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NKU coach Nancy Winstel said the defense was the key to success in the Norse victory. "Our defense and rebounding is the number one thing for our success," Winstel said. The Norse broke the all-time school record with 29 wins and will advance to the Elite Eight.



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In the first game against Grand Valley, Cottrell led with 19 points and 17 rebounds. Coach Claudette Charney said, "Cottrell was the difference in the game." For the MTU game, Cottrell had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and hit the winning shot for the Norse at the buzzer.

Elite Eight: here we come

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

When the 1998-99 basketball season started for the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team, the goal was simple: to win the NCAA Division II championship.

The Norse took a step in that direction this weekend as it qualified for the Elite Eight for the first time since 1987 after defeating Grand Valley State and Michigan Tech in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional tournament.

NKU, the top seed in the tournament, had a first-round bye and awaited the winner of the Grand Valley State-Bellarmine game for a Friday night match up.

NKU first took on the Grand Valley State Lakers, a 70-57 winner over Bellarmine.

Grand Valley jumped out to an 11-4 lead on NKU. Michelle Cottrell kept things close early for the Norse as she scored eight of the first eleven NKU points.

Shannon Smith made her return to the NKU lineup three minutes into the game. Smith missed the last eight games with a knee injury.

NKU senior guard Katie Kelsey said Smith's return gave the team a boost.

"Since she's (Smith) been injured, the team's pulled together," said Kelsey. "Having her on the court made the team feel whole again."

Despite the return of Smith, GVSU extended its lead to 18-8 as Becki Wheatley hit a jumper and Rehmman hit a three-pointer for Grand Valley.

The Norse started its comeback with a 14-4 run to tie the game at 22.

The game remained close the rest of the first half, and NKU ended the half on a 4-0 run as Shannon Roddy hit a jumper and Kris Kamrath hit two free throws.

The Norse led at halftime by a score of 37-33.

Cottrell led the way for NKU with nine points and seven rebounds. Also, Tuchfarber had eight points and Shannon Smith had seven points for the Norse at the break.

Amy Rehmman led the way for GVSU with 11 points, including three three-pointers at halftime.

Three consecutive Cottrell layups extended the Norse lead to 10 at 43-33 with little more than two minutes gone in the second half.

Grand Valley State answered with a 5-0 run as Amber Berndt hit consecutive jumpers to cut NKU's lead to five, 43-38.

NKU broke the game open with a 13-0 run to take a 56-38 lead. Katie Kelsey hit a three-pointer and Julie Stanley hit two straight three-pointers for the Norse during the run.

NKU did not look back from there as it won the game by a score of 85-67 to advance to the championship game of the Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

Cottrell led NKU with 19 points and 17 rebounds, and Stanley had 18 points, including a perfect four for four from three-point range.

Berndt led GVSU with 17 points, and Stacy Piasecki had 14 points. Rehmman contributed 13 points for Grand Valley State.

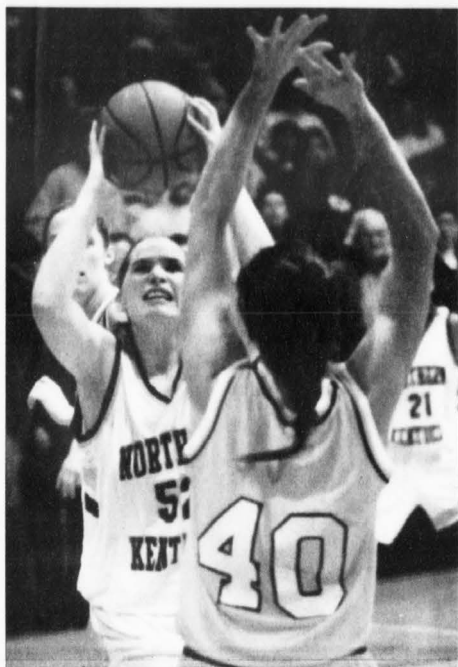
NKU coach Nancy Winstel talked about how defense was once again the key to success in the Norse victory.

"We raised our level on defense, our defensive stops were good," said Winstel. "Our defense and rebounding is the number one thing for our success."

Kelsey said three-point shooting was another key in the NKU win.

"We pulled our team together," Kelsey said. "Our shots were eventually going

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Jeff McCarty/The Northerner
In the final play, Katie Kelsey passed to Shannon Smith for an inside jumper. The shot did not fall, but Michelle Cottrell got the rebound and was able to throw it back in at the buzzer to give NKU the win, 85-63. "It hit off the glass wrong and Cot came through again," Smith said.

Hispanic scholarships offered

By Hlevani Baloyi
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Many students in the United States are offered scholarships to help them through college. However, over the years, the focus has been on scholarships directed toward a specific field of study or populated minorities.

This year, the Pan American Society of Greater Cincinnati has decided that Hispanic students need the support of a Hispanic community. Two scholarships are being awarded to individuals who meet the criteria established by the organization (see boxed information).

Roberto Peraza, president of the Pan American Society of Greater Cincinnati, created the program because he felt it would benefit Hispanics in the Cincinnati area.

One of the scholarships offered is the Pan American Hispanic Honor Roll, which emphasizes that you must be a first-year student with high academic achievement and leadership within the community and school as well as a 3.0 GPA. This scholarship is renewable for four years.

The other scholarship offered is the See SCHOLARSHIP, Page 2

"The newer your computer is, the less likely you are to have problems."



Erin Vardell/The Northerner
Academic technology and service's website has a link that can help solve home computer Y2K woes at www.nku.edu/~ats.

What to do for Y2K

This is the final story in a series about the preparations and precautions for the year 2000 problem.

By Kelly Sudzina
Managing Editor

If you have a computer at home, you may want to start finding out now whether or not it will work after the new year. If it's not Y2K compliant, it may not be usable.

"I think it is important to check. The newer your computer is, the less likely you are to have problems," said Scott Vieth, PC specialist for Academic Technology and Services and junior computer science major. "But even newer

software and computers can have problems. So having some kind of safeguard in place is worth it."

The date change may affect anything that is date driven. Each piece of hardware and software on a computer may or may not be date driven, and if it is, it may or may not be compliant.

"While your computer may be 2000 compliant, a lot of the programs on your computer might not know what to do when it hits 2000," Vieth said.

The only way to know is to test each one.

There are several ways to test a See Y2K, Page 2

Freshmen focus of experiment Similar treatment used to cure alcoholics

By Chris Schaeffer
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University psychologists are conducting a pilot study to see if a technique that is successful in helping alcoholics will work to help retain freshmen.

Perilou Goddard and Jim Thomas, clinical psychologists and NKU psychology professors, along with Jennifer Hodges, an academic adviser with the academic advising resource center, are conducting the study.

"This is an experiment," Goddard said. "It has never been used to help in retention before."

The technique, known as motivational interviewing, is non-confrontational and is based on reflective listening. Reflective listening is when the interviewer repeats what they have been told back to the speaker in a slightly different way, Goddard said.

Goddard invited John Baer, a clinical psychologist from the University of Washington, to visit NKU and explain motivational interviewing to interested faculty members. Baer was recommended to Goddard by William Miller and Steven Roffnick, authors of *Motivational Interviewing: Preparing people to change addictive behavior*, a book on the technique, Thomas said.

Baer said, "There is nothing in this treatment program that you can't do on your own. What the treatment is really doing is facilitating change with it," he said.

Goddard said the study includes 120 freshmen. The freshmen were selected based on their responses to the school, work and play survey given to approximately 700 students in the fall 1998 University 101 classes and the spring 1999 Psychology 100

classes. The students were randomly assigned to three groups. One group will be the control group and the two other groups will receive different forms of the motivational interviewing technique. Details of the experiment were withheld at the request of Goddard.

Members of all three groups will receive \$20 for participating in the study, Goddard said.

Hodges thinks the technique will work.

"It's partly the idea that someone is listening to students beyond just 'what should I take next semester?'"

"This will give us a chance to center in on what the student wants to talk about. The trick is to try to fit this counseling technique into work we're already doing on a day-to-day basis," she said.

Mary Ann Weiss, coordinator of the University 101 program, listened to Baer's talk and said she thinks the technique is transferable to freshmen. She is looking forward to working with Goddard, Thomas and Hodges to see how motivational interviewing can be used in the classroom.

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NKU improving its image

By Max Dawson
Staff Reporter

If you happen to travel on Southeast University Drive at Northern Kentucky University, you can see uprooted trees and brush that used to cover the hillside across from Skyline Tavern piled into a few smoldering heaps amidst deep tread marks in the mud. This is just a phase in the plan to better accommodate students.

The area that has been cleared below Johns Hill Road will be transformed into a terraced parking lot. This new lot will provide spaces for approximately 200 cars and will cost about \$400,000, according to Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning.

Wondering why a large chunk of parking lot G has been fenced off for development? It's not a ploy or conspiracy on the university's part. It's only a temporary inconvenience. This area of lot G is the future site of the new softball field.

B.L. Spille of Erlanger began construction of the new softball field in December and is projecting completion of the project in September 1999. The field should be ready for play in the spring of 2000. Browning, Day, Mullins and Dierdorf of Indianapolis designed the new field which will include an underground irrigation drainage system and natural grass turf. Plans for the new softball field are

consistent with the Athletic Field Master Plan. Building parking lots, eliminating parking lots—just what is the university doing? It's all part of the Master Plan, according to Schuh, who described the Master Plan as, "A document to guide the future growth of the campus and to improve the quality of the campus environment."

NKU has contracted NBBJ, an architectural and planning firm in Columbus, for the Master Plan. According to Schuh, Campus Planning and NBBJ are in the initial phase of planning. Campus Planning is gathering documents and preparing for meetings with NBBJ on campus in the near future.

For developments concerning the Master Plan and future construction at NKU, check out Campus Planning's page on NKU's web site at www.nku.edu/campusplan.

The new parking lot and the new softball field are just the beginning of construction activity on campus. According to Campus Planning, other major activities such as the parking "garage" and the new Natural Science Building are on the horizon.

Construction of the new parking structure is scheduled to begin this month. According to the design plans of the Lexington architectural firm, Sherman Carter Barnhart, the parking structure will span a stretch of University Drive just south of the Applied Science and Technology and Business-Education

Psychology Centers. The poured-in-place concrete structure will straddle University Drive.

The parking structure will provide an additional 321 parking spaces on its three levels at a cost of \$3.7 million, according to Schuh. The garage is scheduled to be completed in November of this year.

According to the Campus Planning webpage, a ground-breaking ceremony is anticipated for the new Natural Science Building in early September 1999. Schuh said many new landscape features will be built into the new science building. She explained that a round plaza at the elevation of the second floor of Landrum and the existing Natural Science Building will have two "arbor" structures with built-in seating and benches. In addition, at the street level outside of the new building will be an amphitheater and a lawn with trees.

"Our goal is for students to achieve as much as they want to achieve," Schuh said. "The more attractive or appealing the environment, the more success (NKU) will have in recruiting." According to Schuh, the appearance of the campus is one of the top three or five factors that weigh in a prospective student's choice of a university. Students must be made to feel comfortable, at home at NKU, Schuh said.

In addition to these larger projects, Campus Planning is seeking funds to make other



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The landscaping behind the Fine Arts building, adjacent to where "Way Down East" will be displayed, is one area that has been developed by Campus Planning to improve campus, for students and "residents" alike.

improvements to the physical campus, according to Schuh. Campus Planning is awaiting approval of funds to go ahead with plans to landscape and light the median on Nunn Drive. Campus Planning has sought funds to purchase more benches and seating for the campus plaza.

Schuh said that President James Votruba is responding to the campus community's talk about quality and attractiveness. Campus

beautification has become a priority to NKU, according to Schuh.

One example of Votruba's response is the newly landscaped area between Fine Arts and Steely Library, said Schuh. Another way that NKU has shown concern for its image is the relocation of Red Grooms' sculpture "Way Down East." The new home for the sculpture is along the pathway beside Lake Inferior near Fine Arts.

Policy changes one reason for problems with Academic Advising

By Cindi Brown
Staff Reporter

A University-Wide Academic Counsel has been formed to improve the quality of the academic advising resources offered at Northern Kentucky University.

Angie Brown graduated from NKU in the spring of 1998. She did not, however, get her diploma until the following August. Because of incorrect information given to her by an adviser at the Academic Advising Resource Center, she had to take a summer class in order to complete her degree.

Brown was a freshman in her second semester at NKU and had not yet declared a major. She said an adviser told her she did not need to take a lab with CHE 110 to satisfy the general studies requirement. It was not until her last semester that she was informed that in order to graduate, she needed to take the lab.

"I guess it was my own fault," Brown said. "I took her word and did not check it out for myself. It came back to haunt me."

Brown warned students to get everything together before they see an adviser and to double-check everything that they tell them.

"I was naive in thinking advisers are

always right," Brown said.

David E. Emery, director of the Academic Advising Resource Center (AARC), is co-chairing the University-Wide Academic Counsel with Paul Reichardt. Emery acknowledges these types of problems. "I hope it is minimal, but I know that it does happen."

He said that one of the reasons this sometimes occurs is the poor communication channels on campus. University policy changes and changes in general studies requirements are not always properly communicated to students or faculty, according to Emery. When inaccurate information is given, it may affect a student in a negative way such as postponing graduation. He said there is an appeals process that a student can go through. In six to 12 months, he said, there will be a comprehensive standard manual for all advisers, both faculty and professional staff.

He said the Academic Counsel will strengthen communication, serving as a "clearing house of information."

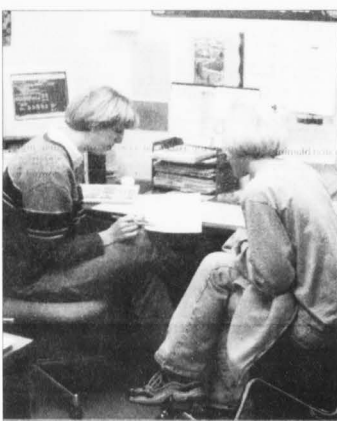
Another problem Emery noted was the lack of training that faculty advisers receive. Often they are just handed a catalog, he said, and expected to advise without any real training.

Linda Adkins, a senior English

major at NKU, said she had four different advisers within the English department. According to her, each one told her something different. She said Dr. Schiff, the fourth adviser, finally set her on the right path. "There needs to be more uniformity," Adkins said. She said it is particularly hard for transfers. She transferred from UC and said it took her almost three years to become fully acquainted with all of NKU's requirements.

"Students need to look more closely at the program they are in," said Adkins. Students need to be aware especially if they are close to graduation."

Emery said that transfer evaluations often get to the advising office late, limiting advisers in their ability to accurately advise these students. Other problems which hinder advising, according to Emery, are open registration and the fact that the university has no mandatory orientation program for new students. This creates problems because these are the students who are often unprepared for



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Freshman Elizabeth Culp receives advice on next year's schedule from Advisor Kristen Collier.

advising sessions because they simply do not know what questions to ask.

According to Emery, the advisers in the AARC are well trained. In their first three to four weeks of employment, they do nothing but training. In

during a semester. A reasonable ratio would be about 300 students to each adviser, he said.

Another factor that Emery sees as limiting advising effectiveness is mis-

communication between advisers and students. "We may not know what they need to know," he said.

He said that it is important for students to be prepared to ask questions. "It is a shared responsibility," he said. This is why there are two signatures on schedule request forms, the advisers' and students'.

Emery also advises students to go to the AARC's web page at <http://www.nku.edu/aarc> which shows students what they should know before coming to an advising session and how they can prepare.

Karen McNay, a junior psychology

major, said "I have never had any problems with advising except for my own laziness."

The Academic Advising Counsel is planning to combat the existing problems within the academic advising resources at NKU. The Counsel is taking steps to develop a universal philosophy of academic advising. It will see to it that any changes in academic policies, curricular changes or any changes related to advising are clearly communicated using the resources of the Student Information System. The counsel will also review the delivery of academic advising university-wide and make suggestions for improvements.

A university-wide advising manual will also be developed. All academic advisers will receive ongoing training. The Counsel is also planning to develop an electronic network for dissemination of advising information.

Y2K: Several ways to prepare home PC

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computer for compliance. Companies have created software which can be purchased or downloaded off the Internet that will test computer systems (both software and hardware) vendors may offer patches or fixes for problems they are already aware of or the date could be set back on your system to check the hardware.

Vieth said that probably the best way to find out if your computer is compliant is to download or buy software that will run comprehensive tests for Y2K compliance.

"One of the pieces of software that we've tried and liked is called Symantec Norton 2000. What it does is it checks all aspects of your system, as well as the programs themselves," Vieth said. Then it tells you what steps to take to fix it. He estimated that software like this costs around \$30-\$50.

"If the company your computer is from has a web site, you should go there and see what the manufacturer says about Y2K compliance," Vieth said. They may have information and upgrades that can be downloaded.

"There are software fixes for the Y2K problem for your hardware that a PC service center can install for a minimum charge," said Don

Neiheisel, president of Another Computer Business in Cincinnati.

"There are a lot of Microsoft programs out there that are not Y2K compliant, but they do offer patches and fixes," he said.

"All your hardware manufacturers know now which equipment is compliant (and which is) not," Neiheisel said.

Neiheisel said one of the easiest ways to test a computer is to set the date back internally to test it. "You can control your date and time on your computer. You can set it manually." This will only test the computer's hardware.

When you turn on the computer, "CMOS will turn on and will detect the hardware," Neiheisel said. If your computer is not Y2K compliant, it may not even boot up after the new year. "CMOS is a chip inside the computer that holds and keeps track of all the hardware settings of your computer. It's a hardware tracker."

"Just setting the clock to 2000 would work just to test the hardware. But the trouble is that could be a brute force way to test it," Vieth said.

"That particular test will not necessarily be enough," said Joe Drury, the

manager of the Helpdesk of Academic Technology and Services. "Just checking to see if the date change between 1999 and 2000 is successful will not tell you if all your problems will be solved. There are other issues that need to be addressed to be confident, issues including old applications and data created by old applications."

"Many PC manufacturers will offer upgrades of 'flashes' which will update the inside of your computer to make it Y2K compliant," Vieth said.

"Make sure someone who is well versed in the process is there when you upgrade the BIOS because, if it's not done correctly, it can cause major problems for the computer," he said.

"I would suggest checking out the academic technology and services web site at www.nku.edu/at-s. There will be a link off of that with references to Y2K help," Drury said.

Drury said it will be updated on a regular basis. "The idea is, we're going to give people as much good information as possible."

Students can visit Academic Technology and Services in Science and Technology room 370 or call the Help Desk at 572-6000 for reference and referral.

SCHOLARSHIP

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Father Joe Nelson Fellowship Award. Father Nelson realized the need for a "Hispanic Center" in the area and gained permission from the Archdiocese to create "Su Casa," which means "your house."

It is located at the St. Charles Catholic Church. Through the center, one can obtain legal and medical services, as well as clothing, transportation and English classes.

To obtain this scholarship, students must have 2.5 G.P.A. and participate in eight hours of community service per week. Applying students must also demonstrate high academic achievement and outstanding volunteer service within the school and church.

This is a one-year scholarship that can be renewed up to four years.

Students wishing to apply for these scholarships must submit a 500-word essay on issues of the Hispanic culture.

The Father Nelson scholarship requires an additional 600-word essay on community service.

For further information, contact the Pan American Society of Greater Cincinnati at (513) 369-8215.

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Is censorship going too far?

By Jeff C. Gardiner
Staff Reporter

Marilyn Manson is responsible for the death of at least one teenager. Or so lawmakers and critics of "shock rock" would have you believe. According to a report on ABC-NEWS.com, a congressional hearing was held in November to determine whether violent music was partially to blame for the suicide of 15-year-old Richard Kuntz on Dec. 11, 1996.

This editorial is a wake-up call to American citizens who are being raped of their constitutional right to speak freely and a plea to those who believe in their freedom to stand up and fight for it. The purpose of this editorial is to persuade my readers that censorship, specifically that of musical recordings, is not only unethical and unconstitutional, but more often than not, counterproductive.

The First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people to peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

To me this means that I can not only say what I want, but say it where I want, when I want, and how I want, just as I'm doing in this editorial. If you don't like or agree with my message, you may want to put the paper down; you're probably not going to like what I have to say.

Raymond Kuntz, Richard's father, said his son had been working on an English paper about Manson and listening to their music before his death. "The music wasn't symptomatic of other problems," Kuntz said. "I would say the music caused him to kill himself."

This is not the first time a rock musician has been blamed for the suicide of a teenager. In 1985, Judas Priest's lyrics were blamed for the death of one teen and the attempted suicide of another. It is this reporter's belief that no musical lyric, or other art form, can cause anyone to commit suicide no matter how evil the message.

Webster's defines censor as "an official who examines books, magazines,

etc. and removes "objectionable" material. Who is this "official" and how are they selected as the person(s) who get to decide what is objectionable or obscene?

Similarly, Kentucky obscenity law established in the Miller v. California decision of the early 1970s leaves unanswered questions. For instance, who is the average person and how is it determined what is obscene?

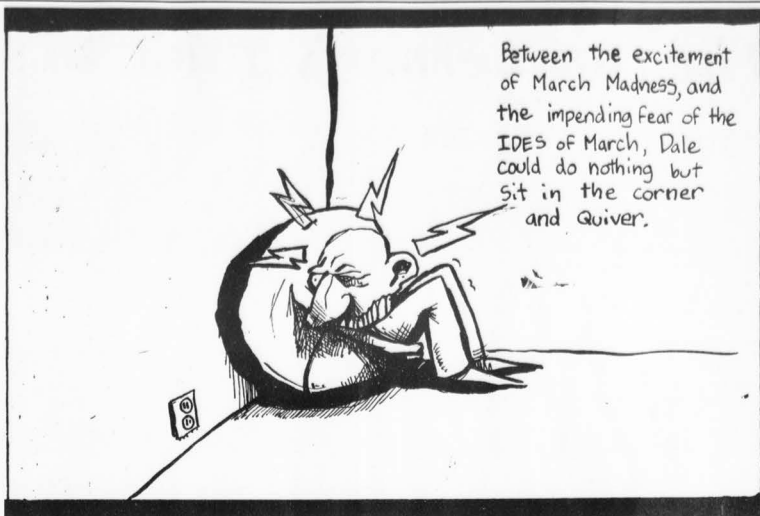
Ultimately the decision to listen to "objectionable" music should be left up to the individual. If that individual is under 18, then it becomes the responsibility of the parents to police what their children listen to. This rule should be applied to all forms of entertainment.

Choosing to fight the messages is, more often than not, counterproductive. The record industry has voluntarily placed labels on musical recordings since the 1980s. I liken this to leaving your teenager home with his/her friends and a case of Bud Light and expecting them not to drink it. Telling a teenager not to do something is usually an open invite to try it once you turn your back.

Raising a fuss over a controversial artist's lyrics gives them free exposure. Free publicity, what a novel idea if you are in a business to make a profit, including the music industry. How do you get free press? Shock the public. Manson and other "shock rockers" know this and that's why they conceive the crazy antics that they do. It's a ploy to get attention.

Controversy sells in all entertainment venues. Has anyone ever heard of Jerry Springer? How about Robert Mapplethorpe? Personally, I'm not into homoerotic art or the "Satanic" music scene. Therefore, when the Mapplethorpe exhibit toured Cincinnati I didn't go and that's why I don't listen to Marilyn Manson's music. It's just that simple.

When are we going to stop blaming everyone else for our own problems? Yes, I think it's a shame when a 15-year-old commits suicide, but I have a hard time believing that music is making them do it. *Romeo and Juliet* is a story about teenage love and suicide. Is it fair to blame William Shakespeare for countless teenage deaths?



New tuition increase questioned

By Justin Braxton-Brown
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba is to be applauded for his desire to make this a premier metropolitan university. To the extent that NKU's visibility and value are increased to the greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region, all students and the community benefit.

However, in the process of increasing the visibility and value of the university, the student must not bear the financial cost of this process.

The best and most equitable form of financial aid is low tuition.

Low tuition benefits all learners and is the best indicator of a university's accessibility.

Low tuition benefits a growing economy by making it possible for more learners to realize the possibility of a university education.

Low tuition reduces the need to go into debt in order to graduate.

Low tuition makes it possible for a student to work their way through college and it maintains the historical agreement of the state to fund two-thirds the total cost and the student to pay one-third.

It is a mistake for NKU's administration to look at the tuition cost of other universities and decide that NKU students pay too little.

It would be better for the administrators to understand the impact that high tuition has at other universities and for them to make a commitment to keep NKU tuition low.

This region does not have a community college. Open access education is part of NKU's mission.

As such, NKU should reduce the cost of all lower division general education courses and all lower division professional courses to the tuition charged by Kentucky's Community and Technical Colleges.

Recognizing the attendance patterns of NKU's students, tuition for

summer session should be identical to tuition for the fall and spring semesters.

While the per-credit tuition rate is the same, the key difference is the absence of a flat rate for the summer session.

During fall and spring, a full-time student's tuition is capped at \$1,110. To take the same 16 credits in the summer, the tuition is \$1,504.

NKU is an access college. It holds open the doors to university education for a substantial number of first-generation college students, returning adults and other students without sufficient resources.

Access students are different than traditional residential undergraduate students.

The difference is that access students tend to work, go to school and balance a myriad of other responsibilities.

The secret to achieving President Votruba's dream is maintaining NKU's historical commitment to its students and their well-being through low tuition.

Ishmael's Cage placed

Dan Collett's sculpture "Ishmael's Cage" will be placed on display March 11 on the pad on university plaza.

Permission for this has been granted by the University Space Committee following a positive recommendation from the University Art and Architecture Committee.

The department of art made application to place the sculpture on display. After carefully deliberating the request and the issues felt to be surrounding it, the two committees agreed to permit the piece to be displayed.

Further, the Space Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Art and Architecture Committee that the department of art be permitted to use the concrete pad to display the work of art students.

The Space Committee will be informed of what is to be displayed. After this semester, the program will be reviewed for continuation until the removal of the concrete pad is effected.

Works shall be put on display for a period of four to six weeks. Each piece will be accompanied by an artist's statement. A small display at the University Center Information Desk shall also have a photo of the piece, an artist's statement and whatever other materials may be deemed pertinent to the display.

North Poll

Now that we are at midterm, what is your favorite class and why?

Alison Williams
English
Alexandria, KY

"My writing class, because of the diverse group of people in the class and the talent and creativity they possess."



David Waite
Aviation Administration
Ludlow, KY

"Aviation 108 Theory of Flight, because it's my easiest class and my professor is very good."

Samantha Menke
Music Education
Rising Sun, IN

"My history class, because Dr. Ryan makes it fun to be there."



Mike Mastin
Biology
Florence, KY

"Karate, because it got me in shape."

Shani Blue
Undeclared
Cincinnati, OH

"Social Work 203, because the group discussions are very interesting and my professor, Charlie Lowe, tries to bring everyone into the discussion."



Kyle Stout
Computer Science
Wexar, IN

"Computer programming, because it's very interesting and relates to my major."

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The Northerner's guide to spring break

Panama for \$400

By Elizabeth Thomas
Staff Reporter

Do you want to go to Panama City Beach, Florida for spring break without breaking your bank account?

It is possible, with planning, to join the thousands of college students on vacation for under \$400.

A reason college students go the the emerald green waters in the Gulf is the trip's affordability.

William Flanagan of *Forbes* noted, "the average trip for a week stay ranges between \$500 and \$600." With some planning, that estimate can be knocked down.

One way to find a cheap place to stay is to talk to people who have already been. Melissa Smith, a sophomore education major at Northern Kentucky University, went to Panama City last year.

"I got to know the area," Smith said. "That is how I found the place we are staying at this year."

Smith and her friends stayed at the Panama City Beach Campgrounds. This year, Smith wanted to find hotel lodging.

"The big hotels like Holiday Inn, Best Western and Quality Inn charge about \$250 per night for a four-person room," Smith said. "With tax, that is over \$400 a person, for the week, right there."

Smith found a different alternative.

"Last year in Panama City Beach, I visited some friends who rented a condo next to the huge Holiday Inn Sunspree complex," Smith said. "There were six guys staying there. It had a nice kitchen, living room, bathroom, and two bedrooms."

Rather than staying at a national hotel chain, price listings from competitors can be checked. Smith was surprised learn the condominium, The Spain, was only \$105 per night.

"I knew that is where I wanted to stay in '99," Smith said.

Smaller hotels are another option. They may have fewer features, such as tennis courts or fitness centers, but they could save money.

Beth Palmer, a junior psychology major at the University of Kentucky, says "On spring break, you have no need for anything but the beach and the clubs."

Money can be saved for the nightlife by asking a hotel receptionist for the lowest rates or a discount on the room. The America Online Travel Resource Page suggests to ask for the lowest rate by calling the hotel directly, and by getting a confirmation number.

"Some of the hotels in Panama City will charge extra money per room during spring break," AAA travel agent Kelli Lepof said.

"When calling, ask the hotel if they are charging a higher price. Look around for a hotel that doesn't increase their prices."

If traveling in a group requiring more than one room, see if a group discount is possible.

More money can be saved if a hotel allows more than four people to a room.

"Most hotels allow only four to a room," Palmer said. "Find one sleeping five or six to a room. It's not that much more."

The Holiday Inn Sunspree in Panama charges \$269 per night for four people.

The Summit, which is similar in location, size and services, charges \$275 per night for six people.

The options are numerous, and if you plan wisely, you can have a world-class spring break with a college student price tag.

For additional information, contact the following web sites: www.fluusa.com/PanamaCityBeach/index.html, www.panamacity.com.

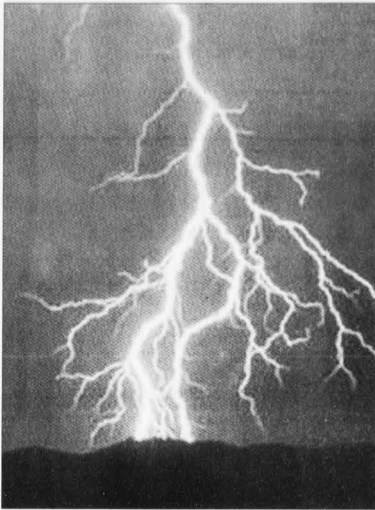


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If the local weather is getting you down, there is a solution.

A cheaper route

By Melissa Bradley
Staff Reporter

Spring break is something that college students look forward to every year. Some students do not have the time or money to travel to traditional spring break places such as Daytona Beach or Panama City, Florida.

Mike Weber, a Northern Kentucky University speech major, said, "I have been on nine spring breaks; I think it is an essential part of the college experience."

If you do not have the time or the money, there are several places which make good alternatives. These places can be driven to in under six hours and do not require a long stay.

Chicago, Illinois is about a six-hour drive from Cincinnati. If you choose to go to Chicago, you can stay in Indiana for a less expensive rate, and take a train into Chicago. Chicago offers shopping and an exciting night life.

Excalibur is the most popular club in Chicago. This club has three dance floors and is open until 5 a.m. Excalibur is in a 105-year old Romanesque Revival building.

Chicago also has many different blues and comedy clubs if dancing is not on your itinerary.

If you are set on going south for spring break, the Gatlinburg or Knoxville, Tennessee areas are a good alternative. These areas are about five hours from Cincinnati. In Gatlinburg, you can stay in a cabin or a hotel.

Gatlinburg has many craft stores and outlets to shop at. You can also snowboard, ski, ice skate, camp or hike there. The shops, restaurants, and arcades are within walking distance of most of the hotels. While staying here, you can drive in to Knoxville for the night life.

The Old City, located near downtown Knoxville, has several different clubs and bars. There are many coffee houses and restaurants in this area. In Knoxville, there are also many places to shop and visit.

Cathy Schroer, an undeclared sophomore at Northern Kentucky University, said, "I have been to Florida for spring break in the past; this year I am staying closer to home due to financial reasons."

If an expensive spring break trip isn't on your agenda, try one of these alternatives.

8MM doesn't stretch to expectations

Michael Phillips
Staff Reporter

In the movie *8MM*, Tom Welles (Nicolas Cage) has a modest, home-based practice in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he lives with wife Amy (Catherine Keener) and baby daughter named Cindy.

He is waiting for the big break that will improve his professional status.

Welles has spent most of his time on routine cases until a reel of film known as "snuff" porn is discovered by Mrs. Christine's dead husband's vault.

As a wealthy woman, Mrs. Christine hires Welles to find the identity of the girl

who may have been murdered by three men in the movie and if she is still alive.

This reel of film turns his life upside down into the terrifying path of the deep underground world of pornography.

Welles is teamed up with Max (Joaquin Phoenix), an adult bookstore clerk. Max provides Welles with inside information dealing with the underground world of pornography.

Welles and Max get deeply involved with two perverse and provocative producers, Dino Velvet (Peter Stormare) and Eddie Poole (James Gandolfini) movie maker of Celebrity Films.

We follow Welles and Max as they trail

some bizarre, illicit and hardcore porn to determine if this girl-a stranger has been murdered.

These two come to realize how deadly a small reel of eight-millimeter film can be.

When I was going into this film, I set myself up for another Nicolas Cage action movie like *Con Air* or *Face Off*.

But instead, I found a sleazy, outlandish sexual violence disturbing and wondering if sick, twisted movies were produced in such fashion to arouse the viewer.

8MM is a slick, intense thriller about a good guy dragged into a nightmare world. *8MM* is too much. The movie receives 1 1/2 candy bars.

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Student Support at service for students at NKU

By Chris Schaeffer
Staff Reporter

Lori Lawless's study companion is her two-year-old son. He does his "homework" with coloring books and crayons while Lawless does her class work.

Lawless, a freshman who hasn't decided on a major, is a single parent, is working over 40 hours a week and attending Northern Kentucky University. When the pressures of trying to juggle a hectic schedule begin to weigh her down, she steps into the lounge at Student Support Services for advice or just to visit with friends.

"It helps me to know I've got someone there," she said. "I feel like we're part of one big happy family and they are here to help."

According to the department brochure, "Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed to give a helping hand to Northern Kentucky University students who show potential for success in college, but who need assistance in their efforts. Students entering the program have a variety of needs encompassing economic, academic, cultural and handicapped challenges."

There are certain criteria a student must meet to qualify for Student Support Services. Students are considered for SSS if:

- They are a first-generation college



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Sophomore architecture major Bill Tiltlen meets with peer mentor Angela Gamble in the Student Support Services center in BEP.

student.

- They meet federal low-income guidelines.

- They have a federally recognized disability.

Carol Maschinot, a junior English major, said, "Student support, that's what they are. They support us." Whipping her wheel chair out the door, she added, "I like it because they treat you normal."

That support comes in different

forms depending on what the student needs. If the student is disabled, SSS works closely with Disability Services to serve as a student advocate.

Susan Mospens, director of Student Support Services, said, "Approximately one-third of students with disabilities at NKU are served through SSS."

If a student is having trouble in his or her classes, SSS will help find a

tutor. SSS works closely with the Learning Assistance Center.

"This past fall, LAC assumed all tutoring services," Mospens said. But SSS continues to offer tutoring, monitor the effectiveness of the tutoring and troubleshoot any problems.

If the student needs help with financial aid, SSS will help the student fill out forms, answer the student's questions and serve as a liaison between the student and the Financial Aid office, said Peg Adams, SSS counselor.

"We help with scholarship opportunities by identifying students who are eligible and helping them to apply," Adams said.

SSS has advisors to help students with course selection. SSS works mostly with undeclared students and has a small case load. This allows a more personal approach, Adams said.

Not only does SSS provide counseling and advising, it also has special programs like the Cultural Connection Club and the W.I.L.D. program.

"The idea of the Cultural Connection Club," said Adams, "is to help our students experience culturally enriching activities that they might not otherwise have available."

The CCC activities include short overnight trips and some ten-day trips. They have visited Chicago and Nashville. They have also seen plays like *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*. A group from the club is planning to see the NKU production of *Li'l Abner*, said Adams.

The W.I.L.D. program, or Weekly Instruction and Learning Development, is short lectures which teach college survival skills. Topics include time management, note taking skills and how to approach a professor, Adams said.

SSS also has an award program to recognize the accomplishments of students.

"About a year ago, I received 'the most persistent' award," Maschinot said.

Sheri Wasson, a junior social work major, said, "There are different recognitions if your GPA is really good. They [the staff] really want us to succeed."

Anitra Snow, a sophomore political science and psychology major, said, "I feel like SSS is helping you to integrate into college life. It is like a stepping stone. They are like a family. You lean on them for a while and then you can go out on your own."

David Rovics sings his views at Greaves Hall

By Rick Amburgey
Staff Reporter

David Rovics, a singer/songwriter who uses his music to speak out against social, political and environmental issues, performed at Greaves Hall last Thursday.

However, Rovics says he isn't too quick to classify himself as a protest.

"I shy away from the term protest. It sounds like people are

trying to tear something down, instead of building something," Rovics said.

He said that he first heard these types of songs when he was about 12 years old and was intrigued by them. He also said that he dabbled with poetry, but really didn't start developing his ideas into songs until several years later.

"I started writing songs when I was around 19," he said.

Many of Rovics' songs, although serious and conveying a

point, are also humorous.

"I try to incorporate irony when I write. But sometimes it does happen by accident," Rovics said.

One example he used was an environmental song titled "We Want The World", where he proclaims that we don't want everything, just a clearer world to live in.

In that song, Rovics' humor shines with the lyrics "We'll appoint a CEO. Maybe a rabbit or the squirrel. We don't want your

money/ We just want the world."

Rovics said that he usually gets an idea and that evolves into a song.

"I write about what I read about and what is everywhere. I would like to think that I'm affected by all kinds of things that go on in the world. I'll be inspired and it'll just pour out," Rovics said.

He said that he will write a song about anything that appeals to him and said he hasn't found a topic yet he would totally stay away from.

"It's just that there are some topics that I haven't come up with a good way to say what I want to say in the song. I want to write one about Mumia [Abu-Jamal], but I haven't got a good idea yet. There's not a topic that I wouldn't touch if I got the right idea," Rovics said.

He said that Monica Lewinsky hasn't been the subject of a song yet.

"I haven't written a song about Monica yet, but I am working on it," said Rovics.

Although Rovics' songs can be deemed controversial, he said that he really hasn't had a problem with complaints about them.

"It hardly ever happens. I tend to do set lists for what the audience is ready for," he said.

He believes, though, that the neutral reaction from people says something about people.

"They are somewhat apathetic. A lot of people, rather [than] have a non-reaction, react either positively or negatively to something," Rovics said.

One of his songs, "Contras, Kings, and Generals", questioned who the real victims were in the sanctions and attacks on Iraq with the words "There are those who'd question/What's good and what's the cost/ one million dead malnourished children/ an UN-sanctioned holocaust," say some of the lyrics.

Other songs touch on what would happen if all the minimum wage workers would go on strike, the Exxon Valdez oil spill and on other people whose stories struck a chord in Rovics' heart.

One of these stories was that of a man who was cut off welfare and was "too old to work and too proud to beg."

"I wrote the song during the heat wave in the summer of '95; [he] died during that time while he was living in his car," Rovics said.

Rovics, who lives in Massachusetts, travels around the country attending rallies and doing concerts.

As Rovics said in one of his songs, "America will be the death of me."

"I write about what I read about, and what is everywhere."

-David Rovics

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CONTENT: The work must be about, for, or by women to be judged in the competition. Three categories will be considered. There will be a \$100 prize awarded in each category:

- **Creative Writing-** short stories, poetry chapters of novels, journals, plays etc.
- **Prose Writing-** including essays, research reports etc.
- **Any Other Form of Creative Expression**

Contact Margaret Myers at BEP 470, x-5550, for application forms and further details.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, March 11:

- NKU Symphonic Winds. Carol Dary Dunevant, conductor. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

- Phi Beta Lambda meeting. 3:15 p.m. UC 303.

- Students Together Against Racism. 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.

- Women in Transition support group meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

Saturday, March 13:

- Delta Research and Educational Foundation Day. A day of community service. All volunteers welcome. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers meet at Norse Commons.

Monday, March 15:

- Les causeries du lundi, French conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.

Tuesday, March 16:

- Common Ground meeting. 4-5 p.m. UC 303.

- Deutsche Kaffeestunde, German conversation hour. 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

Wednesday, March 17:

- Hora de conversacion, Spanish conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.

- AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. UC 232.

Monday, March 20:

- Of Ebony Embers. The CORE Ensemble performs. 7-9 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

Thursday, March 25:

- Forum on Affirmative Action. Sponsored by S.T.A.R. 12:15 p.m. UC Theatre.

Features Quote of the Week:

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Move over Holyfield:
Great Lakes bout
goes the distance
to crown champ



Elden May

Through the years, there have been great bouts that stick in people's minds. Ali-Frazier, Yankees-Red Sox, NKU-Michigan Tech.

NKU-Michigan Tech? Ask anyone in attendance at this game Saturday, and they will tell you this was a game for the ages.

The game had it all—excellent shooting, excellent defense, drama, and game-winning shots. It was the best team in the region taking on the second best, Fifth-ranked NKU Tech versus ninth-ranked NKU.

It was a 12 round heavyweight battle to the end. Both teams gave it their best punch, but could not deliver the knockout.

NKU led by ten early, MTU came back. NKU led by 12 in the second half, MTU came back. The Huskies held a lead, NKU didn't fold. The game was tied with 11 seconds left, and NKU made the plays to win.

Those final seconds caused more than a few coronaries in the crowd. The play was set up for senior Shannon Smith. She was open, but the shot did not fall.

Then, almost as if she swooped down from the heavens, Michelle Cottrell grabbed the ball and flipped the shot as time expired.

When the ball swished, the crowd erupted. The crowd had reason to erupt. It was their support that pushed the Norse to victory.

I said last week it would be wonderful if a sellout crowd would cheer on the Norse. While the crowd was not quite a sellout, the semi-final and final crowds were far above expectations. Perhaps there are sports fans on the NKU campus after all.

So the Norse scored 12 rounds with the best of the Great Lakes Region had to offer and emerged victorious.

While it was not a knockout (more like a decision), the Norse got the victory.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel was gracious in her praise of Michigan Tech.

"Michigan Tech is a fine basketball team," Winstel said. "They could have easily gone to the Elite Eight and done very well, too. It's a shame that only one team can go."

While most of the time, the above quote would be ordinary coachspeak. But in this instance, there was sincerity in this statement.

It was the kind of game that shouldn't end. If the game could have gone for another five, ten or twenty minutes, neither team would have emerged as a clear-cut choice.

So now the Norse advance to the Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. While the destination leaves something to be desired, the fan support will not.

Those in attendance will cheer hard for the Norse (the game is during Spring Break, so it should help attendance), and many others will be listening intently for the final scores of the games, all pulling for the Norse.

The thought of the Norse as national champions is not a far-out idea.

As senior Julie Stanley put it, "we just need to keep doing what we've been doing."

They have been doing it well.

ELITE EIGHT: NKU wins great lakes regional title

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to fall; I just told everybody to keep shooting."

Grand Valley coach Claudette Charney agrees.

"The three-pointers down the stretch were the key," Charney said.

"Cottrell was the difference in the game," Charney said.

"I just went out there and played like I know how to play," Cottrell said.

With the win over GVSU, NKU extended its winning streak to 20 games and tied the all-time school record with 28 wins (28-2).

To get to the Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the Norse had to face their highest ranked opponent of the season as they took on Michigan Tech. MTU was ranked fifth nationally in the last regular season poll.

NKU came out firing in the first half as it opened the game with a 19-6 run. Tuchfarber had

seven points, including a three-pointer, during the Norse run.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Michigan Tech answered with an 11-3 run of its own to cut the NKU lead to 22-17.

Michigan Tech came all the way back just before the half and tied the contest at 28.

Tuchfarber led the way for the Norse at the half with nine points, while Cottrell added six.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first as NKU started out on a 10-0 run. Katie Kelsey and Tuchfarber each hit three-pointers during the run to give NKU a 38-28 lead.

With 14 minutes left in the game and NKU up 44-32, Michigan Tech began its final march.

First, MTU went on a 14-5 run as Allison Bailey, Janalee Rondorf, Jenny Sorenson, and Sara Ferris each hit layups to cut NKU's lead to three at 49-46.

Then, Michigan Tech took the lead on another Ferris three-pointer with less than six minutes left. Bailey hit two free throws to give Michigan Tech its biggest lead at 56-53.

That set the stage for NKU heroics in the final two minutes of play. First, Tuchfarber hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 59. Bailey then hit a layup for Michigan Tech to give the Huskies a 61-59 lead. Tuchfarber then answered for NKU with a free throw to make it 61-60, MTU.

With just under 30 seconds left in the game, senior Julie Stanley hit a three-pointer to give the Norse a 63-61 lead. Bailey answered for Tech with a layup with 11 seconds left to tie the game at 63 apiece.

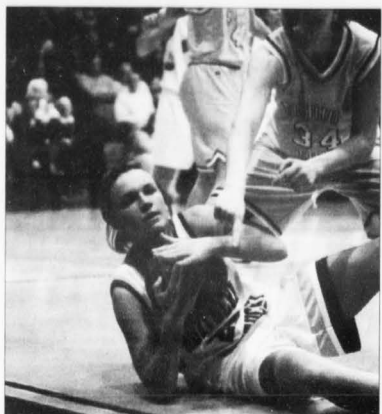
In the final play, Kelsey passed to Shannon Smith for an inside jumper. The shot did not fall, but Cottrell got the rebound and was able to throw it back in at the buzzer to give NKU the championship, 65-63.

Regents Hall erupted in pandemonium as the NKU team mobbed each other in front of the Norse bench.

Shannon Smith talked about how the last play turned out the way it did to give the Norse the victory.

"We worked out the play, Katie looked for me to get a good shot off. It hit off the glass wrong and Cot came through again," Smith said.

Tuchfarber, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, led the way for NKU with 19 points and Cottrell, who was named to the



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
TAKE A TO: NKU guard Michele Tuchfarber signals for a timeout during the NKU-Michigan Tech game Saturday at Regents Hall.

All-Tournament Team, had 12 points and 10 rebounds in the Norse win. Bailey had 22 points for Michigan Tech.

Several NKU players said the key to the game was clutch shooting down the stretch.

Three by Stanley (her only basket of the game) and Tuchfarber were a key in the Norse victory.

"The three's were crucial," said Jessica Jensen.

"They kept us in the game," added Cottrell.

Another factor in the outcome was the senior leadership for NKU. Five of the six NKU

seniors saw action and each scored.

"It was really important," said Shannon Smith. "Katie took charge and got in everyone's face. Julie hit a big three to."

"Our seniors make us go," said Winstel.

NKU broke the all-time school record with 29 wins and extended its winning streak to 21 games.

With the win, NKU advances to the Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The Norse will play Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the winner of the East region, on March 17th.



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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: NKU players Shannon Roddy (left), Michele Tuchfarber (center) and Leigh Cherni (right) share a hug after the NKU victory over Michigan Tech Saturday.

Intramural Basketball Results

Below are the results of the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night intramural leagues at the Alhambra Health Center. For more information on upcoming leagues or game times, please contact Dan Henry, director of campus recreation at 572-5278.

Results from Sunday Tournament First Round, February 28

A Division

Looney Tunes	81	Noodle's Garage	64
Campus Book and Supply	69	Overdone Hotdogs	67
E Penetration	57	Mustangs	53
Cats	70	GEA	37

B Division

Balls of Fire	74	Indiana Boys	72
Too Tall	df	Holtman	su
Korn Dawgs	60	Balls of Fire	46
Psychedelic Chickens	78	Too Tall	66

C Division

Convicts	70	Omega Oldies	33
Convicts	57	Past Prime Dells	45
Run-N-Gun	58	Slam It Home	41

Greek Division

Tau Kappa Epsilon II	71	Pike B	59
Pi Kapa Alpha A	46	Alpha Tau Omega	41
Money Shots	def	Pike Z	su

Results from Monday League Tournament First Round, March 1

A Division

Cats	63	Joe's Army	52
Dream Team	66	Indians	58

B Division

The Blue Team	56	Bill's Bunch	44
The Evil Beavers	67	SKG	48

Results from Thursday League Tournament First Round, March 4

A Division

Six Pack	63	Cats	50
Disgruntled Postal Workers	73	Chico's Bail Bonds	67
Longhorn's	76	Joe's Army	69
Dream Team	67	Ballers	65

B Division

Square Dancin' Monkeys	79	Jobbers	43
Up in There	67	Jobbers	35

The finals for each tournament will be this week. Results from each division as well as selected pictures of the winning teams will appear in the March 24 issue of *The Northerner*.

After Spring Break, Campus Recreation will be sponsoring Softball and Table Tennis leagues and tournaments. Any questions regarding these leagues can be directed to Dan Henry, director of campus recreation or Steve Meier, director of Campus Recreation and University Center operations.

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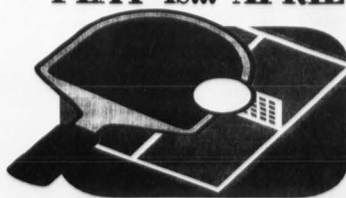
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The Northerner Players of the Week



Photos by Jeff McCurry

Left: Chris Cole

Chris, as well as the entire NKU office of Sports Information, played an integral part in making the NCAA regional tournament at NKU a success. Cole, a Sports Information Assistant, also helped with the GLVC tournament in Evansville the week before.

Right: Shannon Smith

Shannon returned from a knee injury and helped NKU reach the Elite Eight. She scored 17 points in two games, including 11 in the semi-final victory over Grand Valley State.



Going to Arkansas for the Elite Eight?

Many options by land or by air to follow the Norse to Pine Bluff

By Elden May
Sports Editor

The 1999 NCAA Division II women's Elite Eight will be played at the Pine Bluff Convention Center in Pine Bluff, Arkansas from March 17-20.

The Northern Kentucky University women's team will play the last game of the night on March 17 against the Indians of Indiana University (Pa.). Game time is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Should the Norse advance, the semi-finals are scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 8 p.m. The finals will be played on Saturday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. In the past, the finals were broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

If you are driving to Pine Bluff, the trip will take from 12 to 14 hours.

DIRECTIONS (from NKU): Take I-275 West to I-75/I-71 South. Take I-71 West to I-65 South (just outside of Louisville). Take I-65 South to I-265 West (Just North of Nashville, Tenn.). Take I-265 West to I-40 West. Take I-40 West to I-240 South (just outside of Little Rock). Take I-240 South to Route 65 South to Pine Bluff. From there, take the Main St. Exit and turn onto E. 6th Avenue. The Convention Center should be on the right.

If you plan to fly to Arkansas for the big game and the finances are tight, there are some compa-

nies that fly into Little Rock.

The company with the cheapest rates, Southwest Airlines, has flights leaving all week from Louisville that arrive in Little Rock. All flights include a stopover in St. Louis. Southwest also has terminals in Columbus and Indianapolis. However, the prices range from \$50-\$92 one way. The total time of the flight to Arkansas (including the stopover) is about four hours.

Contact Southwest Airlines at 1-800-435-9792 or visit the website at www.southwest.com

If flying from Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport, contact Delta or any airline that services the Cincinnati area.

Indiana University (Pa.)
at a glance



Upcoming Games

NKU Women's Basketball

March 17-20

NCAA tournament

vs. Indiana (Pa.) University
March 17 at Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

NKU Baseball

March 12 at Union 1:00
March 14 Concord (DH) * 10 a.m.
March 15 Huntington * 10a.m.
March 16 New Haven * 10 a.m.
Concordia * 2:00
March 17 Northern Iowa * 10 a.m.
March 20 at Southern Indiana (DH) 12
March 21 at SIUE (DH) 12
March 24 at Union (DH) 1:00
* Spring Trip (Daytona, FL)

NKU Softball

March 11 at Midway (DH) 4:00
March 14-17 Spring Break Trip TBA
(at Pensacola, FL)
March 20 St. Joseph's (DH) 12
March 21 IPEW (DH) 12
March 24 at Mt. St. Joseph (DH) 3:00

NKU Men's Tennis

March 12-18 Spring Break Trip TBA
(at Hilton Head, SC)
March 20 Bellarmine 10 a.m.
March 22 Sinclair 3:00
March 24 Hanover 3:00

Location: Indiana, Pennsylvania

Enrollment:

Coach: Sandy Thomas (52-31; 3 years)

Record: 26-5

Assistant: Bo Kuntz

Nickname: Indians

Colors: Crimson and Gray

Conference: PSAC

Series: NKU leads, 2-0

Last meeting: 1993 in Perkins Classic

(NKU won, 73-53)

Road to Elite Eight: defeated Shippensburg 85-75 in East Region Finals on Saturday.

Roster

NO	Name	HT	POS	CL
10	Toni Wolf	5-7	G	SO
21	Carrie Maitland	5-10	F	SO
25	Carrie Hoy	5-4	G	FR
30	Molly Carr	5-8	G	SR
31	Melanie Karas	5-10	G	FR
32	Melissa McGill	6-5	C	JR
33	Theresa Kabala	5-7	G	SR
34	Megan Smith	6-2	C	JR
35	Megan Woodall	5-9	F	SO
42	Beth McDonald	5-11	F	SO
45	Jodi Frederick	6-1	F	JR
52	Daashia Cochran	6-1	F	FR

NKU pep band fires up team, fans

Could make the trip to Arkansas if NKU reaches finals

By Bruce Reller

Assistant Sports Editor

Behind every good team, there is a dedicated group of individuals that make the dream a reality. It also helps to have a dedicated cheering section.

The Northern Kentucky University Pep Band has always been known as a motivational factor when the basketball teams come out to play.

As well as playing their instruments, the band members also act as the team's unofficial "sixth man."

With the play of the NKU teams this season, the pep band has had many opportunities to play for winning teams.

According to band members, the group works with the cheerleaders to pump up the crowd.

"We provide secondary motivation for the cheerleaders," said pep band member Andy Houston. "We get comments from the crowd section that we're at the games."

"We help out the crowd," explained Dennis Farmer. "Every time the crowd gets quiet, we try to get loud to get them back in the game. It's more fun to stand up and get involved in the game."

NKU Director of Bands Carol Dunevant said it is exciting for the members to be a part of the game.

"It's real exciting to be part of the excitement and a well-deserved honor for the team," Dunevant said. "The kids that play in the band are in the game."

It is not all business for the band. The excitement of cheering for the Norse draws many band members into the game.

"It's great to get into it," said Houston.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

FIRED UP: The NKU pep band plays during the NKU-Michigan Tech game Saturday night at Regents Hall.

"It's really exciting to watch. We like to yell and scream," added Farmer.

Now that the Norse are going to Pine Bluff, Arkansas for the Elite Eight, the pep band hopes to make the trip to go play and cheer the team on to victory.

"The band will go if the team

makes it to the finals," said Dunevant.

"We hope to be there to cheer them on and see them win," added Houston.

A good cheering section can always help a team out in crucial situations of a game. The pep band would fit in that category.

1999 NCAA Women's Elite Eight Tournament Bracket

(at Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff, Arkansas)

North Central Reg.

Mar. 17, 1 p.m.

South Atlantic Reg.

Mar. 18, 6:00 p.m.

South Central Reg.

Mar. 17, 3 p.m.

Northeast Reg.

Sat., Mar. 20, 3:30 p.m.

West Region

Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m.

South Region

Mar. 18, 8 p.m.

Indiana (Pa.)

Mar. 17, 8:30 p.m.

NKU

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Champion

"Celebration of Life" for Carlie Schulenberg

A commemorative gathering for Carlie Schulenberg has been set for Thursday, Mar. 30 at 4:00 p.m. in Greaves Auditorium. Acquaintances, friends, students, faculty, and community are invited to attend and reflect on the life of Carlie Schulenberg. If you need further information contact Mary Jo Beresford at 572-5451, Bob Neumann at 572-6426 or Jane Meier at 572-5631.

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Wednesday, March 10, 1999

-TV-CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- 1. Silcom about a divorced dad with two kids (3)
 - 9. Cheech Marin's role
 - 10. *Profiler* actress
 - 11. Dill doubled
 - 13. Seize weapons from
 - 15. 1981-82 Michael Learned series
 - 17. Jonathan of 36 Across
 - 18. Initials for Marlo's pop
 - 20. Role on *Roseanne*
 - 21. Here and (1992-93)
 - 23. Judd Hirsch's role
 - 24. WSW plus 180 degrees
 - 25. Scrooge's exclamation
 - 26. Suffix for light or bright
 - 29. *Rachel Gunn*, 1992 Christine Ebersole series
 - 30. Series for Doug Sheehan
 - 34. October birthstones
 - 36. Series about an alien
 - 38. Refusals
 - 39. Words to a traitor (2)
 - 42. for *Your Life* (1965-68)
 - 43. *Please Don't Eat* (1965-67)
- DOWN**
- 1. Not, upside down
 - 2. Make well
 - 3. Pack down firmly
 - 4. "Man River"
 - 5. Initials for the star of *Highway to Heaven*
 - 6. Out of ...; incompatible
 - 7. Actor Katz
 - 8. *Picket Fences* setting: abbr.
 - 9. Jack's portrayal on *Suddenly Susan* (2)



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Wednesday



High 41
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Thursday



High 43
Low 28
Cloudy today and cool. Chance of rain/snow is 54 percent.

Friday



High 44
Low 26
Partly cloudy, much like yesterday. Chance of rain/snow is 43 percent.

Saturday



High 50
Low 27
Mostly cloudy today. Chance of rain/snow is 48 percent.

Sunday



High 48
Low 30
Mostly cloudy today. Chance of rain/snow is 50 percent.

HOROSCOPE

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March 10 through March 17, 1999

- Aries (March 21 - April 19)**
You may hear some interesting gossip, but do not pass it along. A long-term relationship could benefit from some distance.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
Problems at work may be manifesting themselves physically. Get involved with a local charity and make a difference.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
You have suppressed your creative side for too long. Get out a pen and paper and start writing, or sign up for an art or music class.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**
You may experience some anxiety with a loved one. It is best to air your differences in a noncombative way.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
A member of the opposite sex finds you attractive, but you may not feel the same way. Be tactful when letting the person down.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
With several new projects the way, you are going to have to prioritize your time. Romantic entanglements are going to become difficult.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Invite a group of friends to join you for dinner and a movie during the middle of the week. It's good to get out of your home now and then.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
Think twice before committing yourself to a long-term project. Travel plans may become an important factor.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
Find a few moments to relax, then get organized. Procrastination is your worst enemy on the domestic front.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
Spending some time with children and discovering the kid in you will open your mind to new opportunities.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
You have a lot of minor details in your life that need to be taken care of. Try to have fun while doing it.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Getting so stressed out over the little things only makes your life more difficult. Kick back and enjoy.

Born this week:

- March 15 - Fabio, Judd Hirsch
- March 16 - Erik Estrada, Jerry Lewis, Nancy Wilson
- March 17 - Leahy, Anne Down, Patrick Duffy, Kurt Russell
- March 18 - Charley Pride
- March 19 - Glenn Close, Bruce Willis
- March 20 - Holly Hunter, William Hurt
- March 21 - Matthew Broderick, Timothy Dalton, Gary Oldman

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