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## Albright urges SG action

By Tim Funk

NKU President Dr. A.D. Albright challenged Student Government (SG) Tuesday to "develop an overall plan for student services" that would clue the university's administration in on "what students expect for the money and time that they invest in this institution."

Albright also promised that he would "pay attention" to any student input channeled through SG. "When students get involved, they want a sign that they're being listened to. Something has to be manifested."

Albright refused, however, to indicate whether he would support the creation of a three-tiered committee, including one student, to allocate the student activity fee (see related story).

Albright's comments came during an SG-sponsored question and answer forum in Nunn Auditorium that attracted approximately 35 students and faculty. In response to other questions from the group, Albright said:

"he would like to see NKU adjust its

schedule "in the next few years" to accommodate students who want a degree, but can only attend evening classes.

"he would work toward providing students involved in future paraprofessional programs at Northern some exposure to "clinical settings" in the Greater Cincinnati area as part of their training. He cited co-op programs and hospital training for nursing students. Albright earlier told *The Northerner* that he was interested in achieving some reciprocal arrangement with Ohio colleges. NKU would accept Ohio students into Chase Law School in exchange for the opportunity to enroll Northern Kentucky students into those Ohio programs that Northern does not have.

"he would like to schedule open forums with interested students and faculty on a regular basis. He also responded favorably to a suggestion that the University's other administrators attend such forums.



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GOTCHA!

Biology students skim one of NKU's ponds in search of specimens to study in their lab class. Foreground: Paul Gough, back: David Snyder.

## Nienaber offers SAF plan

SG President John Nienaber told a group of students and faculty Tuesday that he favored a three-tiered committee made up of one student and two administrators to allocate the student activity fee.

Nienaber suggested that the student representative be either himself or SG Vice-President Rob Anthony and that the administrators be Dean of Students Dr. James Claypool and whomever is hired to fill the vacancy left by the recent resignation of Dr. Vince Schulte as coordinator of student activities.

Currently, the fee is allocated by direction of Claypool, who is advised by the Student Activity Fee Advisory Board made up largely of students.

Claypool told the same gathering that Nienaber's plan "may be a step away from greater participation" in allocating the fee and advised that much of the allocation is already "locked in." He suggested that, instead of a three-tiered committee, the Advisory Board undertake "an overall review of how (the fee) is currently being spent."

Nienaber countered that he favored retention of the Advisory Board under his plan. The SG president said however he would oppose a special election to fill the student position on the three-tiered committee because in the past such elections have been "jokes." "And, in this case," Nienaber added, "a fraternity or sorority or some other group may mobilize its members to elect one of their own and then fight for a greater share of the money for their own group."

NKU President Dr. A.D. Albright was present but had no comment on the issue.

## Error

In last week's issue, we incorrectly reported that John DeMarcus' title of vice-president for administrative affairs had been changed. His duties have been limited to capital construction projects, but his title remains the same. Reference to his title was eliminated from the Board of Regents by-laws. Notice of the elimination prompted the incorrect report.

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## Safety committee investigates campus cops

By David Jones

The problem of when the Department of Public Safety (DPS) can wear their weapons has surfaced again in a memo from John DeMarcus to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

DeMarcus, vice-president for administrative affairs, told Committee Chairman Dr. Richard Ward that DPS officers had recently been wearing guns during the day. DeMarcus directed that weapons regulations be followed.

Officers cannot carry guns Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on special occasions such as registration or at the discretion of the chief of DPS.

Currently, DPS is being investigated by the safety committee due to a presidential directive from Dr. A.D. Albright to determine the scope of and regulations for DPS. Just one topic of reform will be when to wear weapons.

The committee will hold its first meeting Sept. 16 to discuss the DeMarcus memo and other matters. Chairman Ward stated, "We're going to find out if the recommendations are being followed. We assumed the guidelines were in effect but it isn't our responsibility to keep watch on them."

DPS is directly responsible to the president. The present regulations were formed three years ago.

Acting-director of DPS, Don Fuehner, said his officers wore weapons the past two weeks because of walk-in registration, when sums of money are on campus.

"This is just a problem that people get upset about," Fuehner said. "We have to wear them for certain functions. There is a valid reason. Public safety officers who have to enforce the law should be armed."

# news shorts

## FM station uncertain

The possibility of whether NKU will acquire an FM radio station comes down to "a question of priorities," Dr. A.D. Albright, NKU president, told a group of students and faculty Tuesday.

Albright said a supplement application has been filed by Northern with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) but a firm figure on the exact amount needed to operate the station from year to year is not yet available.

"I've heard figures from \$60,000 to \$100,000," Albright said, "and I hesitate to fund something when the chances are 50-50 that later funds won't be available."

## Students to teach

All students who plan to student teach in the Spring Semester, 1977 should sign up for an interview in the Education Office, Suite D, Fifth Floor, Nunn Hall.

acknowledged, the various reports will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for input before Albright makes any final decisions.

Braden told *The Northerner* he is presently trying to discover who has tenure, the ages of the faculty and how long each faculty member has been at NKU.

## Title I grant awarded

A grant for a training package for code administrators has been awarded by Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to Northern Kentucky University. Project director, Dr. Joseph Ohren, explained the \$3,252 will be used to develop a manual for inspectors who enforce building and housing codes in Kentucky. The manual will be used as part of the inspectors' in-service training. Materials for the package originated from a series of code enforcement workshops funded by Title I, HEA, last year.

## Enrollment climbs

The fall semester has offered no surprises to the registrars office, according to Registrar Kent Curtis.

"We projected between a 5 and 7% increase and it will come closer to 7," Curtis said.

Enrollment last year was 6567. The projected enrollment this year is 7018 students.

"Right now we are dealing with a head count," Curtis said.

A more accurate count should be available by mid-October, according to Curtis.

The larger attendance was also anticipated by Don Fuehner, assistant chief of DPS. Though the parking lots are over-crowded now, Fuehner said, "As the year continues the attendance will drop off."

## Scholes joins front office

By Janet Eads

When Dr. A.D. Albright leaves later this year for a two-week trip to meet with Algerian educators and advise them on their education system, Dr. Gene Scholes will run the university. The rest of the time Scholes is filling the newly created position of executive assistant to the president.

Scholes describes Northern as an exciting place where students are continually on the go to classes or jobs.

Northern is also unique, Scholes said. Because it is a new school "all of us here have a responsibility to shape and make it the best we can."

Scholes was dean of academic programs at Morehead University (1970-76) when Albright asked him to accept the assistant presidency. The job at Northern is similar to the one at Morehead, said Scholes, because the same process of being responsive to the population it serves is being performed.

Another part of Scholes job is "institutional planning" which he defined as "establishing procedures and setting future goals for the university in an effort to determine what programs will meet the needs of (the) Northern Kentucky" community and its students.

"Because Northern's population resides in urban and rural areas, the institution has a responsibility to provide for meeting the challenge of differing personal goals," said Scholes.

Scholes says Northern has an unique opportunity to develop a distinctive university, "one that sets its own pace and marches to its own beat."

"We're talking about doing our own thing and involving everyone," said Scholes. According to Scholes this will involve working through existing student committees such as SG as well as new



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### Dr. Gene Scholes

student groups with specific tasks and areas to study.

But whatever develops, according to Scholes the main goal will be quality instruction and learning.

Scholes described Albright as an exceptional man who is extremely capable and experienced in education, and who works well with people. "I think history will prove him to be a great University president," said Scholes.

In order to become more "closely associated" with students, Scholes will add another role to his list, when he begins teaching a graduate education course.

Scholes concluded, "all of us in education are basically teachers."

## Assistants named

Dr. Bart Braden, chairman of the mathematics department and Dr. Michael Adams, assistant professor of history have been named as "faculty assistants" to NKU President Dr. A.D. Albright.

According to Albright, Braden and Adams will join two other as yet to be named faculty members in "working up a report reviewing faculty issues." The issues, Albright said, will include promotion, performance review and tenure.

Albright said he expects an initial draft from the group sometime in mid-November. The group's recommendations will then be turned over to several *ad hoc* committees. Each committee will study a specific issue. Later in the process, Albright

## Albright to live here

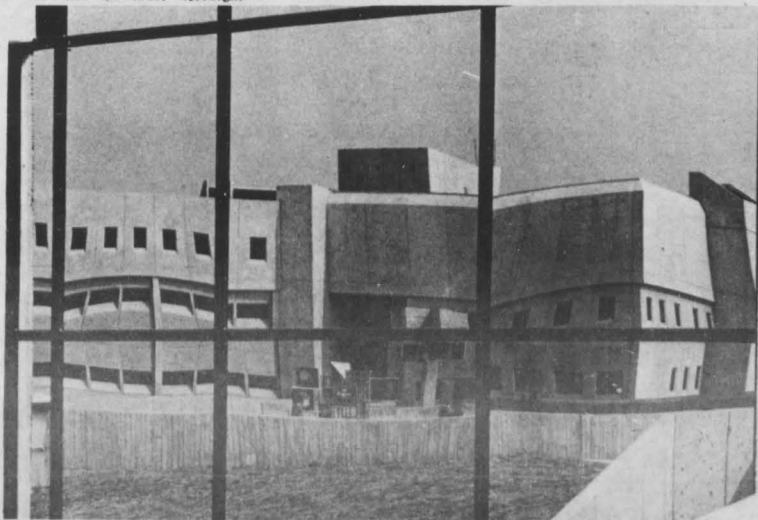
NKU President Dr. A.D. Albright acknowledged to *The Northerner* Tuesday that he plans to take up residence early next year in the house currently occupied

by Vice-President for Administrative Affairs John DeMarcus.

The house, located on the campus at 1 Louie Nunn Drive, was officially designated the university's presidential residence by the Board of Regents at its Aug. 27 meeting. Previously, the Reception Center, located adjacent to U.S. 27, was the official presidential residence, although no Northern president has ever lived there.

DeMarcus, whose contract provides for a residential dwelling, said even though the contract will not expire for three more years, he has long thought it "proper" that the president live on the campus.

Albright and his wife currently reside in an apartment in Ft. Thomas.



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## In focus

## Winterberg challenges Snyder in Fourth District

The following profile of Democratic Congressional Candidate Ed Winterberg is the first of what will hopefully be a multi-part look into the race for the Fourth District Congressional seat. Rep. Gene Snyder (R), Winterberg's opponent, has been asked to grant *The Northerner* an interview, but has not as yet replied.

By Tim Funk

If Covington attorney Ed Winterberg has his way, he'll become the first Northern Kentuckian to be sent to Congress since Brent Spence 18 years ago.

And now that he has garnered the Democratic nomination for himself, Winterberg has only one thing standing in the way of his goal of representing the people of the Fourth District in Washington. That one thing is Gene Snyder and Gene Snyder is the incumbent. Winterberg acknowledges that it will be a difficult race, but he feels good getting as far as he has and thinks he's got a better than even shot at snaring his goal.

The way the Fourth District is presently drawn, enveloping Boone and Kenton Counties and stretching southwest to include portions of Jefferson County, Northern Kentucky congressional contenders have found it a formidable task to get their party's nomination, let alone win the big prize. In 1974, Winterberg was bested in the Democratic Congressional primary by Jefferson Countyman Kyle Hubbard. Even this year, when Winterberg managed to net the pre-primary endorsement of all



Ed Winterberg

major Jefferson County Democratic officials, he lost the county to late-starter George Martin. Martin, of course, hails from Jefferson County.

"I'm not kidding myself," Winterberg says, "I've got to do a lot better in Jefferson County to win." He's evidently confident that he can score well in his native Northern Kentucky because he's spending practically all of his time from now til Nov. 2 in the Jefferson County area.

Like a lot of candidates courting Jefferson County voters these days, Winterberg talks a lot about busing, although he's refused to support boycotting of schools. "Boycotting is irresponsible and it's ineffective and I

don't think it's fair to schoolchildren," Winterberg says. He says he supports a constitutional amendment to outlaw busing, but he's not quick to praise others who have supported the same amendment: "Before the flare-up in Louisville, some politicians like Snyder chose to exploit the issue for voters rather than try to minimize the division and violence that was feared would come with the implementation of the busing plan in Louisville."

Another issue that a lot of people have gotten upset about, especially in richly Catholic Northern Kentucky, is the question of abortion. Snyder has tried to link Winterberg with Jimmy Carter's

national platform which opposes a constitutional amendment to forbid abortion on demand. Winterberg protests the link-up, saying that he is strongly pro-life and would work for the same amendment that Snyder, who supported Ronald Reagan for president, supports.

Winterberg, who was a vocal supporter in the past of Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern "because I was deeply anti-war," doesn't like the term "liberal" anymore and the people of the Fourth District have never liked those who wear the liberal label. Yet, Winterberg says, the

people he hopes to represent "are not incompassionate. They want a federal government that's run efficiently. They want people who work hard to have jobs; they want quality education for their children; they want a clean environment and they want protection as consumers."

Much of the young Democrat's campaign literature dwells on Snyder's record despite Winterberg's promise to run "a positive campaign." Winterberg defends his slogan "No more lies!" as "as positive as you can get. By attacking my opponent's voting record, we are implicitly telling people what are our own stands are and what we think are the key issues before us."

Snyder has refused to debate Winterberg, saying in a letter that to agree to such debates would be bad politics on his part. "Of course it wouldn't be smart for him tactically to debate me," Winterberg explains. "He just has no answers for all of the allegations pending against him." Winterberg has especially criticized Snyder's activities on behalf of area utility and real estate companies. If elected, Winterberg promises to give up his law practice and "be a full-time congressman."

One aspect of the Winterberg-Snyder race that is scheduled to get national attention is the opposition Snyder has received from the Dirty Dozen Campaign Committee, a political arm of Environmental Action. Earlier this year, Snyder was named one of the "Dirty Dozen" congressmen "who (have) most consistently opposed strong environmental legislation."

Dirty Dozen has sent a national staffer into the Northern Kentucky area to wage an independent campaign against Snyder and inform the public on environmental issues. The beneficiary of such action is obviously Ed Winterberg. Winterberg reveals that CBS News is slated to send a crew to Northern Kentucky to report on what effect the efforts of the Dirty Dozen Campaign have had on the campaign. On the issue of environment, Winterberg says that there is "definitely" an overconcentration of power plants along the Ohio River Valley and comes down strongly against the proposed nuclear power plant to be built in Marble Hill, Ky.

"The basic issue, though, is that I'm new. I'm a fresh face," Winterberg sums up. He is encouraged that Snyder won by a slim 4400 votes two years ago. "I'm pretty confident we'll come out on top," he adds with a slight smile as he glances down to inspect his green "Jimmy Carter for President" button.

## MBA program possible for NKU

By Daryl Walker

When an act of the Kentucky General Assembly brought Northern Kentucky State College into existence in 1968, the school embarked on a road of growth and expansion. New buildings such as the W. Frank Steely Library and the soon-to-be completed Fine Arts building now occupy the Highland Heights campus.

But less noticeably, new academic programs such as the Master of Arts in Education have been added. Now Northern Kentucky University may soon have another master's degree program, this one in business administration, if the Council on Higher Public Education lifts its moratorium on new graduate programs. Dr. Nicholas Melnick, director of graduate studies, said he thinks this is a possibility.

The goal of this new program, according to Dr. Russell Yerkes, acting chairman of the business department, will be to teach students to make expert decisions in a management position. Aimed at both the business and non-business student, this program will develop the ability to operate a business or an organization effectively.

"An ability of this type would be necessary in any job that requires general decision-making," said Yerkes.

The program requirements consist of a core area of 21 semester hours, two electives, and two final courses which allow the student to bring what he has learned into focus in a "case-study" type class. For those students who do not have any type of business degree, 15 hours of preparatory courses will be required.

Most of the students enrolled in the program will be working in some business capacity while they continue their studies, according to Yerkes. Classes will be conducted at night so as not to interfere with the students' jobs.

"THIS DEGREE WILL ALLOW THE STUDENT TO MOVE FROM A MIDDLE MANAGEMENT POSITION TO AN UPPER MANAGEMENT POSITION," Yerkes said.

He said he hoped some businesses will encourage their employees to obtain this degree as a prelude to advancement.

When the program begins, 50 students will be admitted to the program. Because of the great need for this type of

program, Yerkes expects the number of applicants to outnumber the number of available openings. Some level of selectivity will be imposed. After the first year, the program may be expanded to include 75 students.

"An exception to the moratorium was made in the case of Northern's master's program in education because of the pressing need for such a program in Northern Kentucky," Melnick said. "Because of the similar need for a graduate program in business, another exception might be made."

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# Sports

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## Golfers go into competition

By Terry Boehmker

Reverend Ralph Hopkins is a Baptist minister and the coach of NKU's golf team. This fall, some of his prayers could be for his players.

The director of the University's Baptist Student Center enters his third season as Northern's golf coach next Thursday when the Norsemen compete in a triangular match with Bellarmine College, Kentucky Wesleyan and Indiana University Southeast at Boone Air Country Club in Florence, Ky.

Hopkins is forced to go into next week's match with only seven of the nine players on his roster eligible to participate.

"Our number one golfer from last year,

Billy Frazier, has been declared scholastically ineligible for the fall semester," lamented Hopkins. "That means we have four returning sophomores and three freshmen who will have to do the job for us this semester."

The ninth man on the Northern squad is a transfer student who is also ineligible until the spring.

With such a young, inexperienced team Rev. Hopkins certainly wouldn't mind a miracle or two coming his way.

The returning members of the golf team are Steve Manning, Terry Jolly, John Caruso and Jim Wilkin. Hopkins knows that these men played a part in his team's successful 1975-76 season when the team went 19-9 during the fall and

finished the year 58-41 overall record.

"These sophomores are really great competitors and I'm happy to have each one of them on the team. Still, when you lose your number one man your team has to suffer," he said.

The new Norsemen include: Mark Boothby from Highlands High School; Chris Durchholz from Cincinnati; McNicholas and Dan DeVore from Reading.

"All three freshmen have good high school records," said Hopkins, "but they have never witnessed the type of competition you face in college."

Northern's fall schedule has a mixture of opponents ranging from small colleges such as Georgetown and Bellarmine to powerhouses like the University of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton. The majority of these institutions have established golf programs that do not rely on inexperienced players.

Another reason why Hopkins is unsure of his team's success this season is that they will be playing all four of their home matches on northern Kentucky's toughest golf course.

## Scotty resigns

Garrett Scotty, who took over Northern Kentucky University's wrestling team midway through last season, has resigned, *The Northerner* learned Wednesday.

Scotty left his post to take a teaching and coaching position at a Cincinnati high school. The 32-year-old insurance salesman guided Northern to a 10-20 record last season, including a first place finish in the Kentucky State Wrestling Tournament.

Dr. Lonnie Davis, NKU's athletic director, has received "about 15 applications" for the vacated post. A replacement will be named "by the end of next week," according to Davis.

**nk sportsview**  
RICK MEYERS

College wrestling in the State of Kentucky is on the verge of extinction. It is slowly becoming a rare species, which may not be able to recover.

Northern Kentucky University has a wrestling team. So does the University of Kentucky. They are the only two college wrestling programs left in the state. One of those programs (UK) might be gone by the end of this academic year.

The reasons for the sudden disappearance of programs?

Increased costs. Long traveling distances. Little or no revenue. Lack of interest. The list could go on and on. Just ask Melvin Webster, Northern's assistant sports information director.

"Take a situation like the one at Eastern Kentucky University," said Webster. "The campus is right in the middle of the state and they have to travel a long way (probably out of Kentucky) to be able to wrestle a lot of teams. Besides that, wrestling does not bring in a lot of revenue."

Northern, according to Webster, is not in danger of losing its wrestling program,

however.

"We have an advantage being right across the river from Southern Ohio," said Webster. "Cincinnati, Xavier, Miami and Dayton are all within an hour's drive. We don't have to worry about long travel."

Northern, meanwhile, will not have a fall wrestling schedule. The grapplers will open their season in December (under a new, yet unnamed coach) and hope for its first winning season ever. Last year the wrestlers finished with a 10-20 record under two different coaches. That squad was comprised primarily of freshman, which will provide an experienced basis for this year's team.

Wrestling may become a rarity in the Bluegrass State. But as long as Northern Kentucky University is around it will not become extinct.

ELSEWHERE—Tom Phillips, an NKU cross-country runner, finished 84th in Annual 15-Mile Charleston Road Race last weekend. Phillips was one of 1200 runners in the event. Northern entered six runners. All six finished the race.

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## National ranking possible

## Norsemen face tough schedule

By Rick Wesley

Those who complained in the past that Northern played too many "weak sisters" in basketball can complain no more. The 1976-77 Northern Kentucky University men's basketball schedule is definitely the toughest in the school's history. "We've replaced five victories with five very tough teams," says coach Mote Hils.

Gone from last year's schedule are Urbana, Indiana Central, Deque, and Cumberland (2 games). To replace them, Northern has added second games with perennial powers Kentucky State, Kentucky Wesleyan, Western Illinois and a single game with Morehead. NKU will also journey to Columbus, Ohio during

the Christmas holidays to face Steubenville in the Capital Classic.

Adding to the difficulties of facing tougher opponents, the Norsemen must play seven of the first nine games on the road. Included in this stretch are consecutive away games against Western Illinois, Wright State, Kentucky State, and Tennessee State. "The key to the season is the first nine games," claims Hils. "If we can get by them, we'll be in good shape." January is the big month for home games, with five important contests slated for the home floor.

"It's a challenging schedule, but I've always believed in playing the good teams. If you play good people, you improve," said Hils. "I just hope the team is as pleased with the schedule as I am. It's up to them to do the job."

Hils thinks that the tougher schedule will benefit the Norse. He feels if a team plays too many games against weaker opponents, the players aren't challenged. "When you are playing good teams, there's not so much danger of having a letdown," he said.

If the Norsemen can put together a good record against the quality opposition on this year's schedule they could deserve recognition in the polls as one of the top small college teams in the nation. The Norse will be out to improve on last season's fine 17-9 mark, which was compiled with a lineup consisting primarily of freshmen and sophomores.

"The key to improvement is defense. Our team can score," Hils said. "We've got to get some help for Tony Faehr on the boards." Hils is hoping he has found

help in that department in the person of Mike Jones, a 6-foot-6 forward from Holy Cross High School. "Mike has looked real good in post-season play and has improved tremendously," said Hils. Another new addition to the squad will be 6-foot-3 guard Rick Elliott from Anderson. "I like to think that in the past three years we have gotten the three best guards in the Greater Cincinnati area - Pat Ryan, Dennis Bettis, and now Rick Elliott," said the NKU coach.

While being extremely disappointed in last season's attendance at home games, Hils admits the weaker teams on the schedule were at least part of the reason why fans avoided Regent's Hall. That is the main reason for the improved schedule. "We're trying to give the people what they want," said Hils.

## Sandlotters take two

Northern Kentucky University's baseball team started the fall campaign by capturing two victories during a three game series at Kentucky Wesleyan University last weekend.

The Norsemen registered victory No. 1 on their 1976-77 record by zapping Wesleyan, 12-0, Friday night.

In the opener, Don Dorton, Mark Steenken and Ron Skelton each drove in two runs and collected seven of NKU's 14 hits. Junior right-hander Steve Lovins pitched the shutout allowing only three hits and striking out eight Wesleyan batters.

Saturday's doubleheader resulted in a split. Wesleyan edged Northern, 3-2, in the first game but the Norsemen came back to win the finale, 5-4.

Steenken, Northern's starting catcher, accounted for all of his team's scoring in Saturday's first game with a two-run homer. Mark Stoebber was tagged with the loss in that one-run decision.

Wesleyan came out hitting in the second game, building a 4-0 lead off starting Norseman pitcher Greg Hensley in the first two innings.

Russ Kerdoof took the mound for NKU in the top half of the third and proceeded to pitch no-hit ball through the five remaining innings to allow his team to overtake Wesleyan. Rod Remley and Dan Palercio combined with Steenken to drive in the necessary runs for the Norsemen in that victory.

Campbellsville College will visit the NKU campus tomorrow to play a triple-header beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Regents Hall field.

## Tourney to begin

A single elimination tennis tournament will begin October 3rd for all students who have paid the Student Activity Fee. Faculty members are also invited to participate.

The match will consist of the best two-out-of-three sets. All matches must be played before the deadline posted for each round.

Scheduling of matches will be provided by the intramural staff. The winner of each round is responsible for turning in the scores to the intramural office, located in Regents Hall.

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## off the record

GARY WEBB

Did everyone see the August 23rd issue of *Newsweek*? The issue where they said that Steely Dan was "perhaps the best and certainly the most imaginative rock band" in America? Go look at it. Then go find an April, 1975 issue of *The Northerner*. "Without a doubt," I wrote, a full 17 months ago, "Steely Dan is the best rock band in America." Now go cancel your subscription to *Newsweek*. Who wants old news?

This week's column is what's known as equal time. I have professed my intense dislike of disco in the past. I have also made considerable fun of country and western rock. However, this week, my prejudices go out the window. And so do these albums if they disappoint me again.

#### The Buckeye Politicians Look At Us Now Utopia

Would I give an album a good review on the basis of one song? You bet I would! Most of this album is somewhat listenable; all of the Buckeyes are fairly adept musicians. But *Can't Wait To See*

*You Again* has all the makings of a No. 1 single. Why it hasn't been released is bewildering.

It's the last track of the album. Until that point, I was unimpressed. In fact, I had just set fire to the album jacket when *Can't Wait* burst through my speakers. "Holy Moley!" I cried, flinging the flaming jacket down and stomping it out. "Who are these guys!" It was hard to believe it was the same people.

I went back and listened to the album again. The disco was the same: slightly annoying, marred by the standard overpowering bass lines and the usual short-cutting of the guitar chords. The slower numbers were still drippy and too brassy. I started to reach for my lighter in spite of myself. But when I heard *Can't Wait* for the second (and then the third and the fourth) time, I knew these guys had what it takes.

If the Buckeyes would quit fooling around with disco and play jazz/rock, we'd have a supergroup on our hands. Five stars for the album, ten for the single.



The Buckeye Politicians: "Play that honky music, black boy."

#### Jerry Inman You Betchum! Elektra

Heeha! Where's mah waitress! I promised myself that I would listen to this without making cracks about nose-pickin' music but when I heard "That night when Ah got home, Mary wuz puttin' the baby to bed, 8 my resolve dug out faster 'na Mickey Thompson on wet gravel.

I mean pure country and western is bad enough, but when it's orchestrated C&W

and Jerry pronounces "radio" as "reddy-o"...what can I say? He doesn't write the songs, I'm not sure he even plays in them. No, I guess all it takes to be a C&W star is a bad set of adenoids and a friend with a pedal steel guitar.

Yessiree Bob, turn your home into a truck stop and make your expensive Jap stereo sound like a jukebox in one easy step. All it takes is this album and some diesel fuel after shave. Every seat cover in three states will be lined up at your door. No stars and 18 wheels, there, good buddy.

## New choral director opens choir to all students

Dr. John Westlund, a new faculty member in the music department, is

taking steps to open the doors of NKU's Symphonic Choir to all students. "There will be no auditions for this musical organization," stated Dr. Westlund. "I feel that at least one choral group should be open to any student who wants to experience singing in a choir."

Dr. Westlund has chosen to re-name the

choir, *The Symphonic Choir*, emphasizing the fact that the choir sings with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in the spring. The opportunity to sing in a choir that performs with a professional symphony orchestra is quite rare; such performances are usually limited to choral groups of semi-professional adult singers such as the May Festival Chorus or summer festivals such as the Blossom Festival in Ohio. Many people travel great

distances to join such choral organizations. This is why Dr. Westlund feels so strongly that the Symphonic Choir provides a unique opportunity for the students at Northern to have access to such an experience.

Dr. Westlund is hoping for an eventual Symphonic Choir numbering around 200 students, feeling that this is not out of line with the total enrollment at Northern.

Removing the audition stigma is the

first step toward encouraging students to join. The next step toward a goal of 200 students is to change the rehearsal time from 4:00 Mondays thru Thursdays to a better time earlier in the day. The Music Department has already discussed rescheduling rehearsals to 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will be implemented next semester.

A third step toward opening the Symphonic Choir to all students has already been taken on a personal basis with several students who have asked permission to sit in on one or two rehearsals each week and "try their wings." These students have found a warm handshake, a smile, and occasionally a cheer as they entered the door to Science 500 to join the forty voices already there.

Anyone interested in the Symphonic Choir should contact any member of the group or call Dr. Westlund at 292-5286, or come to room 500, in the Science Building at 4:00 any evening except Friday. The Symphonic Choir guarantees a warm welcome! They think students will enjoy the spirit of the Symphonic Choir and will want to come back!

## George Benson in Concert NKU Regents Hall

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# calendar

## SEPTEMBER 11

**BASEBALL-Northern vs. Campbellsville**, triple header, at home 11:00 p.m.

**LAST DAY** - to drop a course with a grade of "W."

## SEPTEMBER 14

**LECTURE-Introduction to TM 12:05 p.m. in N 303.**

**BASEBALL-NKU vs. Ky. Christian**, 1 p.m.

**ALSO** deadline for all interested in Intramural Flag Football. Call 292-5197.

## SEPTEMBER 15

**NU KAPPA ALPHA**, the accounting society, will meet today and tomorrow (Sept. 16) in room N302 at 12:00. Any interested accounting majors welcome.

## SEPTEMBER 16

**BASEBALL-NKU at Ky. Christian**, 1 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY-Union vs. NKU** (home) 4 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 17

**CONCERT-Jazz** guitarist George Benson and vocalist Al Jarreau at Regents Hall, 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$3.00 with Activity Card.

## SEPTEMBER 20

**LECTURE-Dr. Robert Howsam**, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Houston. Nunn Auditorium at 9:30.

## SEPTEMBER 21

**MARINE BAND CONCERT-Regents Hall**. Matinee - 1:00 p.m. Evening - 8:00

## SEPTEMBER 23

**LECTURE-Bobbie Sterne**, Mayor of Cincinnati, 1:00 p.m. at Nunn Auditorium.

## SEPTEMBER 30

**LECTURE-Dr. Hugh Ilti**, Professor Botany at the University of Wisconsin, 12:00 p.m. at Nunn Auditorium.

## Benson performs

Jazz guitarist George Benson will kick off Northern's concert series on Friday, September 17th in Regents Hall.

Benson has been considered a premiere jazz artist for more than a decade, recording many well received albums and garnering a wide respect from the jazz community.

Benson began playing the ukulele at age eight in a ghetto candy store. This led to local gigs and parties. Before he was in his teens, Benson had cut his first single and by fifteen was singing in a Frankie Lyman-styled vocal group. But before long, he switched to guitar and joined amateur bands in Pittsburgh. By 1965, George Benson had formed his own group and along with his solo albums (among them, the Grammy-nominated *White Rabbit*), George Benson became an established jazz figure.

Not surprisingly, Benson's achievements have won him the Playboy All-Star Poll, a Grammy nomination and a wide following. Benson is now recording on the Warner Bros. label.

# northern lite

KEN COLSTON

Let me be unjournalistic and assume that my audience is intelligent. Let me be foolish and assume that my audience has a store of allusions and a bag of wisdom one-tenth the size of mine. Let me be Miltonic and assume that my audience is fit and few. Heretofore, it has been unfit and unfriendly. Hopefully, using polysyllables, like insect replant, will drive the gristle away.

Didacticism. If you're an English major you've had the word flung at you until your ears are pulp. It is a literary term meaning (we are told every time an English professor uses it) preachiness. Let me define it in the manner of that profound linguist Ambrose Bierce. Didacticism: (n) a heinous literary sin committed out of a writer's compassion for his audience; a heathenish desire to help the reader live a better life; an attempt to improve life through literature and not merely imitate it; an archaic and terrible literary technique which has withered simultaneously with the growth of mankind's callousness. (syn) see humanitarianism, compassion, altruism.

If you've caught my irony you should see that I think didacticism is noble. But the way English professors condemn it today you would think it was synonymous with simple-mindedness. Without didacticism, literature would be

mere entertainment. I can't think of a single reason we should bother reading a book unless it is to learn how to live better, and if literature is not instructive nobody can claim it is better than bowling, or pushpins. Some of the heaviest literary minds have agreed with me.

Aristotle believed in didacticism when he said the purposes of literature are "to delight and to instruct." Chaucer echoed him with "tales of best sentence and most solas." Samuel Johnson later chastized writers, including Shakespeare, for failing to teach. Mathew Arnold, screaming like a man taking on water, demanded that literature have "high seriousness." Since the time of Oscar Wilde the sodomist, didacticism has perished. I don't know the cause. Perhaps Pater's "hard, gem-like flame" burned it up. Maybe Nietzsche's announcement that God was dead discouraged those who write to improve life. It could be that Newman's clamor for "knowledge for its own sake" was a destructive step toward "art for its own sake."

Of course, the English professors who denounce didacticism today say that it is only heavy-handedness, Puritanism, self-righteousness, simplicity and explicitness which bothers them. I doubt that. What makes Samuel Johnson and others so unpalatable is that they make you feel bad for being bad. If their trumpets are shrill, it's because they desperately want to be heard. If their method is explicitness, it's because they can't chance being misunderstood. If their plea is feverish, it's because they care about us. And if T.S. Eliot is an example of an author who has a moral weathercock without being heavy-handed, consider this: Isn't complexity cruel, and isn't implicitness despair? English professors cringe at didacticism for the same reason Milton's Adam ducked God.

It's insensitive of me to blame just the English professors for not tolerating didacticism. I should also castigate artists whose passion for the beautiful technique of Henry James is not accompanied by an interest in his moral sense. I should denounce scientists who value fact and doubt good. I should disclaim (oh, Roger, you're too small) editors who reject stories with morals. I should shame anyone who balks at phrases like "moral decay" and "moral breakdown" and "jaded age" just because they are stale, when their accuracy is undeniable.

That is the real problem. Morality is unfashionable. What we once saved for homosexuals is now shot at the advocates for goodness. To write of moral decay at a university today is more embarrassing than to use a cliché in front of a poet. We will not have didacticism again until morality returns, and the problem of morality will not be solved until we can overlook its triteness. And then maybe we will give birth to a modern Aesop.

# around northern

*Collage*, NKU's literary magazine, is now accepting poetry, short stories, photos and drawings for the Fall '76 issue. Submissions should be given to Mrs. Oakes, dept. of literature and language, suites B & C. Poetry and short stories should be typewritten. Deadline is Oct. 15.

*Collage* is also sponsoring the "Five States" Poetry Contest which has a special provision for Northern students. Student poems which do not succeed in the contest will be deferred for consideration in the magazine's student poetry section. Entry forms can be obtained in the library or from Mrs. Oakes', ext. 5416. All those submitting entries should leave name and phone number.

The first **GEOLOGY CLUB MEETING** of the Fall Session will take place at noon, Thursday, Sept. 16, in room S-318. All students are invited.

The **GEOLOGY CLUB** will present a film, "The Restless Earth - Plate Tectonics Theory," which explains the formation of new oceans, earthquakes and volcanoes.

It can be seen Wednesday, Sept. 15 at noon in 5318.

All items to be included in *The Northerner's MONTHLY CALENDAR* should be submitted by 6 p.m. Monday of the week the event is to appear in the calendar.

Bring your group's announcement to *The Northerner* office at 419 John's Hill Rd., or drop us a line in the mail. But make sure it's here by Monday to have it in the paper by Friday.

Also, be sure to include the time, place and date of the event, and whom to reach for further information.

Events may be submitted as much as a month in advance.

**JACQUELINE E. WYATT** has been appointed coordinator of the data processing associate degree program and assistant professor of data processing at Northern Kentucky University.

She worked as a project leader at Owens-Corning Fiberglas, Toledo, from 1975-76. Prior to that, she was a senior systems analyst at Monsanto, Addyston, Ohio. She worked in the computer field for the state of Ohio for eight years.

Wyatt graduated from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, with a B.S. in management. She received her M.B.A. in management from Xavier University in 1973.

Dr. George Rogers, director of testing and psychological services will be offering a seven-week program for faculty and students dealing strictly with relaxation training. Through a method of behavior training, individuals will be taught to control the tenseness or anxiety in their body.

The group experience is non-credit and will meet for seven Tuesdays beginning September 21, at 2:00 p.m. The program will be held in 5401, and individual problems with anxiety will be dealt with. Interested persons should contact Rogers in S228, or by phone at 292-5282.

**THOMAS M. EDWARDS** has joined NKU as coordinator of the aviation associate degree program.

He was manager of the flight school at the Greater Cincinnati Airport and a pilot examiner for the federal government. He also worked as the chief pilot for Servair California, Cincinnati.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he received his B.S. in natural science in 1971. He was a Green Beret in 1967-68.

Edwards serves on the Kentucky Aviation Association Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Kentucky Aerospace Education Association.

## PUDDINHAID





## IOC means waste

Over the summer, when it came time to elect a central coordinator for the Inter Organizational Council (IOC), Greg Kilburn was reelected with four votes. Only four of the 35 campus organizations that have representatives in IOC sent someone to vote. And, according to Kilburn, rarely do more than 12 people show up for any IOC meeting.

The IOC Constitution provides for the creation of three officer positions: central coordinator, finance coordinator and program coordinator. According to Kilburn, no one has ever applied for the position of program coordinator and the finance coordinator position is vacant because of a recent resignation. He said he hopes to hold a special election to fill the position. He did not say whether he expected anyone to nominate himself or how many would show up to vote in any special election.

One-third of IOC's annual budget of \$1500 (from the General Fund) is donated in \$30 increments to those member organizations that request financial assistance. We wonder how many of the member organizations that received \$30 sent reps to the IOC meetings.

The data on IOC continues and it is downright embarrassing: IOC has never sponsored any event by itself. It has co-sponsored virtually every event that has occurred on campus, but in most cases the decision to include IOC was an afterthought by the sponsoring organization or was the result of Kilburn's public relations efforts. Because

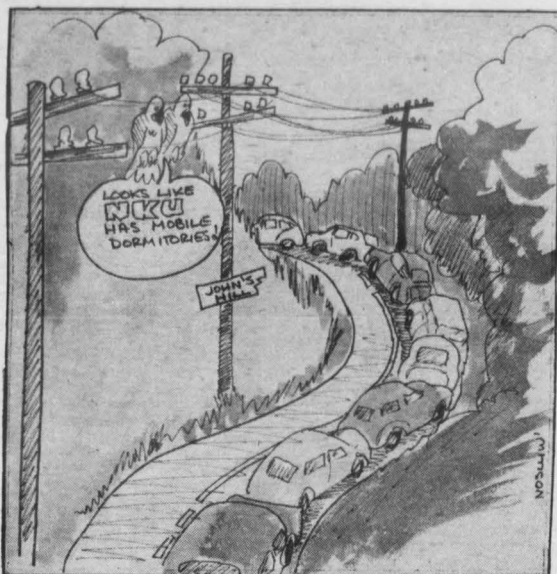
SG needed money to help fund its Spring Cotillion last spring and because the money would have just sat in an account, IOC chipped in \$500 for the dance. The remaining \$500 last year went to a secretary who typed up notices for meetings that no one attended. Wastefulness does not exist at only the federal government level!

If the campus organizations that make up IOC care so little, the university should disband it and save the taxpayer's money.

The only thing that keeps IOC buzzing in everyone's ear is its coordinator's energy. Greg Kilburn is possibly the most energetic student leader at Northern but he is saddled with an organization that only he cares about, an organization that has no role to play because its members are apathetic. Kilburn's energy should be harnessed, but used in some other arena in order to benefit the students.

Perhaps the answer is to rebuild IOC as the true mobilizer of social events on campus. Under this plan, SG would limit itself simply to its true role, that of a political lobbying group. At present, SG has its hand in everything: social events, campus politics, student services. With SG's present makeup, it would be unreasonable to expect that body to abdicate anything to IOC or any other organization. If anything, SG President John Nienaber has indicated he would like to expand the power and role of SG. With that reality, it seems only sane to let IOC die the death it has long deserved.

— TIM FUNK



## Letters

The Northerner invites your letters. Letters must be of reasonable length, signed and submitted by the Tuesday before publication. Letters can be brought to The Northerner office at 418 John's Hill Road or dropped at the mail room, fifth floor Nunn Hall.

## Activity fee keeps services afloat

Word has it that there have been violent reactions out there over paying the activity fee during registration. Believe it or not, that \$10 goes to financially support a vast number of student services and student oriented entertainment.

The activity fee is paid by every student who carries nine or more hours. All the money collected is allocated by Dr. James C. Claypool, dean of student affairs, with the help of an advisory group of six students and faculty advisor Larry Giesmann. Absolutely none of the money collected pays anyone's salary, and none of it goes into NKU's General Fund—it all stays in one account to make sure the money benefits the students.

Consider this: the furniture you sit on in the lounge, the TV you watch and the radio you listen to was paid for by activity money. Everyone who participates in intramurals uses activity money. The fee pays in part for this newspaper so that you get it free. And the yearbook (soon to be released) is paid for by the fee.

If that wasn't enough, activity fee money backs all the major concerts on campus and gives those students who have paid reduced admission prices. This year George Benson, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Judy Collins will headline concerts made possible by the fee.

Still not convinced that the fee is valid? Fee money allows the students to use typewriters free of charge, gets you reduced rates on the campus xerox machine, and pays for the annual legalized insanity known as Rites of Spring.

Next semester when you pay your activity fee, remember how it does benefit the campus and that there is no one here who doesn't use facilities made possible by the fee at least once a semester. Stop in the Student Affairs Office in 304 Nunn and see your money at work. — DAVID JONES

## Candidates forced into abortion stand

Probably the biggest political hot potato, and unquestionably the most muddled, in the upcoming presidential dogfight is the abortion issue.

It seems as if every day, the candidates either change their position, something or someone changes it for them or something comes out that negates what either or both of them profess.

What we need from both men is a definitive statement one way or another.

Consider the situation. Carter campaigned early on as an anti-abortion candidate. Some observers feel that he

won the Iowa caucus on that issue alone. But at the Democratic convention, a plank was put in the platform that effectively said that the Democrats were the pro-abortion party. The Republicans, on the other hand, put forth a plank (at the insistence of the Reaganites) that said the Republican candidate would support an anti-abortion amendment to the constitution. This seemed to contradict what President Ford said all along.

From there the battle lines appeared to be drawn. But this did not appear to be satisfactory to the anti-abortionists. Someone dug around and found an

obscure foreword Carter had written as governor for a book on birth control and took this to mean that Carter was a rabid abortionist. Carter back-peddled and said that's not what he meant. The Ford camp tut-tutted and shook their collective fingers at Carter, making it appear as if Ford was now the anti-abortionists' darling.

The Catholic bishops did not help matters any when they demanded that Carter chuck his party's platform and join their side. Carter was not thrilled by this idea and the bishops stormed out, announcing to the world that Carter was a closet abortionist.

So it appears that out of sheer luck, Ford gets the anti-abortion vote, even though he has said he does not favor a blanket amendment prohibiting abortion, but might consider letting the states decide. Obviously, the anti-abortion forces have confused an amendment with The amendment.

What it boils down to is that the anti-abortion forces do not have either of the candidates supporting their views, so they're trying to make one candidate fight for something he doesn't believe in anyway.

The only foreseeable result is that the anti-abortionists are going to vote for someone who doesn't agree with them in the first place, then rant about how you can't trust politicians when their candidate won't have anything to do with them later.

Everybody's talking and nobody's listening. — GARY WEBB

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