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WINNERS ALL AROUND: Marlene Gerding congratulates newly-elected SGA President Greg Mecher, both a friend and opponent in the race.

ESPN Aids Clinton In Fighting Racism

By Chad Shwallar
General Manager

Responding to President Clinton's year long national initiative on race, Students Together Against Racism, is presenting a week-long series of discussion and lectures geared toward addressing issues of race on a local and national level.

While lectures range from environmental racism to the political implications of race, a town hall meeting on Thursday will focus on racial issues at NKU and surrounding communities.

Last Tuesday President Clinton sat down with major sports figures in Houston at a town hall meeting to discuss race issues in the United

States.

The meeting was nationally televised on the cable all-sports network, ESPN. The viewers, which are predominately Caucasian and male, are one of the audiences with which the president's office wants to build a dialogue on race.

The forum between sports professionals, star athletes and coaches last Tuesday, focused on how sports have a positive contribution on race relations. The way athletes of various racial backgrounds join together as a team to achieve the same goals, was one of the reasons that ESPN representatives cited for the meeting.

"America, rightly or wrongly, is a sports-crazy country. We often see

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Mecher Elected SGA President: 7 Votes Separate 3 Candidates

By Forrest Berkshire
Staff Reporter

On Thursday evening Greg Mecher was announced the SGA President for the 1998-99 school year with 290 votes, beating his closest opponent, Chris Boggs, by four. Marlene Gerding finished third, coming in seven votes short of Mecher.

"It was the closest election I've been a part of in five years," Ernest Britton, SGA Adviser said. "I'm very excited about how it went."

"Unbelievable," Mecher had to say. "I'm excited. I can't wait to start, but I'm really looking forward to summer."

"I feel for Chris and Marlene," Mecher said about his opponents. "I've been on the losing end before, and they are both excellent people that would have done a great job."

Mecher said that the most important aspect of his campaign, and the only reason he won, was because of the help he had from the volunteers that he had working on his campaign.

"They were great, and I couldn't have done it without each and every one of them," he said.

He also gave credit to the banner he posted on the side of I-275, and said that it brought in many votes.

But the election is over, and now

the hard part begins. He is in the leadership role of SGA, and as such is the highest representative that the student body has to the administration. He has a whole year ahead of him, and he said that he feels confident about it.

"We will accomplish a lot of great things," he said.

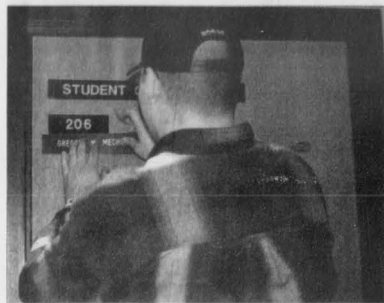
Next year Mecher believes that

his style of leadership will make the biggest difference in SGA. He said his goal is to motivate people and get them more involved. "We need more things for people to get excited about."

One project he plans on addressing is the Music Festival, which has traditionally been held near the soccer fields. "I plan on putting it somewhere more noticeable, like out on the grassy area between the Fine Arts Building and AS&T, near Lake Inferno. This campus is easy to hide stuff on, and I think that a more visible location is important for more participation," he said.

He also said that he wants to see them start construction on the parking garage that has been the subject of many rumors for the past several years. "I just want to see them start digging!" he said.

But what of the candidates that



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A NEW BEGINNING: SGA Senator Tom Ratterman covers the name of Chris Saunders with Greg Mecher, to welcome the new SGA President to his new office.

lost? Legally they can challenge the election and appeal to the SGA Judiciary Council, but that is unlikely, according to the candidates.

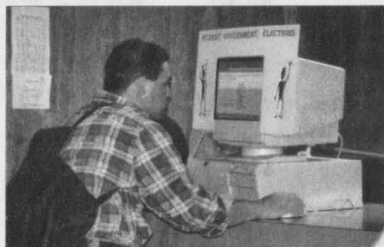
"I'm glad that Greg won," Gerding said. "We have served together as senators before, and shared an office, and I consider him a person of the highest integrity."

Boggs said "I wish Greg the best of luck, and I hope he does a great job."

Both Boggs and Gerding are no longer members of SGA, but neither

of them plan on being any less active on campus. Gerding said this will give her a chance to focus more on her social work major, and she may pursue an office in one of the nine other organizations of which she is a member.

Boggs was already busy the day after the elections were over on a project of his own. He is trying to get a new student organization together for next year, which he tentatively plans to call "the road trip club."



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Joe Kirk tries out the new computerized voting process.

Auction Raises New Van, Faith

Contributors

The following are just some of the many individuals that contributed to the fund drive:

- Alice Sparks
- Bob Zapp
- Jackie Baker
- Nancy Perry, Director of Alumni of NKU suggested the Silent Auction
- Royleen Seibert, employee of Steely Library, worked with United the time and place of the dance.
- John Steven, Media Services, coordinated the DJ for the dance
- Diana Schneider, Campus Recreation, organized the Silent Auction and the door prizes.
- Leo Calderon, Assistant to the President
- Marilyn Gosney, Vice President of Student Affairs
- John Vastine, of the University Credit Union
- Barbara Herald, NKU's Benefits Coordinator

By Angie Webster
Assistant News Editor

Instead of buying Christmas presents for each other, Northern Kentucky University's Department of Business Affairs always has a Christmas-time project to raise money for a good cause.

This year the project was to raise money to buy NKU alumna Steve Schweirjohann a handicap-accessible van.

Schweirjohann, who graduated from NKU in 1991, became quadriplegic after being in an accident in 1980.

Eighteen years later he is still using the same van.

The van has over 100,000 miles on it, has had two transmissions, several broken windows and duct tape is being used to fasten some parts together.

Jane Schweirjohann, Steve's mother and a faculty member at NKU, was frightened to drive it. "Steve's mom had been praying for some how, some where to get a van for Steve," said NKU Benefits Coordinator Barbara Herald.

Herald said that the fundraiser just began to have a life of its

own.

Jackie Baker from the NKU Bookstore had an idea to start a fund for him.

The fund consisted of a raffle, a silent auction, and a benefit dance. The prize for the winning raffle ticket was a week-long stay in a three-bedroom condominium in Destin, Florida provided by Board of Regents member Alice Sparks.

"I was tickled to do it," said Sparks.

"We thought we'd make maybe \$2,000, but we ended up raising \$9,730-and the money keeps coming in," said Herald.

On March 27, a benefit dance and silent auction was held at the Fort Thomas Civic Center. Over 300 tickets were purchased for the dance and \$1,200 was raised at the auction.

"It was overwhelming," said Schweirjohann.

During the dance a silent auction was held. "Twenty-five items were auctioned off, including NKU ballgame tickets and a UK basketball," said Schweirjohann.

An anonymous donor also agreed to cover any additional costs that was needed for the new van.

"I want to tell the world who this generous person is, but they insist that it doesn't count when you let everyone know when you make a contribution to a worthy cause," said Herald.

Schweirjohann, who founded Northern Kentucky Wheelchair Sports wishes to extend his gratitude to everyone that contributed their time to the fund-raiser.

"I was surprised from the very beginning and I would like to thank Alice Sparks and everybody that gave their time and donated goods," he said.

Currently the Schweirjohanns are trying to think of the best way to use the money.

"We want to be sure we use it the best we can," they said. Many people have agreed to help search for the van including Jeff Wyler of Southgate.

Ms. Schweirjohann said that the fund was a big and beautiful thing that more and more people became a part of.

"It really renews your faith in mankind. I have so many friends on campus that have been supportive just like sisters and brothers. Steve is so fortunate that so many people care," said Ms. Schweirjohann.

Bill Signed Approving New Science Building

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

After months of hearing about the new science building, it may soon be a reality.

Governor Paul Patton signed a bill into law on April 15 that allocates \$38 million to Northern Kentucky University to construct a new science building.

President James Vortruba said 20-30 representatives from the campus and the community went to Frankfort for the signing.

"It was quite a special day," Vortruba said. "We had the biggest crowd there. There was definitely a lot of attention focused on Northern Kentucky University."

The bill allocates \$38 million in the Kentucky budget to pay for the new science building, which will be located in the grassy bowl area and be the largest building publicly financed on any Kentucky university.

Vortruba plans to break ground on the building within a year and open the building in the fall of 2001.

"This building is going to be different," Vortruba said. "Usually, each floor houses a different department. With this building, there is going to be more integration of the sciences."

-President Vortruba

sciences. There will be shared labs, and each floor will house different departments on the same floor."

The current science building will be remodeled and used for additional class space.

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Heard Around NKU

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

Northern Kentucky University could see some changes in the next few years. Here are a few things that have been heard around the campus community:

• **ARENA CONSTRUCTION:** A new sports arena could be in the works. Some NKU officials have said that "a new arena could be sooner than you think." The new arena would also support 3,000 new parking spots and positioned on a different side of the campus than the current parking lots.

• **DPS MOVING:** The Department of Public Safety could be moving. Although early reports placed DPS in the new parking garage, some NKU officials say it would be more likely to see DPS moved to the intersection of Three Mile Road and Nunn Drive towards the entrance of the university. Other reports say it is even possible that a new facility could be built near the new ceramics building, a less conspicuous place on campus.

• **PARKING SOLUTION?:** A new parking lot has been proposed to be adjacent to the

Visitor Parking lot near the Lucas Administrative Center, across from Skyline Tavern. The new parking lot would try to take away some of the traffic on the opposite side of the campus where most parking lots are located, by adding nearly 200 new parking spots.

• **NEW ART CHAIR:** Don Kelm, although not official yet, will probably be the new Art Chairperson in the Fall Semester. The requirements stated that applicants must be full-time tenured faculty members due to lack of funds to produce a nationwide search. Due to the requirements Kelm seems to be the only applicant who would accept the new position.

• **NEW ART WORK:** According to President of NKU, James Votruba, the university could see a new piece of art soon. Votruba recently saw a piece depicting the Underground Railroad that he liked. The new artwork would possibly depict multiculturalism and diversity as well as celebrate the new millennium.

Statue Recommended To Be Moved

By Jill Connors
Staff Reporter

The D.W. Griffith Student Task Force met on Thursday, April 16, to vote on their final recommendations for the sculpture. The meeting consisted of six student committee members and three faculty advisers.

The Task Force has been meeting every Thursday since January discussing what would be the most appropriate course of action to take with the Griffith sculpture on the plaza at Northern Kentucky University.

Their recommendations will go to Student Government Association who, along with the administration, will decide what recommendations they think are best to pass on to President James Votruba.

Ernest Britton, the faculty chair on the committee, pointed out that the final decision lies with the president.

"Nothing will happen quickly," stated Prince Brown, a sociology professor.

Each student committee member proposed what they thought was the best recommendation for the sculpture.

Several students recommended that the sculpture be moved to a more art centered area of the campus, instead of being in the central Plaza area.

Other suggestions included: an inclusion in University 101 or English 101 curriculum that would educate freshmen about the sculpture's controversial history, an annual forum to dis-



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Three possible future NKU students were spotted playing on the "Way Down East" sculpture in front of the University Center. A task force and Student Government Association are making recommendations to the president regarding the best course of action for the statue.

cern and explain the significance of the sculpture, a plaque placed on the piece to tell its history, and adding a mural somewhere on campus that is culturally diversified.

Janet Nyagah, student chair of the Task Force, said her main concern was the students that have been offended. "NKU administration owes the insulted group and the entire campus an apology," she said.

Barbara Houghton, another faculty adviser felt the most efficient way to do this would be to add the apology to a plaque so that all future NKU

students could see it.

The criteria for deciding on a proposal included a quorum of four voting student members and 2/3 vote of students present. Including educational concerns of racial insensitivity and the protection of freedom of expression rights on campus were the most important criteria according to Brown.

The committee unanimously voted on including an educational plaque including the history of the sculpture, the controversy over it, and an apology to all NKU students.

The committee voted five to

one that the sculpture be moved out of such a central area on campus to a more art oriented place.

Their proposal will also include a recommendation to integrate specific history of the sculpture in a freshmen class.

It will also include a recommendation to form a campus committee every time a new art piece is placed on campus so that everyone has the opportunity to give their input on placement and appropriateness.

The committee will submit their proposal to SGA at their next meeting.

UK Campus Declared Dry By Next Fall

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Some campus leaders say it was inevitable. Others say the time was right.

Despite the opinions, UK fraternities and sororities will no longer be allowed to have alcohol in their houses beginning next fall.

The University's Board of Trustees approved the new policy earlier this month, after lengthy discussions with student leaders following the board's resolution in October to re-examine its alcohol policy, as well as the deaths of Benjamin Wynne at Louisiana State University and Scott Kreuger at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last fall.

"The decision is timely," said Dean

of Students David Stockham. "The process started back in the fall, and the intent was to curb the kinds of things that are harmful to students. For me, the bottom line is students' safety."

Interfraternity Council officials had been hoping for a much longer time-span to adopt the policy, but said they will work with it.

"We had been hoping for the year 2000, which seems to be a trend across the nation, but that's not what we got," said Marc Clegg, vice president for external relations for IFC. "Some of the enforcement response is coming down on IFC. It's a very sudden change and we have to cope with it."

While the decision may have perfect timing on UK's part, some lead-

ers say a dry Greek System was already a done deal. Even before the UK board meeting Tuesday, even before the Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu social fraternities announced they'd stop in-house drinking by the year 2000, and even before the January symposium most of the fraternities and sororities attended on stopping alcohol abuse.

Former Interfraternity Council President Tony Hayden likened implementing a policy this quickly to "putting 'an animal in a corner.'"

"If you bring something down that sudden in the first year, you're going to have more violations," he said. "I was for a gradual induction of this system. I knew it was going to come down. I just didn't think it would come down this quickly."

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RACE: CLINTON, STAR SHARE GOALS

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games as metaphors for what we are as a people," Clinton said.

The discussion centered around the idea that America has made progress in race relations, particularly in the world of sports. The president said that unconscious, unintended discrimination still presents hurdles that need to be removed.

"We sort of drifted off into a slumber when we felt that there was no overt racism," said Carmen Policy, the president of the San Francisco 49ers during the panel discussion. "When I look and see a candidate in front of me, I don't see a black candidate, a white candidate — whoever is the most qualified is going to get the job and our hearts, our souls were comforted, and we've kind of gotten lazy," he said.

Other participants included: Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson, NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown, three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, former Red Joe Morgan, St. John's University basketball star and NBA prospect Felipe Lopez and New York Jets wide

receiver Keyshawn Johnson.

This is the second town hall meeting for the president's national initiative on race.

The first town hall meeting in Akron, Ohio, last December was dubbed even by some presidential aides as a "disaster," because it failed to provoke meaningful debate about controversial issues.

Responding to the suggestion that his national dialogue on race is weak and not focused, President

Clinton said in January that such criticisms are typical, but he promises "There will be better results as we go forward."

According to Judy Winston, the executive director of the president's initiative on race, the town hall meetings and dialogues have specific purposes. "These are community efforts that are focused on improving race relations in those communities, bringing people together across racial lines to engage in problem solving," Winston said.

The president commissioned Winston's panel to examine the country and race relations for one year.

She also said that communities around the country are becoming involved in the dialogue. "We've

been sharing this information with communities all across the country, communities that have indicated that they want to be involved, that they want to work towards racial reconciliation," Winston said.

STAR responded to President Clinton's initiative on race by scheduling week-long dialogues and lectures.

"STAR's dialogues and lectures will involve communication and awareness," said Elea Mihou, president of STAR. "Both are important entities in the goal of equality." She also said that the first step in working toward a solution to racism is getting people to talk about the problem.

The town hall meeting discussing racism will be in the Baptist Student Center, Thursday, April 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



President Clinton has teamed up with ESPN to send an anti-racist message to white, caucasian males, who make up the majority of ESPN's viewers. NKU's student organization, STAR, has set out to stop the racist views of all students.

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"STAR's dialogues and lectures will involve communication and awareness."

-Elea Mihou

Group Reports Rise In Hate Groups White Americans Still Racist, A New Poll Determines

U-WIRE— GAINESVILLE, Fla Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida)

Fueled by racist religion, white power rock 'n' roll and Internet propaganda, the hate movement grew dramatically last year, according to an Intelligence

Project document. The Intelligence Project is a watchdog organization that has been tracking hate groups in the United States since 1981. The document is published quarterly by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Birmingham, Ala. The number of hate groups has grown to 474 in 1997, a 20-percent increase from previous years. UF sociology Professor Joe Feagin said this significant rise is a result of only one thing - white Americans.

"The deepest foundation of this is that white Americans are still racist," Feagin said. A recent poll where whites 18 and older were questioned on whether they were racist by answering various questions, revealed - most white Americans are racist even if they do not admit it, Feagin said.

"Hate groups can draw on a large pool of potential members from those whites that are racist," Feagin said. Symptoms of this racism include the proliferation of hate Internet sites. Creators of these sites are reaching young people around the country and their new recruits are not limited to white, working-class teen-agers, but youths from upper-middle class families, the report stated.

David Carlson, director of the Interactive Media Lab at the College of Journalism and Communications, said the Internet is a powerful tool that makes all sorts of information available to all sorts of people.

Carlson said the Internet gravitates toward some kinds of information, just like libraries do. "You can walk into a library and get a recipe to build a bomb,"

Carlson said. "The Internet just makes it easier but does that mean we should close all libraries?" Although the Internet might be a possible reason for the high increase of hate groups, some think the approach of the new millennium is the main reason. Jack Levin, author of the book "Hate Crimes" and a professor at Boston Northeastern University, said more Americans believe the end is near, and some have decided to make sure the end comes. "There's a growing number of apocalyptic thinkers," Levin said. "The problem is they're creating their own apocalypse."

Because they see the world as falling apart, these people are looking for someone to blame, he said. "I predict that from now until the year 2001, more hate groups, cults (and) mass suicides will rise," Levin said.



On Thursday, April 16, DPS officers observed lightning strike near commonwealth Hall, setting off the fire alarms. They evacuated the building with the assistance of Residential Assistants. Cold Spring Fire Department arrived and determined the alarm panel was fried and rendered inoperative.

A DPS officer responded to a report of accidental property damage in the University Center Game Room. A male subject was playing ping pong with a friend and when he went to strike the ball he accidentally placed his foot through the drywall. The report was forwarded to physical plant to make repairs.

A DPS officer was dispatched to Corbett Theatre in the Fine Arts building in reference to a medical response. A male theatre major said he was accidentally struck in the head by a clothing trunk used as a prop. He complained of

dizziness and pain. He was monitored for several minutes until the pain and dizziness ceased and he returned to theatre production. He refused Cold Spring Life Squad and an ice pack was immediately applied to forehead.

An old smoke detector went bad in Kentucky Hall, setting off the fire alarm. The electrician replaced the head and Cold Spring Fire Department was canceled enroute.

DPS officers responded to reports of a student Delta employee having a epileptic seizure. Upon arrival, the female student was attended by two Delta managers and the student stated she was over the

seizure and did not need to go to the hospital. She was allowed to return to work.

A staff member called dispatch to inform DPS that there was something floating in Lake Inferior. Officers found two wooden branches with either fraternity or sorority markings in the lake.

A student that resided in Norse Hall was on the Campbell County Warrant List. Officers confirmed the warrant and located the subject in the Norse cafeteria. He was arrested and taken to the county jail as commanded by the warrant.

A custodian found a woman screaming in the Applied Science and Technology lobby and DPS responded. The woman was upset because WNKU radio station did not give her directions to their fundraiser. The officer calmed the woman down and took her to the radio station.

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The NKU World

By Gabrielle Dion
Editor In Chief

Recently, one of my professors was giving a speech in which he described Northern Kentucky University. It went something like this: there's the academic world, there's the real world, and then there's the NKU world.

Although there are both positive and negative connotations associated with the statement, I can see how the uniqueness of NKU is what draws students here. At what other school could you (a) find the administrative center (b) find what you are looking for and (c) get what you needed in less than an hour?

I was unaware of what it was like at other schools until last semester when I was checking out graduate schools. I went to the University of Cincinnati to get some information about their graduate programs. I was there for five hours, and I never found what I needed. Everyone I asked sent me to another building. I finally called and asked for information to be sent to me—it never came. So I went back to NKU, and was able to learn all about graduate school here. I was given exactly what I needed upon request. The impression that I get at NKU is that they really want my business.

Or do they? Is NKU turning into UC? If we are, I know where it begins: at the administrative center.

1. Registrar: Last Tuesday afternoon I went into the Registrar to get a copy of my transcripts for a job that I was applying for. I needed them by Thursday morning. I was told that my transcripts were being "audited" and that I would have to wait 48 hours to get them. The "auditing" process occurs because the registrar has a new computer system. And that's okay—I'm all for technology upgrades. But I've seen how many people work in the registrar. If all 12,000 students' transcripts took 48 hours to audit—there would have to be thousands of people working there. So I explained my situation, and asked if I could possibly get my transcripts any earlier. The girl working there said she didn't know. But here is the worst of it—she tried to justify it by saying that at Xavier and UC it takes over a week to get transcripts.

And that is the bad attitude that starts the ball rolling. We're not supposed to be just a little bit better than Xavier and UC. The reason students go to NKU is because they are sick of waiting at Xavier and UC. The students at NKU are the customers of the university. It's supply and demand. If I can't get my transcripts in a reasonable amount of time, I'll take my business where I will be treated better.

2. Admissions: And talk about treatment?! Almost every time I've called Admissions, I've gotten to hear at least ten minutes of Dave Thomson telling me all about NKU. It's nice to hear his soothing voice, but I really didn't want to be on hold for that long. And I shouldn't have to be. If I get sick of being on hold, so do all the prospective students who call Admissions every day. We're losing business this way.

3. Financial Aid: I'm so thankful that I don't have to deal with that office. I have heard countless horror stories of people's Financial Aid nightmares in my four years at NKU. There are just too many. If you want an example of what most people think of the Financial Aid office—ask anybody. They either have a story or know someone intimately who does. Maybe instead of auditing all of our transcripts, the university should audit the Financial Aid office.

Yes, it's harsh. Yes, I know these offices try hard and that they say they are doing the best they can. But the students demand better. And as we project huge enrollment increases going into the 21st century, we need to be prepared. You can't sell a student on NKU by saying we are just a tiny bit better than other colleges that are better known and have more programs. But you can sell a student on a little college that prides itself on being a "world" more friendly.



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NORTH POLL

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE NEW SGA PRESIDENT?

By Suzanne Fleming and Margie Wise

Natalie Bogen
Communications
Alexandria



"I'm graduating so it doesn't really matter to me."

Schwin Alexander
Criminal Justice
Cincinnati



"I would hope that he would make the university better."

Branan Whitehead
Theatre
Sommerset



"I would hope the new president would serve as an effective middle man between students and administration."



Michelle Ruby
Anthropology
Florence

"My hopes are that the new president will remain open minded and student oriented."



Scott Youger
Theatre
Edgewood

"That the president will work with members of SGA instead of trying to alienate them."



Bryan Servizzi
Speech
Cincinnati

"I want student leadership that won't give up on us."

NKU-XU: Crosstown Beat Down

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

Just when you thought you'd heard the end of football at NKU, the Xavier Musketeers come to town and post a 21-10 victory over the struggling Norse.

No. 11 ranked school has a football program. But when you bring the school's basketball teams together, the scoreboard can be deceiving.

After scoring two field goals in the bottom of the first inning, the Norse were off to a 6-0 lead over their Division I counterparts.

Senior right fielder Mike Pitzer started the scoring for NKU with a three-run homer (5) in the first inning, driving in Michael Tudor and Billy Dennis.

XU starter Jim Beaulieu failed to record an out. He gave up three runs—all earned—on two hits and three walks. Beaulieu, who entered the game with an ERA of 9.0, was promptly replaced by Musketeer Matt Raib.

Raib slowed the Norse attack, and NKU led 7-2 after four innings. The Musketeers' bats awoke dur-

ing the fifth inning.

Norse reliever Joey Hacker could only record one out in the fifth, as he allowed three runs on no hits.

Steve Rump, who replaced Hacker on the mound, had even more trouble with Xavier's offense, allowing two runs on two hits without recording an out.

Rump was replaced by Shaun Fausz, who allowed two more runs in the fifth, before finally getting NKU out of the inning.

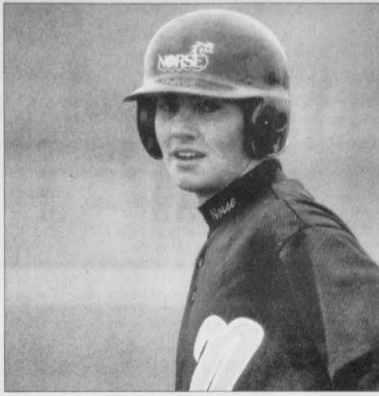
When the top of the inning was over, Xavier had tied the score at seven.

NKU bounced back in the bottom of the inning with two runs of its own to reclaim a 9-7 lead.

The efforts of the Norse were fruitless, however, as Xavier again scored five runs in the sixth inning.

The Musketeers must have felt comfortable scoring five runs in one inning, because they did it again in the seventh.

After the three-inning barrage, the Norse trailed 17-9. XU would add two more in both the eighth and ninth innings, and as the time ran out in the fourth quarter, the



ONCE UPON A TIME: NKU sophomore short stop Ryan Ponatoski is batting .254 for the Norse this season.

Muskies had claimed a 21-10 victory.

After having it's Wednesday double header against Bellarmine rained out, the Norse traveled to SIU-Edwardsville over the weekend, where NKU's pitching woes continued.

SIU-E put up 10 runs in both of Saturday's games with the Norse. The first game of the double header saw NKU fall behind 1-0 in the first inning, but keep it close until the bottom of the sixth.

Trailing 1-0 going into the bottom of the inning, NKU started Jason Stauffer got into trouble in the inning. By the time Stauffer was replaced, he had given up six runs in the inning.

His replacement, John Reynolds, could not record an out, giving up three runs—none earned—on two hits. Steve Rump then replaced Reynolds. Rump struck out the only batter he faced to end the inning.

When the dust settled, however, SIU-E had built a commanding 10-0 lead, and held on to win by that margin.

The second game of the double

header was much more competitive, but had a similar result as NKU fell again 10-8.

After jumping to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, Norse ace Ryan Berryman game up two runs in the bottom of the inning. The score remained 3-2 until the fourth inning, when the Cougars took a 4-3 lead.

A fourth-inning sixth inning helped the Norse reclaim an 8-5 lead after six, but the Cougars would add five unanswered runs in the last two innings en route to the 10-8 win.

On Sunday, NKU dropped the last game of the SIU-E series 11-3. The Norse have given up double figures in 15 of their 18 losses this season.

The team has given up 137 runs in the last 78 innings (1.76 runs per inning.) The Norse are now 12-18 (2-12 GLVC) and are off to the worst GLVC start in school history.

The worst conference record of any NKU baseball team was 3-9 (25 percent). At 2-12 (14 percent) with seven GLVC games remaining, the team faces the possibility of finishing with a losing record for the first time since 1987 and recording the worst record in school history.

Who Is The Year's True Star?

Cole's Pit

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

NKU's Dastardly Bastard

It's that time of year when the talk around NKU's sports scene turns to basketball recruiting.

With virtually all of the school's winter sports already eliminated from postseason play, Norse fans can't help but wonder who will be joining the men's basketball team next season.

Well, I have good news and I have bad news.

First, the good news. Unlike past seasons, where the list of recruits expected to join the Norse was longer than the NKU basketball team's current losing streak (12), keeping up with the incoming players this season will not be so difficult.

Now, the bad news. NKU has just one potential signee—Billy Brewster.

Brewster, a 6-foot-7 215 pound sophomore at Cisco Junior College, averaged 26 points and 12 rebounds per game last season. Unfortunately for the Norse, Brewster will likely be academically ineligible next season. He may not be able to join the team until the 1999-2000 season.

The Norse do expect to have Brewster signed soon.

And Another Thing:

Over the past eight months, Norse fans have seen unexpected successes from both individuals and teams. They have also seen individuals and teams unexpectedly fail.

Through it all, NKU has been introduced week after week to a star. As the long journey rapidly nears its end, it is time to decide who should be crowned Star of the Year.

Any time you accept the task of comparing performances from different arenas, there are obvious difficulties in doing so.

Is a goal worth more than a kill?

Is a birdie the equivalent to a home run? Should athletes be rewarded for playing on winning teams, or penalized for playing on losers?

For this reason, I ask your help. Who do you think should be Star of the Year? Who, in your opinion, had the best year of all NKU athletes?

Is it an obvious choice? Is there more than one choice? I'm sure Cliff Clinton will be a popular answer. How can you argue with Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year Brian Lawhorn?

Mike Pitzer and Billy Dennis are having good seasons for the baseball team. Freshman Michele Tuchfarber had a damn fine year for the women's basketball team.

Molly Donovan set the school record for assists just half way through her junior season, leading the volleyball team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1981.

And there is a slew of others who have had outstanding individual performances all season.

So it's up to you, NKU. Who should it be? I have someone in mind, but I'm welcome to suggestions.

Give me a call and let me know who you think should receive Star of the Year honors.

572-5260. Leave a message.

And One More Thing:

I know Cole's Pit has pissed off a lot of people during the year. I've kept people as mad as a group of Symphonic Winds. But there are two things that people need to remember.

First, it's all in fun. Second, sometimes the truth hurts.

Star Of The Week



Name: Mike Curnayn
Sport: Men's Tennis
Accomplishment: Singles victories versus Bellarmine, UMSL and IPFW. Also named to All-GLVC Men's Tennis Team.



Norse News'n'Notes

By Chris Cole

Women's Tennis

Lauren Spears, one of the top girls' tennis players in the state of Kentucky at South Oldham High School, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Northern Kentucky University and play tennis.

Spears, who will graduate from South Oldham this spring, is ranked No. 6 in the state of Kentucky in the 18-and-under ratings. She helped South Oldham finish fourth in the state tournament last season.

A "Who's Who in Sports" scholar-athlete, Spears also lettered in track and basketball at South Oldham.

Spears joins Lone Oak High School's Jamie O'Hara and Lawrenceburg (Ind.) High School's Christina Dausch as recruits for NKU this coming season.

Men's Tennis

The NKU men's tennis team lost to Bellarmine College 5-2 in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tennis Tournament at

Indianapolis North Central High School on Friday.

The two lone victories for the Norse came from Mike Curnayn—first in singles competition and then when he teamed with Jarrod Cooper in No. 2 doubles.

Curnayn, who was named to the All-GLVC men's tennis team this season, defeated BC's Billy O'Bryan 6-3, 6-0.

Curnayn and Cooper defeated the team of Colin Mitchell and Chris Robinson 8-6.

BC 5, NKU 2

Men's Singles

Bryan Locke (BC) defeated Aaron McDowell (NKU) 6-1, 6-4.

Colin Mitchell (BC) defeated Dan Evans (NKU) 6-3, 6-2.

Mike Curnayn (NKU) defeated Billy O'Bryan (BC) 6-3, 6-0.

Chris Robinson (BC) defeated Todd Thielen (NKU) 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Men's Doubles

Locke-O'Bryan (BC) defeated Evans-McDowell (NKU) 8-6.

Curnayn-Jarrod Cooper (NKU) defeated Mitchell-Robinson (BC) 8-6.

David Place-Jeff Wence (BC) defeated Thielen-Doug Weinle (NKU) 6-1.

The Norse then lost to Missouri-St. Louis 5-4 in the first round of the consolation round.

After splitting singles competition 3-3, the Norse dropped two tightly contested doubles matches in the loss. The team of Cooper and Curnayn dropped a 9-7 decision, while the team of Thielen and Weinle lost 9-8 (2).

UMSL 5, NKU 4

Men's Singles

McDowell (NKU) defeated Steir Rotegaard (UMSL) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Curnayn (NKU) defeated Scott Goodyear (UMSL) 1-6, 7-6(4), 7-5.

Townsend Morris (UMSL) def. Cooper (NKU) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

David Crowell (UMSL) def. Sean Barone (NKU) 6-4, 6-4.

Thielen (NKU) def. Brad Tinnon (UMSL) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Andy Forinash (UMSL) def. Weinle (NKU) 6-2, 6-1.

Men's Doubles

Barone-McDowell (NKU) def. Crowell-Goodyear (UMSL) 8-6.

Rotegaard-Tinnon (UMSL) def. Cooper-Curnayn (NKU) 9-7.

Forinash-Andy Coon (UMSL) def. Weinle (NKU) 6-2, 6-1.

The Norse did defeat IPFW 5-1 in a match to decide seventh place on Saturday. NKU swept three singles matches, and took two-of-three in doubles competition.

NKU 5, IPFW 1

Men's Singles

Curnayn (NKU) def. Todd Fieck (IPFW) 6-2, 6-0.

Cooper (NKU) def. Brady Spangler (IPFW) 6-1, 6-1.

Barone (NKU) def. Nick Gengo (IPFW) 6-2, 6-4.

Men's Doubles

Evans-McDowell (NKU) Rob Moreland-Darrin Strayer (IPFW) 8-2.

Fieck-Spangler (IPFW) def. Cooper-Curnayn (NKU) 8-6.

Thielen-Weinle (NKU) def. Gengo-Ed Serrat (IPFW) 8-5.

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Friendship Is Important In 'Age of AIDS'



REACHING OUT: Speaker Joel Goldman talks with an audience member after "Friendship in the Age of AIDS," a program to inform college students.

By Margie Wise
Features Editor

Two former Indiana University students used humor to educate Northern Kentucky University students about "Friendship in the Age of AIDS," last Wednesday.

Speakers T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman used several techniques to warn college students about the dangerous combination of alcohol and sex.

Sullivan gave examples of the different stages of intoxication such as the "Taco Bell" stage.

He also stated several common excuses for men to avoid condom use.

He said he hopes the joking will make students more receptive to the topic.

"In the age of AIDS, we all need to know more, we all need to do more," said Sullivan at the program last Wednesday evening.

Sullivan started educating students about

AIDS after he found out Goldman, a college friend, had contracted HIV.

In 1992 Joel Goldman was a real estate developer in Columbus, Ohio when he discovered he was HIV positive.

"The saddest part for me, personally, is that this isn't something I had to get," Goldman said.

He said, "It's not like cancer or heart disease...I got this because of the choices I made regarding sex and alcohol."

Goldman had been tested several years earlier and turned up negative.

However, he kept becoming sick after business trips, and decided to get himself re-tested.

"The face of HIV is changing," Goldman said, "and now it's mine."

Goldman said today there are over thirty million people infected with HIV/AIDS.

Daily over 1,000 babies are born infected. Sullivan said after each program the speakers have more audience members

approaching them to reveal that they or someone they know is HIV positive.

Goldman said he wants students to realize the role that alcohol can play in decision-making. It is important for them to realize what happened to him can happen to them.

He said he also wants students to be aware of how they should react to a friend who reveals they have HIV.

"We are all in this together," Sullivan said.

Betty Mulkey, Assistant Director of Student Life, said she thinks Goldman and Sullivan are so effective because they speak in a way students understand.

She said both of them know what it is like to be college students, and that keeps them from getting too preachy.

Mulkey said she wanted to address the issue of AIDS at NKU so that students would examine their behavior.

Mulkey said, "I think our student body needs to hear this message."

Group Wants To Break Stereotypes

Yale Herald (UWire) - On Tues., Apr. 7, the Yale Political Union (YPU) debated the topic, "Resolved: Religious Morality Should Guide Political Decisions."

Keynoting the debate were two Christians, Reverend Richard Neuhaus and Yale Law Professor Stephen Carter. Not surprisingly, both defended the resolution.

Of the two, Neuhaus was more provocative. He insulted homosexuals and suggested that scientists agree unanimously that abortion is murder.

He argued that the United States has been "a Christian nation" from its inception, and expressed concern about the "judicial usurpation of politics" we have seen in the last decades.

Most helpful, however, was Neuhaus's unique redefinition of the word "religion" to include atheists and agnostics. "Devout" non-theists, he explained, simply have not "reflected" enough to realize that they too are "religious" individuals.

Oh, one more thing: according to Neuhaus, we are all sinners. Neuhaus imposed religious morality upon his YPU audience just as he and his counterparts would impose it upon America.

In view of the current political and intellectual environment, it seems that they are succeeding.

In an unusual situation, the Left was peppered with members of the Yale College Humanist Society (YCHS).

Neuhaus and Carter were unable to convince the Yale Humanists of the virtues of religious morality, particularly because these virtues were assumed rather than debated.

Most members of the YCHS were outraged at being called religious and sinners, and departed with an even stronger conviction that their group and beliefs are necessary.

The recently-founded YCHS is the only undergraduate organization on campus for those calling themselves atheists, agnostics, humanists and/or free-thinkers. Its leader, Daniel Farkas, MC '00, said, "Historically, discussing atheism and agnosticism has been taboo, but we are interested in breaking stereotypes and showing

*"I don't know that
Atheists should be considered as (U.S.)
citizens."*

-President George Bush

that people don't need either God or religion in order to find meaning and answers in their lives. Atheism, agnosticism, and humanism are perfectly viable alternatives to traditional religion. The YCHS is here to show people why and how." And, of course, to oppose the religious right whenever possible.

Nationally, humanists on college campuses are hardly unique. "Groups exist on many other campuses," Farkas said. "Now it's Yale's turn." The YCHS belongs to the Campus Freethought Alliance (CFA), an activist group which currently unites more than 80 college and university humanistic groups worldwide.

The CFA Declaration of Necessity states: "We have witnessed a resurgence of religious fundamentalism, hand-in-hand with a growing belief in mysticism, the paranormal, and the occult."

We have witnessed a growing disdain for science and a flight

from reason and the principles of the Enlightenment, both in popular media and in the halls of academe. We have witnessed a deplorable onslaught by religious factions upon personal liberties. Organized student opposition is necessary as never before.

The traditional proponents of reason seem to have joined the forces of unreason in attacking rationality at the college level, and groups like the YCHS provide crucial student opposition to these trends.

Neuhaus's remarks certainly show that dangerous, bigoted irrationalism can invade the Yale campus. But dogmatic religion is not the sole perpetrator of "unreason": academic postmodernism also brings down our university. The traditional proponents of reason seem to have joined the forces of unreason in attacking rationality at the college level, and groups like the YCHS provide crucial student opposition to these trends.

The Yale Humanists serve another key purpose as well. Most college campuses have Newman Centers, Hillel, and a Campus Crusade for Christ.

But where can atheist and agnostic students go to consort with individuals sympathetic in a sympathetic community? Indeed, surely non-theists need support more than theists: after all, they are the minority.

We should welcome the YCHS on campus. And if Neuhaus tells you that humanists eat babies or perform bloody sacrifices, ignore him. After all, everyone's favorite Yale, George Bush, DC '48, once said, "I don't know that atheists should be considered as [U.S.] citizens."

Humanists are feared and slandered on a far too routine basis for the simple reason that they defend a core of beliefs that some find terrifying, because they willingly criticize religion and postmodernism. This quality should not be condemned.

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- 12:30 p.m. UC 108

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Imbruglia Energizes

'Left Of The Middle' Right On Target

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

In an age of one hit wonders, record companies seem to care little about the quality of an entire artist's album.

More time and effort is typically spent on developing the character and reputation of the artist: where they are seen, who they are on tour with, what radio stations they are played on.

So what do you do when a singer already has an established reputation?

What most U.S. fans may not know is that Natalie Imbruglia has been a U.K. celebrity for several years. Her starring role was

as Beth Brennan in U.K.'s hit television soap opera "Neighbours," as a teen idol.

Imbruglia's first single "Torn" and, the recent release from "Left of the Middle" could be a chart-topper.

The album's first single seems to combine the likes of Alanis Morissette and Natalie Merchant, but shows that she has developed a style of her own also.

Although the formula of an acoustic-backed song with sensual vocals is popular ("Ironie" by Alanis Morissette and "Carnival" by Natalie Merchant) Imbruglia tears down barriers by addressing relationships.

Some of the lyrics of "Torn"

includes: "He showed me how to cry. Well you couldn't be that man that I adored. You don't seem to know, seem to care, what your heart is for. But I don't know him anymore."

Leaving the "Neighbours" soap opera, she also left behind her teen idol reputation. Cutting her hair short and dressing less revealing, she says she likes to dress "boyishly."

But not so boyishly that she lacked the ability to attract "Friends" star David Schwimmer who she has since broken up with.

Look for Imbruglia to release "Wishing I Was There" as the follow-up for "Torn."

Rock the Vote



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

Over 800 students voted in the 1998 Student Government Elections. With only seven votes separating the three candidates, every student's vote made a difference.

Nike Officials Say Labor Practices Are Fair

U. Illinois (U-WIRE) — Working conditions in Indonesian factories were the main focus of a news conference held by representatives from Nike's Division of Labor Practices for members of the college media yesterday afternoon.

Nike Director of Labor Practices Dusty Kidd said he has had a team of 15 to 20 members who have been "developing the tools" over the past year and a half to "provide the best conditions" for workers in southeast Asian Nike factories.

But it is those same labor conditions that have been under fire from critics who protest the way Nike treats those factory workers.

Kidd fielded questions about Nike initiatives that ranged from wages to the chemical make-up of their shoe adhesives.

Responding to a question of how wages compare to working condi-

tions in Indonesia, Kidd said workers are paid enough to fulfill their individual needs, but that the wages fall short of being able to provide for a family of four.

Jackson Potter, member of the Student Labor Support Network and sophomore in LAS, said the fact that wages do not even provide enough to feed a family of two is unacceptable.

"And since the collapse of the southeast Asian economies, the wages have plummeted," Potter said, adding that Nike has not done anything to repair the loss of wages among workers.

When asked if he would feel comfortable working under the Indonesian conditions, Kidd said

that being 49 years old and living in Alaska would make it hard for him to personally imagine doing so.

"But people do adapt," Kidd said, referring to the Indonesian workers.

Kidd added that Nike does not promote the jobs as being "exciting possibilities," but that they are good alternatives to "picking rice in a field."

Indonesian Nike employees total 100,000, and 37 percent of those workers are minimum wage earners, Kidd said.

Joel Enderle, Nike's Asian regional director of labor practices, said Nike also provides health benefits, free transportation to the factories and free lunches to their employees. The Nike representatives also

explained that they announced audits of the factories.

But Potter said the problem with their research is that it is not truly independent.

"They conduct research within the interests of their company," he said. Potter added that the analysis becomes "skewed," and the company ends up "squelching honest dialogue."

A representative from Students Against Sweatshops accused Nike of giving kickbacks to Indonesian generals and asked how the company justifies working with a government that exploits its citizens.

Kidd said Nike does not bribe military officers, nor does it "presume to tell countries how to run their governments."

"The 110,000 people who have jobs because Nike is in Indonesia would be glad we are there," Kidd

said.

Kidd also said Nike holds focus groups in a setting away from the factories to get feedback from the workers. But Potter said many people question the forums.

"The workers have no power," Potter said. "They are under the iron arm of their employer."

Kidd also responded to a question about why Nike manufactures so heavily in impoverished countries. Kidd said 40,000 workers make Nike products in America on a daily basis, but that it is cheaper to produce the goods abroad. Kidd said the cost of a pair of "Air Jordan" shoes would double if they were made in the United States.

"I doubt many consumers are willing to bear that cost," Kidd said.

But Potter said the movement for reform of labor practices is a consumer generated one and that Nike is

going to have to change because more people are requiring it of the company.

The Nike representatives also responded to questions about a report that said Nike used toxic substances in its shoe adhesives. The reports criticized Nike for exposing its workers to such substances.

Nike denied the allegations and said the report filed by Ernst and Young was inaccurate. Potter said the report was an internal one that was leaked to the public.

College students across the nation have targeted Nike in recent months to investigate whether they are using sweatshop labor to manufacture campus apparel.

Nike representatives will be holding press conference calls for college students about the issue on a quarterly basis.

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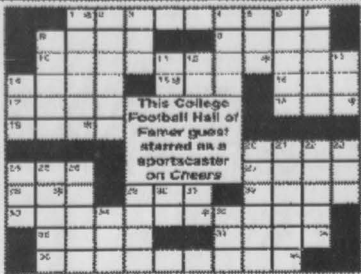
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 3. Coast; 1968
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 10. Actor on *M*A*S*H* (2)
 12. ... Warrington
 13. Rule on *Flamingo*
 15. *Arden of the Mole* (1948-58)
 17. Fight results, familiarly
 18. *Barney's Corner* (1948-58)
 19. Use a sieve
 20. *Charm* & ...
 21. So's words for short
 23. *Aladdin* and *W* ...
 25. 1952 movie
 26. Generation
 28. Place or time men in a nursery rhyme
 32. 17. *Richard Harris* him about a whale
 33. *Mary Tyler Moore* rule (2)
 36. Singer Billy
 37. *Cher* (1960)
 38. Regular on *The Carol Burnett Show* (2)
- DOWN**
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Horoscope



Aries (March 21 - April 19):
The domestic part of your life isn't going very well right now, but if you think everything is OK, you'd better take a second look.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20):
Take time to appreciate all you have in life. Sometimes we forget to think about the simple things that make us happy.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20):
The grass may seem greener on the other side, but it isn't. It may be time to get rid of some bad habits.



Cancer (June 21 - July 23):
You have to weigh both sides of a situation carefully before making any major decisions. A legal contest may come in the forefront.



Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23):
Be generous with your time and your money. The satisfaction you receive from helping others will be overwhelming.



Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 22):
There is a woman in your life who thinks she knows what is best for you, but there are some things you have to figure out on your own.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):
Start at the workplace and at home may leave you with a big headache. Only fight for what really matters.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):
A wish may come true, but not quite the way you expected. You carry the answers to a serious problem at your heart.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
You may be spending more time at work than you would like it to only a temporary situation, and something good will come from your effort.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
There is a good chance you will see many of your dreams come true very quickly. Then you will have to decide what to do next.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
There will be more of a marriage or birth. A young person may need a shoulder to cry on. Try not to be too judgmental.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20):
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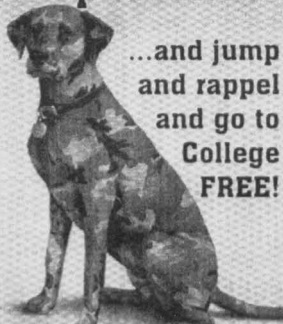
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