Brr-rr!

Temperatures dip as NKU saves energy

by Tim Funk

Chances are slim that NKU will go the way of other schools in the nation and close down because of the cold wave, according to Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the president.

Scholes said thermostats in all NKU-owned buildings have been lowered to between 62° and 65° and the Science Building and Regents Hall have been converted to fuel oil, making Nunn Hall the only building on campus currently being heated by scarce natural gas.

The Landrum Academic Center, the Steely Library and the new Fine Arts Building are all heated electrically, Scholes said.

"We can maintain operations at a colder level and, in that way, stay within the limits set for us by CG&E (the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co.)," according to Scholes, who also said the fuel oil being used to heat the Science Building and Regents Hall is "unsuited for home heating. So we are not depriving familes of the heat that they need."

Because Regents Hall is used

primarily for physical activities, its thermostat has been set at a lower temperature, 55°.

Scholes also disclosed that the grill's pipes have frozen, making it

necessary to close it "until further notice."

More drastic action may be in order if the cold worsens, Scholes acknowledged. He said a few buildings may have to be shut down and classes relocated in other, heated buildings.

If "worse comes to worst, we may have to shut down altogether for a week and make it up by holding classes over spring break," he said.

Scholes added that absenteeism has been a serious problem in the past week and, that, if it continued, the school may have no choice but to close down and cancel spring vacation.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll announced Sunday that he plans to put all state employees on a four-day work week in an effort to conserve energy. It is uncertain at press time whether this decision will affect NKU.

Carroll has also asked the state's commercial users of natural gas, propane gas and fuel oil to voluntarily reduce their hours of operation by 20-40%. He said if voluntary cuts are not observed, he will declare an "emergency." Such a declaration would give him control of all energy sources and allow him to direct allocation.



Many students got a surprise last Monday when a sign appeared on the first floor elevator telling them to expend a little of their own energy, rather than the school's

Roving correspondent adjusts to Algerian living

by A. D. Albright Roving Correspondent

Life all of us know is a continuous adjustment to different and changing conditions. Especially true is it for travellers in distant lands

The change a few short hours ago from snow and ice and bitter cold in Northern Kentucky to sun and greenery in Algeria is dramatic, almost unreal. After 24 hours of running without respite, the biological clock is now nearing balance again with twelve hours of sleep and no jangling alarm. Until this morning the cafe au lait et croissants had been but a faint memory from other days that began with a continental breakfast.

The sounds here are different also. A whole flotilla of freighters in the nearby Mediterranean harbor announced the sunrise by slumber-shattering blasts from their deep-throated horns. There were no tenors or sopranos among them, a few altos and baritones but mostly husky basses unorchestrated. A big passenger liner tied up at a quay hasn't said anything. Voices speak not "good morning" but bon jour and merci while others undoubtedly

say "hello" but Arabic is an unknown tongue to a handful of us. English, even the British kind and muc less the American brand, is seldom heard, neither a discouraging nor an encouraging word. So, one is forced to think, observe, remember and respond in different terms than customary.

In this different milieu how does one respond to a broken garter? Even though you may know the French word for garter there is no

For My Three Angels

need to ask for one in the shops because girdles are not standard equipment for women here. And the deodorant forgotten in packing - no need to worry or be self-conscious for its absence will not be detected in the array of odors that remind you of an eastern bazaar on a steaming day.

Today here is different in other ways from Sunday in Northern Kentucky. To us this is the Sabbath but to practically all Algerians this is a bustling work day. Since about 95 percent of the population is Muslim, their Holy Day occurred on Friday just as it does each week.

Many more visible and audible differences greet new visitors here-living conditions, income levels, the industry of the people, housing, foods. And there are great contrasts within this country, but they shall have to wait for later treatment. It is lunch time, a two-hour seance no one sould miss, at least in Algeria.

Theatre announces lead roles

The theatre department has announced that the lead roles for the upcoming production of My Three Angels have gone to Jane Mohr, Greg Hatfield, Robin Sittason and Jim Schultz.

The play concerns the antics of three convicts who appoint themselves guardians of a poor but honest family. Written by Sam and Bella Spewack, the play will be directed by Jack Wann, assistant professor of theatre.

The Stage Company of NKU will

present My Three Angels on Feb. 18, 19, 20, 25 and 26. The Feb. 27 showing is already sold out. Performances are in Nunn Auditorium at 8 p.m. except on Sundays when the play will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available to students with activity cards for \$1; \$2 for the general public.

In other theatre developments, The Stage Company is looking for dancers, singers, actors and actresses to fill out their spring production of Celebration.
Auditions for the parts of Potemkin (baritone), Orphan (tenor or light baritone), Angel (soprano), Edgar Allen Rich (baritone-bass) and 10 to 12 revelers will be held Feb. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 300 of the Fine Arts Bldg.

Dancers are requested to bring gear; singers may have prepared selections but music will be provided. Auditions are open to the public.



Homecoming queen crowned

Smiling with joy, Melissa Lang is crowned Homecoming queen during halftime activities at the Bellarmine vs. NKU basketball game, Saturday night, Jan. 29

NAB announces contest about electronic media

The National Association of Broadcasters (NBA) has announced an essay contest on "The First Amendment and the Electronic Media." The purpose of the contest is to stimulate "analysis and discussion of the rights of the public and the responsibility of broadcasters under the First Amendment."

The essays will be evaluated on originality of thought and clarity of expression. Judges for the contest include: Herbert Hobler, Nassau Broadcasting Co., William Leonard, CBS, Inc., and David Scribner, Doubleday Broadcasting Co. Inc.

The contest is open to all fulltime and part-time students enrolled in a college university graduate and (undergraduate, professional schools) during the 1976-77 academic year. No essay will be accepted unless prepared for the contest and not previously published. Entrants will be required to assign to NAB all rights, title and interest in the essay submitted.

Entries may be no longer than 2,000 words and must be typed. Essays must be postmarked no later than June 1, 1977, and sent to: First Amendment Essay Contest, National Association Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The winner will be awarded a prize of five hundred dollars.

SG also voted to recommend that:

SG votes to support anti-gun recommendation

Student Government (SG) voted Monday to support recommendation that DPS officers not be permitted to wear firearms in university buildings.

The vote was an endorsement of a minority plank within a general report on the role of DPS submitted to NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright by the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Last semester, SG had voted to support the majority plank within the report which called for DPS officers to wear guns "at all times while on duty."

The minority plank was drafted by the committee's chairman, Dr. Richard Ward, and supported by Ward and John Deedrick, another member.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee's report was discussed Student Forum last students attending the forum voted support the minority recommendation.

"It's kind of surprising," said SG president John Nienaber, "the same people who originated an anti-gun petition in Nov., 1976 came to the forum and supported the minority recommendation.

Discussion at the forum centered around the fear that DPS officers would carry weapons in areas where large numbers of students are likely to gather.

We feel it best that DPS officers not be placed in a position to have to use a weapon in a crowded building, classroom, or office. If such emergencies do arise where a weapon must be drawn and possibly fired, it might be best to allow the confrontation to take place outside of the buildings," according to the Ward-Deedrick minority plank.

The final decision rests with Albright who was given authority to Regents at their last meeting. according to Nienaber.

recommend that the administration reconsider its decision to rehire Susan Heitzman as adviser of The Polaris.

The resolution voted on by SG states, "Because the quality of The Polaris has been questionable since its inception, and because the Student Publications Board, which has a student member, unanimously recommended that a new adviser be found, SG recommends that the administration reconsider decision to retain Ms. Heitzman as adviser and immediately allow the Board to search for a new adviser.'

The vote came after Bob Freking, student member of the Board, spoke at the SG meeting asking members to support the Board in this matter.

"Students are paying for the yearbook out of the Activity Fee and the quality we're getting isn't worth it," Freking said.

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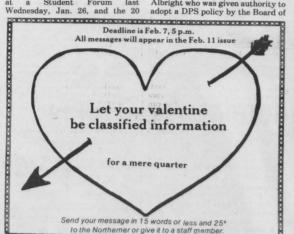
Women Career Conference

'Set Yourself up for Success," a mini-conference for interested in personal and career development will take place on UC campus, Great Hall, Feb. 17, from 12:45-5 p.m.

It is sponsored by Women's Studies, Continuing Education Organization, Career Planning and Placement Center, UC, and is open to all. Call 475-6778 for information.

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Group has only sex appeal

by Gary Webb The Runaways Queens of Noise Mercury

Usually, with a new group, one can write off a debut album (unless it's really good.) If it's mediocre, it'll get better by next time. Well, The Runaways' debut album was not mediocre--it was downright terrible.

off the record

This time, the album is not terrible. Queens of Noise stinks and that's even worse! Honestly, if these young girls didn't have such large, firm, thrusting...guitars (c'mon, this is a family column), I don't know where they would be. Or maybe I do.

At any rate, Kim Fowley, their producer and longtime rock nitwit, should be tied up. Imagine, making these flowers of American womenhood abuse themselves and others onstage and on vinyl. Singing lewd, suggestive songs about lewd, suggestive subjects with the pounding, throbbing, pulsating rythym of the guitars pounding, throbbing and pulsating in the background...pant pant pant. Sounds kinky, don't it? Sure it do! And long live this sort of thing. I hate The Runaways musically but damned if diversity doesn't make the world go 'round.

These girls couldn't carry a tune if it had handles but when you look like Jackie Fox and Cherie Currie, who cares? That sex sells is an old and respected maxim of capitalism. Look at Peter Frampton: you think any of the girls who go to Frampton's concerts care if he bumbles a few progressions? Don't be foolish; girls don't listen to the music anyway, The Runaways are proof of that.

True, Suzi Quatro found out that sex appeal doesn't last long and I suspect The Runaways will discover this shortly, but for the time begin, we might as well enjoy them. They're a novelty and, sadly, there are few of their breed. It's hard to get angry with a group who is so obviously awful. Five stars.



The Runaways: sing lewd songs

Keith Herman Good News Day Midland

Hey, didn't I see this guy on the Gong Show? Two stars.

Review of part of a book

by Ken Colston

Sometimes you stop reading a book because it is tiring. Sometimes you stop because it is contagious. As good music makes you stomp your feet, good writing makes you want to write.

The first 200 pages of LETTERS HOME (a selection of letters the the tragic American poet Sylvia Plath sent home to her mother from 1950 -1963) have so charmed my tongue that, before finishing the whole volume, I would like to recommend it for English majors and women. English majors will want to read the undergraduate letters (the first 200 pages) since they offer hints: early signs of Plath's poetic talent, glimpses of the discipline it took to develop her gift, portents of her tragic suicide ten years later in 1963, just as she was becoming famous. Women will want to read the undergraduate letters because they more directly than biography, more honestly than autobiography, woman intellectual in the 1950's.

The book owes much to Aurelia Schober Plath for having the sense to save her daughter's poetic notes and the nerve to publish her confiding ramblings. The mother edits judiciously and provides a clarifying commentary and a literate introduction which should place her

daughter for readers who have not heard of her.

The undergraduate letters are from Smith College in 1950 - 1955; most are to Sylvia's mother, some to her brother Warren, a few to her mentor Olive Prouty. They are easy to follow (with the editor-mother's bracketed help). They even have a structure. The first 100 pages are sunny, exclamatory, gushy, callow. This is followed by a mute pause (Sylvia's breakdown in 1953, the incidents in her novel THE BELL JAR). The next 100 pages are mature, literary, suspenseful (will Sylvia get the Fulbright? will Harper's accept her poems?)

In them, a girl writer's voice is heard. It has nothing in common with the husky George Eliot or dainty Jane Austen. Plath is a girl writer who in one breath alludes to a Dostoyevsky thesis, in the next speculates on nail polish; who one page golly-gees "Mumsy" and "Cheerio!", on the next paints "the world has split open before my gaping eyes like a cracked watermelon;" who uses her poetry prize money to buy dance shoes.

In the last few undergraduate letters, poetry is being made down to the salutations ("Your citystruck Sivvy, Your galley slave sister, Your puddle-jumping daughter"). There are 12 poems among the undergraduate letters, 23 in the volume. You might buy this Bantam paperback for the poetry alone.

More than Sylvia the girl writer or Sylvia the nascent poet, the main character of the undergraduate letters is Sylvia the college student. To NKU students, her world may at first seem remote. At the exclusive Smith, her life is grazed by a fleet of literary luminaries: Dylan Thomas, W. H. Auden, John Ciardi. In fact, the world of letter writing may itself be foreign to us telephone-talking NKU natives. Nonetheless, we can share her final-exam fright: "small choices and events insurmountable obstacles, the core of life has fallen apart." And we can share her enthusiasm with learning: "I'm being stretched, pulled to heights and depths of thought I never dreamed possible." The undergraduate letters are both remote and universal, fantasy and reality blended together like glitter in grey paint.

Two years ago LETTERS HOME was a Harper and Row hardback and a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. This month it has become a 600-page Bantam paperback costing \$2.50. English majors and women, if you are short on funds, I recommend stealing it. At least the first 200 pages.



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Freshman Lott must earn C average to run

by Steve Martin

John Lott runs fast. Only 10 seconds separate the Owensboro freshman from a four-minute mile, and should Lott ever decide to concentrate on that shorter distance, he could very well threaten the four-minute barrier. But at present, John's forte is distance running...say about five or six miles for striding room, and maybe 40 other runners to pass along the way, so a fellow doesn't get bored. Last fall Lott was consistently the top small college runner in the state. As the finest runner on Northern's 33-3 cross-country team last season, Lott swallowed up the challenges of his

opponents with a swift and flowing kick. But that was last season, and last semester. John Lott's biggest challenge comes now.

Like many intercollegiate athletes orienting themselves to a new academic environment and the chaos of dorm living, Lott suffered through a poor first semester at Northern. The freshman compiled a 1.64 grade-point average. Still, Lott is above the minimum GPA set by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. For the academic year, the NCAA sets the eligibity standard for freshman athletes at 1.60. Following common practice, then, John Lott would have only to

Women, men host major powers

NKU's women basketball team which played Morehead State University Wednesday night will host major college power Western Ky. University tonight at Regents Hall. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Norsemen, meanwhile, will play host to Christian Brothers College tomorrow night at NKU. The men will face one of their biggest tests of the season Monday night when they face the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Regents Hall. Chattanooga, ranked among the top five of Division II schools play Dayton tomorrow

Both mens games are at 8 p.m.

earn a 1.56 GPA this semester to be eligible to run next fall. Lott's coach, however, is Mike Daley, and Daley laces his common practice with a few stern principles. One of Daley's principles is this: A cross-country runner who cannot maintain a 2.0 average cannot run for Northern Kentucky University.

Daley concedes that his 2.0 rule can be an effective tool when he is recruiting high school runners. "Parents are far more impressed with our program when we tell them we demand that C-average." says Daley. But the former Crescent Springs police chief has other motives as well. "First of all, a person can't get out of this college with less than a 2.0 average. And if one ever does, he'll probably be inept at his job. That's why the scholastic average is important in this sport. ESPECIALLY this sport. The John Lotts and other people can't make a living out of cross-country."

Daley notes the circumstances of Lott's poor scholastic average and admits he is "almost tempted" to extend the freshman's grace period. The key word here is "almost." The demands Daley makes of his athletes are in-direct proportion to Daley's respect for cross-country and his self-respect as a coach.

"I may never have an NCAA champion," exclaims Daley, "but I won't have people mooching nickels on the street corner, either."

Athletic Director Lonnie Davis was asked whether he would overrule Daley's 2.0 standard. Davis said he would not.

"Mike and the boys have set high standards for themselves," said Davis. "I'll leave it up to the coach to decide."

Therefore, if John Lott ends this academic year with a '.99 GPA, it is up to Mike Daley alone to decide whether his fastest runner runs next fall. Lott, meanwhile, is determined to see that Daley does not have to make that decision.

"To stay eligible I need a 2.36," says Lott. "I'll get it."

It would be a helluva kick, John.



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Forget the stunts: good play gets spirit

by Rick Meyers

The athletic department has been troubled this season.

The department leaders cannot understand why the school's students do not attend athletic functions. After all, it's free. The school gave out some 5000 Student Activity Cards to see to that.

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The department did the obvious to try to alleviate the problem: Advertise. Invent a nickname (Let's go Hils' Gang!). Throw little basketballs into the stands during halltime. Bring in top competition.

It didn't work.

Few students found their way into Regents Hall, and those who did would not cheer. In fact, they didn't do much of anything -- except sit.

Then a funny thing happened.
The Homecoming game came up.
Northern and Bellarmine College
took the floor in what could have
been the most important game of
the season as far as NKU was
concerned.

The first half was, in plain words, embarrassing for Northern. After all, how many other hometown college crowds can claim the dubious honor of being outcheered by the visiting fans. Especially at homecoming.

Then the second half began. Northern, down by as much as 11 points early in the period, fought back. The fans saw this and actually became visibly excited. A few even clapped after one of Dan Doellman's many 25-foot jumpers.

As the game grew older, so did the tension. The tans became more involved and, by the game's final minute, were cheering loudly.

Northern, for the record, won the game and kept its post-season hopes alive. Pat Ryan hit three free throws in the final minute to preserve the triumph. Basketball could never have been better.

But more importantly, the NKU crowd finally arrived. I have not missed an NKU home game since the school moved to Highland Heights and, in those five years, I have never witnessed Northern fans more emotionally involved than late in that second half. To me, that was just as exciting as Northern's victory.

So, to the worrying athletic department I say this: Forget the full page ads. Abandon the nicknames (the Hils' Gang is corny anyway) and save your grapefruit-sized basketballs.

The Bellarmine-Northern Kentucky battle was the best advertisement a team could ever have.



Jim Rice, Davidson forward

Clark at game

Was he or wasn't he?

Stan Clark popped in seven points for the Rebels in the first game of the men's intramural basketball season, but that's news to him. didn't know anything about it and I wasn't at the game," he said.

"I've known Stan for three years .. and to my knowledge, he did play in our first game," said Craig Gardt, who also played in the Jan. 23 match.

Similar comments came from Rebel Charlie Ferguson and team captain Rick Austin, although both added they didn't know Clark "Very well '

What have we here? an amnesia victim? a poltergeist with a passion for basketball and the ability to assume Clark's form? Ah, the plot thickens!

Stirred to action by Northerner's investigation, Assistant Director of Intramurals Steve Meier sought to exorcise the Rebels' ghost and dug up the proverbial skeleton in the closet. Austin admitted a friend of

During Cold Weather Bring in All **Brass Monkeys**

Ferguson's from Dayton, Ohio was in town and played in the game under the name of Stan Clark, Meier

If their opponents, the team Society for th Advancement of Management (SAM) had lost the game, and had noted the discrepancy between who was playing and whom the roster recorded was playing, the Rebels would have had to forfeit the win, Meier added.

Gene Cantrall, director Intramurals, added he hopes a stiff new policy requiring that Student Activity cards be checked "starting this Thursday and next Sunday, prior to allowing students participate in intramural games will help to stop most of the fraud, as in this case, where Clark had no prior knowledge that his identity was being "borrowed."

"Further," Cantrall said, "players will not be eligible to play in the endof-season tournament unless their activity fee is paid."

Makes triangle complete

Rice brings Bacon home

Triangles usually mean trouble. Lover's triangles are almost always bad news for one or all of its participants. The infamous Bermuda Triangle has claimed many victims and still remains a mystery. And isosceles triangles are associated with math. which is always bad news. But for Northern fans, a triangle means good news for next year.

Jim Rice, an outstanding 6-foot-5 forward from Roger Bacon H.S., Cincinnati, has transferred to NKU from Davidson College and will play for the Norsemen next season.

Rice is the third player from the 1975 Roger Bacon team which won the G.C.L. and AAA District championships to elect to play at Northern. Jim joins Norse star Dan Doellman and reserve center Jerry Hinnenkamp as members of Northern's "Bacon Connection." Roger Bacon coach Hep Cronin is a former protege of NKU head coach Mote Hils. The close affiliation The close affiliation between the two coaches has been instrumental in bringing Doellman, Hinnenkamp, and now Rice to NKU. Rice acknowledged this, saying, "I like his (Hils) style of basketball.

Jim was all - everything his senior year at Bacon, being named firstteam G.C.L. and All-City. He received honorable mention on the All-Ohio team and was a member of the Cincinnati AAU squad which played the Russians and toured Canada. At Davidson, he started every game as a freshman and averaged five pts. and eight rebounds a game, while leading the teams in steals and assists. Jimmy's efforts earned him the Robert McCloud Defensive Award and a place on the Southern Conference All-Rookie Team.

After being recruited his senior year by such big name basketball powers as Notre Dame, South Carolina and Maryland, narrowed his choice to NKU and Davidson. He chose Davidson mainly because, at the time, Jim was interested in a career as a lawyer, and Davidson reputation of being one of the finest law colleges in the country.

Rice cited several reasons for leaving Davidson. The basketball program was in shambles, as evidenced by three coaching three coaching changes in the little over a year that Jim was there. Rice also made reference to a problem of interference from outside forces (specifically alumni)." People not connected to the program had too much to say about how the program was run," he said. "I made a vow that if it ever got to the point where basketball was not fun anymore, I would leave. Basketball at Davidson was not fun."

Jim's decision to come Northern was also influenced by the fact that "I just wanted to come home. I was looking forward to playing with my old teammates.

"It will seem like old times, the three of us together again," added Hennenkamp. Another factor in the transfer was that Jim envisions a career in coaching and he feels this is the best area in which to learn.

The consensus opinion is that Rice will improve the Norsemen in three areas where they have been slightly lacking at times defense, rebounding and depth. "Defensively, he'll be able to guard the quick forward," said Doellman.

While Rice doesn't always score a lot, he makes his presence felt in other ways. "Jimmy will help us because he's so versatile," said Hinnekamp. "He can bring the ball up the court against the press, play inside, and rebound. Although

Rice's main strength is his defense, he is still a definite offensive threat. I've played against Jim many times, and he has so many different moves that he can turn an opponent every which way but loose.

Rice and Doellman should have a positive effect on each other because of their familiarity with each others style of play. Except for the year at Davidson, Jim and Danny have been together since grade school. Both are excellent ball-handlers, and in Rice and Doellman, Northern will have two of the best passing big men around. Rice's rebounding skills, combined with those of Tony Faehr, should make the Norsemen much tougher inside.

Rice and Norse coach Hils display a mutual admiration for each other. "I respect Mote Hils a lot," said Jim. "I'm grateful to him for giving me a chance to come to Northern.

Hils is also happy. "Besides being a fine basketball player, Jim is a fine young man," the Norsemen coach said. "We're very pleased to get

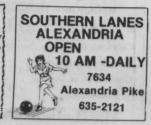
Rice will be eligible to play next January. Hils will have to wait until then to make the Connection" complete.

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The NKU Office of Testing and Psychological Services has announced a reduction in the fee for administering the General Educational Development (GED) test from \$7 to \$5.

The GED test is administered every Thursday and on the second Friday and Saturday of each month in Room 230, Science Building, Highland Heights campus.

For more information, contact Dr. George Rogers, director of testing, at 292-5282.

Dr. George Hall, internationally known lecturer, teacher broadcaster, will conduct a Seminar on Human Cybernetics at the Unity Center in East Walnut Hills on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12 and 13. The public is welcome.

The Polaris staff has scheduled another day for pictures of all faculty and students to be taken. Those who have not yet had their pictures taken should report to the Nunn Lounge, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Kentucky State Board of Education will be holding oncampus interviews for positions in data processing on Tuesday, Feb. 8. For information please contact the Career Services Center, Room S220, 292-5268.

Letters

Parking rules a waste

Parking regulations are a waste of time and paper without enforcement.

The parking spaces reserved for the Athletic Staff are continuously violated, and no action has been taken to reprimand violators.

Don Fuehner of Public Safety said that his officers do not have the authority to tow cars away unless DPS accepts financial responsibility. Mr. Fuehner also charged the Safety Committee with developing a policy before strict enforcement will be possible.

Who will the Safety Committee pass the buck to? If I might make a suggestion, Dr. Price and John DeMarcus have been standard choices when the potato becomes too hot. How' sympathize with those two men.

What do you say committee? Does the buck stop? Or are you going to sit on your hands, attribute the problem to growing pains, and try the usual run-around until this frustrated faculty member gives up?

Recently, members of the Athletic Staff have used their own cars to block violators in. This action has had little effect on students who apparently could not read the reserved signs posted near each

In fact, the only result has been that DPS officers request that we leave our jobs to move our cars. Heaven forbid that

inconvenience that poor violator. Our students tear tickets up. Some students have contests to see who can get the most tickets in one semester. Mom and Dad will pay to

see junior's grades. On Jan. 31, 1977, a DPS officer asked me to move my vehicle because it was blocking two cars parked in the athletic spaces. Both cars were parked in violation but no citations were issued because the officer did not have his ticket book. Perhaps the ticket book frightened students like the sidearms did and some group decided that officers should not carry such threatening literature on campus.

I am tempted to refuse to move my car in the future. That way the violators will have to leave at my leisure, or DPS will tow my car away and I will witness a forceful act by that department before I retire. I'll bet it would cost DPS a great deal of money to tow my car from now until

Gentlemen, all I am asking for is the right to park in a space which I paid twenty dollars for.

(signed) Mike Daley

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People make snow absolutely abominable

Snow. What is there to this remarkable, white, crystallized bit of moisture that turns human beings into inconsiderate animals? What is the reason behind the heart-gripping panic caused by this beautiful product of Mother Nature?

Obviously, no one could really enjoy snow after a whole month of it, but the question is no longer enjoying it while it lasts because it's here to stay for a while. Now it is: How do we cope with the snow and the cold?

Unfortunately, the campus community at Northern is still in the days of childhood, making excuses for their irrational behavior because, "it's snowing, Mommy!" Instead of acting like intelligent adults, the university and its inhabitants are plagued with problems caused by the childish, inconsiderate action of people too worried about themselves and the snow.

Gripe No. One - Parking is at a premium at Northern when the sun is shining and the thermometer says 70 degrees. With the snow and the inadequate plowing done by the campus maintenance people, a parking spot can be a prized possession. Why then do students and faculty alike park so haphazardly that others are trapped between two cars, that only one row of cars can be parked where formerly there were two, that it becomes dangerous to travel down the aisle because you may have to back out if you're not blessed with the luck of the Almighty Snow God of the Arctic and find a spot to park?

Gripe No. Two - These same haphazard parkers are usually the ones who refuse to make driving a lot safer by turning their lights on during dim hours and snow times. They also refuse to completely clean off their cars so that other drivers end up following a mini-blizzard twice as hazardous as the real thing. When they don't clean the snow away from their teillights, it turns routine driving into a guessing game of when-isthis-nerd-gonna-hit-his-breaks?

Gripe No. Three - Of course, the driving and parking problems would be helped if maintenance people were to employ themselves more efficiently, cleaning the lots in a more organized manner. Obviously, the snow has to go someplace, which means gigantic piles rivaling in size with Pike's Peak, but it would help tremendously if these mountains could be placed somewhere other than in the field of vision blocking view of oncoming traffic. Perhaps if the department could get out ahead of the 9 a.m. rush traffic to clear the roads to the lots, students and faculty wouldn't have to drive halfway to lower Slobovia to get to West Pisgah which is only a stone's throw away in the first place.

Gripe No. Four - Once the cars are parked, the traffic becomes pedestrian and in order to assure safe passage, those pedestrians need clean sidewalks. Unfortunately, the maintenance men can't be everywhere at once, but while they were plowing 15-20 foot wide paths to the Fine Arts Farce, students going to the Academic Building were using a narrow trodden path just wide enough to warm the cockles of any tightrope walker's heart. Any student unfortunate enough to still have classes in the much-ignored Keene Complex are still wading through hip-high snow drifts or slipping and sliding over an icy, snowpacked path.

Gripe No. Five - Since this is a commuter campus, and many people begin the day with nine o'clock classes which means leaving home an hour beforehand, especially in bad weather, it stands to reason that the person in charge of cancelling school would wait until everybody got there before doing so. It would definitely be conducive to maintaining one's sanity if he or she could find out before fighting bitter cold, blinding snow, tractionless ice and snail-like traffic that classes were cancelled.

Snow. It is simply amazing the things it can

Maryevelyn Wilson

TV show gives blacks sense of heritage

The ratings are in and they tell us that Americans found a way to beat the cold last week: they stayed home en masse and watched "Roots.

If we can believe Nielsen, more people followed the 12-hour saga of Kunta Kinte and his family than any other show in TV history.

Such a report is ironic when we learn that ABC initially had considerable difficulty getting advertisers interested in "Roots." The feeling was that a predominantly white TV audience would not watch a show (or series of shows) about blacks unless it was a comedy.

While "Roots" may have been lacking in certain aesthetic and historical departments, it was undoubtedly the cultural and emotional event of the season.

It gave blacks in America a real sense of their heritage and offered a portrayal of black strength and independence in the face of white brutality. At a time when American blacks are still accused of being "welfare cheaters," the positive example that "Roots" provided is vital.

'Roots" success in the ratings indicates that

millions of whites tuned in and it is a little shocking in 1977 to hear some of them remark that they had not realized how ugly the institution of slavery was.

No doubt many tears were shed at the thought that young black warriors like Kunte were kidnapped from their families, and taken to a strange land where they were regarded as mere property; a vicious place populated by whites who dehumanized them and by other blacks who ridiculed them for trying to hold on to their African culture.

The story of Kunte and his family did fill in a lot of blanks. It incorporated the black into the American story in much the same heartwarming way that John Ford's films detailed the trials and tribulations of the Irish immigrants to this

Unlike the other immigrants who came to

By making them more aware of where they have been, "Roots" may have helped American blacks more clearly find where they want to go.

America because it was The Promised Land, blacks were forced to settle here.

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