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Close, But No Cigar

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

The differences were subtle, but they made all the difference in the world.

Last year, when the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team faced California State University at Bakersfield, it was in the quarterfinals of the Elite Eight. This year, it was in the NCAA Division II championship game.

Last year, the Norse won by one point, 56-55. This year, the Roadrunners came away with the victory and the national title, 57-56.

Last year, Andy Listerman sank the winning shot against CSUB off a pass from his brother Kevin Listerman. This year, Andy missed a shot off a pass from Kevin that would have won the game and the championship for the Norse.

The Norse lost their second consecutive national championship game in Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center on Thursday afternoon before 2,840 people in the stands and millions of people watching on CBS national television.

"It hurts to lose," senior Shannon Minor said, "But people wish they could be in our position and go to two national finals."

The Norse players and coaches were confident coming into the game. They appeared to be relaxed at their practice on Friday afternoon.

"I really thought we were going to win," NKU head coach Ken Shields said.

The finish of the game had to make the CBS executives smile. A one-point game with the outcome in question until the final horn sounded makes it hard to change the station.



Cliff Clinton turned in another strong performance in a losing cause this time. He had his second double-double of the tournament with a team high 12 points and 11 rebounds. Clinton had 18 points and nine rebounds on Wednesday against Texas A&M-Commerce, and 13 points and 14 rebounds Thursday against Lynn (Fla.).

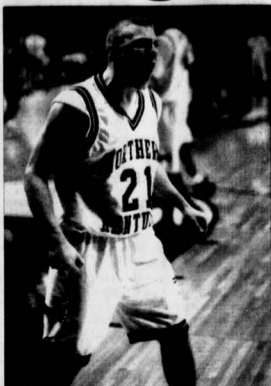
CSUB's All-American Kebu Stewart, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, missed the front end of the one-and-one bonus twice in the final minute to give the Norse a chance at victory.

With 3.3 seconds left Todd Clark threw a baseball pass the length of the court. It hit off a Bakersfield player and went out of bounds under NKU's basket.

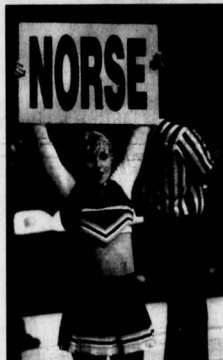
That set up Listerman's shot which came up short, and Michael Jackson pulled down the rebound as time expired.

"I think I was fouled," Listerman said. "They were letting a lot of

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NORSELAND:
(Above left) Andy Listerman takes one last shot at the National Championship title. (Above right) Listerman explains to the referee that he was fouled. (Left) An NKU cheerleader rallies the crowd in the final minutes of the game.

NKU Speech Team Cleans Up At Nationals

Staff Report

After two years of planning and hard work, the Northern Kentucky University Speech Team not only hosted a successful national conference and tournament but the NKU competitors also came out successful.

The Pi Kappa Delta National Conference and Speech and Debate Tournament was held at NKU on March 18 - 22. Approximately 75 schools, bringing an estimated 850 students, attended.

The event kicked off with conferences and a reception at the Drawbridge Estate, NKU Speech Coach Durrell Hamm said.

At the reception a Kentucky atmosphere was created by setting the room a like a race track. Students and coaches volunteered to be horses and jockeys for the horse races. The students were given "play" money in to bet on the races.

Competition began on March 19 at NKU and continued through the 22.

After a day of competing on March 19, the students were invited to a student mixer at the Drawbridge featuring a "casino night" and raffle. Lisa Washnock, former Pi Kappa Delta student president said. Once again the students used "play" money to play Black Jack and other games.

"The mixer was a lot of fun and it really gave everyone a chance to relax from competition and to meet people from other schools," junior NKU speech team member, John Nelson said.

The conference/tournament ended on Saturday, March 22 with a formal awards banquet at the Drawbridge, Hamm said.

The banquet started with dinner

and the inauguration of the new Pi Kappa Delta president, Washnock said. After several speakers, awards for the competition began.

The NKU team took several awards, Senior NKU speech team member Liz Dixon said.

"The most prestigious award we received was for the most outstanding chapter (team) in the Southeast Province," she said.

The team was also awarded for excellence in Individual Events overall.

Freshman Sarah Kyle received an excellence in Informative Speaking and Dramatic Interpretation. Freshman Jessica Rohrkasse was awarded for excellence in informative speaking and Group Discussion.

Freshman Jill Grimm and seniors Vicki Honroth and Gina Holt were awarded for excellence in Group Discussion. Junior Todd Adkins and seniors Mike Hoerlein and Dixon received superiors in Group Discussion. Dixon received an excellence in After Dinner Speaking and Hoerlein received an excellence in Rhetorical Criticism.

"I am very excited for the entire team," Hamm said. "A month ago, the NKU students proved they can compete with the best in the state and now with the best on the national level."

A lot of planning and hard work from the entire team went in to this tournament, he said. "I am relieved and happy about how well the tournament went overall."

"This was one of the best run and friendliest tournaments I have ever been too," Rudy Dunlop, senior competitor from Appalachian State in South Carolina said. "I hope I have a chance to experience the hospitality of NKU again."

Three Choices, One Decision

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

The presidential search is coming to a close.

In two weeks, Northern Kentucky University will have a new president to guide it into the 21st Century.

The three presidential hopefuls, Dr. Marlene Strathe, Dr. Donald Mash and Dr. James Votruba, toured NKU's campus, spoke to its various administrative leaders, community members, students, faculty and staff during the week of March 10.

The decision now comes down to who is the best person for the job. Each candidate has the credentials for the job, said Bob Zapp, chair of the presidential search committee. Now it is in the hands of the Board of Regents he said.

"I was impressed with Dr. Mash's speaking ability," said Student Governmental Affairs Chair, Bryan Servizzi. "He seemed to care about the University, its students and faculty. The other

candidates seemed to care about how things looked on paper and not public and student/faculty relations. At this point in the university's growth, student apathy should be a concern and Dr. Mash seems to want to get involved in what this university needs."

The first candidate to visit, Strathe, said she was impressed with the university. The first item on her agenda, should she be selected as president, is to work on

community relations.

"We are all part of a single community. If we don't work together, we won't advance our university," she said. "It will happen."

Mash, the second candidate to visit, said it will be difficult to venture on campus in the beginning because the rift that has divided the campus

over the football issue. Difficult, he said, but "do-able."

"I do have the backbone [to handle the tough issues], but it takes more than backbone," Mash said. "It takes a willingness to listen, understand and think every aspect through."

Votruba, who spoke to the groups last, said NKU's location is one of its best assets.

"NKU is a metropolitan university closely linked with the region it serves," he said. "With that in mind, it can only allow the uni-

versity to grow."

Who ever the president will be, Tim Yacks, Executive Vice President of Student Government said accessibility should be his/her main goal.

"The president of NKU must be accessible to all facets of the campus community... from the students to the faculty staff," he said.

"Since I think the students are such an integral part of the university, it is beneficial to allow the students a chance to meet with and discuss relevant issues with the presidential

candidate. The students should be commended on such a large turn-out and interest in this process of selecting NKU's next president."

The regularly scheduled March 26 Board of Regents meeting was cancelled in

preparation for the April 2 meeting; the meeting to decide who the choice will be for the next president, said Jim Poston, Board of Regents chair.

On April 4, at 11:00 a.m., in Greaves Hall, the next president on NKU will be announced.

"Student support is expected and appreciated," said Travis Turner, vice president of public relations. "As a student body, we should develop a growing relationship with the new president, whomever he or she may be."



Marlene Strathe



Donald Mash



James Votruba

H₂O: Unspoken Problem

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

Towns as distant apart as Falmouth, Ky., to Portsmouth, Oh. were affected, leaving some residents wondering if they should try to rebuild in those areas again.

Flood waters have destroyed everything from houses to schools, even cities' courthouses, leaving President Bill Clinton to declare 16 counties disaster areas.

Another aspect of the flooding that the public has not heard or seen

much coverage about is whether this kind of major flooding can also cause the environment to suffer.

Kevin Strohmeyer, president of Environmental Technologies and Solutions, Inc., says the damage caused to the environment should not be significant.

He cites the strict rules governing the location of fuel tanks on flood plains as one important measure that protects the soil from spills.

Strohmeyer said the major damage caused by the flooding that residents should be aware of is the damage to water quality.

"The biggest problem is water degradation, the quality of the water," Strohmeyer said.

But the water will also help the environment. "According to Strohmeyer, the water will actually benefit the situation.

"All the rain would of had a cleansing effect by flushing bacteria and contaminants downstream. Extra water moving will dilute that," Strohmeyer said.

Strohmeyer adds the water will have stirred up sediments from the bottom, but that the exposure risk is low.

Officials from Federal Emergency Management Agency are notifying residents to be aware of what they dispose of.

They ask that when throwing away during cleanup, they take a few precautions. FEMA asks that residents and volunteers separate hazardous materials from normal debris for pickup, or contact the EPA Spill Hotline at 1-800-282-9378 if they need help in disposing of hazardous materials.

"You don't want to have any contaminated household chemicals going into landfills. No gasoline or solvents should normally go into the landfills," Strohmeyer said.

Residents and volunteers should be cautious during cleanup, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency warns, due to the risk that containers of hazardous chemicals may have been displaced due to the flooding.

Strohmeyer suggests during cleanup in areas where spills may have taken place that residents and volunteers use common sense and wear gloves, get a tetanus shot and boil any water that they use.

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-Kevin Strohmeyer

Caffeine Pills And Midterms Are A Bad Combo

Healthy Alternatives include herbal tea, a good stretch or climbing steps

By Margie Wise
Staff Reporter

Students, beware of drowning that midterm panic in heavy doses of caffeine.

Americans drink almost 33

million gallons of coffee in a day.

That's equivalent to 30 seconds of Niagara falls at full flow. T. Parker said, in his book *In One Day: Things Americans Do in a Day*.

The Hope Heart Institute says it is important for people to realize that caffeine is a drug. In most people, it acts as a stimulant, actually waking them up.

However, in some people and hyperactive children, it can act as a depressant.

Caffeine pills like *No Doz* and *Vivarin*, can cause side effects

such as insomnia, agitation, muscle tremors, heart palpitations, nausea, and diarrhea, according to the *Nursing '97 Drug Handbook*.

"They don't realize it's as severe as it is. It's even possible to hallucinate while using caffeine pills. And you won't get any studying done that way," Michelle Kay, Northern Kentucky University

Campus Health nurse said.

Kay said that she has had students come in

"Just because it's over the counter doesn't make it any less harmful."

-La Ron Moore

Kay told the student that it was the health office, and she didn't

recommend using them.

Students asked what they thought about the topic were overwhelmingly against the use of caffeine pills.

"It's more important to get actual sleep than to take the pills," biology major Samantha Samuels said. "I've tried them once or twice and gotten sick."

LaRon Moore, a senior marketing major, said "It's just like abusing any other drug. Just because it's over the counter doesn't make it any less harmful."

"They are going at it the wrong

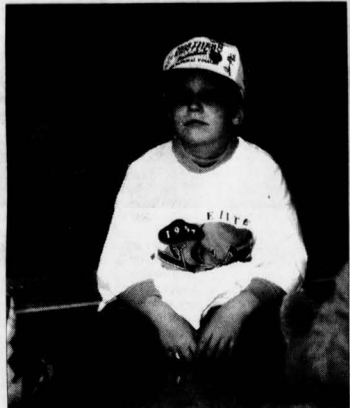
way," undeclared freshman Ryan Deters said. "You're hurting yourself worse in the long run than you are helping yourself now."

In place of caffeine, Kay suggests frequent study breaks, adequate rest, and eating healthier.

Some alternatives given by the Hope Heart Institute are caffeine substitutes like Herbal tea and fruit juice.

The Institute also recommends a good stretch or climbing a flight of stairs to help people wake up.

Major Upset



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Eight-year-old Daniel McCurry sadly reflects on the Norse's close loss to Cal-State, Bakersfield in the NCAA Division II Basketball Championship Game in Louisville on Saturday.

Don't Get Your Tuba Out Just Yet

Committee will decide on the feasibility of a Marching Band

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

The fall of 1998 will see the coming of a football team, but what's football without the marching band?

Northern Kentucky University may also get to see the very first Marching Norsemen during football halftimes.

A committee of 15 members is being assembled to study the feasibility of a marching band at NKU. The committee will consist of members from both the campus and the community.

The purpose of the committee will be to research the start-up cost, feasibility and other issues involved with beginning a marching band on the college level.

"We are starting from ground zero," Carol Pennington, director of bands, said.

Cost considerations will include such things as: uniforms, instruments, color guard equipment, color guard uniforms, music, drill designs, uniform maintenance, rehearsal equipment, practice facilities, storage space for all equipment, and, of course, musicians.

Pennington said, "It takes more than one person to run a marching band: most high school directors have a staff. It would only benefit the project and the university if additional personnel was hired."

Pennington would also like to see the marching band start out with at least 150 pieces. She said that was not an unreachable number if you consider that 98% of all high school band members go on to college.

"Besides, a marching band is a public relations tool for the university," Pennington said. "It is really visible. If you have a good band then you will get good publicity for the university."

The marching band would be an open enrollment opportunity for both music and non-music majors, unlike the already existing basketball band and the University Concert Band for which auditions are required.

Pennington said, "I would of course be the director, that is the title I hold, 'Director of Bands.'"

She has had 23 years of experience in the marching band field, ranging from being a member to being the director. She has worked from the junior high school level to the college level in her various positions.

Interim President Jack Moreland said, "I am excited about the community involvement. The marching band is something I believe in, and I think that with the committee working on it, it will move right along."

Student response has been varied. One student, senior music education major Patrick Brown said, "I think it would be a great thing, but I think the university should help fund it. They seem to want a band but they don't want to help with the funding. Go figure!"

Another student, freshman psychology major Tiffanie Bright said, "I think it would be great! I was in band in high school and it really helps the pe

games up."

Not all responses were positive, though. One student, senior journalism major Jennifer Farney, said "You may prove me wrong, but I just don't see that many people coming out for a marching band."

Members of the committee so far include: Steve Stevens, vice-president of public affairs for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, David Dunevant, from the music department, John Westland, chair of the music department, Carol Pennington, director of bands, two members of the Northern Kentucky Band Association, local high school band directors, and three student representatives. The committee will be chaired by Chris Mehling, a local practicing attorney.

As April rolls around the NKU community should know whether or not there will be a marching band in the opening game for the Norsemen in 1998.

Student To Be Honored At Graduation

By Carie E. Bauer
News Editor

As students look forward to graduation with excited anticipation, there is one diploma that will be handed out in May that holds a special meaning.

In honor of his hard work and dedication to pursuing his education, Jay Fields will indeed graduate.

Fields, a long-time Northern Kentucky University student with almost 200 hours to his credit, who friends joked would receive social security before graduating, was killed in an automobile accident last December 5th.

Fields accepted a ride home from Templar's Bar in Erlanger from two acquaintances that night.

According to the Erlanger Police Department's police report, the driver was speeding and lost control, striking a utility pole. The driver and passenger, aware of Fields' injuries, then hitched a ride back to the bar, leaving the scene.

Fields died at the scene, just a few blocks from his Erlanger home. The driver has been charged with murder and is set to go to trial on April 8th. The passenger has not been charged.

Fields, a social studies major with a minor in secondary education was doing a practicum at Holmes High School at the time of his death.

According to his many friends, after years of uncertainty about his future, Jay had finally found his niche in teaching. This spring he was scheduled to student teach at Lloyd High School and looking forward to finally graduating.

"He worked so hard to get where he was, with all the things he's gone through. And he had finally gotten it all together. He was doing really well and then this. It's just not fair," close friend Nancy Vagedes, senior fine arts major, said.

Friends and family say Jay was not an angel. He occasionally got himself in trouble, but friends say he was a hard worker with a good heart. He went through rough times in his life, and was finally getting his life together when he died. Diagnosed as a dyslexic as an adult, Jay worked hard, friends say, to get through school. Jay worked many years as a bouncer at night-



clubs, and attended school during the day. Because of his hardships, friends say he would of made a great teacher.

Bonnie May, a close friend and fellow student believes he would of made a difference in his students' lives.

"Jay would of had the knack. He had the connection. He had the unique ability to get down to the kids' level. Because he was still a kid. A 34-year-old kid," May said.

Paul Fields, Jay's older brother, agrees.

"He wanted to be a teacher. Jay was really looking forward to teaching. Jay loved kids. He was the one all the kids, nieces and nephews loved. Christmas didn't start until Jay got there-he was proverbially late. But they all idolized him. Even the neighborhood kids," Fields said.

Almost as much as his long career at NKU, Jay was known for his boisterous, outgoing personality. He was famous for his way of livening up any crowd, whether it was a quiet student sitting in a corner at a Student Support Services party or a friend who needed cheering up. Jay made it his job to make everyone smile. No one was a stranger to Jay his friends say.

Before realizing his dream to teach, Jay dabbled in many areas at NKU. He took art classes and even once gave dance classes a shot.

Jay made many friends wherever he went and the ceramics department was no exception.

Chris Heringer, senior fine arts major, remembers Jay warmly.

"He had a really good heart and good intentions. He was a really good guy."

Pat Everson, senior Office Systems Technology major, said

she misses Jay's presence in the ceramics' trailers.

"He was great. I was out sick in the hospital and he watched all my work for me. He was always looking out for my work. No matter what he did, I was laughing. I just thought he was great," Everson said.

"We always just cut up and had fun. I think it was so sad and unfortunate what happened, because he didn't for a long time know what he wanted to do. He changed his major so many times. And he seemed to be so happy with his artwork," Everson said.

Ceramics professor Ana England also misses Jay and his dedication to his art.

"Jay was a real important student for me as a teacher. Because he was really trying to use ceramics and art to transform his life. He wasn't doing it because he liked nice objects. He often talked about how working with clay really helped him in his life...it kept him out of the bars at night. He said it gave him a place of peace. It was gratifying to me as a teacher, but it also made it much harder when we lost him."

"I don't have children. But I think I understand now when people say the worst thing that can happen to you is when a child dies. We're a very close-knit group," England said.

In honor of Jay, members of the ceramics department are planning on displaying his artwork at the senior show.

Other efforts in Jay's memory include a Jay Fields Memorial Scholarship, to enable a student with a learning disability to attend NKU, and a children's 'book fund set up in Jay's memory at Weisburg Memorial Hospital in Southeastern Kentucky.

Paul Fields is planning on being there for the graduation ceremony.

"I want to walk down the aisle and get the degree for him, and especially my parents. That was something they were really looking forward to," Fields said.

If you are interested in contributing to the NKU Memorial scholarship, checks can be made to: Jay Fields Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o NKU Foundation, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, 41099-8005.

Part-Time/Summer/Co-Op Job Fair

Thursday April 3, 1997
University Center Ballroom
11:00am - 1:30pm

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Plan on talking with these Employers!

Unique Professors Loved By Students

By Becky Bergman
Co-Features Editor

They are the apples of the students' eyes. They stand at the head of the class, and according to students, they get the grade. These NKU teachers are considered by a random selection of students to be the cream of the crop when it comes to professors.

Since these students have no fancy awards to present, at the very least they can offer a little recognition and a lot of thanks. "He is not only your teacher, he is your friend also," said Aubrea Dooley, when referring to her favorite professor, Russell Proctor. Dooley, who is a communication/management major, says that she has never met a teacher more enthusiastic about what he teaches.

"When he's teaching he gives off this aura. Sometimes he gets so excited I have to chuckle at him," she said.

Dooley says she also likes him because he gives out Smarties candy for good answers and questions in class. "Needless to say I don't see many Smarties," Dooley chuckles. She said her main goal is to get a "Mondo Smartie," which is an enormous yet rare honor. They are only given to a few for exceptional, thought-provoking answers.

On a more serious note, Dooley feels that you learn a great amount in his classes, but what makes him such a great teacher is that he makes you want to learn.

If you ever want to spot him in action just look on the first floor of Landrum. Dooley says he is the teacher that always has a huge grin spread across his face.

Sociology major Eric Higgins says that Professor Prince Brown is the reason that he decided to become a sociology major. Higgins took Brown for an introductory sociology class. He said that this was one of the classes he didn't want to miss.

"He has a way of turning normal, everyday thinking into a different kind of sociological thinking," Higgins said. "He also judges people as individuals and teaches through real life experiences which I find are easy to relate to."

Higgins recalls a time when Brown's teaching really made a difference in his edu-



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THE MONDO SMARTIE: Russell Proctor is a favorite teacher of many students because of his enthusiasm and unique teaching style.

cation. He said the class had a debate, and he recalls it being something about police. Higgins said that after class was over Brown came up and shook his hand and thanked him for participating in class.

"Although it was two years ago I can still remember leaving class with a sparked interest in the field," Higgins said.

Marketing major Ben Ravencraft feels that math professor Mike Collins is one of the best teachers at the university. Ravencraft said that he had Collins at Simon Kenton High School as well as in college. He said he feels Collins has an effective way of teaching, that he finds it easy to comprehend. Ravencraft also said that Collins makes sure the entire class is up to speed. This is very important in statistics because so many people get lost, he added.

Ravencraft said you can trust his expert opinion about statistic teachers. "I've had statistics so many times I know who the good teachers are," he said.

Professor David Bishop of the education department is another favorite among NKU students. Natalie Bovenizer, who is studying to become a teacher herself, said one of

Bishop's main attributes is that he is genuinely concerned that each and every student does well. She feels he is one of those teachers who is easy to walk up to and ask for advice.

According to Bovenizer, another reason he is a good teacher is because he does so much for the entire education program. "He teaches so many classes, and his education is quite diversified. He puts his heart into everything he does," she said.

Bovenizer also says Bishop has a true love for reading and finds it as an essential part of childhood education. She likes that he reads children's books to the class so that his students may use them for their classes someday.

Although each of these students are different individuals with different opinions, all of them have one thing in common - a great amount of admiration for their professors. Unfortunately, there is not enough space in this entire newspaper to acknowledge the outstanding professors at this university, but

hopefully a big THANK YOU from the students will cover everyone!

Car Sharks Attack In NKU Lots

By Tony Bosch
Staff Reporter

The quest for the perfect parking space at Northern Kentucky University has turned into a wacky Darwinian game of survival of the fittest.

On a daily basis, students can be seen resorting to drastic measures just to be a little bit closer to their class building.

"I've driven over parking curbs to get to spots," junior communication major Chris Cole said. "You have to be a parking shark if you want to find the ideal space."

A parking lot shark is anyone who attempts to obtain a parking space through unorthodox and devious means. Most sharks use the "follow method" in which they follow students to their vehicles, then swipe their spots. Emily Kirtley, a sophomore, said she routinely has

one of the closest lots to campus. Currin said he would like to see Lot A designated as Health Center parking only.

"It's ridiculous. People are afraid to have to walk a little bit."

Unfortunately, sharks will sometimes resort to verbal assaults and physical violence to find a space. Cole said a student talking on a cellular phone was yanked from his car and cursed at by a shark for refusing to surrender his spot. The victim got scared and quickly drove off. The shark, Cole said, never did get his prized spot.

"Another car took the space when he went to get back in his car."

Cole said drivers need to keep one thing in mind when competing for parking spots.

"If you have your signal on, the spot is yours. It's one of the by-laws of life," Cole said. "I've come close to keying peoples' cars



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several cars trailing her through the lot.

"It happens all the time," Kirtley said. "Especially if you have a really good spot."

While some sharks like to follow their prey, others rely on the "surveillance method." These commuters prefer to leave their cars idling in the corners of the lots, surveying the immediate area for any available spaces. These sharks are also known as "cherry pickers." Senior Pat Currin said that because of space-stealers, he gets a workout just walking to the Albright Health Center.

"When I try to park near the Health Center, there are at least three cars in every aisle waiting," Currin said. "I end up parking in the rocks near DPS."

Lot A, located directly in front of the Health Center, is used by many students because it is

for stealing a spot when I had my blinker on."

Currently, the DPS traffic and parking regulation handbook does not list any specific rules against being a parking lot shark. Thus, many students are coming up with creative ways of their own to defend against a possible shark attack.

Some students lure the sharks to a decoy car, then spring to their own vehicle parked several rows away. Other potential victims slump down in their seats until the sharks move on to other unsuspecting prey.

Currin said he has his own game he enjoys playing with the parking sharks.

"If I'm just getting something out of my car, I don't tell them," Currin said. "I let them follow me. I love to see the looks on their faces."

Music Reviews: The Latest and Greatest

By Justin Lynch
Co-Features Editor

Dreamworks 1997

This is the stuff of musky late nights just after it's rained, street lamps leaning, taxis lurching towards oblivion, transients asleep in doorways, simple miles and miles away from the cooing stasis of the 'burbs.

It's in this patchy fog laden downtown scene, that is the essence of the Boston trio called Morphine.

With a two string slide bass, saxophone, drums, and a sultry baritone voice crooning above, Morphine does more for the well being of your soul than a thousand hail marys, or perpetual baptism in the holy water of your choice.

Like *Swimming*, Morphine's forth CD, first on super label Dreamworks, isn't as mysterious and dark as their previous efforts, but compelling just the same. They no longer make music that lures in the shade of pop music. Now they just hide it in plain sight among Alanis, Beck, Oasis, and all the rest.

But you see, it isn't rock as we know it. Morphine is a swing band playing rock without guitar or keyboards. A punk Count Basie Orchestra if you will. And in the twisting ebullient flow that is the river of pop, there is a seductive, smoky river town clinging to a particularly dangerous bend along the river called Morphine. ****

Pick of the week: "Wishing Well." Hear it on WRFN.

Generation To Generation

Robyn Hitchcock *Rob.Bob&Albert* ZIM 1996

In 1966, Bob Dylan and the Hawks grace the Royal Albert

Hall with a now legendary performance. Of course everything that happened in and around the music scene in Britain in 1966 is now legendary, just ask your parents. Don't ask your parents about Robyn Hitchcock though, 'cause chances are they'll give you a look like the one you get when asking if they'd like to twist up a fatty and do your taxes. Well maybe not that extreme, but one never knows.

This CD is about passing along something vital from one generation to the next, and as far as Bob Dylan's masterful musing it needed to be done.

With all the cynism and irony that courts our world, it is refreshing to hear Dylan's prose through Hitchcock's being.

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What Might Have Been...

Shields Goes With Chemistry Over Seniors

By John Kirtley
Production Editor

The culmination of an entire NCAA Division II men's basketball season came down to the final 2.5 seconds in Saturday's championship tilt between the Northern Kentucky University Norse and the California State University-Bakersfield Roadrunners.

After fighting back from a 21-6 first-half deficit, the Norse had possession under CSUB's basket and a chance to win trailing 57-56.

NKU head coach Ken Shields called out-of-bounds play "45."

Sophomore Kevin Listerman took the ball out with junior Andy Listerman setting a screen from the opposite block for junior Cliff Clinton. Sophomore Todd Clark simultaneously set a screen for senior Paul Cluxton coming from the opposite elbow.

"We were going to take whatever opened up," Shields said. "The play was impeccably run. There were no breakdowns whatsoever."

Andy Listerman came open and brother Kevin passed him the ball. His shot was off, time ran out and for the second consecutive season NKU came one game shy of NCAA Division II men's basketball immortality.

"I couldn't fake because we might have not gotten a shot off so I might have rushed it," Andy said. "I think I got fooled, but beauty is in the eyes of the beholder."

The situation looked familiar. The same two teams played each other in the first round of the Elite Eight last year. With NKU trailing by a point, the Listermans' hooked up for a last-second, game-winning assist and layup to send the Norse to the national semifinal.

Shields thought the duo had one more trick up its sleeve.

"I wanted the chemistry of the Listermans which is very special," Shields said. "I feel Kevin makes the best decisions taking the ball out of bounds and I needed Andy to really carry out the role and set a strong pick, hold it for one second, let Cliff clear and then open up."

Unfortunately for NKU it was not



DEJECTION: Andy Listerman lays on the floor after his potential game winning shot missed in the closing seconds of the National Championship game. Listerman is one of five regular Norse players that will return next year.

deja vu.

"I was surprised I got such an open look," Andy said. "I set a pretty good screen on Kebu [Stewart] and I was open immediately after Cliff cleared to the other side."

While "45" was being "impeccably" run, seniors Shannon Minor and LaRon Moore were watching from the sidelines. NKU's all-time assist leader and fourth all-time career scorer saw the final 2.5 seconds of their careers from the bench.

"That was my call. We didn't need a three-point shot, so I didn't need Shannon, and LaRon was having a rough night," Shields said. "I didn't feel a need

for another player and none of my assistant coaches said anything about putting somebody else in."

Moore, NKU's leading scorer at 17 points per game entering Saturday's contest, was held to six points. Minor tallied a team-high 12 points and had no complaints about Shields' final play.

"I wasn't in the game because we didn't need a three pointer and I'm not going to second guess anyone," Minor said. "It just hurts because we had two chances at winning a national championship and we didn't win one."

But Listerman's missed field goal off "45" was NKU's undoing. The Norse

had to dig out of a season-high 15-point hole in the first half, shot a tournament-low 43 percent from the field, were out-rebounded 46-35 and shot a season-low 29 percent from the free-throw line.

"Give Bakersfield credit. Their physical play was a little more than we anticipated," Shields said.

But Shields, who's team will bid farewell to seniors Minor, Moore and Cluxton, thinks something good will come out of NKU's second straight Elite Eight disappointment.

"We were denied but I said to them 'sometimes God's greatest gifts are his refusals,'" Shields said.

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things go and that was one of the things they let go."

Offensive rebounding was a big key for the Roadrunners. Stewart pulled down more offensive rebounds (10) than the entire Norse team (9). As a team CSUB had 20 offensive rebounds which led to a 15-6 edge on second chance points.

"They got too much done on second efforts," Shields said.

Overall, the Norse were out-rebounded 46-35. The Roadrunners were led by Stewart's 21 total rebounds, which tied a school record.

Stewart's rebounds also secured for him the NCAA Division II rebounding title with 13.4 rebounds per game.

"He's the best interior player that I've seen in Division II basketball, and I said that last year, and I'll say it again," Shields said.

NKU's third team All-Americans Paul Cluxton and LaRon Moore were held to a combined 11 points in the game.

"I thought that Jon Gaines' defense on Cluxton was a key. I thought Michael's (Jackson) was a key in the game," Douglas said.

After a slow start, the Norse found themselves down 16-2 until Demond Lane made two consecutive stick-thrust baskets.

A 24-8 run, capped by a last-second Andy Listerman three pointer, gave the Norse the lead and the momentum heading into the second half.

"We looked like world beaters, then all the sudden the game turned and we go in at halftime down one," CSUB head coach Pat Douglas said.

"We realized we were on national television and we needed to start making plays and I think we did that," Andy Listerman said.

There were nine lead changes and three ties in the second half, but the Roadrunners took the lead for good at 45-44 on Jon Gaines' fifth three pointer of the game with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

The Norse's five losses were by a combined 11 points. Their two biggest losses, five points at Southern Indiana and three against Indianapolis, were in overtime. The other three losses, including Saturday's national championship, were by one point.

The Norse finished the season with a 30-5 record. That is the most wins by any team in NCAA Division II this year.

Cal-State finished 29-4.

Wiggins Hurls No-Hitter

By Kevin Gochen
Northerner Contributor

There is a downside to having a championship-caliber basketball team on campus. Sometimes great performances by athletes in other sports are overlooked.

Scott Wiggins, a junior left-hander on Northern Kentucky University's baseball team, pitched a no-hitter against Concord College (W.Va.) in a 1-0 NKU win in Florida last week.

A surprisingly few number of people actually knew about Wiggins' feat because of the attention placed on the

Norse men's basketball team's run for a national title.

Even many of his teammates didn't know what was happening at the time.

"I didn't even realize until the game was over that he had pitched a no-hitter," said senior first baseman Mark Emerson.

It was the second game of the day, it was a quick game, and it was a close game. Actually, quite a few people didn't know."

Wiggins, who improved his record to 2-0 with the win, said he knew early he was going to have a good game. "After the third pitch in the bullpen (while warming up before the game) I told (pitching) coach Renner I was ready."

Wiggins struck out 13 batters, walked three, and hit one with a pitch in his seven innings of work.

There were only a couple of moments during the game when Wiggins thought he might lose his bid. One occurred in the third inning when right-fielder Mike Pitzer had to go into the gap to rob a Concord player of a potential extra-base hit.

"Looking back, that was the scariest moment of the game," said Wiggins.

The other was the last play of the game. Freshman shortstop Ryan Ponatoski stumbled as he fielded a ground ball, but recovered in time to throw out the runner.

"I got to give him the ball after the game," said Emerson. That was at about the time he realized what had just happened, he said. "It was a great feeling."

The Norse only collected three hits themselves, but were able to score in the fifth inning to provide the margin of victory.

Because the game was a tight one, Wiggins said he knew if he allowed anyone to get on he'd be coming out of the game, no-hitter or no no-hitter.

The win avenged a 6-3 loss to Concord the previous day and helped the team to a 5-2 record on their trip.

Overall, the Norse now stand 12-7 (3-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference). Emerson thinks that one game could be the catalyst for the remainder of the season. "I got the team on a roll."

He said the best word to describe the team before the Florida trip would be "unpredictable." One game the pitching would be there without the hitting, the next day the opposite would be true.

The day after Wiggins' no-hitter, junior Ryan Berryman pitched a one-hitter in a 9-0 win over Alice Lloyd College.

This time though, the team was aware of what was happening.

"Everyone started talking about another no-hitter after the first three innings," said Wiggins.

But there's a baseball superstition about not talking to the pitcher about a possible no-hitter. Berryman must have heard them whispering in the fifth because he gave up a hit in that inning, one Emerson described as weak.

This is the type of pitching NKU head coach Bill Aker expected from his staff coming into this season. "Our pitching still has to be the one to keep us in the game," he said.

Where as Aker was confident of his pitching staff coming into this year, he considered his defense to be suspect and unknown. "So far we've gotten pretty good defensive play," Aker said. He's been especially pleased with Ponatoski at shortstop and senior Matt Baker at third.

With pitching and defense going well right now, Aker is concerning himself with the offense producing runs to complement them. "Our hitting has not been consistent so far." He said part of the problem comes from many of the kids not getting enough playing time.

Emerson, Baker, and senior outfielder Mike Sherman have been the most consistent hitters so far, said Aker. Emerson led the team in Florida with seven hits, including a home run and a double, and six RBIs.

Injuries have hurt the Norse as well this year. The biggest one was suffered by catcher Scott Berryman. He hurt his rotator cuff in an early season game and should be sidelined for about 7-10 more days, said head athletic trainer Bob Bove.

Berryman's injury has caused an increase in Joe Crowley's playing time. The sophomore has responded

well, but is taking all of the abuse which comes with the position, said Wiggins.

"You can call him an ironman for the job he's done," said Emerson. "You know you're going to get a great game from him."

Emerson has been battling a slight hamstring pull himself, but that hasn't been enough to keep him out of the lineup. Especially with the start of the conference schedule last weekend.

NKU swept a doubleheader from Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday, 6-5 and 17-6. On Sunday the Norse split a pair with last year's Division II national runner-up St. Joseph's, losing the opener 2-1 but coming back to win the nightcap 1-0 behind the pitching of senior Mike Kichler. Kichler had seven strikeouts while scattering six hits. Sherman hit a solo homer in the sixth inning to account for the only run of the game.

Wiggins pitched the first game, giving up one run before leaving the game in the sixth with tightness in his throwing arm. Senior Kirk Ashcraft finished up the inning, but took the loss after surrendering the winning run on a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

St. Joe's is again nationally ranked this year, so the split left the team with a lot of confidence. "We probably should have gotten both games," said Emerson. "But to start the year 3-1 in the conference is great. It proves to us that we play with anybody."

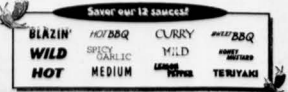
With the GLVC boasting one of the stronger conferences in the nation, this early season success should give the Norse a boost in it's shot for a post-season bid.

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ASSIST TO MINOR: Shannon Minor passes to teammate Todd Clark in the Norse game against Lynn. Minor finished his career with 528 assists, a school record.

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Norse Cruise Past Lynn

Knight's Struggle To Get Into NCAA Division II Tournament Ends In Final Four

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Lynn University wasn't supposed to be in the Elite Eight. They weren't even supposed to be in the NCAA Tournament.

That's what the South Region selection committee said in their recommendations to the National Selection committee.

Not only did the National committee disagree, but they made Lynn into a No. 2 seed in their region.

Lynn more than proved it belonged by winning its region and its first game in the Elite Eight against Elizabeth City State.

The Fighting Knights didn't

quite have enough armor to fend off the Northern Kentucky University attack, however.

Lynn ended the season at 28-3 after the 79-58 loss to the Norse.

The Norse took a 30-4 record into the championship against CSUB who beat Salem-Teikyo 81-68.

The Norse defense was a key factor in the game, again.

Lynn shot 36.4 percent (24-66) from the field. Jamail Pritchett, Lynn's leading scorer, was held to six points.

"We came in to the tournament as the third best shooting team in the nation, and they held us to 36 percent shooting from the floor for the game," Lynn head coach Jeff Price said.

The Knights shot 51.4 percent from the floor on the season.

Lynn came in with five players averaging double figure in points. Only two scored in double figures—Chris Davis with 15, and Demitris Montgomery with 10 points.

"NKU is a very good defensive team. I give my hat off to them,"

Lynn's Dante Wooden said, "but we did it to ourselves by missing so many open shots in the first half."

The loss by Lynn snapped a 20 game win streak for the Knights.

What makes Lynn's run so impressive is that it came in only the fourth season of basketball at the school. It is also Lynn's first year in the NCAA Division II. It used to be an NAIA school.

"I also take my hat off to our team," Price said. "We had a really good run this year."

The Norse opened up a 12 point lead in the first half, but Lynn came back to cut the lead to five with less than a minute left in the half.

"They got back into the game, but we didn't let them get too far back in the game," Clinton said.

In the second half, the Norse pulled away for the final 21 point margin.

Seniors Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor tied for game high honors with 18 points.

Cliff Clinton had 13 points and 14 rebounds to go with his three blocked shots.

Norse Defense Stifles Hot Shooters In NCAA Elite Eight

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

When it comes to playing in the Elite Eight, experience helps, but defense wins basketball games.

That was the message NKU made when it beat Texas A&M—Commerce and Lynn University by 12 and 21 points, respectively, to advance to the nationally-telvised Division II championship game.

Going into the Elite Eight, the Texas A&M—Commerce Lions shot 49.9 percent as a team, while the Lynn University Fighting Knights' team field-goal percentage was 51.7, good for third in the nation.

The Lions shot 35.6 percent against NKU, and the Knights shot just 36.4 percent. In the two games, only five individu-

als shot over 50 percent against NKU, for a total of 22 points. Nine Norse shot over 50 percent, contributing 82 points in the two games.

Lynn was 10th in the nation this season in scoring, averaging 88.9 points per game. The Norse held the Knights to 58.

NKU held Texas A&M—Commerce to 67, which was 17 points lower than their season average of 83.7.

Going into Louisville, the Norse held opponents to 44.1 percent shooting and 67.9 points per game.

"I think it's relative to the work habit of our team," NKU head coach Ken Shields said.

"And the tenacity on the floor was excellent."

Lynn University head coach Jeff Price,

following his team's 79-58 loss to NKU, said the Norse defense was so strong because of aggressive play and physical guards.

He also credited NKU's communication and ability to block-out and help each other defensively.

Shields stressed the significance sophomore guard Kevin Listerman played in the two victories.

"That was two nights in a row Kevin Listerman took the best player—best scorer, and defended him well," Shields said.

Listerman said the key to NKU's defen-

sive success was that at least two guys were able to get back during transitions on defense.

"They're so feisty and have such good hands. And they put those little guys out there that look like they can't play."

—Coach Paul Peak

"They're a better team than we thought they were," Texas A&M—Commerce head coach Paul Peak said.

"They're so feisty and have such good hands. And they put those little guys out there that look like they can't play," he said.

In the national championship game against California State University—Bakersfield, NKU again played strong defense.

The Norse held Cal. State to just 34.9 per-

cent shooting, and 57 points.

For the season, the Roadrunners shot 48.2 percent as a team, and scored over 84 points per game.

In the end, however, the Norse offense is what hurt them.

NKU scored only four points over the final five minutes—a layup by sophomore Todd Clark and a bank shot by junior Cliff Clinton.

The Norse defense, over the same five minutes, only allowed points from the foul line, when senior Kibu Stewart made two free throws.

"Defense is what got us here all year," Stewart said. "The guys played great defense all year, and we were emphasizing that a lot. I think that's the key to our victory."

NKU Makes Commerce Pay

Norse Fight Off Pesky Lions To Advance To Final Four For Second Year In A Row

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

A team full of transfers got Texas A&M University—Commerce to the Elite Eight for the first time, but no further.

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team defeated the Lions 79-67 in the first round of the Elite Eight Wednesday night in Louisville.

TAMUC featured five starters that transferred to the school. Of the 11 members on the Lion's club, nine are transfers.

Darrell Waters and Kevin Miles transferred from NCAA Division I schools Arkansas and Oklahoma State, respectively. Many of their transfers came from junior colleges.

Waters and Miles came in to the game as the Lion's top two scorers and rebounders. They were held to a combined 11 points.

Cliff Clinton sparked the Norse with 18 points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots and three assists.

"Cliff has been exceptional for us all year," NKU head coach Ken Shields said. "Early on we could go inside. They doubled him later on. I've always said, 'Once you're doubled, you're a passer.'"

"Cliff was dominating inside."

NKU senior Paul Cluxton said.

Gregg Ward had 18 points, but was 6-of-17 from the field, and 1-of-6 from three point range.

The Norse held the Lion's to 26-of-73 (35.6 percent) from the field for the game.

"We shot the ball very poorly tonight," Lion head coach Paul Peak said. "All the credit is due to their defense. I do not think you



DON'T COME IN HERE: Cliff Clinton gets one of his 11 blocked shots in the Elite Eight. He was named to the All-Tournament team with Shannon Minor and Paul Cluxton.

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will see a better team play defense."

"NKU is very disciplined." "They play with great poise and intensity," Peak said. "NKU controlled the game from start to finish, and when we made the run in the second half, they stepped up their play."

The Norse shot 56 percent from the field (30-54).

"I thought they were so athletic, but good shooting covers a multitude of sins," Shields said.

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Underclassmen Shine In Elite Eight

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, coach Ken Shields emphasized the significance of having experienced seniors in making a run at the national championship.

Following the championship game, he talked about the incredible role his transfers, juniors Cliff Clinton and Demond Lane, and sophomore Todd Clark—played in the tournament.

The three combined for 84 points and 59 rebounds in 184 minutes in the tournament, which was held in Louisville March 19-22.

Clinton, along with seniors Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor, was named to the Elite Eight all-tournament team.

Averaging 13.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game going into the Elite Eight, Clinton scored 43

points and pulled down 34 rebounds in NKU's three games in Louisville.

He added 11 blocked shots, including five in the 57-56 loss to Cal. State University—Bakersfield.

"Cliff was so revved up for this tournament. I had to fight him to keep him out of this facility," NKU head coach Ken Shields said following his team's 79-67 victory over Lynn University in the semi-finals.

In that game, Clinton had a double-double, scoring 13 points while grabbing 14 rebounds.

Against Cal. State, Clinton drew the unenviable assignment of guarding senior Kebu Stewart, who averaged 21.5 points and 13.1 rebounds per game and is being scouted by several NBA teams, finished the title game with 18 points and 21 rebounds.

"He (Clinton) played solid

defensively, and did some key things for his team," Stewart said. Clinton, along with Todd Clark, held Stewart to only four second-half points, attempting just three shots after halftime.

Clark provided the Norse a spark off the bench throughout the tournament.



Todd Clark

Clark scored 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in NKU's three games, shooting just under 65 percent for the tournament.

His contribution was much greater than his statistics indicate, however.

Having played one season at Division I Eastern Kentucky University, Clark stepped up at

key moments of the tournament—grabbing big rebounds, taking charges, diving for loose balls and making his signature spin-jumper.

"When it's tournament time, you do what you've gotta' do for the team," Clark said.

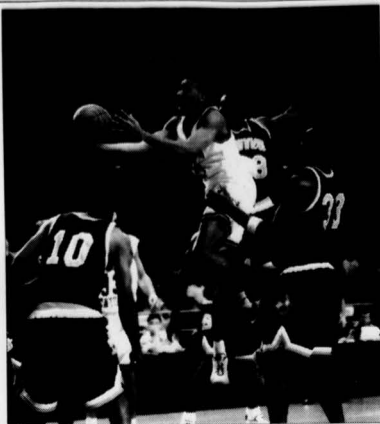
"Everybody's got a role and a job to do, and I just tried to do my part."

Demond Lane also provided a spark off the bench, scoring a combined 19 points in the three games, while pulling down 14 rebounds.

Sophomore Kevin Listerman scored 10 against Texas A&M—Commerce and added five assists against Lynn University.

"A lot of people think we're gonna' be washed up when these three guys (seniors LaRon Moore, Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor) go," Shields said, "but we're gonna' be pretty good."

"It's comforting to know that we've got that coming back."



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RISING STAR: Demond Lane came up with two straight tips when the Norse trailed 16-2 in the championship game.

1997 NCAA Division II Elite 8 News And Notes--Cluxton gets CBS props...Minor going pro?...

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

200 thank Norse

Following NKU's 57-56 loss to CSUB, roughly 200 fans gathered at Regents Hall to celebrate the Norse's return to the national championship, and to thank the team for a great season.

Head coach Ken Shields was nearly in tears as he thanked NKU's three graduating seniors—Paul Cluxton, LaRon Moore, and Shannon Minor—for their tremendous contribution to the program.

Season and streak end

In the end it was time, and not a miss, that froze NKU senior Paul Cluxton's free-throw streak at 98 straight.

Cluxton shot 94-for-94 from the free-throw line this season, giving him two NCAA records. He now holds records for most free throws

made in a row—shattering the previous record of 74 by 20.

He also holds the record for highest free-throw percentage in a season. Cluxton is the first player in college basketball history to shoot 100 percent from the line for a season with a minimum of 2.5 attempts per game.

Cluxton also holds the record for career free-throw accuracy. In his four seasons at NKU, Cluxton shot 93.5 percent (272-for-291) from the foul line.

With less than three seconds remaining in the national championship game, the Norse trailed Cal. State—Bakersfield 57-56. Would Cluxton have wanted to get fouled?

"Yeah. I'd put those two in."

Cluxton recognized

During Sunday's CBS broadcast of the NCAA Division I national quarterfinal matchup between Providence College and the University of Arizona, commentator

Jim Nantz recognized NKU senior Paul Cluxton's NCAA record for consecutive free throws made.

As Providence senior Austin Croshere stepped to the line, Billy Packer commented on the fact that Croshere, despite his 80 percent free-throw percentage, was struggling from the line.

"He's not Paul Cluxton of Northern Kentucky," Nantz said. "All he did was go 94-for-94 from the free-throw line."

Norsemen Honored

On March 18, NKU seniors Paul Cluxton and LaRon Moore were named to the 1997 National Association of Basketball Coaches/Sears Division II Third Team All-America.

NKU head coach Ken Shields was voted 1997 NABC/Sears Division II District Coach of the Year for the Great Lakes District.

Tyrene Barksdale, of the Great Lakes Valley Conference

Indianapolis Greyhounds, was named to the Second Team All-America.

Kebu Stewart to NBA?

After leading the Roadrunners of Cal. State University-Bakersfield to their third NCAA Division II national championship in five years, senior Kebu Stewart said he plans on playing in the NBA.

Stewart transferred from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas two years ago. While at UNLV, he was named Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year in the Big West Conference in his first two seasons.

Though NCAA rules prohibit Stewart from giving details, he said that he has talked to several NBA franchises, and has no doubt he'll be playing in the NBA next season.

Boggs wants a cave

NKU famed heckler Chris Boggs said he wants the student body of

Regents Hall to be professionally remodeled to resemble a giant cave.

In an ongoing effort to increase student involvement, Boggs said that creating such a cave would be exciting, and get people interested because it's something no one else has done.

His plan is to invite student artists and architects to make proposals to a group of faculty and students, with the best and most workable idea to be chosen.

Boggs said the project would cost about \$10,000, but that it would be well worth it.

"These players give so much to this school. It's time we start giving back," Boggs said.

Minor to Europe?

Following Saturday's 57-56 loss to Cal. State University—Bakersfield, NKU senior guard Shannon Minor said he wants to play "professional basketball in

Europe.

"I want to be a teacher and a coach—hopefully at the high school level, but right now I'm just trying to work on some things. Maybe go overseas and play somewhere in Europe. That's a goal of mine that I want to accomplish, and I've been looking forward to something like that."

One tough cookie

Now that his season is over, NKU sophomore Kevin Listerman may begin the healing process—not just emotionally, but physically.

On Feb. 27, Listerman received three staples in his head. On March 18, the day before the Elite 8 began, Listerman suffered a broken nose during practice.

"And that was a light practice," junior Demond Lane said.

"Most guys would maybe check out, but not Kevin," head coach Ken Shields added.

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Seniors Leave Their Mark

Paul Cluxton

Points: 1495
Rebounds: 369
Field Goal %: 48.2%
(460/954)
3-Point %: 48.9%
(303/619)
Free-throw %: 93.5%
(272/291)
Games Started: 95
School Records—
Free-Throw % Season:
100%* 1996-97
(94/94)
Free-Throw % Career:
93.5%* (272/291)
Consecutive Made
Free-Throws: 98*
3-Pointers (Game): 10
(1996-97) (Minor 9)
3-Pointers (Season): 110
(1996-97) (Cluxton 106
95-96)
3-Pointers (Career): 303
(Schrand 238)

3-Point % (Game): 76.9%
(10/13)
1996-97
3-Point % (Season): 100%
(94/94) 1996-97
3-Point % (Career): 48.9%
(303/619)
7th all-time scoring.
* national NCAA record.

Season Assists: 176 1996-97
(Minor 172 1995-96)
Career Assists: 528
(Withoit 420)
13th all-time scoring.

LaRon Moore

Points: 1,866
Rebounds: 858
Field Goal %: 48.9%
(742/1517)
3-Point %: 36.6% (33/90)
(742/1517)
Free-throw %: 66.7%
(349/523)
Games Started: 119
School Records—
Career Rebounds: 858
1996-97
(Jesse 812)
Most games started—119.
(Jesse 105)
4th all-time scoring.

Shannon Minor

Points: 1,240
Assists: 528
Rebounds: 203
Field Goal %: 42.6%
(342/802)
3-Point %: 42.9%
(228/531)
Free-throw %: 83.5%
(167/200)
Games Started: 48
School records—

He Missed The Plate



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

NO HOPE: A Pikeville Player looks back after he slid to the right of the plate. Catcher Joe Crowley approaches with the inevitable tag. The Norse are 12-7 (3-1 GLVC) as of Sunday's games against St. Joseph's.

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Go Norse... Football?!



Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Okay, against every instinct I have ever possessed, I am going to say something that will infuriate half the Northern Kentucky University population.

Football just might be a good idea.

Please... don't stop reading, let me explain.

Over Spring Break, I experienced an amazing feeling: one of community pride and school spirit.

Thousands of Norse fans, Board of Regent members, President Jack Moreland, alumni, professors, students and parents drove down south to a little town called Louisville to witness the Norse basketball team attempt to fulfill their dream of a national championship.

Everybody sat in the Norse sections wearing black and gold and cheering as the team won the right to play in the finals and watched in shock as they lost in the finals by one point.

The outcome of the game doesn't really matter. The point is that all these people, different by profession, age, gender, race, politics and religion converged together as one massive body of Norse supporters with one goal in mind... to cheer the team to victory. As much a cliché as that sounds, that was what I saw as I sat in the stands.



When Paul Cluxton shot a three pointer, the fans cheered and held up the black and gold "3" signs. As Shannon Minor stole the ball from the other team, dribbled down the court and scored, the fans high-fived each other. Each time a referee made a bad call, young and old alike booed the call.

When the game ended and the Norse's dream was one point beyond their reach, the fans stood on their feet and gave the team a cheer of a lifetime.

It was an amazing feeling to see so many friends and acquaintances gathered together in one place for one single purpose. It was so cool.

What does this have to do with football, you ask?

Everything. A football team could have that community affect that the basketball team gives us year after year.

Admittedly, I am totally bypassing the financial aspect and focusing only on the benefit that could come from football- the sport. Don't think about the financial burden football will bring to us all. Eliminate that from your mind for a moment and just think about football.

Football could be NKU's answer for that much needed school spirit.

Imagine blue sky Saturdays, all the above mentioned people occupying seats in the newly constructed stadium, black and gold pom poms waving as the Norse score touchdown after touchdown. If the same excitement could shine on the football team as it did on the basketball team, we could have something, something big.

I was the first to say we don't need football for school spirit. There are so many other accomplishments on campus that make us proud.

It is unfortunate, but true, that athletics is usually the big winner when it comes to fan support.

While the fire is hot and NKU pride is at a high, build football into another entity that will draw the NKU community closer.

I know my argument won't change many minds; the financial burden has always the root of the controversy. But since football is going to be a reality, maybe we all should band together and make a positive go of it.

Sounds really good for a school that had a huge dose of bonding.

Let's keep it going!



Kevin Goheen
Guest Columnist

After Northern Kentucky University lost to Cal State-Bakersfield on Saturday afternoon, 57-56, no one took the loss harder than Andy Listerman. Listerman took the final shot in an attempt to give the Norse a national championship it had been focused on since last March.

The shot missed.

Call it fate. Call it bad luck. Call it what you will, but I don't call it Andy Listerman's fault. Even if he thinks you will.

"You're thinking about being a hero and you end up a zero," Andy said afterwards. "I'll tell my teammates, my family and my girlfriend that I love them. I hope they still think of me the way they did before I missed that shot."

Andy, don't be so hard on yourself.

Being someone who was in the stands, I can guarantee you all of those people as well as the rest of the NKU community can only think positives about you.

An old adage rings true here: there is no "I" in "TEAM."

Without the tough-minded Listerman brothers, without Paul Cluxton's uncanny ability to hit free throws and NBA-range three pointers effortlessly, without Demond Lane providing rebounds and assists off the bench, the team wouldn't have been in Louisville.

Without every member putting forth the effort they did, there would be no need to console Andy Listerman or the rest of his teammates.

Sunday night on Channel 9's late night sports show, "Sports of All Sorts," former Xavier University point guard Ralph Lee made an excellent point: it takes a man to have the courage to take that shot.

On that same show, Shannon Minor took the time and decency to call in and publicly thank all of those who have supported the team during his four years.

But that's something NKU and its supporters have come to expect from this team.

A team which didn't live on its preseason press clippings (unlike another college basketball team nearby), but rather went out and worked its way back to Louisville.

A team which reminded us the game isn't played on paper but on the court.

That a team which plays together, plays defense and remembers the fundamentals of the game will beat a team which might possess more physical talent or has more athletic ability.

A team which has represented this university and community with the class and dignity a basketball program should while striving for its ultimate goal: a national championship.

The only real disappointment to come out of Louisville wasn't Andy Listerman, but that we won't get to see coach Ken Shields get a well deserved tattoo THIS year.



Let's Build On What We've Got

Improvement Should Come Before Expansion



By Gabrielle Dion
Executive Editor

Athletics at NKU has taken some giant leaps in the past year, and perhaps members of the program should take a step back from their accomplishments to look at their options.

NKU passed its first-ever athletic fee in February. It is one of few schools that hasn't had an athletic fee. That's going to be \$20 more added to tuition that people might complain about at first, but will pay anyway. No one is going to leave NKU all of a sudden because they can't afford an extra \$20.

However, that \$20 is going to be used to start up new sports teams. I think that's great—I'm all in favor of athletics after seeing the turnout at the basketball tournament last week. I love sports, I love NKU, and I'm glad we're growing in that direction. But, that money could be used more efficiently right now.

If that means holding off on football and the other new sports right now to upgrade current programs, that would be one option. After the football scandal that recently created the NKU Civil War, I don't think that would be such a great idea.

But, how about an extra \$20 fee to upgrade current programs? Another \$20 may seem overbearing, but it's another option to look at.

Let's take a look at this options. Here's what this extra athletic fee could do right now.

First of all, we could build a bigger gymnasium for the basketball team. If they're going to be going to the national tournament all the time, they're going to want to host it.

Also, the basketball players should have full scholarships. They are the true heroes of NKU.

and deserve to be rewarded. No one can buy the publicity and pride they gave us by putting NKU in the national spotlight last week.

With rumors floating about the possibility of NKU moving up to Division I in basketball, here's another option for where this athletic fee could go. Athletic Director Jane Meier has said that money and lack of a bigger gym have been the major factors preventing us from going Division I. Shouldn't we build on what we've got (an awesome basketball team who play in a broom closet) before we go starting something new (a football team, and a stadium)?

Our sports teams are awesome, they really are. We saw an example of that at the tournament last week, as the men's basketball team was just one point shy of being crowned the best in the country.

Last week's game showed how amazing our cheerleaders are. The basketball team may not have won the game, but our cheerleaders blew Cal State-Bakersfield's cheerleaders out of the water.

All of our athletes work really hard, harder than they should have to. If we passed another fee to

recruit athletes from all over the country and be able to offer them scholarships, all of the sports teams (not just basketball) could be better and more well-rounded. Athletes could focus on their game, instead of worrying about how they are going to pay their tuition.

Also, if the current sports teams didn't have to fundraise to pay for their equipment and uniforms, they could spend more time practicing.

NKU athletes could be even better than they are now if an athletics fee was used to improve existing programs.

Also in the spirit department, our biggest athletic could use the money for a 20th century upgrade. Poor Hey-U, our giant dragon mascot, looks pathetic. Not only is he falling apart, but he can't move around in the heavy costume. He looks more like a parade float than a mascot. The money

from the athletics fee should definitely go to pay for a new, lightweight look for Hey-U. When it comes down to pride in sports teams, I'd like to see us win national championships before expanding programs.

I'd rather go to a school that does a few things really well than a school that spreads itself too thin.



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SEAN'S TV CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Skies
5. Gone With the Wind setting
9. John Stampos' role on Full House
10. The _____ Massey Show (1954-55)
12. Series for a Cheesecake artist
13. Over Mami; short-lived '93 drama series
16. Presidential monogram
17. Initials for Mr. Spock's portrayer
18. Relativity star
20. 8,760 hrs.
21. Role on Sister, Sister
23. To boot
25. The Adventures of _____ Lancelot (1956-57)
26. "Yipee _____"
27. Love & _____ (1992-95)
28. Music style for L.L. Cool J
29. Moore
30. Singer Billy
32. The _____ Expeditions: 71 film about Thor Heyerdal
33. O'Toole (1962-64)
34. Got It Made (1983-84)
39. Eddie Albert's 1965-71 co-star
41. Skunk's defense
42. A Little _____ of Heaven: 1940 Stu Erwin film
43. Steven of Wings
45. Baldwin and Guinness
47. Paper quantity
48. Carl of The Donna Reed Show (1958-66)

DOWN

1. Actor on McCloud (1970-77)
2. _____ Any Girl: 1959 David Neven movie
3. Monogram for the host of Unsolved Mysteries
4. "_____ Sabe": Tonto's name for the Lone Ranger

Born this week:

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| March 23 - Chaka Khan | March 26 (cont.) - Leonard Nimoy |
| March 24 - Lara Flynn Boyle | March 27 - Maria Carey, Quentin Tarantino, Michael York |
| March 25 - Armin Fratzkin, Elton John, Gloria Steinem | March 28 - Reba McEntire |
| March 26 - Alan Alda, James Caan | March 29 - Eric Mc, Hammer |

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By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

March 23 through March 29, 1997



Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Work-related projects will hit a few snags, but it's nothing you can't handle. Step outside for some fresh air; it will help clear your head.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Stop putting off your promise to exercise. Start with a few minutes a day and it won't seem so impossible.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Clear the clutter from your mind and your domicile. As far as your career is concerned, it's time to make a move.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Be firm with loved ones who ask too much of you. Financial matters may be more complicated than you originally thought.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

It seems as if everything is at a standstill, but that isn't necessarily true. Get out of your rut by taking in a midweek movie.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Family is very important to you, but you mustn't let it make decisions for you. The strength to cope is within you.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Stay calm and assess the situation before jumping into the fray. It is difficult, but you must think with your head and not with your heart.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Life is a little crazier than usual, but you'll make it. Curl up with a good mystery book or movie and enjoy some time alone.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Strange dreams may be more prophetic than you imagined. Keep a journal and write down your thoughts as soon as you wake up.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

One wrong word could turn your world upside down. Think about what you really want to communicate to others.



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Sit down and make some long-term goals, and take time to reflect on how far you've already come. Your psychic energy is growing stronger.



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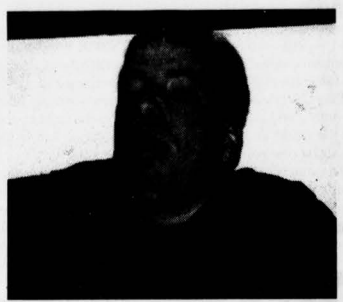
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