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Free increase to fund new student union

By Mike Brown
Staff Reporter

A \$20 per semester increase to the student incidental fee is being proposed to the Board of Regents for support of construction of a new \$20 million student union building for Northern Kentucky University.

The actual increase of the fee would commence in fall 2002 upon formal university and legislative funding of the project.

The student fee has been in

effect since 1991 and has generated over \$2 million during its tenure.

However, since the fund has been used to improve various facility improvements and renovations of the current university center, the fund has decreased from \$2 million to \$1.7 million.

Chris Boggs, Student Government Association president, said he has been working hard trying to come up with different ideas for funding the new building.

"The student government has been working on the idea for a new Student Union over the past few months and have come to the conclusion that in order for NKU to compete with other Kentucky universities, a new student union is going to have to be a priority for the university," Boggs said.

"NKU is desperately in need of change and adding a new student union to the university will be adequate for the growing number of students. The university has almost 12,000 students and the

current student union building, which was built for 5000 students, does not have adequate space for student organizations and student functions," Boggs said.

"The current building is a university center. The students need a building that is strictly for the students," Boggs said.

The current building only holds six student support offices and has limited social areas and study space.

Michael Baker, vice-president for Administrative Affairs, said

the increase of the student fee will not only benefit students, but it will help the university increase its enrollment.

"A new student union is a high priority for this administration, Baker said. "The top administrators are very supportive of the idea. Although it can often be difficult to acquire funds, we are optimistic about the state funding this project. The student fee will definitely help the state understand that the students are willing to help pay for the building."

On your mark...



Melissa Riggs/The Northerner

The bunnies (above) were the largest group to dress up at the 10th annual Walk for Women's Athletics. Below is the winner of the costume contest in a chicken outfit. There was an estimated \$40,000 raised for women's athletics at the event.

Lapping the track for women

By Melissa Riggs
Photo Editor

By Melanie Goodman
Staff Reporter

On your marks.

Get set.

And they're off!

At Northern Kentucky University's annual Walk for Women's Athletics Saturday, April 15, more than 500 people attended.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event. During the past nine years, the walk has raised more than \$238,000 for NKU women's athletics, and included at least 2,300 participants. This year alone, it was announced that the walk raised \$25,000 and it is expected the total will be \$40,000 after pledges are received.

Team captain Diana Schneider said the impact from the Walk for Women's Athletics can be seen annually in the increased attraction of more women athletes to NKU. Schneider helps organize the event annually by

promoting excitement about it around campus and motivating participants to turn in their pledges.

"Anybody can do it," Schneider said. "You don't have to be an athlete to participate. And you don't have to be a marathon runner. It's just a good time for a good cause."

Participants obtained sponsors for the completing 30 minutes worth of laps around the outdoor track. Schneider said participants could complete the 30 minutes in whatever fashion suited them.

"You can run it, walk it, do backward flips around it. It doesn't take long and it's fun for everyone," she said. Pledges raised consist of either a lump sum donation or a certain amount pledged for each lap completed. All the proceeds go toward women's athletics. In the past, the funds raised not only provided for scholarships but also provided assistance for women athletes enrolled in summer school and five-year athletes.

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Student's access denied due to pending allegations

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Access to Northern Kentucky University computer labs and NKU e-mail by junior computer science major Michael Vaughan has been suspended pending review of allegations about his computer use.

According to a Feb. 24, 2000 letter sent to Vaughan from Dean of Students Bill Lamb, these allegations include "Bragging about your success regarding 'hacking' and your subsequent ability to acquire confidential information" and "using language in direct e-mail communica-

tion to NKU computing staff which can be construed as containing veiled threats of extortion."

The Department of Public Safety is investigating the allegations, said Director Don McKenzie.

Vaughan gave *The Northerner* a copy of the letter and Lamb confirmed that the letter was identical to the one he sent to Vaughan's home. The letter said, "The Dean of Students' office has been presented with information from Mr. Gary Pratt, NKU Chief Information Officer, which indicates that you may have 'hacked' into the NKU computer network, downloaded information and shared

the steps on how this was done with others."

Pratt said he could not comment of the status of Vaughan's computer privileges because the investigation was still in progress through the Dean of Student's Office.

According to Lamb's letter, Vaughan is not permitted to access "any NKU computer system including e-mail accounts, dial-up access and use of computer terminals located in campus computer labs."

In addition to having his computer privileges suspended, Vaughan said he was suspended from his Media Services campus computer job Feb.

29, where he was responsible for technical support for a televised course. Lamb would not say if Vaughan would be re-hired if the allegations prove false.

Lamb said the suspension of Vaughan's computer privileges was not considered a disciplinary action, rather it is following procedures outlined in NKU's Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The letter said, "These allegations violate the Northern Kentucky University 'Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.' Disciplinary Regulations, Violations of Law, Prohibited Conduct, Articles d, j, m,

n and w."

According to the Academic Computing Policy and Procedures Manual, students who violate NKU's computing policies "may be ejected from the lab and their privileges to access the lab may be revoked." Vaughan views the suspension as a punishment because he does about 90 percent of his daily correspondence via e-mail.

"Being denied access to NKU's network doesn't allow me to access my e-mail while I am at school... To deny me access to the website and to e-mail is a punishment," Vaughan

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COMPUTER: student says allegations are false, DPS is involved with investigating the case

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said. Vaughan can access e-mail at school by using another Internet provider and e-mail service.

According to Lamb's letter, "The Dean of Students office will continue to investigate this matter and will make every attempt to keep you informed." However, Vaughan said he has not been contacted by the Dean of Students' office since the end of February. Lamb would not comment on whether he had contacted Vaughan since the meeting.

The "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities," section 4.3, does not specifically put any time restraints on the length of an ongoing investigation.

The letter indicated that a copy of the letter was sent to McKenzie, director of the Department of Public Safety. McKenzie said the investigation is still open. He said the case is currently only being investigated by DPS.

"It's not to say we won't use other

resources later," McKenzie said.

Lamb said it would be inappropriate to comment on the situation because it was a student matter. However, he said DPS is investigating it.

"There are some allegations. At this point, there's nothing more than that," he said.

Lamb said he hopes the situation is resolved as soon as possible.

"It is my interest to resolve any student issue quickly, fairly and in the best interest of both the student and university," he said. Lamb said sometimes a lengthy investigation is required to ensure that happens.

Vaughan said he had a meeting with Lamb and Pratt on Feb. 29. Vaughan said some of Pratt's statements made him believe the allegations were based upon hearsay. Vaughan said Pratt said a student came to him and said Vaughan was bragging about "hacking" into the system.

Vaughan said, "I said it could be easily done, but I didn't say I could do it or that I would do it."

Vaughan said he believes an e-mail he sent to computer administrators after being denied a job in December of 1999 is the e-mail the letter said "can be construed as containing veiled threats of extortion."

Vaughan said the e-mail stated that he was not going to keep quiet about network security problems since he was not going to be working for the computer lab. Lamb said he could not disclose a copy of the e-mail to *The Northerner* because "it is confidential files." The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 specifies that only directory information about students may be released.

Vaughan said he no longer had a copy of the e-mail in his computer files.

Vaughan said Academic Technology Services hired him in

January to assist with a televised course, less than a month after the e-mail was sent.

Vaughan said he was formerly a computer lab assistant for more than a year before having to leave in August because his status changed from full-time student to part-time. Vaughan was a full-time student when he was hired in January with Media Services.

He said after he left he continued to send a number of e-mails regarding network security to network administrators.

Vaughan said he has received e-mails from those administrators thanking him for his input and information.

Vaughan said the e-mails were not intended to be extortion or malicious.

Ed Massey, Vaughan's attorney, said he has consulted with his client regarding this matter. However, he said he couldn't comment on the case at this time.

The following are articles in NKU's Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as stated in a letter sent to Michael Vaughan from the Dean of Student's Office Feb. 24, 2000.

d. Intentionally or recklessly interfering with normal University functions or University sponsored activities including, but not limited to, studying, teaching, research, University administration, or fire, police or emergency services.

j. Theft or misuse of property or services on University premises, at University sponsored activities, or from University organizations or groups, or knowing possession of stolen property or use of stolen services on University premises, at University sponsored activities, or from University organizations or groups.

m. Violation of published University regulations or policies as approved and compiled by the officers of the University. Such regulations or policies shall include but not be limited to the "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities" the residence hall contract, as well as those regulations relating to entry and use of University facilities, traffic, regulations and parking, and misuse of student identification cards.

n. Unauthorized presence on or use of University premises, facilities, or property.

w. Unauthorized access to and/or use of information contained in University records and/or computer files.

Area code has changed

Northern Kentucky now 859 instead of 606

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

A new area code and number dialing system affecting Northern Kentucky University took place April 1, the Telecommunications Office at NKU said.

According to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the new area code for Northern Kentucky is 859. However, eastern Kentucky will still operate under the 606 area code.

Roger Schuster, manager in Academic Computing, said the new area code change will not really affect students, but will affect people trying to call in.

"After [Oct. 1], 606 will cease to work," Schuster said.

Kim Vance, assistant director of Residential Life, said all business

cards, flyers and promotional information have to be reprinted with the correct area code.

The same will apply for all departments at NKU.

The NKU Telecommunications Office said another change that will effect NKU is the implementation of 10 digit dialing.

This change requires a person to dial the area code and the number when dialing a local number that is in a different area code.

According to Cincinnati Bell, the boundaries of local calling will not change.

For example, a person in northern Kentucky calling a person in Cincinnati would be required to dial 513 before dialing the person's telephone number. However, the call would still be local.

The change will require cus-

tomers to update telephone numbers programmed in the memory of their telephone, and updating caller-ID units.

Services provided through telephone companies such as speed dial and call forwarding should be changed automatically at no extra charge.

The change should not effect cellular telephone users because most wireless companies already require users to dial the area code if dialing across state lines.

Although this change officially occurred April 1, it will not be mandatory until Oct. 1.

If a person tries to make a call to a different area code without using the 10 digit dialing system, a recording will instruct the person to hang up and try the call again using the correct area code.

Water, water everywhere



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner
Physical Plant crews were busy at work in the Northern Kentucky University bookstore after a water line broke above the bookstore last Friday. Physical Plant moved shelves to prevent water damage.

Day set aside for griping

Past proves Gripe Day does bring results

By Cassie Guy
Staff Reporter

Do you have a problem, concern or complaint about Northern Kentucky University and are not sure where to go? Do you just want to gripe sometimes? Take it to your student government.

The Student Government Association is hosting Gripe Day, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booths of SGA members will be set up either in the University Center or on the plaza level, if weather permits.

Elea Mihou, chairwoman of grievances and affirmative action, said Gripe Day gives the student body a chance to express their grievances about the university with members of SGA.

Students have the opportunity to submit grievances to the SGA booth, including their name and how SGA can get in touch with them.

First the grievances are reviewed by the grievance

and affirmative action committee of SGA, then copies of legitimate grievances are forwarded to Dean Lamb and the head of the department which the grievance falls under.

All students who file a grievance should receive an explanation, Mihou said.

"I think this is a great way to tell SGA how I feel about issues I want changed at NKU," senior Blake McGraw said.

While SGA does not have the authority to change all grievances, some have already been changed, and there are a few in the process of being changed.

Mihou said the University Center now has cable TV because of Gripe Day last semester. Also, fall break for next semester is being discussed.

"Gripe Day is a good idea because many students at NKU never get the chance to voice their opinion," junior Jamie Stringer said.

Complaint forms may be filled out year-round and are also in UC 208.

D.P.S. REPORTS

Two DPS officers were dispatched to a dorm in Norse Hall. When entering the dorm room one of the officers smelled marijuana. There were seven people in the living room. Two of the suspects admitted smoking marijuana.

Officer Nutini was dispatched to 550 Johns Hill Road to respond to a report of smoke in the area. The house was engulfed in flames and police, firefighters and rescue squads were already on the scene. Nutini took his post directing traffic. According to the report Cold Spring and Highland Heights fire departments were conducting a controlled burn training exercise. The four firefighters assigned to put

out the fire intentionally started in the basement of the house were attempting to evacuate after a flash fire in the basement shot flames up through the stairwell. A gust of wind slammed the kitchen door shut and the firefighters were trapped in the kitchen. One of the firefighters jumped through a window to escape and was injured in the process. The other three were later evacuated. The four firefighters suffered second and third-degree burns and were taken to the University of Cincinnati Hospital for treat-

ment. The fire was eventually contained and DPS was asked to keep an eye on the house to make sure it did not begin burning again. The state fire marshal is investigating the situation.

Officer Shelby and Sgt. Brown were dispatched to University Center room 10 where they met Michele Kay, the campus nurse. Kay was assisting a woman who began to feel faint, dizzy and hot while on a lunch break at McDonald's. She said she had not eaten breakfast that day and was 17 weeks pregnant. Kay gave her a cold towel for her face and some pretzels to raise her blood sugar. The officers transported the woman back to her dorm room.

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'Rules of Engagement' earns praise as realistic

By Dave Lindsay
Staff Reporter

In the new movie "Rules of Engagement," the career, freedom and even the life of Marine Corps Col. Terry Childers (Samuel L. Jackson) is jeopardized by a split-second decision while on a mission to secure the U.S. Embassy in Yemen.

There is never a dull moment in this realistic military drama. The battle scenes are visually stunning, the frame-by-frame slow motion combat scenes leave the horrors of combat with you throughout the film and after you leave the theater. The courtroom scenes are equally exciting but, in this case, more from the perspective of suspense and intellectual battle for the hearts of the jurors. The technical expertise of real-life

Marine Capt. Dale Dye, who also plays Childers' superior officer in the film, produced excellence in the training of the actors to play realistic Marines. The camaraderie and patriotism among the Marines on the screen make the events seem real and believable. I actually had to check my press kit twice to make sure this wasn't based on a true story.

Going into this movie I had my doubts and feared this might be just "A Few Good Rip-off Scenes." However, I was wrong. This is a unique film in its own realm. The film has as many thought-provoking elements as it does raw action.

In the film, angry demonstrators gathered outside the embassy and Childers is sent to head a special operation to either pacify the demonstrators or evacuate the U.S.

Ambassador (Ben Kingsley) and his family should the situation turn violent. The situation turned violent by the time Childers and his men arrived on the scene. They evacuated the Ambassador and his family. Childers returned with his men to recover the American flag. While on the roof of the Embassy, Childers lost four men from his team and opened fire on the men, women and children below.

The team kills 80 of the demonstrators and wounds more than a hundred, causing a world-wide controversy.

The National Security Advisor, William Sokal (Bruce Greenwood), decides to make Childers a scapegoat and hold a court-martial that could lead to the death penalty for the career Marine.

Sokal claims Childers fired on

unarmed civilians, but Childers claims the demonstrators were armed.

Childers convinces Marine Col. Hays Hodges (Tommy Lee Jones) to defend him in court.

Hodges reluctantly agrees only because he owes his life to Childers, who rescued him after an ambush 30 years earlier in Vietnam.

Hodges does not have much confidence in his capabilities as an attorney, having never lived up to his father's prowess of being one of the best military attorneys in the country before he retired as a Marine general.

If you like action dramas or conspiracy stories you should definitely take a look at "Rules of Engagement."

I give this film four out of four stars.

Rules of Engagement



Photo Contributed
Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones discuss trial defense strategy in a wooded area to escape electronic listening devices.

Return to Me



Photo Contributed
David Duchovny and Minnie Driver find each other in a crowded marketplace in the film "Return to Me."

Film's supporting cast steals the show

By Melanie Dawn Brooks
Staff Writer

Ah, Spring. It is a time where the winter blah's are forgotten, flowers are blooming, birds are singing, spirits are high and everyone has love on their minds.

It is also the time when Hollywood starts releasing the first batch of romantic comedies for the year.

In the true spirit of hits such as "Sleepless in Seattle" and "Pretty Woman" comes "Return to Me," a story about how two lonely people meet in a twist of fate and fall in love.

The movie stars David Duchovny and Minnie Driver.

The beginning of the movie does seem to drag a little, although there is plenty of comedy from the start.

Bob Rueland (Duchovny) is happy and successful until a tragedy turns his life upside down. Things look pretty grim for him until he meets Grace Briggs (Driver), a waitress at her grandfather's Irish-Italian restaurant.

From this point, the movie takes off, and it is all smiles and laughter until the end.

The supporting cast includes Carroll O'Connor, Robert Loggia, David Alan Grier, James Belushi and Bonnie Hunt — who wrote, produced and directed the film.

According to the MGM website, "Return to Me" is "a story straight from the heart."

The movie has a lot of heart. It is warm, funny, witty and downright charming.

Without really trying to, O'Connor and Loggia with their group of friends steal the show.

Their friends are very reminiscent of Frank Sinatra's rat pack.

Filled with timeless music and excellent scenery, "Return to Me" is a must see — suitable for anyone old enough to date.

This is the perfect "date" movie. I would have to give it three and one-half out of four stars.

Check out the "Return to Me" movie website at <http://www.mgm.com/rtm/>.

There you will find an interactive "perfect date" quiz that is featured in the movie.

The quiz, like the movie, is hilarious.

Brooks and Dunn steal the show in Dayton

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

"One-hundred percent Pure Whoopass" is a phrase found on the back of shirts proudly worn by some Montgomery Gentry fans.

In fact, the phrase could best sum up the April 8 country music concert featuring Montgomery/Gentry, Lonestar, and Brooks and Dunn held at the Ervin J. Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Montgomery/Gentry opened the show. The duo, who are originally from Lexington, Ky., opened with the Charlie Daniels song "All Night Long."

That wasn't the only Daniels song the duo played. They lifted their yellow plastic cups and toasted the

crowd after singing their version of Daniels' "Drinkin' My Baby Goodbye."

The group played their hits including "Lonely and Gone," "Daddy Won't Sell The Farm" and "Hillbilly Shoes." They also played their new single, "Self-Made Man."

After a brief intermission, Lonestar took the stage. The group began with an appropriate tune: "Saturday Night."

The group, led by a hatless Richie McDonald, had never sounded better in the three other occasions I had seen them live.

The floor area of the Nutter Center turned into a party as they performed tunes such as "You Walked In."

Other songs performed included

"A M a z e d," "Everything's Changed" and "Smile."

The group returned after thunderous applause to perform "No News" for the encore.

The party continued as Brooks and Dunn took the stage. Anyone who has seen a Brooks and Dunn show knows they are in for a treat.

A cannon appeared on the stage and shot Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn into the crowd. Actually, the cannon only shot two dummies into the crowd. Brooks asked all media to write in their papers that it was actually the duo that was shot from the cannons.

"One dummy is as good as another," Brooks said.

The show was very up-tempo and featured hits from the duo including "Little Miss Honky Tonk," "How Long Gone" and "My Maria."

Near the end of the show, it started raining multi-colored confetti. It was so thick for a while you couldn't even see the stage.

Brooks and Dunn put on an excellent performance, although Dunn,



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner
Left: Lexington natives Montgomery/Gentry warmed the Dayton audience up as the first act in a night filled with country and western music. Right: Brooks and Dunn's act was enhanced by a starlit backdrop and huge people-shaped balloons.

who sings lead, appeared to be having some problems with his voice. He was unable to reach the higher notes in songs like "My Maria."

Brooks provided the comic relief as always.

This was the most entertaining Brooks and Dunn concert I have seen, and the best overall concert I have seen in a long time.

I left the concert very satisfied and with very little voice.

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Internationally known author to speak success techniques to NKU students

By Melanie Dawn Brooks
Staff Reporter

Leadership qualities are something some college students hope to attain by the time they graduate.

But what does it take to be a successful leader?

Northern Kentucky University students will soon have the opportunity to find out how to develop the qualities needed to be successful when Dr. Stephen R. Covey, internationally respected leadership authority, comes to speak on campus.

Covey, author of several highly acclaimed books including "Seven Habits of Highly

Effective People" and "First Things First" will be presenting a lecture April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.

His topic will be on the seven habits, and the presentation will last approximately one and one half hours.

Throughout the presentation, Covey will have time for questions and answers.

All students are welcome. Tickets are \$5 for NKU students, \$8 for faculty and staff and \$20 for the community.

"Many departments here at NKU use his books in their curriculums," said Tiffany Mayse, coordinator in the office of Student Life.

Mayse said that use of an author's works is one of the qualifications the university uses to select which speakers to invite to campus.

Covey is known for his teachings on principle-centered living and principle-centered leadership.

He is the co-chairman of the Franklin Covey Center, which specializes in training business executives and individuals the necessary skills to be excellent leaders.

Covey holds an MBA from Harvard and a doctorate from Brigham Young University, where he was a professor of organizational behavior and

business management.

He also served as the director of BYU's university relations department and was assistant to the president.

Just how successful are the seven habits?

In the acknowledgement section of the book "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," many successful people gave high acclaim for Covey's work.

Among those listed were John E. Pepper, chairman of the board of directors for Procter & Gamble, NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach and Fran Tarkenton, and Nolan Archibald, President and CEO of

Black & Decker.

Among his recent acknowledgements, Covey received the Thomas More College Medallion for continuing service to humanity, the Toastmaster's International Top Speaker Award, Inc. magazine's National Entrepreneurial Leadership award and several honorary doctorates.

He has also been recognized as one of *Time* magazine's 25 most influential Americans.

Covey's visit to NKU is sponsored by the Activities Programming Board, the NKU Bookstore, the President's Office and the Office of Human Resources.



Photo Contributed
Steven R. Covey is world-renowned for his motivational speaking techniques.

Queen Latifah introduces 'TakeOver'



Photo Contributed
The "TakeOver" CD cover cautions parental guidance because of the rap music's explicit content.

Jason R. Crysler
Assistant Sports Editor

Queen Latifah, one of hip-hop's most accomplished performers has now tried her hand at finding talent.

With "The TakeOver," the first release from GhettoWorks/Warner Bros. Records, Latifah has put together an album combining the lyrical talents of such established acts as Channel Live, Big Bub and herself with such newcomers as Rowdy Rahz, Antonique and F.A.T.E. (For All That's Endured).

Latifah has also combined smooth R&B with hard-hitting rap songs to give the listener a different sound on almost every track.

The album may never crack the Top 10, but if you're a fan of Hip-Hop music, the album's sound is for you.

The opening track, "Nev-Ah" by Rowdy Rahz, is a booming rap anthem with bass grooves mixed over an orchestra's evil chorus.

Antonique bursts onto the scene with her ballad "Love Isn't Love" about the importance of both partners in a relationship being equally committed.

In "TakeOver," by Droopy Eye Crew, the harsh attitudes of many inner city youths is laid out to music. With a jumpy beat and violent lyrics, the Droopy Eye Crew explode into your ears.

Queen Latifah has returned to the scene with her own song, "Drama 101." The track has the same attitude and quality that can be expected from any Latifah track.

While there may not be a big name artist on the album to carry it to the top, the album has enough boom to make your speakers hum and enough lyrical mastery to make you play songs again and again to get all the words memorized.

If your looking for new Hip-Hop talents and styles to break up the monotony of your same old albums, give "The TakeOver" a try.



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Big Bub, Rowdy Rahz, the Aposouls and Channel Live are some of the artists featured on "The TakeOver."

Photo exhibit portrays diverse family units

By Robyn Olivia Granger
Staff Reporter

Common Ground hosted a portion of a diverse photo exhibit April 10 through April 15 which portrayed a broad definition of the American family unit. The "Love Makes a Family" photo exhibit was created by the Cincinnati chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). GLSEN is a national organization that promotes safe schools.

Common Ground, founded by Brandon Foltz, is in its second year as a student organization at NKU. GLSEN and Common Ground members said they believe

the exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance, thereby making the world a safer place for all families.

Doug Robinson, who was featured in the exhibit, wrote, "People are afraid of gays and lesbians because they fear the unknown. They don't know us. I always draw parallels between my experience growing up in the '50s and '60s as an African American, and being gay in America in the '90s."

The creators of the exhibit are Peggy Gillespie, writer/interviewer, and Gigi Kaiser, photographer. Together they founded Family Diversity Projects, Inc., a non-

profit organization devoted to educating the public about issues related to the diversity of family life.

NKU is not the only institution of higher learning that has displayed this particular exhibit. "Love Makes a Family" has been exhibited at Yale, Duke, Purdue and Princeton universities prior to coming to NKU.

Katherine Meyer, director of the Women's Center, was one of the first people at the university to view the exhibit. "A great exhibit to have here," Meyer said. "It's an old saying that a picture is worth a thousand words, and I think it's true. I think that it's valuable to the students and community to see

real life reflections of what families look like."

She said that the work titled "Christine Kulesa/Laurie Castonguay/Dominique Eaton (17)" and extended foster family was the most profound presentation to her. Christine and Laurie are a lesbian couple who are foster parents to 14 children who are mostly teenagers. Dominique became a foster child at age 14 when she addressed her biological parents with the truth that she was a lesbian. Her parents had a negative reaction to her news and stopped her allowance and restricted her to the home where she was physically abused.

Dominique was taken from her

biological parents and placed into foster care with Christine and Laurie.

Meyer said, "Lesbian and gay adolescents have a higher rate of suicide than heterosexual adolescents. This couple is giving this child her life back. I also admire the couple for being able to nurture 14 children."

Meyer continued with her praise toward the exhibit. "I'm glad it was on campus, and so many people got the chance to see it. I congratulate the efforts of this group of students. This is an example of students not merely being the learners but teachers as well. That's what made this exhibit especially valuable for me because

of the students giving us this opportunity."

Meyer said she thinks it's important for the campus and community to be learners, and for students to bring education opportunity to the campus.

"I hope they [Common Ground] keep challenging us," Meyer said. Jenny Wagner should be commended for all of her hard work in bringing this exhibit on campus."

Common Ground President Theresa Geisen said, "I'm glad we got an exhibit like 'Love Makes a Family' at NKU. It's good timing in having the exhibit after the play 'Falsettos' closed. I think we're really lucky to have the chance for this exhibit to come to NKU."

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UC 303.

Thursday, April 20:
• Women in Transition
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. UC
232.
• AA meeting 1:30 p.m.-
2:30 p.m. UC 232.
• Faculty Staff Fitness
Group 4:45 p.m. - 5:45
p.m.
• Phi Sigma Sigma Rock-
a-Thon 10 a.m. UC plaza.
• "The Royal Family" 8
p.m. Corbett Theatre.

Friday, April 21:
• "The Royal Family" 8
p.m. Corbett Theatre.

Monday, April 24:
• Survivors Support
Group 3 p.m.-4 p.m. UC
232.
• Co-ed Golf League sign-
up begins. Call Dan Henry
at 572-5728.

Tuesday, April 25:
• Common Ground 3 p.m.
UC 303.
• AA Meeting 1:30 p.m.-
2:30 p.m. UC 232.
• Faculty Staff Fitness
Group 4:45 p.m. - 5:45
p.m.
• "The Royal Family" 8
p.m. Corbett Theatre.

Wednesday, April 26:
• Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.
• Student Government
Elections 9 a.m.- 6:15
p.m. UC Lobby and Norse
Commons.
• "Seven Habits for Highly
Effective People" 7:30
p.m. Regents Hall.

Spring Share Project begins Wednesday

By Christy Schulte
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University kicked off its first Spring Share Project with a canned food drive Wednesday, April 19 at noon on the plaza level in front of the University Center.

The purpose of the Spring Share Project is to include all student organizations on campus. Bonnie May, faculty member of history and geography, said it is important to have all organizations work together on a service project. She stresses cooperation among the groups.

Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary organization of the history department, and May are hosting the

canned food drive. They predict a minimum of 2,000 cans will be collected.

The canned food drive was proposed at the Student Organization Board meeting. Once Phi Alpha Theta and May received the OK, they introduced the plan to all organization advisers. With support from Student Life, May and Phi Alpha Theta asked the organizations on campus to donate canned food. Members of all organizations were asked to pledge five cans.

Certificates will be awarded to those organizations involved in the food drive. The student organization with the most cans will receive a plaque that will hang in the University Center. Once the cans are

counted, they will be distributed to multiple food banks in the area, said Todd Duesing, a Student Life employee.

The idea for the food drive came from Phi Alpha Theta's donation of canned food to the Covington food bank every Christmas.

May said, "I have always connected food with service."

Brian Puddy, Phi Alpha Theta president, said, "I think this is a great opportunity for a campus-wide movement to make a contribution to the community from NKU as a whole."

May said, "I hope the food drive will continue every spring, but it might be something else we work together on."

Leaderscope 2000 series helps to cope with stress

By Alisha Stewart
Staff Reporter

Are you feeling stressed out and feel like your world is spinning out of control? If so, the Leaderscope 2000 "Taking Charge of Your Life" series may be just what you need. Leaderscope is a four-week, non-credit advanced leadership course designed to enhance personal and developmental skills at Northern Kentucky University.

This time of year many students feel really out of control, feel like there is not enough time to get things done, not enough money to get things done and are down right stressed out, said Pamm Taylor, assistant dean of students.

"This is often a very stressful time for students," Taylor said. "You can take charge of all of this. Start by controlling your time."

The next series, "Take Charge of Your Finances and Your Credit" teaches students the importance of their credit and finances.

"We have found that a lot of students get their hands on charge cards and go crazy with them," said Taylor. As a result, there are huge bills to pay," she said.

Taylor said the series is designed to help students take charge of their credit rating.

"There is a reason to balance that checkbook to the exact penny," said Taylor, who will be leading this course.

The final course in the series is "Taking Charge of Yourself: Mind, Body and Spirit."

"You must take charge of yourself," said Taylor. "There are ways you can find peace and harmony within yourself." She said it is necessary for students to go into finals feeling relaxed

and in control. This part of the series is designed to help students do just that. The goal is to make you feel good about yourself all the way around, Taylor said.

Sue Roth, wellness coordinator, will also speak on wellness issues, making sure the mind, body and spirit are all connected.

"Proactive is better than reactive," said Roth. "When people take charge of things, it gives them more control."

Roth said balance is the key. This gives people the power to put things back together, she said.

Any NKU student is eligible to attend the course at no cost, but seats are limited. The course is held on consecutive Wednesdays, April 5 through April 26 with a brief reception and certificate presentation, given to those who completed the entire series. Leaderscope is held in the University Center room 108 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Melissa Riggs/The Northerner

Supporters of the women's athletic program at NKU lap the track to raise funds.

WALK: for women's athletics

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letes, said Nancy Winstel, event coordinator and coach of the national champion women's basketball team.

"It definitely has had a great impact on the success of women's sports in the past few years," Winstel said.

Winstel sent more than 2,000 invitations in December for the walk. She said this year's registration was the largest in the history of the event.

"We have 48 captains registered," she said. "That's the most we've ever had."

Each participant in the walk belonged to a team. Some participants signed up as a team, while others joined up for the walk and were assigned to a team. Ward said every team consisted of five to 10 people and some had as many as 25 team members. She said the goal of 50 registered teams is attainable this year.

The chairman for the walk this year is former NKU

President Dr. Leon Boothe, Ward said the 10th anniversary of the event was special for its coordinators as well as Boothe. He personally sent out more than 700 flyers soliciting walkers and captains for this year's event.

"His wife, Nancy Boothe, was the first chairperson for the walk," Ward said. "She passed away a few years back. This year is in her memory."

The 2000 NKU Walk for Women's athletics had its best year for weather. After the 30-minute walk, participants had brunch and an awards ceremony. Prizes were awarded to the best-dressed team, the youngest walker, oldest walker and the walker with the highest number of sponsors.

This year's walk was not only exciting because of traditions, but it was made extra special by introducing NKU's new championship title and recognizing the efforts of all of NKU's athletes and coaches.

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Start with NKU to stop violence

By LaDonna Nelson

On Feb. 8, 2000 Shawnta Sanders, 24, was shot by her boyfriend Doug Shaw, 28, while on the phone with 911. After shooting Shawnta he turned the gun to his own head, pulling the trigger. They were found in her apartment at 224 E. Robbins St. in Covington, Ky.

They left behind two daughters Daniesha, 7, and Gertyra, 4. Both parents were pronounced dead at St. Elizabeth Hospital North. This case was reported as murder-suicide in the *Cincinnati Post*.

I knew Shawnta was a loving mother that was just starting to put her life in perspective. She had decided to leave a dead end relationship of ten years and to make changes to better herself and her children.

This is only one of the many cases of domestic violence that has impacted U.S. statistics. That is why education on this issue, among many, is crucial to the social development of the future, beginning with Northern Kentucky University's campus.

One of the goals of the Women's Crisis Center and other human service agencies is to improve public education on domestic violence. They are also helping law enforcement agencies and hospital staff work more closely to help prevent tragedies like Shawnta's.

How many of NKU's students are "screaming without sound?" Most students think that if there are no physical bruises then they haven't been abused. The truth is any time your respect has been violated that is a form of abuse. Neglect is abuse. Verbal bashing is abuse. Someone hitting you is abuse. Being touched without giving consent is abuse.

Often people can't distinguish what abuse is because they don't want to make a big deal out of what could be horseplay. However if every incident isn't taken seriously it could cost you your life.

During a study in Hamilton County done by the Domestic Violence Death Review Board there were similarities in 13 different cases. The common grounds were that the perpetrator had verbally threatened the victims in four cases. Then there were three cases where the perpetrator had stalked the victims, and last there were five cases where the victims had phoned the authorities before their death. By discovering patterns like these we can help the victim of tomorrow.

The only ways to prevent these tragedies are through continuous studies, public education and collaborative efforts. The organizations to contact when in need of information dealing with education or personal needs on domestic violence are the Women's Crisis Center or Women Helping Women.

There will be more opportunities for NKU students to participate in activities and events directed toward educating the campus and the community.

This will include fundraising, community service projects, and informational sessions. For more information, contact LaDonna Nelson at (859) 431-5679 x2302.



Grad not pleased about Firststar ceremony

Dear Editor,

The decision to have Northern Kentucky University's graduation at the coliseum (my generation still calls it that) as described in *The Northerner* Wednesday, April 5, borders on moronic and here's why: I don't remember a poll being taken asking graduating seniors their opinions. After all, graduation involves many students.

A big area of concern seemed to be the number of tickets one could pass out to family members in order to see little junior graduate. I went through the ceremony for my AAS diploma in 1995 and took four family members with me. How many more do you have to bring, for heaven's sake? "Everybody on the truck, we's goin' ta town, junior's a grad gee atin'."

Another area of concern was folks having to sit on the backless

bleachers. Uh, well, if you keep the ceremony to no more than an hour (and ANY ceremony should be) the idea of a broken back isn't much of a factor.

A two and a half hour graduation? Will there be an intermission with food? You've got to be kidding me! What about the children and senior citizens? Does President Votruba actually think I'm buying all this?

There was also something about "the community will get an idea of how large the university is." This says it all. It's all a ploy to try to catch up to the University of Cincinnati's shirt-tails and other regional universities that are known for something. NKU so desperately wants to be recognized university (recognize us for something-anything!)

Another aspect was that the longer ceremony would enable NKU to attract more speakers. Again, no one wants to sit longer

than an hour or hear more than 10 minutes of any speech by anyone! The streets and traffic around the stadium area are a disaster.

Many people will be from out of the area and not all familiar with the coliseum facility. Then they'll have to pay for parking. Can't anyone besides me foresee the problem? I know many families will have an outdoor dinner party afterwards. If the ceremony begins (on time I assume?) at 4:30 as stated it will be over two and a half hours later at 7 p.m.

By the time folks get home, get the food out etc., you're looking at dark. You know grandma and grandpa don't drive after dark and nobody wants to stretch this out into Sunday.

Inch by inch it's a cinch, yard by yard it's hard. I say keep the graduation on campus where there is some parking and graduate them in inches as before.

And by the way graduates, you

won't receive your degree on graduation day. You have to come back and get it about a month later. Give them the darn diploma so they can go job hunting, for Christ sake!

I've earned the right to run my mouth as I've been pouring money into NKU on a full and part-time basis since 1992. I figure I own part of Landrum by now. I'm an older, non-traditional senior that is still a good piece from graduation. I've seen NKU generally deteriorate since the early '90s in many aspects which space doesn't allow here for me to elaborate.

You underclassmen who are so full of school spirit now and full of that positive attitude about what you think your degree will do for you will see what I mean by the end of your junior year. Trust me, you'll have a sour taste in your mouth too, by then.

Casey Rayles, senior, post-secondary education

NORTH POLL

What do you think the Student Government Association should do for students at NKU?

Robyn Granger
Anthropology
Melbourne

"They should be directing hiring panels for more international and minority based faculty and staff for diversity and education."



Rouslan Rechetnikov
Business Administration
Russia

"Concentrate efforts on improving student recreation on campus."



Katie Herschede
Political Science and
Business Management
Fl. Thomas

"SGA should be instrumental in lobbying our state politicians to bring more money to NKU."



Sean Roberts
Physics
Louisville

"Make things more convenient for students by supporting longer hours in the library."



Rory Davis

Photography
Mason, Mich.
"They should act on complaints from campus and push efforts for safety in residential life."



Jessica Ousley

University Studies
Cincinnati
"SGA should look into helping down life by providing activities on the weekends."



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NKU loses two

By Jason R. Crisler
Assistant Sports Editor

Head baseball coach Bill Aker still stands at career win number 799 after losing both games of a doubleheader Tuesday, April 12.

NKU played host to Indianapolis, first in the North Division of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The first game matched two of the best pitchers on their respective teams.

The Norse sent sophomore Lenny Bays to the mound against 6 foot 4 inch senior Scott Abercrombie.

Bays came into the game leading the Norse with five wins and was second on the team in strikeouts and innings pitched.

The hard throwing Abercrombie has been dominating opposing

batters all season, holding teams to a .263 batting average and building a .833 win percentage.

He rolled through the Norse lineup the same way. Abercrombie pitched seven innings of three hit baseball, holding NKU to zero runs, as Indianapolis beat NKU 3-0.

Bays got the loss despite pitching well. He only gave up one earned run in the loss.

NKU's offensive woes continued in the second game and the pitching faltered as well, as Indianapolis pounded the Norse 11-1.

Indianapolis scored nine runs in the first five innings, ruling out any chance the Norse had of securing win number 800 for Aker.

NKU starting pitcher Josh Whaley took the loss.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

Junior pitcher Heath Scarbrough picked up the win for the Norse against Kentucky State on Tuesday by pitching seven solid innings in the game.

Norse fall again

Now at 4-9 in GLVC play

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

NKU dropped both halves of a doubleheader to the University of Missouri-St. Louis Saturday by scores of 3-0 and 5-3 as they fell to 4-9 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play on the year.

In the first game of the double dip, the Rivermen scored three runs in the first two innings to account for all the scoring.

Bob Stehman was two for two in the game for UMSL and drove in two runs in the win. Scott Luczak, Norman Mann and Joe Christian each scored runs in the game for the Rivermen.

Lenny Bays, Chad Lubbe, Jason Brown, and Derek Anderson each had one hit apiece for the Norse in the loss.

Senior Bob Kavron threw a seven inning gem, shutting out the Norse and only allowing a stingy four hits and no walks to notch the win for UMSL. He also struck out six in the masterpiece.

Heath Scarbrough picked up the loss in the first game for NKU as he pitched seven innings of five hit, three run baseball and struck out four in the game.

In the back end of the twin bill, the Rivermen and Norse each scored a run in the first inning. But in the fourth inning, UMSL took a commanding 5-1 lead.

NKU kept chipping away with a run in the sixth and another one in the ninth, but they fell by three in the game.

Junior Tim Stringer pitched six innings of seven hit, two run baseball to get the win for the Rivermen. Lance Wilson pitched the last one and one-third innings, striking out three to get the save.

NKU pitcher Bryan Ayers was roughed up for five runs on five hits in three plus innings to take the loss for the Norse.

Luczak was one of the many forces at the plate for UMSL as he drove in two runs and scored once in the win. Also, Mann was two for five at the plate with a double and a run batted in. Stehman bused a solo homerun in the fourth inning to account for one of the runs.

The Norse garnered 10 hits in the game but couldn't get them across the plate to turn them into runs.

Steve Walton and Justin Rahschulte each went two for three, both of them doubling and scoring a run in the game for NKU.

Matt Mason and Brandon Smith drove in a run apiece in the loss.

NKU is now 20-18 on the season after the defeats, and head coach Bill Aker is still one win from notching his 800th career coaching victory.

Aker pulls within one of 800

By Jason R. Crisler
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University head baseball coach Bill Aker picked up career win number 799 April 11 in the first game of a doubleheader against Kentucky State University.

The Norse beat KSU 6-1 behind

the pitching of sophomore Heath Scarbrough. Scarbrough pitched seven innings, giving up only one run.

The Norse offense struggled, despite putting six runs on the board.

The team only had five hits and did most of their damage on runs scored on errors and walks given

up by KSU.

The overcast sky and rain caused the second game to be cancelled, much to the chagrin of Aker, who would have liked to have picked up win number 800 before the upcoming conference games against Indianapolis and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Northerner Player of the Week



Photo by Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

Left: Steve Walton Walton had two of the NKU's 10 hits in the second game of a doubleheader against Missouri-St. Louis, in which UMSL won 5-3, on Saturday. He went two for three in the game, with a double and a run scored for the Norse.

Upcoming Games

Baseball		
April 26	Brescia (DH)	1 p.m.
April 29	Wisconsin-Parkside (DH)	12 p.m.
April 30	Wisconsin-Parkside	12 p.m.
Softball		
April 21-23	GLVC/GLIAC Showdown	TBA
Men's Tennis		
April 21-22	GLVC Championships	TBA

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Scholarship policy could hinder NKU

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

The NCAA announced its decision last week that it will implement a policy that will limit the number of scholarships college basketball teams can offer.

Although the policy currently only affects Division I teams, it is not unrealistic to think a similar policy may govern Division II in the near future.

The NCAA believes this policy will keep athletes from transferring and will result in more athletes graduating from the college where they began their careers.

Is this good or bad?

The answer to that question depends on what side of the fence you happen to be sitting on.

For wannabe basketball players — it's good.

For the team — that's bad.

On one hand, there is a reason for giving athletes scholarships: you are rewarding the athlete for their skill, and in return that athlete brings that skill to the team.

Let's take women's basketball player Heather Livingstone for example. Livingstone came to NKU this season on scholarship from Wisconsin and became a key player on the team.

Did Livingstone and the other scholarship players benefit the team this year?

The "Division II National Champions" banner hanging in Regents Hall has a way of speaking for itself.

It all comes back to the old cliché: Always bet on the winning horse.

In this case, the winning horse is the players who have proven themselves to excel at their sport.

On the other hand, it gives other students who would like to "try out" for the team an equal opportunity.

But will a team with more walk-ons, players that are not on scholarships, be as competitive?

The coaches should know better than anyone.

NKU men's basketball coach Ken Shields said at the beginning of the season that this season's walk-on player Josh Murphy was more of a "practice player."

Murphy did get some playing time this season, but his average of points scored per minute was much lower than the other players.

Murphy, who is a good defensive player, will eventually become a good college basketball player, but is not yet ready to start.

Players such as Kevin Listerman, Scott Marston and Brendan Stowers — all of whom receive scholarships — are the ones who led the team to victories.

Right now, walk-ons are used just to fill out a team.

Limiting the number of scholarship players, will increase the importance of these players.

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Hook uses his knowledge as NKU's pitching coach

By Jason R. Crisler
Assistant Sports Editor

Who holds the San Francisco Giants record of consecutive wins (5) without a loss by a rookie? The answer is NKU baseball pitching coach, Chris Hook.

In his first full season in the majors in 1995, Hook compiled a 5-1 record for the Giants as a relief pitcher, including a 5-0 start.

In his first season as a pitching coach for the Norse, Hook has made an immediate impression as well.

Hook spent two seasons in the major leagues with the Giants. After three years at NKU, he was signed as an undrafted free agent in 1989 by the Cincinnati Reds after a tryout at Cinergy Field, then Riverfront Stadium.

Hook spent four years in the minors. It was in the Reds' farm system in Charleston, W. Va. that he met his eventual wife, Toni. Hook was traded to the Giants in 1993 and got his shot to play in "the show" after the strike-shortened season of 1994.

"The greatest feeling I ever experienced playing baseball was when I got the phone call telling me I'm going to the big leagues," Hook said.

Hook said he got the call three days into his triple A season that year.

After a very successful first year, Hook spent 1996 splitting time between the majors and triple A. After that season he was cut by the Giants because they wanted to go in a different direction, Hook said.

"Everything was going so good," Hook said. In the big leagues you can either make an impression for a few years and coast the rest of the way or play well for a few years and then fall, he said.

Hook said that being cut might

have been the beginning of the end. He said he lost his confidence and pitched poorly after he signed with the San Diego Padres' triple A squad.

Hook said going from NKU to the big leagues was unbelievable. "I tried to act like I belonged," he said. "I did that by getting guys out."

This season Hook has returned to NKU as a full-time pitching coach. Hook is there every game and every practice. "It's important for the guys to trust me," Hook said.

Hook said head coach Bill Aker is very tough on his pitchers. "He expects a lot out of them. He's a perfectionist," Hook said that because of this, he bets he has the toughest job in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"He works with us as much as he can," sophomore pitcher Heath Scarbrough said. "The pitchers pick up on his knowledge."

Hook said that when he started this year he was told that NKU had a lot of young pitchers and he needed to teach them how to pitch and throw strikes.

Can one man make a difference? NKU's pitchers are on pace to strike out more batters, have a lower team ERA and have more shutouts than last season. "He's legit," junior starting pitcher Kyle Pletzer said.

The relief pitchers have already compiled more saves, eight, through 30 games, than they did all of last year, six, in 49 games. Junior closer Shaun Fausz has all eight of them.

"Coach Hook has given me a lot of confidence," Fausz said. "He helped me improve the mental side of my game."

Hook said he wanted NKU's young pitchers to be more aggressive. He said he also helped them work on their pitching mechanics.

On gamedays, Hook can be found working with the game's starting pitcher as he warms up in the bullpen.

Before a game against Kentucky State University, Hook monitored Scarbrough as he warmed up. His eyes never strayed from Scarbrough as he threw pitch after pitch.

In order to help Scarbrough learn to keep his weight back, he walked behind him and pinched the back of his jersey to keep him from lunging forward.

Other times he gave encouragement and advice, often while standing between the pitcher and the catcher, the ball zipping by his head only a foot or two away from his ear.

Hook rarely raised his voice and when he did it was to tell the pitcher what he was doing right.

"He keeps the team relaxed," Fausz said. "He can joke with us but knows when to be serious."

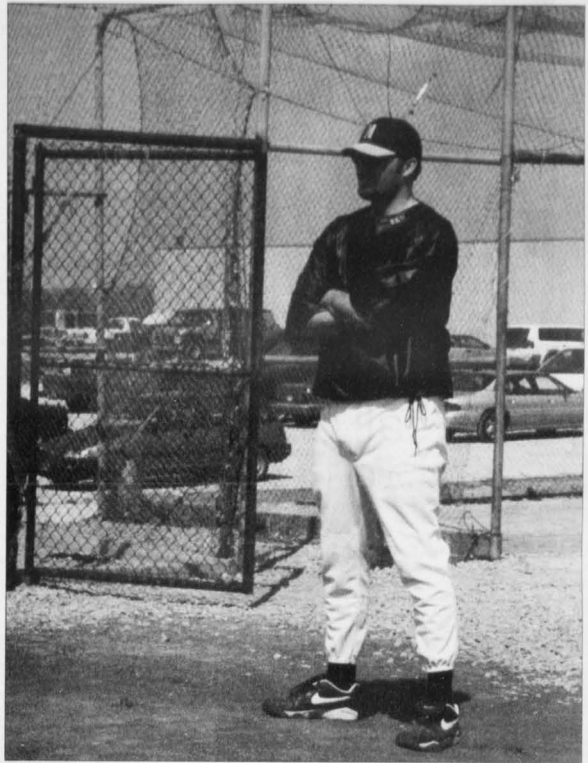
Fausz said that like Aker, Hook expects the best from a player on the field and will help a player with any off-field problems as well.

Hook said he has his pitchers on a workout routine to not only strengthen their arms but also their torsos and legs.

"We run everyday," Scarbrough said. "We do sit-ups and crunches and work our shoulders."

Hook said his major league experience will help NKU's pitchers more than just on the field. He said the connections he has made with scouts and major league teams will help players make it to the next level.

Hook said he is enjoying working near where he grew up. He lived in Erlanger and graduated from Lloyd High School in 1986. He lives in Northern Kentucky with his wife and their 2-year-old son, Christian.



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NKU baseball pitching coach Chris Hook has been a big influence on the pitchers this year and has helped them perform at a better pace than last season's team.

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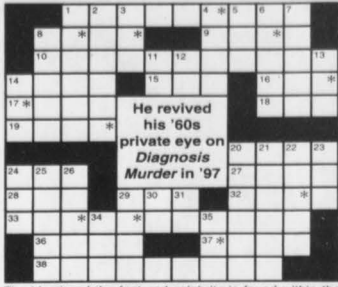
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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. One who stars as a doctor (2)
8. Role on *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*
9. Tom Poston's state of birth
10. _____ Girl
14. *The Parent _____*; '61 Hayley Mills film
15. _____ *If Now* (1952-55)
16. Howard or Norton
17. Editorial mate for Mr. Ed
18. Fast way to go: abbr.
19. Charisse's namesakes
20. _____ Savage
24. Part of Mao's name
27. Mr. Strauss
28. Bill dispenser, familiarly
29. Word with meal or bran
32. King Kong's kin
33. Quincy's portrayal (2)
36. _____ *People* (1979-84)
37. Strawberry stats: abbr.
38. Actress on *Oh Grow Up* (2)

DOWN

1. _____ *The Unknown*; '56 William Holden film
2. Takes the honey and runs
3. Pet for Dharma and Greg



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April 16 - April 22, 2000

- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
Your body needs rest, and a weekend vacation may be just the ticket. Once you get your energy back, there will be no stopping you.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Are you feeling pulled in several directions? Make others aware of your priorities and don't let them take advantage of you.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
You may feel conflicted over a decision you've made. Review the facts before jumping into anything new.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
You are experiencing some difficulties, but you need to keep your sense of humor. These troubling times will soon pass.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
There are people in your life who don't understand the problems you are having. Seek help outside your normal circle of friends.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Money troubles seem never-ending at times. Don't fret, you'll be back on your feet in no time. Make a budget and stick with it.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
A past event comes back to haunt you. Acknowledge what happened and move on. A friend helps you start a new venture.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
Show compassion for those less fortunate. Your sensitivity and kindness will be greatly appreciated by all involved.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
You may become aware of a new business opportunity. Make sure you check the facts carefully before making any changes in your career.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
A creative project may be the source of great frustration. Take some time away and regroup. It isn't as tough as you think.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Your life is full of extremes lately. Begin keeping a journal to see if you can find some kind of pattern in your behavior.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
It doesn't help to get upset over something over which you have no control. Do what needs to be done and then let it go.

Born this week:
April 16 - Jon Cryer
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