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Norse Earn NCAA Tournament Berth

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

On Sunday night, the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team found out that it had finally earned a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

The Norse, 29-5 overall and 19-0 in the GLVC, haven't played in the tournament since 1981, and have been denied each of the last three seasons, despite finishing 30-3, 30-3 and 28-7 respectively.

"We're ecstatic," head coach Mary Biernmann said. "We can't wait. This is the result of a lot of years of a lot of hard work by a lot of players—not just the ones on this team."

Though NKU won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament over the weekend, it felt there was no chance of making the NCAA Tournament.

Freshman Jessica Buraker said that she is pumped about making the tournament.

"It's awesome. I can't believe it," Buraker said. "All of us just thought that we must not have made it in. We're all happy."

Sophomore outside hitter Jenni Long said she had the same thought.

"I didn't get the call until late, so I thought the chances of us making it

were pretty low," Long said.

On Saturday, talk was of "going out with a bang." The team seemed satisfied with winning the GLVC crown and openly questioned its chances of moving on.

Seniors Becki Fisher and Carrie Blomer each seemed content with

the fact that their careers were over.

Sunday, the team learned it would be traveling to Marquette, Mich., for a Friday evening match-up with Northern Michigan University.

NMU defeated NKU 15-7, 15-6, 15-5 on Oct. 25.

In that match, NKU had trouble

with sophomore middle-blocker Kari McEnroe and junior left-side hitter Lucia Pereira. McEnroe finished with 16 kills and 11 digs, while Pereira added 17 kills and 10 digs.

The Norse also were not at full-strength physically for that match.

"We were sick that weekend,"

senior Becki Fisher said.

The Norse also played with their setter, Molly Donovan, at less than full strength.

Donovan played only two games in the match after missing two matches earlier in the week with a sprained ankle. She played with a brace on her ankle for the NMU match.

Sophomore setter Heather Mizer recorded 47 assists against the Norse.

Northern Michigan, however, lost in three games to Northwood 8-15, 14-16, 10-15 on Saturday. The loss ended a 25-match win streak for Northern Michigan, which is 7-2 all-time versus NKU.

The loss was its first at home this season, and was also the first time the Wildcats dropped even a set at home all year.

NKU lost to Northwood in five games earlier in the season, in what Biernmann called one of her team's best effort.

"I felt like our match with Northwood earlier this year was one of the best we played all season," Biernmann said.

NKU dropped the decisive fifth game to Northwood, 17-15.

Long said that she feels confident that NKU will do better against Northern Michigan the

second time around.

"I think if we play like we've been playing, we can beat anybody," Long said.

Her teammate Becki Fisher agrees.

"If our intensity stays up we can't be beaten," Fisher said.

"We've really stepped up and are ready for whatever stands ahead of us," she added.

At the beginning of the season, coach Mary Biernmann said that playing a tough schedule would earn her Norse a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

But NKU, which has lost to all three other teams in the regional tournament, won't be intimidated by the tough competition.

"It's good that we've seen all of the teams," Biernmann said. "We won't think of them as being so tall."

The winner of the NKU vs. NMU match will face the winner of the Northwood and Michigan Tech match scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m.

"Whatever the outcome may be, we were there," Long said. "And that will be our satisfaction."

Northern Michigan lost to eventual national champion Nebraska-Omaha in the national semifinals in last year's tournament.



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GOIN' TO THE DANCE: The NKU volleyball team, seen here preparing for IPFW on Saturday, found out late Sunday night that it had earned a trip to Northern Michigan for the NCAA Tourney.

Basketball Ticket Policy To Change

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NCAA Division II runner-up NKU men's basketball team will play their first home game on Friday night at 7:45 p.m. in Regents Hall.

NKU will host the four-team John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic on Friday and Saturday.

California (Pa.) University will play Saginaw Valley at 5:30 on Friday.

NKU will then play Central State.

The consolation game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, with the championship game scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

NKU head coach Ken Shields said he is excited about this year's Classic.

"Central State isn't a cupcake like most teams play in their home-opener," Shields said.

"They were down to Transylvania University by 26 points a couple of weeks ago, and came back to beat them,

so they're not duck soup," Shields said.

Shields said that he expects his Norse, who are 2-0 on the season, to overcome Central State's press and win the first-round game.

He also said that, even though California (Pa.) and Saginaw Valley are both formidable opponents, he expects to see Saginaw Valley in the championship game on Saturday night.

Tickets to the tournament will not be free to students on game day. Student tickets will cost \$1.

Campus Recreation, however, has purchased 250 student tickets and will give them out at the Tip-Off Tailgate, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

There are several ticket-policy changes this season.

First of all, the number of student tickets given will be limited to 312. Students will no longer be allowed entrance simply by showing an NKU student ID. Students must go to the student ticket window and will receive a student ticket. Once 312 student tickets are given away, no more students will be permitted entrance into Regents Hall.

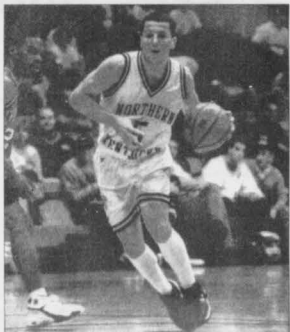
The change isn't as drastic as it sounds, however. Last season, the most student tickets given for any game was 287. "But with the growing popularity in NKU basketball, this could become a real issue this year," Kieth Phillips, Assistant Athletic Director for Development Kieth Phillips said.

The same philosophy goes for general admission tickets. The capacity of Regents Hall is 1,917. Phillips said that this season, when 1,917 tickets have been sold, no more will be available. In the past, NKU sold "standing-room-only" tickets.

This change, Phillips said, is a result of donor complaints. Last season, some athletic department donors bought tickets, but weren't permitted entrance.

"This year, we're not going to oversell under any circumstances," Phillips said.

Student tickets may also be picked up throughout the week prior to the game in Room 254 of the Athletic Department. For more information, contact Kieth Phillips at 572-6922.



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DIAPER DANDY: Freshman guard Craig Conley.

Eating Disorders Rising Among College Women

Becky Bergman
Co Features Editor

How high of a price would you be willing to pay to lose weight?

Millions of Americans spend thousands of dollars each year on exercise equipment and diet plans that promise weight loss. For some the cost of losing weight is higher than money can buy. Some are paying the price with their health, and even their lives. These people are slowly starving themselves to death as they suffer from anorexia and bulimia.

Anorexia and bulimia involve a preoccupation with body weight and food. Anorexics strive intensely to control the types and amounts of food they eat, while bulimics tend to feel out of control in relation to food, which causes bingeing and purging, or vomiting.

In recent times eating disorders have risen tremendously among college students. Eating and weight concerns are prominent among college-age women with almost 20 percent of them suffering from anorexia and bulimia.

Eating disorders begin most frequently when women are between the ages of 16 and 20. These women, many during the early years of college, find themselves

caught in a trap of perfection—believing they need to be perfect. In an attempt to succeed in school and elsewhere, keep up strenuous social lives and have flawless bodies, students are bound for inevitable failure. (The Perfection Trap, Baker, Catherine)

Eating disorders are a result of countless factors. Ridicule or rejection, a move to home or college, a death of a family member, or any number of emotional events can cause these disorders. (The Perfection Trap, Baker, Catherine)

Competition in athletics and pressure to perform make runners and gymnasts highly susceptible to developing eating disorders. These individuals run a ten times greater risk as compared to the rest of the population.

"Running was my identity. I couldn't handle anything less than that," said Diane Rappaport, a teacher at Walnut Hills High School and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. Rappaport suffered from both anorexia and bulimia for approximately 10 years.

Rappaport, who was an active competitor in long distance running, participated in an out-patient and later in an in-patient pro-

gram for eating disorders at Christ Hospital.

She said that the eating disorder began with a diet in which she would only eat one meal a day, which was about half of what a real meal should be. The diet then escalated into vomiting once a day. Over half of the female population in the United States is currently dieting, while 98 percent regain the weight afterwards.

Rappaport said that she joined this inpatient program because many of her friends expressed concern of her rapid weight loss. "Friends of mine were really concerned, so I joined the program at Christ at a suggestion of a nurse there. I was under the impression that they could fix me. Later I found that an eating disorder isn't something you fix, it is something that you work on," Rappaport said.

Rappaport also said that she believes the disorder began because she was at a confusing state in her life and she did not want to make decisions for herself. She believes that due to lack of nutrition, her thought processes were messed up.

"In the hospital I thought that I was making sense, I wasn't. I was a very depressed person, with no clear goals in my life," she added.



Jill Hangen

"These disorders are very secretive in that people usually come to me to talk about other problems and the disorder is revealed through counseling."

-Dr. Jill Hangen, Clinical Psychologist

Now that her disorder is under control Rappaport says she has more time to concentrate on more important things.

"Mentally I look back and see what a waste of time it was to have the disorder because I spent all my time being preoccupied by things I did not even want to think about," she said.

Rappaport said that if she was asked to offer advice to a person struggling with an eating disorder she would say, "Let people know how you're feeling. If you can say 'this is how I feel and this is what matters to me' then you are more likely to get people to respond," she said.

Dr. Jill Hangen, a clinical psychologist at Northern Kentucky University also agrees that a woman should seek counseling in order to deal with an eating disorder. She said that not enough anorexics and bulimics are willing to talk about the possibility that they could have a disorder. She also said

that more often it is parents and friends who come in search of guidance.

"These disorders are very secretive in that people usually come to me to talk about other problems and the disorder is revealed through counseling," she said.

Hangen finds it interesting that in many cases family issues may be related to the disorder. She says that some patients watch their mothers become overweight and feel that it will happen to them. Some even hear their fathers putting down their wives, or other women putting themselves down.

Hangen said that the seriousness of anorexia and bulimia extends to death. Ten to 15 percent of women will die from eating disorders. She feels that the secret to beating these disorders lies in teaching a woman to have a healthy and fit body, rather than a skinny one. "Woman need to feel strong, capable, and happy with themselves," she said.

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Spring Tuition Due Date Changed

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

Dec. 9, 1997. The Tuesday of final exam week. The date tuition and fees for the spring semester are due.

No longer.

The university has changed the due date to Jan. 15, 1998. The change was made so eligible students will be able to take advantage of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

The Hope Scholarship, a portion of the new law, allows students to take up to a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for expenses paid dur-

ing the first two years of postsecondary education. This credit applies only to a full-time student's tuition and fees and does not include scholarships or grants.

Only expenses paid after Dec. 31, 1997, are eligible.

"If we hadn't moved that date, a lot of students would have lost out," said Bob Neumann, Northern Kentucky University's director of Bursar Operations.

In the past, tuition for the spring semester was collected during fall final exams so spring class schedules could be finalized, said Neumann. Students who hadn't paid

their tuition by that time would be canceled out of classes.

"This is something I've been trying to get done for awhile," he said. "By moving the due date, we will benefit many more students than what we had to deal with before."

The timing of tuition payments was another factor in the move, said Neumann.

"From a student's perspective, the worst time to pay tuition is in exam week. That's the last thing student's want to be concerned with."

Neumann said timing of tuition payments is one of the biggest complaints his

office receives.

Another portion of the new law is the Lifetime Learning Credit. This credit is aimed at those who are not eligible for the Hope Scholarship.

It allows eligible students to take a credit worth 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through the year 2002, and 20 percent of the first \$10,000 in tuition and fees after that.

Unlike the Hope Scholarship, only tuition and fees paid after June 30, 1998, are eligible for the Learning Credit.

Neumann said it is important for students

to contact the IRS or a tax consultant to get complete information.

The installment payment plan will also be changed, he said.

In past years, students living on campus had to fill out separate applications for housing and tuition. That meant paying two application fees.

"That was caused by limitations of the old system," said Neumann.

With a new university-wide computer system in place, those payments can now be consolidated, he said.

Lifeguards Save Swimmer

By Jennifer Kohl
Staff Reporter

A busy Saturday afternoon at the Albright Health Center pool turned into an eventful day for lifeguards Laura Ludwig and Cathy Stoltz.

Ludwig and Stoltz helped save the life of a swimmer who had suffered a seizure while in the pool. The name of the swimmer was not released for confidentiality reasons.

According to Cindy Lacey, program coordinator for aquatics and fitness programs at the Health Center, a loud cry for help was heard coming from the deep end of the pool during recreational time on Saturday, November 8.

A man having a seizure was sinking to the bottom of the pool. An unknown lap

swimmer pulled the man up as Laura Ludwig dove in to help pull the man to the side of the pool. She pulled the man to the shallow end and kept him in the water, immobilizing him until he stopped convulsing, said Lacey.

Lacey said because it was a busy weekend afternoon, Cathy Stoltz, a sophomore biology/premed major, was on crowd control.

She was able to get everyone out of the pool and away from the scene, then called DPS, emergency medical technicians and the paramedics. The two girls then got the man out of the water and onto the backboard.

"Even though Laura was the one who actually got in," Lacey said, "Cathy also did a big part. She did exactly what she was supposed to do in responding to an emergency."

-Cindy Lacey

Lacey said she was very happy that the girls reacted the way they were trained. She is happy to know that the practices and procedures she has taught in her six weeks as program coordinator have been implemented.

"It's very exciting and very reassuring to know this," Lacey added. "We have a very professional staff."

Paramedics took the man to St. Luke East Hospital where he was treated and released.

The man was back at the pool the next day as well as the following Saturday when he thanked the girls for what they had done.

Stoltz said that both her and Ludwig were extremely calm through the entire incident. "There was no panic at all," Stoltz said. She even remembers making eye contact with Ludwig right before she hit the water.

"I think it's very ironic that our job is to save lives," said Cathy Stoltz. "Because that's what we did. If we would have messed up one thing, he could have died."

Results of Fall Student Government Elections

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Just My Thoughts

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

Since I'm graduating in a couple of weeks, let me say this now. Congratulations and thank you, President James Votruba.

This week, Northern Kentucky University honors the president with several different celebrations leading up to the installation as fifth president.

If this first semester is any indication, NKU has been placed in the hands of a man who will truly care for it. A man with the vision and drive to lead the school into the next century.

Starting with the reassessment of the football issue, the president has put a firm hand print on this institution.

Thanks for looking at football without blinders on.

He has shown a willingness to listen to NKU's community. He's shown that he will take those

All of NKU Should Say Thank You

thoughts into consideration when making his decisions. He has shown his commitment to NKU.

He assembled a wide variety of faculty, staff, students and other NKU supporters for his Visions, Voices & Values meetings. This group made a two-month whirlwind journey around NKU-land to solicit and gather as much information and feedback from people concerning the future of this institution.

He will give shape to these meetings in his installation speech. He'll outline his visions on NKU's values based on all of our voices.

Thanks for listening. And hearing.

He fronted a group, along with Regents Alice Sparks and Frank Dowling and Provost Dr. Paul Gaston to name but a few, who have put all of us on the verge of seeing a new state-of-the-art \$38

million science building on campus. Thanks for giving the science department a much needed hand.

Thank you for fighting in Frankfort for the students and faculty.

Thank you for freeing up classroom space for all of us. There is still much more work ahead if the president's goal of making NKU a top-flight 21st century metropolitan university is to be reached. Fully capitalizing on the strengths of this university will not happen overnight.

But here's to a great first semester and continued success in the future.

As long as the president can keep doing his favorite new dance, the Votruba, I have a feeling this university will live up to your aspirations.

Thank you.

DPS Reports



Wrong Side Of Road

A DPS officer saw a person driving on the wrong side of Grant Street. The officer reportedly thought the person was attempting to avoid stopping for a woman who was already in the east bound lane crossing to the parking lot. The driver of the first car continued east bound in the west bound lane for an unreasonable distance, the report said. According to the report, the driver was cited for reckless driving, failure to produce proof of insurance and no registration receipt.

Weight Complaint

DPS received a complaint about a large group of men using the

weight room. The report said that the caller believed that these people were not authorized to use the weight room. The caller also said that he thought the weight club had only been authorized for four members. The officer reported that he contacted the manager of the weight club. The manager said that he and four members, plus one guest and a baseball player were using the room. The stereo was playing loud, and the manager explained that this was normal, according to the report. The officer told him if he wanted to have a guest it needed to be cleared first.

Falling Pumpkins

On Nov. 11, DPS received a call from Norse Hall complaining about a pumpkin being thrown.

The report said an unknown male threw a hand sized pumpkin at a person from a second story landing. The area was searched by two officers and nothing was found, according to the report.

Hiding In Woods

During a routine patrol by the dorms, two DPS officers reported seeing a person leaving the woods behind Woodcrest and Oak carrying a large package. When the officers approached the person to question him, he ran. A officer ran up the stairs after the person, according to the report. When the officer caught up with the person he was carrying a case of Miller Light under his coat.

CAMEO

NKU's student literary journal is currently accepting submissions of poetry, fiction and short drama for its 1997-1998 issue

Please limit submissions to 1 short story (maximum 15 pages), 5 poems, or 1 one-act play (maximum 15 pages)

Short stories/dramas must be typed and double spaced. Poems, one per page. Please include your name & telephone number.

Deadline: December 15, 1997

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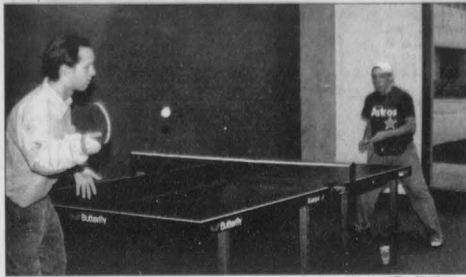
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New Game Room A Big Hit



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PINGING IT OUT: Christopher Reed, education major, and Troy Scott, undeclared, play ping pong to rid themselves of the Winter Blues.

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

Ok, so here it is the first few weeks in to winter, and already you are depressed. The weather outside is completely nasty, you're sick and you have more work than you even want to think of doing. What do you do? Go to the University Center Game Room in the Student Lounge and play ping pong of course!

Moving the Game Room from its dark corner of the UC and bringing it into daylight by placing it right off the first floor lobby was a good move, even if Delta did inspire it.

This year has seen ping pong tournaments, pool matches and other game room rivalries increase dramatically.

For a campus of students who are constantly accused of being apathetic, it seems odd to find a rising interest in simply hanging out in the UC Game Room.



Anna Weaver/The Northern
LININ' UP: Randy Crouch, accounting major, takes a break to play pool.

Professor Takes Students To Prison

Becky Bergman
Co Features Editor

On Nov. 12, 15 Northern Kentucky University students and their professor went to prison.

After extensive background checks and a brisk trip through the metal detector, Dr. Stephen Richards, of the Sociology Department, and his students were permitted to tour the Federal Medical Center. This medium security prison is located in Lexington Kentucky.

FMC Lexington is one of 90 Federal Bureau of Prisons correctional facilities. It is an administrative level institution for male inmates due to the fact that in addition to it's correctional mission, it also serves as a medical referral center.

Students had the opportunity to tour the dining halls, holding facilities, TV rooms and the law library.

Statistics provided by the tour guide said the average age of the prisoners in this institution is 39.5. Approximately 59 percent of all the prison offenses committed at FMC Lexington are drug related. The daily cost of confinement for the prisoners is \$73.23 a day, and \$26,729.00 a year per prisoner.

Zak Kaiser, justice studies major, said he was very surprised at the appearance

of the prisoners.

"I was surprised to see that the inmates were not the hardened criminals that the media wants you to believe. Rather, they look much like any of the faculty and students at NKU," Kaiser said.

Sociology major Cathie Connatser said, that upon entering the prison she was quite nervous because many of the inmates walked right next to her without handcuffs or shackles. Later she said she felt less threatened and more comfortable.

"I couldn't tell who was a violent person and who wasn't. They were all just people," she said.

Amber Frederick, psychology, law enforcement and nursing major said, she was surprised by all of the elderly people, some in wheel chairs, that were incarcerated.

Frederick said that she was disappointed by the tour because the prison was a medical facility, yet the students were not permitted to see any parts of the medical division.

The students were also introduced to UNICOR, a company run by about 500 prisoners, and is one of the most profitable companies in America. This company operates a Customer Service Center, Print Plant, an Automated Data



Becky Bergman/The Northern
JUST VISITIN': Dr. Stephen Richards and some sociology and criminal justice students visit the Federal Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

Processing Center and an Electronic Cable Factory. Inmates get the opportunity to work and earn money while in prison.

Dr. Stephen Richards, who has his Ph.D. from Iowa State, and a Bachelors Degree and Masters from the University

of Wisconsin, said that he feels UNICOR is a productive program.

"UNICOR is a good program because it gives federal prisoners not only a chance to earn and save money to send to their families, it's a chance to earn some dignity and be a men," Richards said.

Looking For A Few Good Students

Presidential Ambassadors Recruiting

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

Have you ever wondered what all those students wearing the khaki pants, a white shirt and a black cardigan with an Northern Kentucky University emblem on it are doing?

They are not just giving tours to the

boards of high school students who visit NKU every year.

"Presidential Ambassadors serve as hosts/hostesses for the university and represent NKU at several functions," Erin Owen, a presidential ambassador, said.

"I would bet that most people don't even know who those people are in their little outfits," she said.

Presidential Ambassador April Kinman said they are searching for new members.

Some of the P.A.'s duties include: giving campus tours, assisting at and organizing or sponsoring school events. They also attend the regional and national Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation Conference.

"I think we need more Presidential Ambassadors. Since we are students, school comes first. This comes second. I

wish we had more people to cover events. We are now accepting applications for membership," Kinman said.

Owen said part of the reason they are having trouble recruiting may be due to the lack of student awareness.

According to NKU's web page, the Presidential Ambassadors work closely with the Office of Admissions, University Relations, Alumni Affairs and the Office of the President.

"When you are wearing the uniform, people are looking at you as the image of NKU," said Owen.

Kinman has been a P.A. for three years, and intends to continue until December

1998, when she graduates. She is a senior education major, and hopes to teach high school students.

"[P.A.'s] gives me experience with people the age that I wish to teach," Kinman said.

"I learn to deal with them on a personal level." Kinman said she enjoys getting the chance to network with special guests.

When Sally Davis, Kentucky Senator Paul Patton's education liaison, visited the campus Kinman gave her a tour.

Owens had a different reason for wanting to be a P.A.

"I live on campus. So I know the campus really well," she said.

However, Kinman said she doesn't want prospective members to think the group is boring.

"We're a fun group too," Kinman said.

"We're not all work." After meetings the group goes out to eat together, playing volleyball and a trip to a haunted house.

"My very best friend in the whole world I met through Presidential Ambassadors," Kinman said.

To join the Presidential Ambassadors, a student must be of at least sophomore standing, have a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Be a full time NKU student, and be willing to commit up to three hours a week to events, tours and meetings.

For more information, contact the Student Life office at 572-6514.

Wednesday, Nov. 26
No Classes!

Thursday Nov. 27
Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 20

• Reproductive Health Clinic
University Center 3rd floor Health Counseling and Testing

• Women in Transition Meeting
UC 232
12:15 p.m.

• Installation Luncheon (invitation only)
UC Ballroom
11:30 a.m.

• Presidential Installation Ceremony
Greaves Concert Hall
2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21

• Alpha Jewels Skee Jam
UC Grille
10 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

• Volleyball ISU Event
Health Center
1 p.m.

• Anointed Voices Gospel Choir Holy Day Concert
Baptist Student Union
6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

• Artificial Intelligence discussion
UC 303
1 p.m.



Thanksgiving?

Interesting. A society that sets aside one day a year to express being thankful. What about the other 364 days? This holiday advocates being thankful other days, but also sets aside one day just for "being thankful." But where do we draw the line. What is a genuine holiday, and what should not be celebrated?

Thankfully, (no pun intended) we, as a society, haven't set aside one day a year for things in life like: giving, oh wait, that's Christmas; well love then, no that's Valentines and Sweetest Day; or just a day off from our hard jobs, no, that's Labor Day.

Maybe we should consider ourselves lucky. It could be a lot worse.

If our society continues in the trend of creating a new "hallmark" holiday every ten years or so, here are some of the holidays we could have by the year 2080:

- Gripe Day- A day when you can say anything about anyone or anything you want. No qualms or worries about consequences, just a stress reliever.

- National Household Appliance Day- A day to show the forgotten waffle maker you still care.

- Beaver Day- Ticked off by the fame of the groundhog, the beaver now predicts how short the summer will be.

- National Neighborhood Day- Live in harmony with your neighbors by spending a whole day with them. This is quickly followed by the "Neighborhood Wars Week," when you can get back at them for not raking the leaves up that blew into your yard.

- School Day- When students attend school instead of being off for one of the many holidays.

Of course, the best thing to do would be not to create new holidays, but take time to reflect about the meanings of the holidays we already celebrate. Thanksgiving is not just a day off of school, or a "day of good food."

More importantly it is a day many spend with their family, or take time to think about what is important in their life.

This holiday season take time to do something for somebody less fortunate than you. By helping, you will feel good about yourself. You may even learn a little more about yourself. That would truly be something to be thankful for.

Corrections

In last week's edition, Miss Black and Gold 1997, Laura Turner, was incorrectly identified as Lauren Turner.



NKU Being Sued By Student

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to a lawsuit pertaining to the math requirement for teacher certification at NKU. Denise Pangburn, an elementary ed. major, has sued the school because the highest grade she has received in Math 141, a basic course, is a "D." Although this fulfills the state requirement, NKU requires a "C" before a student is allowed to teach. Ms. Pangburn believes this is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) since she has been diagnosed with a math disability.

Section 504 of ADA states that "no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall be subjected to discrimination under any program receiving federal financial assistance." (29 USC 794) However,

requiring Ms. Pangburn to pass a course required of all elementary education majors is not discrimination, with or without her learning disability.

As a pre-service special education teacher, I have made reasonable adaptations for primary children with learning disabilities to pass their math classes. These adaptations may include: longer periods of time to take a test, reading tests to students, and allowing students to take tests alone in rooms without distractions. Primary students with learning disabilities are still required to pass their math classes before being promoted to the next grade. The same adaptations that are made for primary students were and continue to be available to Ms. Pangburn and any other university students with a federally

recognized disability.

Student Support Services is a federally funded program, through the United States Department of Education, designed to give a hand to university students who need assistance in their studies. One of the qualifiers of this program is a federally recognized individual and group tutoring, academic advising, as well as personal and peer counseling, all at no charge to the student. If Ms. Pangburn had been denied these services, then the university would have been in direct violation of section 504 of ADA. However, none of the information given supports this claim. As a matter of fact, Ms. Pangburn was granted permission to retake the class on an independent study basis.

Northern Kentucky University is

not to blame here. In recent years, NKU has boasted the highest pass rate of the eight regional universities on the National Teachers' Exam (NTE). In addition, Northern raises the state requirements for teacher certification. If anything, NKU is attempting to increase the quality of future teachers as well as today's educational system as a whole.

If a pre-med student could not pass his anatomy class, we would not expect him to go on to practice medicine. Why should we expect any less of our education students? Do we really want an educator who can not pass her basic math course teaching our children math?

Sincerely,
Heather Bedel
Special Education Major, NKU

End Of Semester Blues

Jennifer Turnau
Business Manager

Note to all students: the semester is almost over!

I'm not sure about anyone else, but this semester has been rough. I'm not exactly sure why, maybe there is something in the water, or I am simply getting burnt out. Being that I'm half way through my fourth year, the latter of the two would be the most likely reason.

This lack of motivation affected my social, academic and home life. All of the things that I used to simply "wake up and do" became chores that I had little-to-no interest in.

There is only about one month left in this semester, and I figure that there are other students in my position, so I thought I would offer some advice to let you know what helped me.

First, I saw a doctor. I know, it sounds silly to make an appointment because you can't get motivated. At first I felt like I was wasting the doctor's time. Until I found out I did in fact have a medical condition that can be helped, a sleeping disorder.

Since my sleep I have felt awake, alive and eager to start each new day.

I'm not saying that senioritis couldn't be the simple answer to a lot of students' motivational problems. I'm just saying that other possibilities shouldn't be ruled out.

A second motivational tool is your friends and family. They need you and depend on you. Remind yourself of that. Tell someone close to you that you need a pep talk, and listen. A good friend is always there to listen, and can help you through the toughest of times.

Third, enjoy the break that is coming up. Take the opportunity to relax, spend time with friends, and to pump yourself up for the spring semester, even if it's not your last. Take some days for yourself, and utilize some for going out and releasing tension, that has built up due to papers, projects, midterms and finals.

Finally, look to the future. I know that it can begin to feel like each day of classes is lasting forever, and that you will never get out of college. Suddenly, you will only have one semester to go and the light at the end of the tunnel will be visible.

This message goes out to all students. College should be fun, the prime of your life, so treat it that way. Just remember the dream job you are here for. It's not really that far away.

Keep Up The Good Work

Dear Northern Staff,

I just wanted to congratulate you on the positive changes you have made in the paper this semester. I now look forward to each new copy as something worth reading, not just a time filler between classes. The articles are informative and well written. I am impressed with the writings of News Editor Kevin Goheen. He mixes humor with respect for his peers, and for mankind in general. There is a much needed maturity in his style.

I also appreciate the addition of the Campus Calendar. At a glance, I can see what is going on at the university as well as within the community. In the past, events were reported on a week after they took

place. I now can make plans to attend an event instead of lamenting the fact that I missed it.

Congratulations also to Chris Cole for the wonderful Basketball Preview. I'm glad to see the NKU sports teams getting the type of coverage they deserve. The soccer and volleyball coverage has been great, also.

Keep up the good work, Northern. Set goals and standards for future reporters to strive for in order to continue the success of the paper. Thanks again for the positive changes you have made.

Sheryl Jackson
Senior Elementary Education Major

Students Don't Have Time

To the Editor,

The administrators and students, including a few writers of *The Northerner*, who bash the apathy of my fellow students are misguided and illogical in their reasoning. Although I am very content with the quality of education I receive on this campus and the rapport the professors have with students, I am astounded that people can continue belittling my fellow students for not participating in campus politics and attending athletic events. For the record, I did attend a forum in January and spoke out against football since my hard-earned money should be spent on programs that support my education and all students should be able to vote on issues in which their money goes towards non-educational programs. Likewise, I wrote all the Board of Regents (minus Chris Saunders) concerning the football issue with zero responses. Now that the football issue has died for the moment, I have yet to hear anyone publicly admit regret; however, some SGA representatives will tell you privately that the whole affair was rushed.

Although I have yet to meet our current president, I am impressed with his logic. I

wrote him last spring concerning the football issue while he was still working at Michigan State. Unlike the members of the Board of Regents, I received a letter from him in which he said he would thoroughly study football. He even went so far as to invite me to discuss the issue with him at his NKU office once he was settled after the move. I am for the moment very pleased with his work, especially since he helped shift thinking from the illogical to the logical. Furthermore, he seems very open-minded and willing to accept suggestions from the public.

Even though Mr. Votruha has smoothed over campus hostilities, I am hesitant to participate in the political process since students as a whole are being invited only halfway. Sure, we can attend SGA meetings, run for office and attend forums. But how about the issues? Why can't students as a whole vote on the sports fee? Surely permitting students the right to vote on issues and not just SGA candidates would put less pressure on SGA representatives and put more power in the hands of the students as a whole—those very people who are paying for sports. Enough of the surveys

and petitions! All students should be allowed to vote on issues. Besides, we are the customers and the university exists to meet our needs as a whole. Without a doubt, we outnumber all workers on campus and our tuition supports the salaries, costs and outstanding debts on nearly equal par as the Kentucky taxpayer.

Students are apathetic because they are being left out of a process, have no time and/or have no desire whatsoever because they feel an issue or event brings little or no rewards as compared to others. Please, quit deriding people for not attending athletic events like volleyball. Nothing against the players, but many students and the faculty have more productive things to do. In the grand scheme of life, a college athletic event does not quite rank up there with taking care of children, studying to complete a class, working in order to subsidize and attend school, preparing a lecture, volunteering, and spending time with friends and family.

Sincerely,
Darryl Rogers

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NORTH POLL

HOW DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT JAMES VOTRUBA HAS DONE SO FAR?

Jason Ellis
Undeclared
Covington



"He's doing a pretty good job."

Amanda Monahan
Theatre
Louisville



"Honestly I haven't heard. I knew we had a new president but that is all."

Greg Stautberg
Undeclared
Cincinnati



"Considering this is my first year, I can't really tell a difference. But I hear he's doing a good job. My teachers always talk about how friendly he is."

Christie Saufley
Nursing
Ft. Thomas



"I haven't known him long enough to know what he's done, except for football. And I agree with that."

Kelly Pies
Communications
Cincinnati



"I think he seems really dedicated to the school and doing a good job."

Dave Tipton
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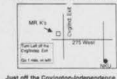
"I wouldn't know if he's doing a good job or a bad job. I agree with him not sucking us into football."

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DONOVAN DELIVERS: NKU junior setter Molly Donovan sets during Saturday's championship match. Donovan played a major role in the Norse's return to the top of the GLVC.

By Beth Ramer
Staff Reporter

It was the battle everyone had been waiting for all year—NKU versus IPFW. When the dust finally cleared, the Norse were crowned Great Lakes Valley Conference champions.

On Saturday, NKU defeated arch-rival IPFW 15-10, 15-10, 13-15, 8-15, 15-12 to win the conference title.

"I do not think it could have been any more dramatic," said NKU head coach Mary Biermann. "I have never been in a match like that."

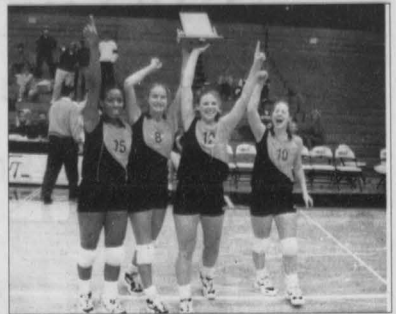
"Every point was played so hard, nothing was easy," Biermann added. "Momentum was going this way and that way...It was a great match any way you look at it."

Leading the Norse against IPFW were sophomores Jenny Jeremiah and Jenni Long. Jeremiah recorded 18 kills and 79 digs, while Long finished with 17 kills and 18 digs.

Senior Carrie Blomer added 15 kills, seven digs and four block assists.

Liz Lamping also helped the Norse with four service aces, while Molly Donovan had 55 assists to lead the Norse.

"All our hard work paid off and I think coming into today and this tournament we realized we were going to win," Donovan said. "I think it is just a feeling you have and I could tell by the look on



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SENIOR SUCCESS: Seniors Jennifer Thomas, Carrie Blomer, Becki Fisher and Danielle Froelicher celebrate their GLVC title.

IPFW's faces in the fifth game that their confidence was shaken."

This marks the second GLVC crown for NKU in three years. The Norse defeated IPFW for the conference title in 1995 also.

Over the last 14 years, NKU and IPFW have combined for 11 conference titles.

Norse seniors Becki Fisher, Carrie Blomer, Jennifer Thomas and Danielle Froelicher will leave NKU with two conference championships.

"It was a major motivation to win it for the seniors," Biermann said. "Between the four seniors, they had six surgeries, but they kept trying and playing. We were in it for our

seniors; to send them off right."

Following the match, the four seniors led the celebration. Fisher said that she was happy to win the conference championship again, and that in a way, she was happy it was over.

"It feels good to go out with a bang. As seniors our ultimate goal this year was to win the GLVC. Not only just the win, but the teamwork it boiled down to," Fisher said. "Every match this season some person stepped up on our team and helped us go over the hump."

"I do not think that we had a most valuable player, I think we have the most valuable players," Fisher added.

Norse Stumble Out Of The Gate

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NKU women's basketball team lost its season opener to Ashland University 73-71 on Saturday in Regents Hall.

"We played hard," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said. "Ashland is a good team, and we had to fight back early."

The Norse fell behind 11-1 to start the game. NKU turned the ball over nine times in the first seven minutes, but regained its composure and eventually tied the score at 17.

Freshman Michele Tuchfarber gave the Norse a boost off the bench. Tuchfarber entered the game and immediately made her presence known.

She began collecting steals, points and assists. And NKU began building a lead.

"The first half, Michele really

sparked us," Winstel said.

Tuchfarber said she was a little nervous before the game. "Coach Winstel told me that she's going to

count on me this year, so I have to do what's best for everybody," she said.

The Norse entered halftime with a 10 point lead.

NKU struggled from the outside during the first half, the team's field-goal percentage dropped to 30.8 in the second half.

"The second half, I felt we just gave up some key things at key times," Winstel said.

Winstel said she felt her team stopped playing aggressively during the second half.

Tuchfarber said that it was nothing Ashland was doing differently. "We just shot the ball poorly from the outside," Tuchfarber said.

Ashland fought back to eventually take a 65-64 lead. Tuchfarber then hit her only three-point attempt of the evening to give

NKU what would be its final lead at 67-65.

Junior center Shannon Smith would add two free throws and Tuchfarber would add another basket for NKU, but it would not be enough.



Michele Tuchfarber

Ashland forward Jodi Dobransky would sink an 18-foot jumper with two seconds remaining to give AU the 73-71 victory.

Dobransky finished the game with 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting.

"I just felt it tonight. I wanted the ball—especially in the second half," Dobransky said.

Tuchfarber said that the loss was a major disappointment, but that she is confident NKU can recover. As for her performance, Tuchfarber said she was not totally satisfied.

"I need to improve and stay consistent, but I just want my team to win," Tuchfarber added.

Winstel said that she isn't worried about her team's confidence.

"It's tough to lose your first game at home, but it's not the end of the world," Winstel said. "We'll be all right. We're not going to throw in the towel yet."

Norse Win Pepsi Tip-Off Classic

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NKU men's basketball team, anxious to prove that this won't be a rebuilding year, won the first annual Pepsi Tip-Off Classic over the weekend.

The Norse began their season 2-0, recording victories over Arkansas Tech and LeMoyne-Owen.

On Friday, NKU narrowly defeated the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech 68-62.

The Norse, up only by one point late in the game, got a spark from senior Demond Lane. Lane made a three-pointer with less than 10 seconds remaining to push the lead to four.

Junior transfer Scott Marston led the Norse with 16 points.

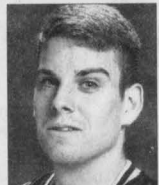
On Saturday, Marston scored 15 for NKU in the 81-57 victory over LeMoyne Owen. He shot 83.3 percent on three-point range, connecting on five of six.

Freshman Craig Conley led the Norse to the 24-point victory with 16 points. Conley shot 5-for-9 from the field and converted on 75 percent of his three-point attempts.

As a team, NKU shot 73.3 percent from three-point range on Saturday.

Senior center Cliff Clinton added 20 points and 13 rebounds during the tournament.

Marston earned Most Valuable Player honors for the tournament.



Scott Marston

IPFW Coach Is Embarrassing

Cole's Pit

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor



The Darker Side of Sports

On Saturday afternoon, NKU's volleyball team earned the GLVC championship.

At the same time, IPFW head coach Tim Heffron earned a trip.

A trip to Cole's Pit.

Following the hard-fought five-game match on Saturday, Heffron

made an ass of himself.

He lost control of himself while arguing a call.

The match ended when IPFW senior Dottie Porch hit the ball into the out-of-bounds antenna.

Heffron obviously felt the ball had not touched the antenna. After throwing his clipboard and berating the line judge, Heffron continued his tirade at officials and anyone who would listen.

The scene was embarrassing.

Let me just say something very quickly. The players of IPFW handled the situation like mature adults. They were very professional and acted appropriately.

Heffron, on the other hand, acted

like a child.

His actions were embarrassing to not only himself, but to college athletics, the Great Lakes Valley Conference and Indiana Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

One IPFW fan, who described himself as an "IPFW fan, parent and professor," said afterwards that Heffron's tirade will, regrettably, tarnish the image of IPFW.

He apologized for Heffron's actions and expressed his embarrassment for the whole situation.

The fact is, professors should not be forced to apologize for coaches. If Heffron, or any other coach, cannot control himself on the court, he should not be coaching.

IPFW worked hard all season to have a chance to play for the conference title.

The Mastodons have earned respect for their continuous success and hard work.

I feel it is a shame that Heffron has tarnished that.

Three years ago, after IPFW defeated NKU at Regents Hall, the team accidentally dumped a water jug all over press row.

Heffron, afterwards, wrote a letter to NKU's athletic department apologizing for his team's behavior.

This time, IPFW should write a letter to NKU apologizing for the actions of its coach.

Better yet, they should fire the jerk.

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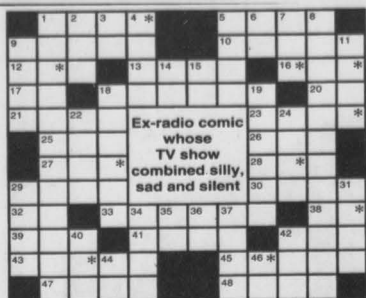
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A close friendship helps you through tough times. Keep the lines of communication open at work and home.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
There could be changes at work, or you may begin to think about a new career. Take time before making major decisions.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
There is a good chance you will have unexpected company, so make sure the refrigerator and cupboards are stocked.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
A long talk with a loved one proves beneficial to both of you. Be wary of schemes or promises that sound too good to be true.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
You may have mixed feelings about an upcoming event. Do what makes you feel most comfortable; there is no reason to stress out.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
There is no reason to feel selfish just because you need to do what is best for you. A young person may need advice about a personal matter.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Someone from your past may try to get your attention. It might be best to avoid this person; follow your instincts.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
Time spent working on a worthy cause helps fill a void you have been experiencing. It may be necessary to take a short business trip.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
A child may share a story that reminds you of your past. Look into buying a new computer or software to help complete a project.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
A business deal may not go quite the way you expected. It is important to take a moment to see if you are on track to achieve your objectives.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
A friend wants to make important changes in his life, but he may need your help to do so. Make some early Christmas or Hanukkah gifts.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
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