think - and its cinematic manifestations, including an eerie opening sequence which seems introduce Evil and act as a foreboding to the previously described tale, might, despite its merit, be dismissed or even laughed at in our present culture where such viewpoints are described as anachronistic.

So, while one cannot deny the impact of THE EXORCIST as a horror thriller, to grant it more, to attract to it a theme that would allow it to transcend its

maligned genre, almost implies the ideological legitimacy of the recognition of supernatural existence.

If there is something wrong with THE EXORCIST, it is in the often feeble characterizations which seriously flawed the original Blatty novel. The film can shock us, but it fails to engage our open sympathy for any of the characters, including Regan, as they confront their individual crises: Chris's horror at seeing her beautiful daughter gradually being destroyed; Father Karras' efforts to erase his guilt over his mother's death while simultaneously trying to recover a lost faith; and Father Merrin's striving to keep his faltering health from interrupting his duty to God.

This weakness in delineating character can be traced to no one but Blatty, who transferred his own book to the screen. Friedkin's mechanical style and technical polish so effective elsewhere in the film, cannot create depth and subtlety where none existed in the first place.

Some of the actors, excluding Ellen Burstyn as the aching mother and Lee J. Cobb as the inquisitive detective, whose roles are hopelessly one-dimensional, manage to somewhat transcend Blatty's

failings.

Actor-Playwright Jason Miller as the alternately pitiful and admirable Father Karras and that veteran of the Ingmar Bergman repertoire, Max von Sydow as Father Merrin, are both quite excellent in lending depth and interest to their overambitiously - and underambitiously-conceived (respectively) roles.

As for Linda Blair as the possessed Regan, suffice it to say that she deserves as much credit as the makeup man (Dick Smith, who made Dustin Hoffman look 120 years old in LITTLE BIG MAN), and the special effects and sound crew who combined to make her character the most horrific in screen history.

Despite its failing on the emotional level, THE EXORCIST remains a brilliantly cinematic escapade into horror and an admirable representative of the theist position on the screen. Coming at the end of their year, it combines with George Lucas's AMERICAN GRAFFITTI and Paul Mazursky's BLUME IN LOVE to showcase 1973 as the year when American movies were the ones to see.

## Return Of The Renaissance

The exhibit being shown at the Contemporary Art Center in the Fleischmann Gallery could be retitled "The Thinking Man" or "The Return of the Renaissance." The Container Corporation of America, presenting the "Great Ideas of Western Man" represents business involved in Fine Arts.

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Miguel Garcia Vivancos describes

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