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Janet Johnson died Feb. 17 from cancer. Johnson was NKU's Outstanding Teacher Award winner in 1982. Johnson's colleagues reflect on her life. **Page 2.**

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Northern Kentucky University baseball coach Bill Aker is entering another season. This year he will depend on freshmen to succeed. **Page 6.**

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Flashback

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•A proposed Kentucky bill would have limited the number of programs offered at Northern Kentucky University. The bill would have prohibited universities from spending state funds on remedial classes.

•A bill in the Kentucky General Assembly was proposed to require the governor to appoint at least one alumnus to each state university's board of regents. Today, Robin Crigler is the only regent who is an graduate of Northern Kentucky University.

Average Age of Students is Holding Steady

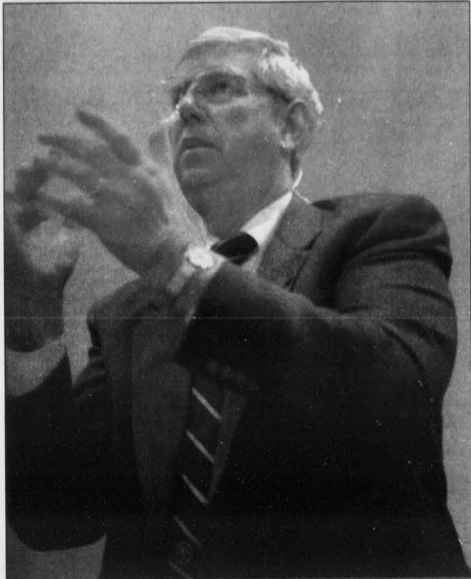
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Graduate...	34	34
Chase Law...	30	30

Source: NKU Institutional Research
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Boothe To Bow Out

President Will Not Seek Contract Beyond 1997

By Chris Mayhew
Managing Editor



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Leon Boothe, president of Northern Kentucky University, applauds the men's basketball team during its game against Quincy University on Saturday. On Friday Boothe released a statement about his future at the university. It was reported that the university was looking to replace him.

President Leon E. Boothe said he will not renew his contract in 1997, but added he may leave sooner.

"Clearly everybody knows I'm not seeking an extension of my presidency another term, but everyone knows I will be leaving the university sometime," Boothe said.

A decision on Boothe's future may come at the next Board of Regents meeting.

Alice Sparks, chairperson of NKU's Board of Regents, said she would not comment on whether or not Boothe would be allowed to return to the presidency next year.

"I don't know what I'm going to be doing," Boothe said. "Now that it (his status as president) is more public, I feel I can be more aggressive in pursuing other interests."

In a press release issued by Boothe last Friday, he listed his options as pursuing other presidencies, performing other functions within the university, possibly by teaching at NKU, or looking at other opportunities outside of the university.

Boothe said he was ready to leave when the university began its Capital Gifts Campaign.

"I came close to leaving three years ago," he said. "I realized that if I left, the capital campaign would be put off for probably five to ten years. So I made a commitment to stay through the capi-

THE BOOTHE FILE

Leon Boothe
•President of NKU since 1983
•Professor of History
•Salary of \$118,000
•Finalist for NKU's provost in 1976

tal campaign. In fact, I promised I would.

"In that sense, the capital campaign is gone and I made a decision last fall that I was not going to ask for another extension in my contract."

A president is absolutely essential to a Capital Gifts Campaign, Boothe said, because when people are being asked to donate thousands of dollars, they want to be asked by the president of a university.

Boothe cited spending more time with his wife, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, and the rest of his family as factors in his decision not to seek a renewal of his contract.

"My philosophy has been... that my priorities are first my God, secondly my family and thirdly my job," Boothe said. "But I'm not happy about people bringing my wife's health into this. It's a personal thing and people know where my priorities are, and they don't like it. That's their problem."

Boothe said his age was a factor in his leaving.

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NKU'S LINE OF PRESIDENTS



W. Frank Steely

- In office 1969-75
- Resigned in 1975
- Now serving as professor of history at NKU



Ralph Tesceneer

- In office 1975-76
- Served as interim president
- Now works in development at Campbellsville College



A.D. Albright

- In office 1976-83
- Faced mandatory retirement in 1983 at age 70
- Now lives in Lexington



Leon Boothe

- In office 1983-
- Under contract through 1996-97 school year
- Also tenured NKU professor

President Hired To Promote NKU; Boothe Has 'Carried That Out'

By Gina Holt
News Editor
and Chris Mayhew
Managing Editor

Professor Thomas Zaniello has been at Northern Kentucky University since 1972 and was part of the search committee which hired Leon Boothe as the university's president.

"When he was hired we expected him to relate to all aspects of the community on campus and outside of campus, and I think he carried that out," he said.

He said Boothe has done a good job over the past 13 years and he will miss him.

But Boothe is not known well by some faculty, staff, and students.

Ana England, associate professor of the art department, said she never had many dealings with Boothe.

She said she did have one experience with Boothe that she is thankful for. Every year, Boothe trades places with a student for a day. Several years ago

he attended one of her ceramic classes in the trailers for three hours. Once he had an opportunity to see what type of facilities the ceramics students were using, NKU funded a new ceramics building.

England said the building has not been built yet, due to unforeseen problems, but Boothe she does not think it is added's fault.

"It doesn't seem like anyone can get it built," she said.

Some people say Boothe provided

the leadership NKU needed.

A president who could work with Frankfort made Boothe the kind of leader NKU has needed, Joe Conger, chairman of the theatre department said. However, Conger added that he can't do any more with his original goals.

"After 15 years, those ideas you (Boothe) came in with have either been accomplished or killed off," Conger said.

Boothe has been a very supportive advocate for the past few years, he said.

Conger said leadership is a funny thing, and change could come with an old administration, but change will definitely come with a new administration.

"We need a president that will look at seriously reallocating funds," he said.

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Funding One Of Possible Factors In Decision

By Gina Holt
News Editor

Some regents say they are not forcing Northern Kentucky University President Leon Boothe out, but acknowledge factors such as funding and family issues are roles in his decision not to seek another term.

Regent Emeritus Gordon Martin was part of the hiring process in 1983. He said Boothe was hired to get the funding necessary from Frankfort for Northern Kentucky University.

"We thought Leon Boothe could bring together southern Ohio with northern Kentucky and get companies such as Kroger and Procter and Gamble to help with funding," Martin said. "I think he has done his job."

Although NKU does not have

enough funding, Boothe did get more than the university had acquired in the past, he said.

Regent Robin Crigler pointed to funding as a problem at NKU. She said she would like to see more funding at the university in the future.

Boothe's presidency has been hard due to lack of funding, said Alice Sparks, chairperson of NKU's Board of Regents.

"It (being a university president) is not an easy job. You can only take these kinds of blows for so long to be wanting to be at the head of the ship," she said. "It's a little harder when faced with a lack of funding."

"I want to look at how we spend our money," she added.

Boothe said he recognizes the problem with lack of funding at Northern and has always been concerned because he could not get enough funding.

Other reasons he was hired



Leon Boothe and Alice Sparks, chairperson of NKU's Board of Regents, discuss an issue at their last meeting.

were to enlarge the university in area, architecture and enrollment.

Jamie Ramsey, Student Government Association president and student regent, said Boothe has helped the university grow in every way.

Dorms grew, W. Frank Steely Library and Fine Arts extended and the Applied Science and Technology building was con-

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Former NKU Outstanding Professor Passes Away

By Chris Specht
Staff Writer

Janet Johnson's departmental colleagues and others at Northern Kentucky University will miss her. A woman known for her humor as well as her work in the special education field, Johnson died Sat. Feb. 17 of cancer.

Johnson had worked at NKU since 1974, becoming a full professor in 1988. Her successes dealing with

people with special needs earned her many awards, including NKU's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1982.

"Janet had a wonderful combination of compassion and expertise in the field," Education Professor Connie Widmer said.

Widmer taught with Johnson and credited her with building up NKU's special education program.



Janet Johnson

Through the procurement of grants, Johnson and Widmer attained adaptive devices for NKU that let students with disabilities use computers.

Education Professor Janet Miller said Johnson had a zest for life that sent her on backpacking and white-water rafting trips with friends.

"She had a crazy sense of humor. She loved Kurt Vonnegut," Miller

said. Doctors diagnosed Johnson with a recurring form of melanoma 15 years ago.

Johnson was very open about her disease, Widmer said. She went as far as posting results of her treatments and checkups on her office door.

Johnson continued teaching until October of last fall. She never seemed to lose her sense of humor.

Education Professor Rachelle Bruno remembers a trip to China for a

special education conference in 1988. Their hotel lobby had a piano and Johnson, being an accomplished player, began taking requests.

It was the Fourth of July, Bruno said, so most of the requests were patriotic American songs. As Johnson played, the lobby soon filled with voices singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

A memorial service is being planned for Johnson in May. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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—Connie Widmer

LEADER:

Boothe President At Tough Time

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Boothe has brought NKU from a baby to an adolescent—that is a difficult stage in which to lead, he said.

"I think that's maybe the toughest time to be a parent," he said.

Now NKU needs to decide if it needs to get bigger or better, he said. Cornered together to more pressing issues that he said were more important than buying land. It's not a faculty or student priority, he said.

Jerry Warner, the chairperson of the biological sciences department, said 13 years is a long time for anyone to be here.

Warner said academic affairs are the heart of NKU, and need to be better funded.

"The budget problem is not something Boothe or anyone could wave a magic wand at, and it would go away," Warner said. "It's going to be a rope around the neck of whoever, or will be president for a while."

Dennis Sies, chairperson of the political science department, said 13 years is a very long tenure as president, and Boothe has made NKU a major university in the United States.

Sies said he has concerns about NKU getting as much as they can

out of funding available.

Bill Aker, NKU's baseball coach, said he was surprised Boothe may leave, but said he is frustrated with the state due to insufficient funding at NKU.

Aker said he would like Boothe to stay at NKU and teach but wants him to choose whatever would make him happiest.

Norleen Pomerantz, the acting vice president of student affairs, said President Boothe has taken NKU through its greatest years of growth.

"Boothe has created the shape and the identity that Northern has," she said. "He has done more to put NKU on the map of higher education."

Carla Chance, vice president of

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administration, said Boothe has brought things like the library expansion and the Applied Science and Technology building to NKU.

"In 1982 you might have said we were somewhat of a secret," Chance said.

The President's Words

This statement, released last Friday, was the first official statement by President Leon Boothe on his intentions regarding the presidency.

I am extremely proud and pleased to have served as president of Northern Kentucky University for the past 13 years. The presidency of most public universities is a difficult job at best, and this is especially true in a new, evolving and under-funded institution. My tenure as president has been more than twice as long as is the norm for university presidents which reflects my commitment to this university and our appreciation for the support my family and the university have received from the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky community.

There come pivotal times in everyone's career when they need to assess their future, and such a

time has come for me. I have done the things I came here to accomplish and have stayed the course despite a number of difficult challenges. I am especially proud that I have brought to a successful conclusion the university's first capital gifts campaign. And now it is time to look to the future.

Among my options besides continuing this presidency are to look at other presidencies, to perform other functions within the university, or to look at opportunities outside of the academy. The leadership of my Board of Regents and I have begun this review process. I feel certain we will come to some conclusions quite soon, possibly as early as the next board meeting in late March.

GROWTH: President's Timing May Not Be 'Right' But 'Natural'

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She said the regents have never discussed, told or asked Boothe to resign at a regents meeting she has attended, and she has rarely missed a meeting. Sparks would not comment on whether or not regents would renew Boothe's contract if he asked for a renewal.

Regent Phil Taliaferro would not comment on Boothe's future or the future of the university.

Boothe's decision did not surprise some people.

Kathleen Verderber, faculty senate president, said she is not surprised he is thinking about leaving NKU.

The Capital Gifts Campaign has reached its goal, which Boothe said was important to him to complete.

Verderber said she suspected he

would leave after the Capital Gifts Campaign was complete.

"It would make sense for him to leave the presidency at this time," she said. "It may not be the right time, but this is a natural time. He's been in the presidency at NKU twice as long as other people."

Boothe has had several accomplishments in his 13 years of leadership at NKU. He has started advanced degree programs, brought recognition to the school through the Governor Scholars Program, and provided phenomenal faculty, Crigler said.

Sparks said she and other regents are researching how to set up a search committee for a new president.

The committee will probably consist of some regents and faculty, Ramsey said.

Ramsey and Sparks would not com-

ment on what they want in a new president.

A university source said decision makers at NKU wanted Boothe out because he puts a higher emphasis on administration than academics.

"Academics and students have been put on the back burner and I don't even think the back burner is turned on" the source said.

Boothe's working long hours and his wife Nancy's illness are also factors that university officials cite for wanting a new president, the university source said.

Boothe's wife has multiple sclerosis.

Crigler said she could understand how her illness could play a factor in Boothe's decision not to seek a contract renewal.

"Being a spouse myself, I can see

Nancy being a part of this decision," Crigler said.

W. Frank Steely, a history professor at NKU, was the president of the university from 1969-75.

"I was not completely surprised because he was under enormous pressure due to Nancy's illness," Steely said.

Steely said Boothe has done an excellent job and he hopes the next president is as dedicated as Boothe.

The average presidency at a university is seven years. Personal decisions may be coming into play, Sparks said. Sparks said she thinks NKU will be different without Boothe but doesn't know if it will be better off.

"There is certainly a place for him at the university," she said.

Chris Mayhew contributed to this story.

State-wide SGA Meeting Today

Angie Brant
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association of NKU and student government representatives from all the Kentucky state funded schools meet with state legislatures in Frankfort today.

The reception will be attended by student government presidents from eight universities, 10 to 15 student senators from each university, and the state legislatures. Gov. Paul Patton and his cabinet have also been invited to attend this meeting.

The trip will focus on higher education funding. But the reception will also allow the student body from each university a

chance to meet with legislatures and express their feelings about other issues affecting their schools.

"This will give state legislatures a direct look at who they are affecting," NKU SGA President, Jamie Ramsey said.

The student representatives from NKU will center their arguments around the need for a new science center. The funding for this project has been put on hold, however it is still a priority for the university.

One advantage of this meeting will be its attendance by the people who make budgetary decisions. "We will be able to get our views across at a more personal level," Ramsey said.



Jamie Ramsey

BOOTHE: He Doesn't See State Funding NKU Needs On Horizon

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"I think I've done a lot for the institution, but I'd like to be in a situation where I could have some resources for a change," he said.

"Rather than having to turn challenges into opportunities, I'd like to have opportunities that can be turned into funding at the outset."

"Unfortunately, I don't see anything on the horizon from the state level that's going to bring in large sums of money, which I think this institution requires."

Boothe said NKU needs to reevaluate what that NKU uses funding, and the president who implements this reevaluation should be able to stay with the university to see it through.

"I think it needs to be a person

who can carry the university through this, and be with the university for a while," Boothe said.

Boothe said he would face the same challenges and time constraints if he went somewhere else to be president.

He said it is time for him to stop fighting the economic battles, although said he thinks his administration has been very creative in trying to use very limited funds.

In his 1983 "State of the University Address," he said he wanted to bring NKU into the 21st century. In his speech last August, he echoed those comments, adding that universities which do not embrace technology will be left behind.

He said he had trouble finding the necessary money to keep the university headed toward a more techno-

logical age.

"The greatest nightmare of any university president today is trying to keep up with the state-of-art of technology," he said.

Boothe said when he arrived, NKU's Board of Regents told him he was responsible for promoting NKU in the community.

"When I first came here, Northern wasn't very well known, even across the river," he said. Boothe said he thinks he has maintained the quality of instruction at NKU, and contributed to advances in programs along the way.

He also said he has tried to keep classes comparatively small under a tight budget during his presidency.

Boothe said the outlook for higher-education dollars becoming available does not look good.

"There is a season for everything, and sometimes there is a season for change."

—Leon Boothe

"I look at the economy of Kentucky, and the state's budget, and I don't see that there's going to be any large sums of money out there," he said.

Boothe said he may remain at NKU in another capacity. He is a tenured history professor, but added he has to consider all of his options and decide what he wants to do.

"There is a season for everything, and sometimes there is a season for change," Boothe said.

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Message to NKU: Everyone Shares In Campus Blame

Leon Boothe is facing heat. Some members of the faculty, regents and administrators are saying that they want Boothe to leave, but most of them are only saying it behind closed doors.

First off, these people should state their complaints with the university publicly. But even the tenured professors, not threatened by loss of employment over the direction of the university seldom speak out.

A few weeks back, a town meeting for faculty and other members of the community was held. Here was the perfect chance for faculty to publicly voice any concerns. J. Michael Thomson, faculty regent, started off the meeting by warning faculty there that members of the press were in attendance, as if to say, "hush people, we will be accountable for what we say."

Isn't that why town meetings are held? Isn't its goal to make people on both sides of the issue accountable? Perhaps, a large sheet should have been raised on a brightly lit stage. Faculty could stand behind it. A slew of outlined professors and staff all cloaked in silhouette — all unaccountable.

Thomson could not be reached for comment about President Boothe, however, it should be noted he is a member of NKU's political science department. A department that brought closed-door sniveling to a new low last school year when some members of the department turned on then chairperson Al Pinelo, and then took a vote to not speak publicly on the issue after he was removed from the position.

Come out in the open, folks. If your motives are pure it will show. Second, NKU stands at a crossroads. Should the university focus on higher learning and advanced degrees or a community college and two-year degrees?

Third — to many of the faculty and administrators that want Boothe out — you better watch what you wish for. You just may get it. Here's a short list of things that you helped Boothe bungle in the last 12 years:

- No convocation center
- No science center
- NKU's way behind in technology
- Problems with new dormitories
- Problems with old dormitories
- A dilapidated old ceramics facility
- A dilapidated plan for a new ceramics facility
- Few untended African-American professors
- Even fewer tenured African-American professors
- Low adjunct faculty pay
- High number of adjunct faculty
- Problems getting programs accredited
- High freshman mortality
- Poor professor evaluations.

Certainly not only Boothe alone is responsible for these campus buffooneries. As much as it may hurt your feelings everyone shares in the responsibility. You will criticize Boothe, behind closed doors of course, for being a hands-off president. Behind closed doors, you say you want a hands-on president. Amen, faculty, staff and administrators. If we do need a new president you've targeted the right type for the job. After all, look what you've all manage to do with a hands-off president.

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Last week's lead article, "Regent Supports Junior College" (The Northerner, February 21, 1996) made much use of statements from me. All the quotes on Page 2 were accurate and properly attributed to me, but some of the statements ascribed to me on Page 1 were not. Those statements, suggesting that developmental students are a great problem for the university, probably came from one of the two regents mentioned in the piece. They definitely did not come from me.

I also wish to strongly disagree with the claim of the editorial "Community College A Good Start In Ideology": "... the most serious problem at the university [is] remedial education." I can think of quite a few problems much more serious than "remedial education." Why, then, all the recent attention to under-prepared students, developmental courses, and a community college?

When people get frustrated—too little money, too little space, too little

productivity, too little respect, too little positive change—they sometimes seek one simple solution to all their problems.

The university regents, especially, but also some administrators and faculty, are frustrated—by increasing enrollments, stagnant funds, over-dependence on part-time faculty, no state funding for the science building. What is the cause of all these problems? Why, the under-prepared student, of course. There we have our scapegoat. Now let's do a little stereotyping. Who are these under-

prepared students? The worst. That's who they are, and they are all like that. The worst. It would be no loss if we shipped them all off to the Covington Campus.

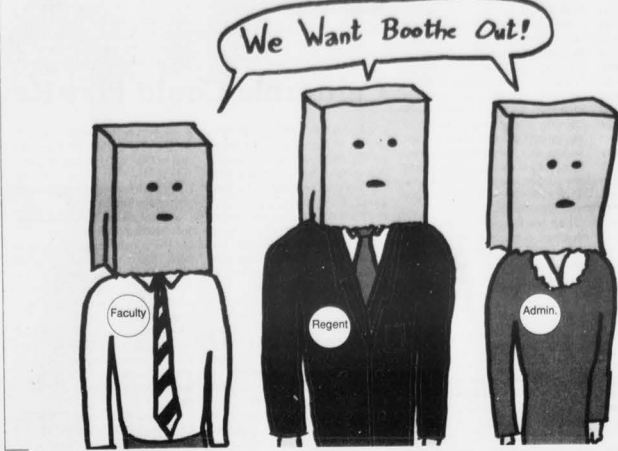
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Paul Ellis
Director, Learning Assistance Program

Editors note: The statement which said 75 percent of students were unprepared for some college courses, and that they had been put in the same classes with prepared students should have been attributed to Regent Phil Talliaferro, not Paul Ellis.

NKU's Unknown Comics



Fitness Is As Important As Studies

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your editorial that appeared in the Feb. 14, edition of *The Northerner* concerning the hours of operation of the Steely Library and the Albright Health Center. I feel as though the importance of fitness and recreation on the university campus is undermined in the writing.

I do sympathize with the students that feel as though the Steely Library is not open enough during the week, however, I am positive that they are doing the absolute best to provide services to the students of NKU with the limited budget and resources that they do have. I suggest talking to someone at the library or bringing the matter up to Dean Lamb or Student Government. If the students feel that strongly about the library's hours, perhaps something can be done. In the meantime, however, the services that Campus Recreation offers and

the hours that the Health Center is open should not be the focus of that argument.

The library, however, is not the main point of this letter. I think that the assertion in the editorial that recreation is not important is way off base. You say, "Are NKU's students paying their tuition to come work out their bodies or their minds?" I contend that they should be doing both. In a 1993 article that appeared in *USA Today*, the importance of fitness and recreation on campus is discussed. Recreation on campus is now the third reason why students choose to attend the universities they do, right behind affordability and availability of their chosen majors. Recreation facilities provide excellent recruitment tools for campuses all over the country. Universities, such as Miami University in Oxford, that have built new, state of the art facilities have seen both their enrollments and participation in recreation and intra-

mural programs rise. Most importantly, the students themselves are the ones that wanted the facility, and they, in turn are paying for it.

One cannot take for granted the importance of exercise and living a healthy lifestyle. Recreation provides a great stress relief, and we can all relate to the pressures and stress that today's college students are facing. Our staff at the Albright Health Center has dedicated themselves, as professionals, to provide these services.

Campus recreation programs throughout the country also provide an excellent forum for student employees and participants to develop strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills as well as an enhanced ability to solve conflicts and deal with people. Socially, the programs allow students to meet and interact with many people as well as grow and develop personally. All of the listed skills these students in whatever field they

choose to pursue. It has also been proven that students who work for or actively participate in recreation programs stay in school longer. A study done by Bowling Green State University in Ohio shows that over 80 percent of the student employees in the campus recreation department completed their degrees compared with just over 50 percent of the general population. The numbers for active participants in the programs were not that much different.

Once again, I do believe that if the students as a whole are unhappy with the hours at the Steely Library, they should try their best to do something about it. Please understand, though, what we are trying to do in the Department of Campus Recreation. It is a profession of which we are very proud. Thank you for listening.

Dave DeAngelo
Facility Coordinator
Campus Recreation

Segregation Of Students Is Not The Answer

Editor,

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North Poll

How Would You Eliminate the Thousands of Cigarette Butts That Litter NKU's Campus?

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner



"Designate a day of the week when the smokers would clean up an area that's commonly littered."

Chris Leidy
Junior Pre-Medicine



"One floor on each building would be sectioned off for smoking."

Nathan Fulmer
Freshman Philosophy



"I think they should put in smoking rooms and ashtrays outside."

Cherie Ilg
Freshman Undeclared



"No smoking on campus."

Terry Moody
Junior Social Work



"Have smoking in one area instead of the entire campus."

Tawana Balleau
Freshman Nursing



"Limit smoking to certain places."

Joseph Becker
Freshman Biology

Norsuasion

NKU Better Place To Learn Than Most

NKU is often lambasted by anybody and everybody in the general public. It has been described as "an extension of high school," "the no knowledge university," and as a place to go if you can't get accepted into a "real" university. To make matters worse, it seems that some students also subscribe to this notion. A recent example might be Mr. Vidovich's editorial cartoon (*The Northerner*, Feb. 14) which suggests that NKU students "Can't read, Can't write, Northern Can't University." What Mr. Vidovich and other students fail to realize is that these negative comments reflect upon the NKU faculty. This lack of respect not only insults the faculty of NKU, it is also quite simply not true.

One thing that I have noticed most about Northern is the faculty's relentless desire to see every student achieve success—no matter what it takes. Not too long ago I had been suffering from a "mid-school crisis"; after three years of school, I hated my major, dreaded going to my classes, and was not even remotely enthusiastic about my future.

One day, I went to tell my professor I was dropping her accounting class and wanted to return some materials. Instead of becoming angry or apathetic, she invited me to sit down and talk. "Maybe we can solve this problem," she said.

During our two hour conversation, she listened to my problems; she shared personal information about how her daughter had been in the same predicament; and she gave me some darn good advice—don't make money your main concern in life. After some long and serious contemplation I realized that writing and nature were the loves of my life. Shortly thereafter I changed my major from

business to English with a minor in biology.

This has not been a unique or isolated experience. During my first semester in chemistry, I felt hopelessly lost. Nothing made sense and reading the textbook only confused me more. However, my chemistry professors (lab and lecture) took the time to re-explain concepts to me, go over practicing problems, and answer all of my questions. Since then, I have been in their offices more times than I can remember. This "open-door" policy has helped me tremendously.

I am not the only one who feels this way. A friend of mine used to attend UK during the school year and come home for the summer. During his last two years he decided to take some summer classes at NKU. Right before graduation he realized that he was in a serious dilemma: he needed references for a job, but either his classes at UK were too large and impersonal for his professors to know him or they were taught by graduate students. Luckily, his professors at NKU knew him personally and said they would be glad to write references for him. I have talked to many other students who attend large universities (like the University of Cincinnati) who say the same thing.

NKU may not be the prettiest or most exciting university and it's got some problems. But in an academic environment that is becoming increasingly cold, impersonal, and crowded, the attention given to students by the faculty at NKU can make a real difference. In my experience, the faculty at NKU is dedicated, enthusiastic and very personal. I wish students would be more like the NKU faculty.

By Bret Handahl

Norsuasion is submitted by Paul Ellis and the students in his Persuasive Writing class.

Snow, Snow Go Away, Come Back Some Other Day



Margie Wise
The Northerner

"That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When Yellow leaves, or none, or

few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang."
—William Shakespeare

Like Shakespeare's description, this winter has been dark, dank, cold, and long. With wind chills of 30 below zero, and several feet of snow, it's been a winter of sitting in class watching the gray sky

outside. So it hardly seems possible that warm weather will ever arrive.

However, the sun is showing up every day or so now, trying to combat winter's evil chill. The fifty mile an hour breezes are now carrying a slight amount of warmth in their biting blows, and birds are shyly starting to make the long trip home. Timid buds are pulling themselves out of the dirt. As if they also are in search of the

summer sun we seek.

Spring arrives in a month, and I will be ready for it. Light jackets, sun block, umbrellas and all. My sweaters will hide in my closet for another year (forgotten like the coldness that forced their wear), and shorts and t-shirts will be moved to the front of my dresser drawers. Fireplaces will be replaced by bonfires, grill-outs, picnics, and everyone will forget that winter will return before long.

California Could Play Key Role In Republican Race

SACRAMENTO (AP) —California's chances of playing a role in picking the Republican nominee for president shot up from zero to longshot when the Iowa caucuses shook up the presidential race last week.

That could be good news for Pat Buchanan. If California's longshot chance to be a presidential player pans out, the conservative television commentator appears to be the candidate who stands to gain the most.

Of course, Tuesday's returns from New Hampshire may invalidate today's best analysis of the presidential race. Then Arizona, South Carolina and the March 5 Super Tuesday primaries may reshuffle all of the calculations two or three more times in the next two weeks.

But the longer the uncertainty about the Republican nominee continues, the more likely it is that California's March 26 primary will count.

And if the state has any say at all, it will probably be the decisive final

word, because California is both the biggest state and the last major state that still has a winner-take-all primary.

That's where the advantage could shift to Buchanan.

At first glance, California doesn't look like Buchanan territory.

The religious right is significant here, but it doesn't dominate California politics. Similarly, anti-abortion forces are very visible, but polls say they are in the minority even among Republican voters.

Buchanan's America-first trade policies also clash with California's agricultural, high technology and entertainment industries, which all rely heavily on exports and free trade policies.

But conservatives tend to dominate California's GOP primaries, especially when moderates are divided.

Bruce Herschensohn, another television commentator who is as conservative as Buchanan on most issues,

won the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate four years ago with just 38 percent of the vote against two more moderate GOP opponents.

Ronald Reagan's influence also cannot be underestimated. While he preached a different brand of conservatism than Buchanan, he turned the conservative label from a liability into an asset as he dominated California politics for most of the past three decades.

Notwithstanding victories by GOP moderates such as Pete Wilson, arch-conservatives such as Max Rafferty, Paul Gann and H.L. Richardson all won statewide Republican primaries in California. A case could be made that it is Wilson's victory, not Herschensohn's, that was the political fluke.

Buchanan is a potential Herschensohn-type candidate," says Mark DiCamillo, director of the independent Field Poll. "Thirty-five to 40 percent might win the California pri-

mary. It's not beyond the realm of possibilities for Buchanan to pull it off."

In the latest Field Poll, conducted in December, Buchanan was nowhere near that. He registered just 4 percent, trailing Sen. Bob Dole's 43 percent, publisher Steve Forbes at 11 percent, and Sen. Phil Gramm at 9 percent.

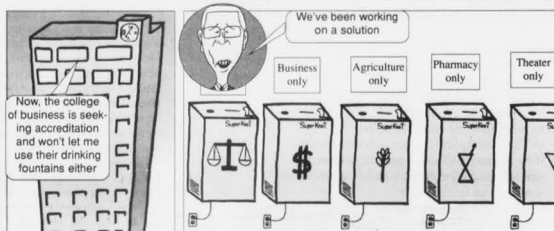
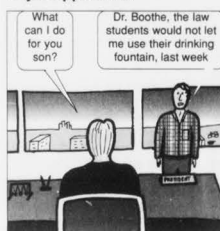
But December was light years ago in political time, and everything that has happened to the three candidates ahead of Buchanan since then has been bad.

Dole is still the front-runner, but by a hair, and his image of being unbeatable has been shredded. Forbes has soared and sunk back down to about the same level, and Gramm is out of the race.

Now Dole is competing for the moderate vote against Forbes and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, while Buchanan is challenged only by radio personality Alan Keyes for the conservative vote.

Vid Vidovich

Loyal Opposition




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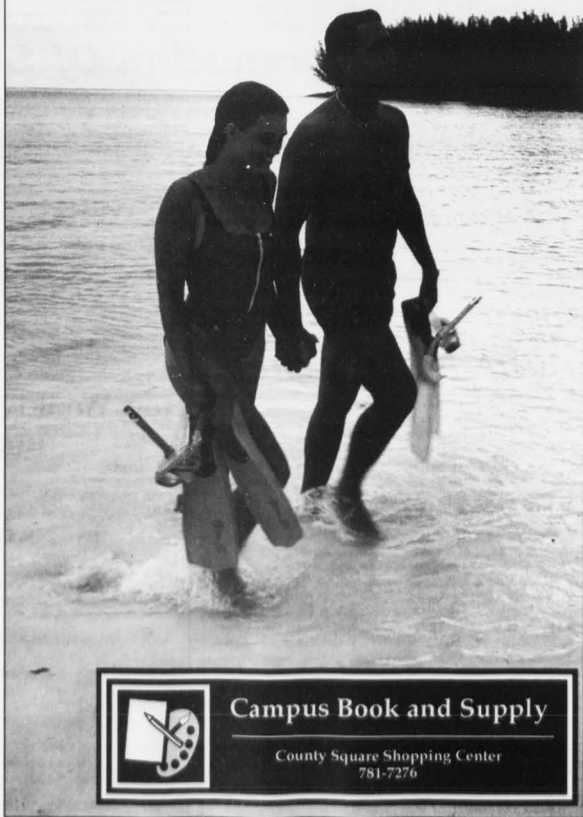
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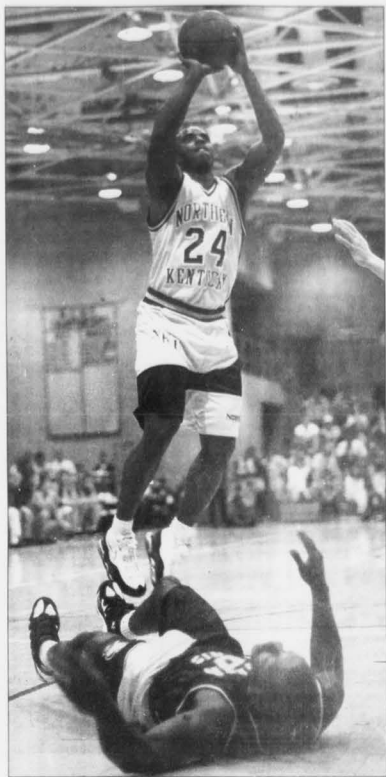
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Seniors Make Their Last Stand



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Senior Andre McClendon isn't letting anyone get in his way to the bucket. Unfortunately, McClendon was called for the foul.

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University junior forward LaRon Moore poured in 30 points and junior guard Paul Cluxton added 23 for the men's basketball team, en route to a 96-84 victory over Quincy (Ill.) University on Saturday.

The Norse captured their 20th win of the season for the second year in a row in front of a rowdy Regents Hall crowd of 1,466, while running its Great Lakes Valley Conference record to 14-4. The Quincy University Hawk's record fell to 15-10 and 9-9 in the conference.

Also adding to the Norse effort was junior guard Shannon Minor who added 23 points and six assists and Andre McClendon, who came off the bench to score 13.

Leading 64-41 at halftime, hitting 74 percent from three-point range and shooting 69 percent overall, it appeared as though the Norse were on pace to break NKU's single game points record of 126, set in 1991 against Oakland City College.

However, it was not to be. The Norse went cold, missing shots from everywhere on the court. In the second half, NKU shot 33 percent from the field (9 of 27 total), 9 percent from behind the three-point arc, and only 56 percent from the free throw line.

"I think we were up and down team tonight," Moore said. "We relaxed too much in the second half and didn't go for the kill when we could have whipped them pretty bad."

Had NKU not gone on a nine minute, 34-13 run in the first half, the game may have had a less favorable outcome for the Norse.

"I believe that we really blew an opportunity to win by 30 or more points tonight, which would have been

very nice for us," NKU coach Ken Shields said. "Unfortunately, we really let down in the second half and let them off the hook."



Chuck Perry

Moore was very active and involved in the game, and was able to play a strong role for the team.

"LaRon has had a very fine year for us and is a real key guy in our arsenal."

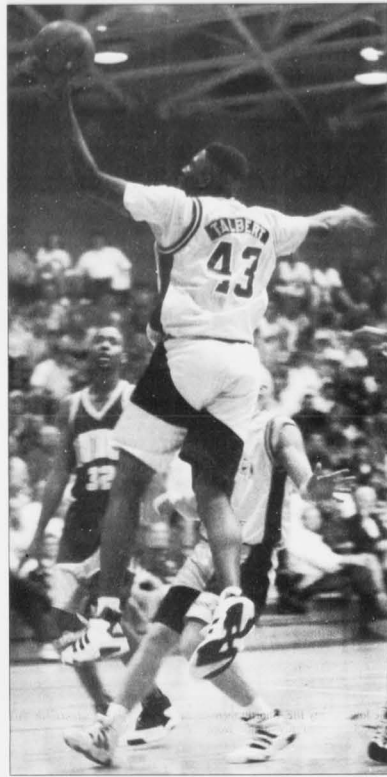
Saturday's win gave NKU an all-time 3-0 edge in the new rivalry with Quincy, which was created by NKU's 97-91 victory over Quincy during last year's NCAA Division II tournament, and solidified by Quincy's entrance to the GLVC this season.

Currently, NKU is rated third in the Great Lakes Region Poll. The top six teams in a given region advance to the NCAA Division II Tournament in March.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (96)—Moore 15-10-19-30, A. Listerman 1-0-0-3, Talbert 1-1-1-5, K. Listerman 1-2-0-13, Cluxton 7-10-4-23, Minor 7-14-2-22, P. McClendon 5-10-1-13, Gibson 0-0-0-0. Totals 34-61 18-33 9-19.

QUINCY UNIVERSITY (84)—Lentz 3-5-0-6, Brown 3-9-3-5, Lepper 2-11-2-6, Driscoll 2-6-1-2, Waggoner 5-7-0-13, Harris 3-4-0-7, McIntosh 3-6-4-11, Steffe 5-10-1-2, Pickett 1-4-2-2, Sullivan 2-2-0-4, Huff 2-4-0-4. Totals 31-70 13-17 8-14.

Halftime—NKU 64-41. Three-point goals—NKU 10-24 (Cluxton 5-8, Moore 0-1, A. Listerman 1-2, Minor 4-9, K. Listerman 0-1, Perry 0-3). QJ 8-22 (Driscoll 1-3, Waggoner 3-4, Harris 1-2, McIntosh 1-5, Steffe 3-7, Pickett 0-1). Fouled out—QJ: Lepper. Fouls—NKU 14, Quincy University 25. Rebounds—NKU 32 (Moore 8), Quincy University 42 (Steffe 11). Assists—NKU 24 (Minor, Cluxton 8), Quincy University 19 (Harris 6). Technical Fouls—Quincy University head coach.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Senior Reggie Talbert goes in for two of his final points in a home uniform. The 6-foot-7 center had 3 points.

Daly And Jordan Leave Regents Hall Victorious, Norse Win 76-66

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

Seniors Shawna Daly and Stephanie Jordan played their last games at Regents Hall on Saturday.

Both of them left with smiles on their faces as NKU won, 76-66, over Quincy University.

"I thought we struggled in the first half," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said.

NKU led at halftime, 34-30, but the lead wasn't as large as Winstel had hoped she said.

Turnovers and bad shooting was what caused the Lady Hawks to stay close. NKU shot a dismal .417 in the first half while Quincy made .542 of its shots. NKU had 18 turnovers for the game, but most of those came before halftime.

"Once we got into the second half we played better," Winstel said. "We took better care of the ball."

NKU improved its shooting in the second half hitting 15 of 30 shots. The Norse created havoc on Quincy in the second half forcing them to .423 shooting.

Junior forward Dana Morningstar led NKU in scoring with 18 points. Morningstar leads NKU in scoring at 12.5 points a game.

The Norse was without sophomore forward Alison McCarthy (injured ankle) and freshman guard (injured knee).

"Without Allison we struggled," Winstel said. Winstel said she hopes McCarthy will be back Thursday versus Bellarmine College.

NKU, who beat Quincy last time 59-49 at Quincy, improved to 14-4 in the GLVC

to remain fourth in the conference. Quincy is 3-15 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and second from last in the GLVC.

Junior guard Tonya Edwards led the Lady Hawks with 20 points.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (76)—Webb 3-9-9-11, Smith 4-6-0-3, Jordan 2-6-0-2, Morningstar 5-12-7-18, Kelsey 4-8-0-10, Stanley 4-5-1-3, Pennington 0-1-2-1, Kamrath 1-2-0-2, Daly 2-4-5-5-8, Sullivan 0-1-0-0, Schmeig 0-0-0-0. Totals 25-54 23-34 7-6.

QUINCY (66)—O'Brien 2-7-0-4, Harrison 2-6-0-4, Sorenson 5-9-4-14, Edwards 8-11-2-20, Smith 2-3-0-4, Collett 0-2-0-2, Spates 3-7-4-10, Almohd 0-0-0-1, Phipps 2-4-6-7-10, Freeman 0-1-0-0. Totals 24-50 18-36.

Halftime—NKU 34-30. Three-point goals—NKU 3-6 (Kelsey 2-4, Morningstar 1-2), Quincy 2-3 (Harrison 0-3, Edwards 2-4, Smith 0-1). Fouled out—NKU: Jordan, Kamrath. Quincy (O'Brien, Sorenson, Spates). NKU 20, Quincy 29. Rebounds—NKU 30 (Webb 7, Quincy 33 (O'Brien, Harrison, Sorenson, Spates 5). Assists—NKU 13 (Morningstar, Daly 3), Quincy 10 (O'Brien 5). Technical Fouls—none.



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Winstel hugs senior Shawna Daly

Thursday's Game Versus S. Illinois-Edwardsville: Norse Win, But May Lose McCarthy

By Pat McEntee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team continued their drive to the postseason with a 62-50 win at Regent's Hall on Saturday night.

NKU defeated Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to improve its record to 16-8 (12-5 Great Lakes Valley Conference). The win was the fifth in a row for NKU.

NKU sophomore Alison McCarthy suffered an ankle injury with two on a half minutes left in the game.

The Norse held SIU-Edwardsville to 28.8 percent field goal shooting for the game, and 21.7 percent in the second half.

NKU scored the first six points in the game, but the Cougars stormed back with a 13-2 run, to take a five-point lead.

The Norse fought back and took a two-point lead to the locker room at

halftime.

Both teams came out flat to start the second half. Stephanie Jordan ended the scoring drought for the NKU more than four minutes into the second half. NKU took the lead for good on a jumper by junior forward Regina Webb with just over four and a half minutes remaining.

They led it by hitting their free throws down the stretch. They hit seven of eight from the line in the final minute of the game.

Freshman guard Katie Kelsey led the Norse with 14 points and five assists.

Kelsey's points came at key moments in the game. With seven minutes left and the Norse down by four, Kelsey knocked down a three-point shot. In the last minute, she made all six of her free throw attempts to seal the victory.

"I don't try to force shots," Kelsey said. "My first job is to get the team into the offense and create shots."

Jordan pulled down 10 rebounds to lead NKU.

Despite the five-game winning streak the Norse hold, Winstel said she doesn't think her team is playing with much intensity.

That intensity will be extremely important when they play at Bellarmine, the top team in the GLVC.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (62)—Webb 1-1-2-3, Smith 3-6-0-0, Jordan 3-8-3-6, Morningstar 4-6-3-6, Kelsey 3-10-6-6, Stanley 0-0-0-0, Kamrath 2-5-2-4, Pennington 0-0-0-0, Harrison 0-0-4-4, Daly 1-1-0-1. Totals 19-43 21-29 6-2.

SIU-EDWARDSVILLE (50)—Phillips 1-9-4-4, Harkins 2-5-4-8, Tucklen 1-9-0-2, Loomis 2-3-0-4, Evans 5-12-7-19, Manner 0-1-0-0, Brown 2-8-1-2-5, Wells 1-2-0-3, Loe 1-1-1-3. Totals 15-57 17-18 5-20.

Halftime—NKU 29-27. Three-point goals—NKU 3-11 (Kelsey 2-7, Stanley 1-2, Smith 0-2). SIU-Edwardsville 3-19 (Phillips 0-2, Tucklen 0-5, Evans 2-8, Wells 1-2, Loe 0-2). Fouled out—none. Fouls—NKU 16, SIU-Edwardsville 20. Rebounds—NKU 36 (Jordan 10), SIU-Edwardsville 32 (Phillips 8). Assists—NKU 11 (Perry 5), SIU-Edwardsville 8 (Loomis 2, Evans 2). Technical Fouls—SIU-Edwardsville bench. Attendance 348.

Thursday's Game Versus S. Illinois-Edwardsville: Cluxton Puts On Three-point Clinic

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Writer

From the opening of the game until the final buzzer, offense ruled the game. With a dazzling array of three-pointers and slam dunks, the Norse went on to defeat Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at Regents Hall on Thursday.

The game opened with two three-pointers by junior forward Paul Cluxton, with one by junior forward LaRon Moore in between. After the first minute and a half, NKU was out to a 9-0 lead over SIU-Edwardsville. The Norse never looked back.

"They (SIU-E) came out in a zone. I got excited and started hitting some shots," Cluxton said.

Cluxton hit 5 three-pointers and had 17 points in the first half. He finished the night tying a career high with 39 points.

NKU hit 71 percent from beyond

the three point line in the first half. The Norse shot 58 percent from the field and 64 percent from the free-throw line.

At the end of the first half, NKU had a commanding lead, 55-29.

Unlike the beginning of the first half, the Norse started the second half flat.

The Cougars opened up with a 16-4 run in the first five in half of the second half.

"We were up by 26 at the half. Then, they came out real aggressive," said senior center Reggie Talbert.

59-45 was as close as the Cougars would get.

From there, NKU began to pull away again. At the midway point of the second half, NKU was out to a 73-55 lead.

NKU breezed the rest of the way winning 96-73 in front of 1,430 people. "We played very well tonight,"

Shields said. "In all truthfulness, we were ready to play, but that didn't keep them from making a run at us."

Along with Cluxton's performance, LaRon Moore had 22 points, Shannon Minor had 17 points and Reggie Talbert finished with 14 points and 8 rebounds.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (96)—Moore 9-15-5-9-20, A. Listerman 2-6-1-1-5, Talbert 5-7-4-14, K. Listerman 2-3-0-4, Cluxton 8-14-5-29, Minor 5-7-3-6-17, Perry 0-0-0-0, McCandless 1-4-3-8, Gibson 0-0-0-0, Voth 0-1-0-0, James 0-0-0-0. Totals 31-57 21-29 9-6.

S. Illinois-Edwardsville (73)—Knee 4-6-2-5, Holloway 5-10-0-12, Henderson 5-12-4-14, Holmes 7-15-0-16, Smoot 2-2-0-4, Moss 0-0-0-0, Deering 1-3-0-3, Harris 6-8-2-14, Thomsen 0-0-0-0. Totals 30-58 9-13 7-3.

Halftime—NKU 55-29. Three-point goals—NKU 13-21 (Cluxton 8-12, Moore 1-1, A. Listerman 0-2, Minor 4-5, K. Listerman 0-1). SIU-Edwardsville 5-12 (Holloway 2-3, Holmes 2-6, Deering 1-3). Fouled out—Smoot. Fouls—NKU 16, SIU-Edwardsville 19. Rebounds—NKU 31 (Talbert 8), SIU-Edwardsville 31 (Harris 8). Assists—NKU 15 (Minor 6), SIU-Edwardsville 15 (Smoot 5). Technical Fouls—SIU-Edwardsville-Holloway. Attendance—1430.

BASEBALL '96



Chris Young LF



Mike Sherman CF

#13

Sherman hit .208
drove in 15 RBI
and stole seven
bases last season...
will bat in
leadoff spot...
Harrison High
Jr. 5-10 170



Jamie Doxey RF



Matt Baker SS



Jeff Hetzer 2B



Chris Helfer 3B



Mark Emerson 1B

Batting Order

1. Chris Young
2. Jeff Hetzer
3. Chris Helfer
4. Mike Pitzer
5. Jamie Doxey
6. Matt Baker
7. Mark Emerson
8. Mike Sherman
9. Kevin Wirsch



Bill Aker

#42

Head Coach Bill
Aker enters his
25th season with
a 689-457 record.
15 more wins and
he'll be 11th all-
time.



Mike Pitzer DH



Kevin Wirsch C



Mike Kichler P



Jason Rusk P



Scott Wiggins P



Randy Hamilton P

How Will Aker Handle The Young And Restless Norse?

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

In two years, Northern Kentucky University baseball coach Bill Aker has replaced almost his entire team.

Out of the 36 players, 21 are first year Norse. Of the 13 pitchers on the team, eight are freshmen. "Three of the four catchers are also freshmen. Even senior outfielder Scott Moreland is in his first year at NKU after transferring from the University of Louisville.

Aker said he sets lofty goals for his team every year, but this year will be difficult with 18 freshmen.

"I've never had that many (freshmen)," Aker said. "I think I'm in kindergarten sometimes."

He said if his freshmen pitchers can pitch solid games, the Norse could make the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

"Last year, everybody thought we'd get our butt's kicked and we still won 25 games," Aker said.

Returning is a starting rotation with experience. Junior right-hander Mike Kichler is the best in Aker's rotation. Kichler went 8-5 with 2.52 ERA last season. Aker said all Kichler needs is three runs, but the problem is his team gets left whenever Kichler pitches.

Junior lefty Jason Rusk is a close second in the rotation. Rusk went 5-2 and owned a 3.14 ERA in ten starts.

Third in the rotation is highly touted sophomore lefty Randy Hamilton who was drafted in the Major League Baseball draft out of NKU. Hamilton struggled in his first year, going 1-3 with a 10.13 ERA.

Winding up the rotation is sophomore left-hander Scott Wiggins who started two

games last year. Wiggins went 1-2 last year with a 5.27 ERA.

As secure as the starting rotation is, the relief pitching is just the opposite. With eight freshmen comprising the entire bullpen Aker said he is unsure of what to expect from this group.

"Anytime you have eight freshmen at one position you get worried about that position," Aker said. "Down the road I think those freshmen are going to be pretty good pitchers."

Of all the freshmen pitchers, Aker said he is highest on three right-handers — Brian Willis of New Richmond, Jason Keipert of St. Henry and Steve Rump of Covington Holy Cross.

The catching situation is going to be something of a question. Junior Kevin Wirsch is the only catcher returning. Wirsch played last season as a back-up to Scott Fryman, who left school this year. Wirsch batted .224 in 14 starts.

Backing up Wirsch will be one of three freshmen. The most likely is Brent Persinger from Lexington Aker said, but Terry McGrew and Joe Crowley will have a shot.

The infield is probably the most solid area for the Norse. Two infielders named All-GLVC last season were second baseman Jeff Hetzer and third baseman Chris Helfer. Helfer hit .368, knocked in 20 runs and scored 27 times.

"He's a great college player," Aker said. "He has no chance in the world playing pro ball because he's too little and can't run, but he can win a lot of ball games for you."

At second base, Hetzer provides good defense and a solid bat. Hetzer hit .366 last year with 27 RBI, 32 runs and a team-leading 17 doubles.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if he

(Hetzer) made All-American," Aker said.

Aker said he hopes these two seniors will provide plenty of leadership to the newcomers.

Starting at first base is junior Mark Emerson, who hit .295 with three homers and 22 RBI. Emerson could be the only source of power on the team.

At shortstop is junior Matt Baker who started in 39 of 42 games last season. Baker cracked three homers while hitting .317. He led the Norse in RBI's with 37. The only thing stopping Baker has been nagging injuries, Aker said.

"It seems like every time you turn around he's getting something wrong with him," he said.

Center field and left field are solid with junior Mike Sherman in center field and senior Chris Young in left field. In right field is junior Jamie Doxey who is switching from shortstop. Aker said Doxey has one of the best arms on the team. Doxey hit .292 last year and collected 18 RBI in 39 games.

Sherman started in 37 games last year and proves to be a fine defensive center fielder. He hit .298 with 15 RBI and stole seven bases.

Senior Chris Young is the leftfielder. Young's strength is also defense, but he is also one of the fastest players on the team. He hit .289 last year in 32 games knocking in 11 runs. Young has never played a complete season due to injuries.

The reserve outfielders include senior Scott Moreland, a transfer from Louisville and Billy Dennis, a freshman speedster who stole 32 bases without getting caught for Simon Kenton last season.

The designated hitter will likely be sophomore Mike Pitzer. Aker said sophomore Bryan Wharton will get opportunities as well.

Soft-spoken Helfer Carries Big Bat, Freshman Take Note

By John Kirtly
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University baseball team features 18 freshmen this season and if the Norse plan on competing for a spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament come April it will be up to head coach Bill Aker's four seniors to provide good team leadership.

One of the seniors Aker will be counting on to provide that leadership is third baseman Chris Helfer.

Helfer, a three year starter for NKU, is coming off a junior season where he batted .368, drove in 20 runs and started 39 games for the Norse. He was named second team All-GLVC last season and his sophomore season, batting a career high .411 and knocking in a career high 31 runs as a sophomore.

"Helfer is just a very, very consistent kid," Aker said. "He'll make all-conference and he'll hit his .390. He's a great college player who can win a lot of ball games for us."

Aker looks to Helfer and fellow second team All-GLVC senior second baseman Jeff Hetzer to lead a very young NKU team. But Helfer admittedly has a quiet, under spoken personality and will attempt to lead by example instead of by words.

"I'm not too vocal really so I'm going to set an example by playing well and hus-

ting," Helfer said.

Aker acknowledges Helfer's soft-spoken personality but still has high praises for his All-GLVC senior.

"If you want him to say something you're going to have to pull it out of him," the 26 year NKU baseball head coach said. "But he's a great kid who does everything well."

Helfer will bat third in the line-up after batting second last season, giving him more chances to drive in runs. Helfer does not feel any added pressure dropping down a spot in the batting order but hopes to improve his run production and reach the 400 plateau once again.

"I'd like to hit around 400 again like I did my sophomore year and get a lot more RBI's," the East Central High School (Ind.) graduate said. "It really doesn't matter to me where I bat but now that I'm batting third I'll hopefully drive in some more runs."

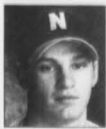
In a starting line-up that combined to hit just six home runs last season the Norse do not have the luxury of scoring runs in a hurry or in bunches. Helfer stresses execution and fundamentals in making up for NKU's lack of power.

"We have to do our fundamentals well. We got to bunt well, steal, hit-and-run and execute well," Helfer said. "We've got to get back-to-back hits and clutch hits because we can't count on getting two guys on and then have somebody hitting a home run."

1996 NKU Baseball Schedule

Date/Time	Opponent	Time
Wed., Feb. 28	at Pikeville	1 pm
Fri., Mar. 1	at Lincoln Memorial Univ.	TBA
Sat., Mar. 2	at Lincoln Memorial Univ.	TBA
Mon., Mar. 4	at Lindsey Wilson (OH)	1 pm
Wed., Mar. 6	Mount St. Joseph (OH)	1 pm
Fri., Mar. 8	Spring Break Trip	TBA
March 8-14	(Jacksonville, Fla.)	noon
Sat., March 16	Wisconsin-Parkside (WI)*	noon
Sun., March 17	Lewis (OH)*	noon
Wed., March 20	Bellarmine (OH)*	1 pm
Sat., March 23	at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (OH)*	noon
Sun., March 24	at Quincy (OH)*	noon
Wed., March 27	at Bellarmine (OH)*	noon
Thur., March 28	Knox	2:30 pm
Sat., March 30	Kentucky Wesleyan (OH)*	noon
Sun., March 31	at Bellarmine (OH)*	noon
Mon., April 1	Central State (OH)	1 pm
Wed., April 3	at IPFW (OH)*	noon
Sat., April 6	St. Joseph (IN)*	noon
Wed., April 10	at Indiana State (OH)*	noon
Sat., April 13	IPFW (OH)*	noon
Sun., April 14	at Kentucky State (OH)	1 pm
Mon., April 15	Lindsey Wilson (OH)	1 pm
Wed., April 17	Lincoln Memorial	2 pm
Sat., April 20	at Kentucky Wesleyan (OH)*	noon
Sun., April 21	at Southern Indiana (OH)*	noon
Wed., April 24	at Cincinnati	2 pm
Fri., April 26	Pikeville (OH)	2 pm
Sun., April 28	at Central State (OH)	1 pm
Mon., April 29	Ashland (OH)	1 pm

* Great Lakes Valley Conference



#2
Malloy, a freshman out of Loyd High, batted .411 last season with five home runs, scored 30 runs and stole 13 bases.
Fr. 6-2 180
Mark Malloy OF



#5
Turner, a freshman from Roger Bacon High, lettered twice in baseball, solid contact hitter and is versatile.
Fr. 6-1 165
Todd Turner IF



#6
Hetzer was named second team All-GVLC last season. Batted .366, 27 RBI, 32 runs and stole 7 bases.
Sr. 5-9 170
Jeff Hetzer IF



#9
A transfer from University of Louisville who provides good experience and hitting skills, a graduate of Colerain High.
Sr. 5-11 170
Scott Moreland OF



#10
Last season played as back-up to Scott Fryman and batted .224 with 6 RBI and 5 runs. East Central High, Lawrenburg, Ind.
Jr. 5-10 200
Kevin Wirsch C



#12
Enters his first year... good fielder who lettered twice in baseball, twice named All-GVLC and once named All-city honorable mention... LaSalle High.
So. 6-1 190
Greg Leurck IF



#14
A left-hander who went 5-2 last season with a 3.14 ERA and struck out 30 walking 22 in 63 innings pitched... Elder High.
Jr. 5-11 170
Jason Rusk P



#15
First year out of Bainbridge, Ohio who posted a 13-1 record with a 1.62 ERA and 128 strikeouts his senior year. Paint Valley High.
Fr. 5-11 170
Jason Stauffer P



#16
First year out of Dayton, Ohio lettered twice in baseball and football... helped team to a conference championship... Kettering Fairmont.
Fr. 6-0 198
Terry McGrew C



#17
Enters first year with Norse who lettered twice in baseball... had 5-2 record his senior year... Boone County High.
Fr. 5-11 172
Jerry McGonegle P



#18
Enters first year with Norse out of Beavercreek, Ohio... lettered twice in baseball... Beavercreek High.
Fr. 6-1 190
Vince Beichler IF



#19
A solid hitter who missed last season with a back injury... Burlington, Ky... Conner High.
So. 6-1 190
Mike Pitzer OF



#20
A switch hitter who batted .292 and 19 RBI stole 22 runs... may DH... St. Xavier High, Cincinnati.
Jr. 5-11 170
Jamie Duxsey P



#22
Had 3.29 ERA last season in 13.7 innings and had six strikeouts... Park Hills High.
Jr. 5-11 170
Scott Phair P



#23
Earned six letters in baseball batting .396 as a junior and .481 his senior year... Simon Kenton High.
Fr. 6-3 190
Joe Helvey OF



#24
1-3 his first year with Norse and had 10.13 ERA... picked in Major League Baseball draft... Simon Kenton High.
So. 6-3 170
Randy Hamilton P



#25
A transfer of Ohio University from Athens... good hitter with power... hit .365 his senior year in high school.
So. 6-3 200
Bryan Wharton IF



#26
A right-hander who went 8-5 last year with 2.52 ERA... stuckout 64 in 75 innings walking 14... West Harrison, Ind... East Central High.
Jr. 5-11 198
Mike Kichler P



#28
Shortstop hit .317 last season and led with 37 RBI... 3 home runs and scored 21 runs... Oxford, Ohio... Talawanda High.
Jr. 5-11 180
Matt Baker IF



#29
Leftfielder batted .289 last season knocked in 11 RBI scored 24 runs and stole 4 bases... Anderson High.
Sr. 5-10 160
Chris Young OF



#30
First year with Norse... good fielder with some power... earned first team All-GVLC honors and All-City honorable mention... Moeller.
Fr. 6-2 185
Jon Schulte OF



#31
First year player... never played baseball in high school... transfer from Clermont College basketball team... Calvary Christian High.
Jr. 6-3 205
Rex Brooking P



#32
First year second baseman with excellent range... hit .350 and two homers his senior year... Lexington Catholic High.
Fr. 5-10 150
Brad Carter IF



#33
Starts first year with Norse... twice named second team All-GVLC and honorable mention All-City... LaSalle High.
Fr. 5-11 175
Joe Crowley C



#34
First year at NKU... hit .425 and 29 RBI stole 32 bases in 32 attempts to set school record... Simon Kenton.
Fr. 6-1 175
Billy Dennis OF



#35
Starts first year at NKU... lettered three times in baseball... named team MVP his senior year... New Richmond High.
Fr. 6-1 185
Brian Willis P



#36
Drove in 22 runs and hit three homers while hitting .295 last season as a first baseman... Elder High.
Jr. 6-0 175
Mark Emerson IF



#37
Cecilford, Ind native batted .368 knocked in 29 RBI and scored 27 runs... named second team All-GVLC... East Central High.
So. 5-7 165
Chris Helfer IF



#38
First year player for NKU... will relieve and spot start... named first team All-GVLC... Bacon High.
Fr. 6-2 200
James Steinau P



#39
One of three first year catchers... went 1-0 last season with 3.72 ERA... may red-shirt this year... Lynchburg-Clay High in Ohio.
Jr. 6-2 180
Brent Persinger C



#40
Appeared in five games last season and finished 1-2 with 5.27 ERA in 13.7 innings pitched... Newport Central Catholic High.
So. 6-3 185
Scott Wiggins P



#41
Rookie with good fastball... should fit into the bullpen... once pitched a no-hitter in high school... Colerain.
Fr. 6-3 195
Scott Rengerling P



#43
First year player for NKU... was a three-time MVP for his high school... Holy Cross High.
Fr. 6-0 185
Steve Rump P



#44
Posted a 9-4 record as a senior with a 2.04 ERA... also hit .375 as first baseman... St. Henry High.
Fr. 6-0 185
Jason Kelpert P



#49
Rookie left-hander earned three baseball letters in high school... his team won District championship junior season... McNicholas High.
Fr. 6-2 190
Brian Gatto P



#99
Plays on the baseball team... went 1-0 last season with 3.72 ERA... may red-shirt this year... Lynchburg-Clay High in Ohio.
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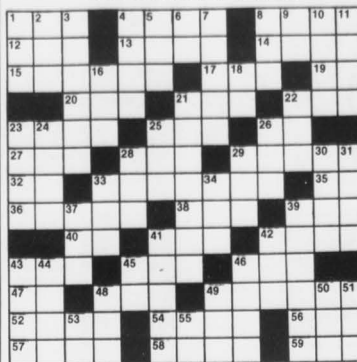
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Faculty Senate Recognizes English Professor's Work With Department Organization

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

The members of Northern Kentucky University's Faculty Senate acknowledged literature professor Danny Miller's devotion to LALINK, NKU's literature and language club, at their last meeting in December, rewarding him with the

Faculty Leadership Recognition award.

The award, which was established by the Faculty Senate and the office of the Provost, recognizes NKU faculty members who have gone beyond the call of duty by working effectively with students and providing institutional, professional or community leadership.

Miller's work with LALINK, an organization for English majors at NKU, consisted of overseeing book sales and bake sales, organizing special film series, and conducting varied events that help English majors raise money to benefit superior students, and create continuity in the department.

"I truly enjoy working with students at NKU, especially when it comes to working on special projects in the department," Miller said.

According to *Campus Digest*, NKU's University Relations publication, the individual nominating Miller wrote: "Each semester I am amazed by the number and quality of the events he (Miller) sponsors, helping students and faculty know each other in ways that would simply not happen were he not here among us. The warmth, spirit, and joy with which he does his work made me think of him immediately when I heard of the recognition program."

Among those who see Miller's importance and dedication to the department and its students is Dr. Robert Collier, a fellow English professor at NKU. Collier said Miller is extremely active in the Literature department, is very congenial, and is a tremendous colleague to work with.

Miller, who will be teaching courses in Introduction to Literature and The Short Story this summer, completed his undergraduate study at Berea College (KY), and received his doctorate degree from the University of Cincinnati.



Jason Brown/The Northerner
Literature Professor Danny Miller

Berea College (KY), and received his doctorate degree from the University of Cincinnati.

TRAVOLTA EXPLODES IN BROKEN ARROW Certain Scenes Open Door, Questioning Film's Believability

By Amanda Tittle
Production Manager

In the air, on the ground, in the water and underground. There are explosions everywhere in Twentieth Century Fox's new action flick, "Broken Arrow."

"Broken Arrow" follows what happens when the military loses a nuclear weapon.

This John Woo film stars John Travolta and Christian Slater, and co-stars Samantha Mathis and former NFL star turned sports commentator, Howie Long.

Travolta plays Deakins, a pilot who has been passed over for promotion several times and who loves to have the power of God at his finger tips. He loves controlling whether millions of people live or die.

Slater earns kudos as Deakins' friend-turned-enemy, Hale. Hale has the seemingly insurmountable task of stopping Deakins from blowing up a major city with one of the nuclear bombs his former partner has stolen.

Hale is helped by park ranger Samantha Mathis. She is bright, charming and vivacious as Hale's sidekick.

This is the first time Slater and Mathis have starred together since "Pump Up the Volume" in 1990.

While there is not as much sexual chemistry between the two in "Broken Arrow," they definitely have a chemistry which adds a comic aspect to their scenes.

Deakins is joined in his evil ways by Howie Long, and jokes at one point that Long's character had missed his calling and should have become an actor.

Long's character won't be known for his brains, since he is frequently seen shooting at nuclear weapons while trying to stop Hale.

The drawbacks of the film were two parts of Travolta's characterization and the believability of a few scenes comes into question.

Aside from the fact he was the villain, and a good one, it became rather annoying when Travolta wouldn't open his mouth to speak.

He had this forced-smile look, but he wasn't smiling, he was talking.

He also had an annoying way of holding his cigarette, which he was rarely seen without.

Also, the military would probably send more than one helicopter with three men in it to stop Deakins from blowing everything up.

The film was exciting because it was nonstop action. Helicopters, Stealth Bombers, cars and trains are all blown up in the end.

Northerner rating is

7 out of 10

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A Remembrance Of Forgotten Art



Terry Renaker/The Northerner
Students perform at A Tribute to Black Theatre at noon last Friday to honor lost African-American compositions. Left to right, Lowell Truitt, Dwight Neal, Issac Turner, Chrissy Wright, Spring Starr Pillow, Lori Cobb and Victor Dickerson.

Events For The Week Of Feb. 28 - March 6

Wednesday, Feb. 28

"Lunch seminar

"What Did Monks Really Do?

Harlequin Romances of the

Thirteenth Century,"

Noon - Faculty / staff dining room,

University Center

"Film

Name of the Rose

University Center Theatre, 4 p.m.

"Black History Month Dinner

Guest speaker: Myrtis Powell,

Miami University

"Lecture: 1996 International

Women's Conference held in

Beijing, China

University Center Room 108,

12 p.m.

"Spanish conversation hour

Steely Library loggia, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 29

"Film

Second Coming

University Center Room 303

12:15 p.m.

"Concert: NKU Symphonic

Winds

Greaves Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 1

"Panel discussion

"Hillary Clinton: New Images of a

First Lady"

University Center ballroom,

12 p.m.

"Internet Forum

"HTML Authoring"

Steely Library Room 204, 1 p.m.

"Concert presented by Seven Hills

Chorus

Greaves Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 2

"Celebrating Northern Kentucky's

Heritage,

A Regional Get - Together

University Center

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. \$4

Monday, March 4

"Les causeries du lundi

Landrum Academic Center Room

531, 2 p.m.

"Faculty recital

Jonathan Gresham, trumpet

Greaves Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

"Lunch seminar

"Development in Urban China"

Faculty / staff dining room,

University Center, 12 p.m.

Individuals Honored At Speech Competition

staff report

Northern Kentucky University's forensic team competed last weekend at the Kentucky Forensic Association state competition at Georgetown College and proved competition is not everything.

All their speaking paid off though, Assistant Forensics Coach Tony Chowning said. The team came home with their heads held high and their arms holding the fifth place trophy.

There were 12 schools with Western Kentucky University as the toughest competitor, Chowning said. Western took first place but NKU put up quite a fight.

Senior member Lisa Washnock led the team to victory. She was the only member to place individually. She placed first in informative speaking, second in prose interpretation, beating four people from Western and placed fourth

in after dinner speaking (humorous speech).

Only six other team members attended the competition and they all did extremely well, Chowning said. The other members were seniors Troy Bitter and Candy Fehler, novice members Todd Adkins, Liz Dixor, Gina Holt, and Julie Hood. "I am very proud of all of them," Chowning said.

Washnock and Bitter received the first ever KFA Harlen H. Hamm Outstanding Student award. This award is given to two senior speech competitors in the state. Coaches nominate students and then all of the coaches vote on it. This year is the first year this award was implemented.

"I am really proud two of our students were given this award," Director of Forensics Duell Hamm said.

"It's a great honor to have the tradition start with NKU," he said.

Dr. Kevin Jones, the coach for Asbury College, nominated Washnock and Bitter for their hard work, dedication, and good sportsmanship they have shown over the years.

Bitter said, "I've worked really hard for the past three years and it has finally paid off by receiving the most prestigious award a person can receive. I am very proud of myself and Lisa."

"Lisa and Troy have always been leaders and hard workers. They are both great competitors and people and they deserve this award," Chowning said.

This weekend the team has two competitions. One will be held on Saturday at NKU called the Ernie Cunningham Memorial Qualifier. Cunningham is a former team member who passed away - last November. The other tournament is on Sunday and will be held at Georgetown College.

we were doing before was good and successful," said Joseph Kelly, a Columbia Gas Co. vice president who also is chairman of the Kentucky Board of Education. "In the old system, writing and reading were not necessarily valued."

Nor was critical thinking, for students or teachers, said Lee Todd Jr., an engineer who has founded two high-technology companies in Lexington.

Like the auto industry in its decline, Kentucky's approach to education was "to tell our workers

to leave their brain in the parking lot," Todd said.

As Paris high technology students worked on computers a few feet away, Todd said Kentucky's old education system had failed their parents and grandparents.

"But there was some slack in the system: You could get a job," Todd said.

That has changed in a global economy, Todd said. Industrial jobs have declined for decades, and growth now is in "knowledge jobs," he said.

Tori Amos' Latest Lacks Continuity

Creativity Offers Breath Of Fresh Air

By Dan Adams
Contributing Writer

From the first resounding monotone note, the experimental element, which dominates Tori Amos' latest venture, can be sensed.

"Boys for Pele" will no doubt earn the general animosity of many critics for the very component that other groups praise—creative experimentation.

This, of course, is bluntly hypocritical of them, but the observation nonetheless has some merit to it. The album offers little continuity and borders on becoming too abstract both lyrically and musically (as such, it is a difficult work to listen to in its entirety).

Amos' newly acquired daring comes from the fact that she produced this album herself, rather than relying on the guidance of her now ex-boyfriend.

Favorite tracks include "Caught a Light Sneeze" (an obvious pick of local stations), "Father Lucifer," "Blood Roses" and "Muhammad My Friend."

Amos glides over the piano keys with the usual evanescence accompanied by various other instruments. On a few

tracks, she uses a harpsichord with a different yet equally pleasing effect. The songs offer the same method of vocal recording as her previous albums which accentuated her sensuality. The theme is more sexually oriented and at times her voice struggles for that tormented rasp. Yet, it still delicately travels between the latter and her tantalizing whisper.

Interesting symbolism, albeit somewhat ambiguous, runs throughout the album and nicely complements the emotional nature of her music.

Certainly, Tori Amos' latest work "Boys for Pele" deserves a more dedicated listener. Each song displays another facet of this gifted individual and should warrant the appropriate attention.

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8 out of 10

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Banish the Burnout

Even When The Cold Weather Of Winter Gets People Down, There Are Ways To Control The Winter-time Blues

Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



February fuses are always short. And by now, they're entering the explosive stage.

At this time of year burnout tends to reach epidemic proportions.

In just a few days, we turn the calendar page. There, on the 21st cube of March will be a little notation — FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

Hard to believe.

This year has been especially tough, which the weathermen have reported and we have witnessed. Our last nice day was somewhere back in October.

So nice of them to call it to our attention. There are several things "experts" suggest we can do to cope with burnout. They are, however, usually impractical, if not impossible.

Take a vacation, a cruise or something equally expensive. Very refreshing, they say—you come back feeling brand new.

Not on your list of possibilities?

Sitting in a whirlpool bath is supposed to calm jagged nerves.

You mean your apartment only has a shower?

You should definitely avoid any situation that hassles you.

Like parking, studying and going to work?

How are we doing so far? Have you figured out a way to get this burnout thing under control?

"It will let up right after spring break," said junior Brian Easterling. "It's all downhill from there."

Easterling, an RTF major and disc jockey for WRFN, says he's just been in school too long... way too long.

"We really start to get corny and more risqué on the air because everybody needs a break."

People aren't concentrating. They're looking forward to getting out of here for spring break, he said.

"I do the coffee thing to keep myself going. Caffeine and a lot of Pepto. I don't do the health thing."

Now that's where the "experts" would say Easterling goes wrong. Caffeine dehydrates you. And when we are dehydrated, our energy nosedives.

Instead, he should march down to the nearest campus vending-machine

and select a carrot and some fruit juice.

There is the perspective that burnout might not be controllable. All that hoopla about Type A and Type B personalities. Although during February frustration month, it can be duly noted, it's hard to find a Type B.

Maybe Type B's are just smarter than the rest of us. You don't know they exist because you can't hear them screaming. They don't have tantrums when some so-and-so slides into a parking space they've stalked. They think spring break is nice, but certainly not something to get all worked up about.

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ject to burn out," said senior Scott Griffith. "It doesn't bother me."

"The first month of each semester I might get a little stressed, but it goes away. I try to eat better. I don't do the Coke, candy and caffeine routine."

Griffith has even figured out a way to follow "expert" advice. "I try to take a day or two off from school when I feel pressured."

It might not be a cruise, but he's got the right idea. Stress resistant personalities feel they have control over their lives, psychologists say. They tend to see life as a series of challenges rather than a series of problems.

So if you can find a way to cope with stress, and any way seems to be acceptable, you can change your problems into a challenges.

The mid-terms we're about to face are challenges, not problems. Remember that.

What you say to yourself can be the difference between coping and collapsing, according to some studies. And they might have something.

Daydreamers, scoffed at by more attentive students, have a built in device that can alleviate the stress that leads to burnout.

So try to imagine yourself anywhere but where you are. Shouldn't be hard.

One thing the "experts" say we can all do is to take little mind breaks during the day. They tell us to relax and breathe deeply during this process.

Just not so deeply as to arouse your teacher's suspicions.

Until the miracle of modern medicine produces a vaccine for "the burnout," equally effective as the one we take for "the flu," we're stuck going cold turkey.

Junk-food fanatics—at NKU that means anyone who gets hungry—and devil-may-care types who burn the candle at both ends, have a rough time in February.

If you're feeling fatigued and generally fed up, your allowed to turn the calendar page a few days early.

Vision yourself waking up to that first day of spring. Take a little "mind trip."

It might work.

After all, that's what the "experts" tell us to do.



photo by Dorothy Johnston/The Northerner

In Their Opinion

"A pedestrian ought to be legally allowed to toss at least one hand grenade at a motorist every day."

-Brandon Francis

"Vitality shows not only in the ability to persist, but in the ability to start over."

-F.Scott Fitzgerald

FAMOUS QUOTES

"Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich."

-Sarah Bernhardt

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you too can become great."

-Mark Twain

