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Regents Approve Budget, Part-timer Raises

By John Bach
News Editor

NKU's Board of Regents approved a \$3.2 million increase in the 1995-96 budget last Wednesday totaling \$68.75 million.

Prior increases to student tuition and fees account for \$2.15 million of the increase and state funds increased three percent to contribute \$732,400.

Though the detailed budget will not be completed and provided to the regents for ratification until the July

board meeting, President Leon Boothe received acceptance of the budget outline and increases wanted to address immediate needs of the university.

Part-time faculty will receive an across-the-board 5 percent raise out of the \$70,000 allotted for their first pay increase since 1988.

The lowest paid part-time faculty will get a raise from \$1,000 for a three-hour class to \$1,050.

Full-time faculty, for the second year in a row, received increases to the money pool set aside for raises.

The increase was calculated from an average of 3 percent of current salaries.

Raises could be lower depending on individual evaluation, said Elzie Barker, director of the budget.

Concerns are that NKU cannot continue to serve efficiently without an expansion of the budget.

"This is the third year in a row that we have had basically no growth in the budget after pay raises," Boothe said.

He attributes the lack of capital to two semesters of relatively flat enrollment and a continued decline in state

dollars.

"We are concerned about the declining level of state support, Barker said. "It's putting the squeeze on the institution."

While NKU is feeling the squeeze, students may feel the grip loosen a bit.

The Council on Higher Education approved last Monday the resolution to forecast tuition increases over two years rather than

unannounced hikes every year.

SGA's new president, Jamie Ramsey, fought for the biennial tuition during his entire term as Kentucky's student representative on the CHE.

Tuition increases still will not be capped but it will be reviewed this fall and the next two year's tuition will be revealed.

"Students will be able to plan better and will know what they will have to borrow," Ramsey said.



Jamie Ramsey

Pampers And Circumstance



Jerry Floyd, The Northerner

Junior Jodi Glass and her son Cameron go swimming in the pool in A.D. Albright Health Center. With NKU recognizing graduates, Cameron was also recognized last Friday. He graduate from preschool at the university's day care center.

Seniors Looking At Better Market Outlook On Jobs Bright For Potential Employees

By Terry King
Staff Writer

Graduating seniors may finally have a reason to smile.

"Graduates are finding the best market in five years," said Martha Malloy, director of the Career Development Center at NKU.

According to Recruiting Trends 1994-95, a study of businesses, industries and governmental agencies employing new college graduates employers predicted an increase in jobs for college graduates for a second consecutive year.

Surveyed employers reported an anticipated increase of 5.9 percent, according to the report. It reaffirmed last year's slight improvement of 1.1 percent following a four-year trend of declining opportunity.

The Career Development Center has seen that increase in job activity.

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"Just by the number of positions being called and faxed in by employers," Malloy said. "We're encouraged by the fact that a big number of graduates are coming in and saying they already have a job."

According to the Career Movement and Management Facts Report that projected job availability from 1992 to 2005, many jobs are in growing

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Class Of '95 Prepares For Ceremonies, Bids Adieu Largest Graduating Group Not Clamoring For Tickets

Commencement Times Saturday, May 13, 1995

9 a.m.: Professional Studies
Colleges of technology and education
11 a.m.: Professional Studies
Colleges of communication, allied health and nursing
2 p.m.: College of Business
4 p.m.: Arts and Sciences
6 p.m.: Chase College of Law

By Tom Embrey
Managing Editor

NKU's largest ever graduation could be one of its least attended.

Despite having a record 1,886 students eligible for graduation ceremonies, nearly 14 percent of the tickets available to graduates' friends remained available on May 5.

"Last year four and five tickets to each student and there was not any extra to give away," Gail Goedel said.

Goedel is the supervisor of cashiers in the NKU bookstore which distributes the free tickets to the students.

Sheer numbers have limited ticket availability in three of the five scheduled ceremonies.

Graduates in the two College of Professional Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences will be limited to five and four tickets respectively.

Goedel said there were nearly 650 tickets available for the 9 a.m. Professional Studies ceremony which is for the departments of technology and education and 200 tickets remaining for the 11 a.m. Professional Studies ceremony which includes the departments of communication, allied health and nursing.

There is also 200 available tickets for the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony at 4 p.m.

"They (tickets) will be available until they are gone or until graduation," Goedel said.

The College of Business and Chase College of Law don't have a ticket limit. They will have their ceremonies at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

The College of Professional Studies has the most graduates with 873 and Chase College of Law has the fewest with 113.

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Jerry Floyd, The Northerner

Gerry Brown is a clown, a juggler and is graduating from NKU with degrees in biology and theater.

Student Clowns Around, Earns Multiple Degrees

By Diana Schlake
Staff Writer

What do you get when you go to Clown College? Can't guess? You get a degree in Fun Arts.

That is not a joke, it's true. Gerry Born has graduated from Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's Clown College.

After juggling work and school, Born is graduating from NKU with degrees in theater and biology.

"He was one of two who won the outstanding graduate in the biological sciences," said Thomas Rambo, Born's biology adviser. "He's very interested in everything, and everybody," Rambo said. "He has a unique perspective on life. He can see the humor in situations and he is also a very caring person. He excelled in his studies. And he is a very good juggler."

He has already earned money juggling. Born said he started getting money by juggling for friends and at lit-

tle kids parties. People ended up asking him to entertain and he enjoyed it, he said.

"He juggles bowling pins and bowling balls and swords and everything else," said his mother, Kathy Born. "He's gotten really good now."

Born said when he told his family he was going to clown school, they were a little surprised but very supportive.

Born's mother said she would have never guessed that her son would grow up to be a clown, a juggler and an entertainer.

Scott Thrasher Born's partner, in their act, "The Uncatchables," went to the same clown school only a year before. They booked up at NKU and now have plans to tour the country with their act after graduation.

"What is our act?" Born said. "It's a combination of a juggling act and a vaudeville act."

The Uncatchables have performed at NKU during last year's Rites of Spring, in

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Study Reveals Hazardous Science Center

By John Bach
News Editor

NKU's enrollment growth has exhausted the classroom and laboratory space in the Natural Science Center prompting the university to place a new building at the top of the priority list. Meanwhile students and faculty remain in a building with safety hazards.

The Natural Science Center, which houses the departments of biology, chemistry and physics/geology has no sprinkler system, the exhaust system in the labs is unsafe, the gas shut-off valves in some labs do not meet code and many labs need emergency safety showers, according to a study conducted by an outside firm in 1991.

NKU has not addressed any of the precautions since the study's completion, nor will NKU address them until the new science center is completed, said Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning.

"It (Natural Science Center)

should be sprinkled," Schuh said. A sprinkler system is scheduled as No. 8 on the university's list of priorities. It is to be installed following the construction of a parking garage and Landrum Academic Center structural repairs, according to the NKU 1994-2000 Capital Plan. Ventilation in the chemistry, biology and physics department is poor because they do not have enough fume hoods and they are outdated,

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-Bill Olliver, chairperson of chemistry department

according to the study.

"Existing exhaust fume hoods do not operate at effective levels, creating potentially dangerous chemical mixing solutions," according to a report from Staggs & Fischer Consulting Engineers. Experiments using noxious fumes

are supposed to be done under fume hoods which ventilate the air.

"According to modern standards, we ought to have one fume hood for every two people (doing an experiment)," said Bill Olliver, chairperson of the chemistry department. "We have one fume hood for every six or eight students."

Since students have to work out in the open, away from the fume hoods, the fumes soon fill the air, Olliver said.

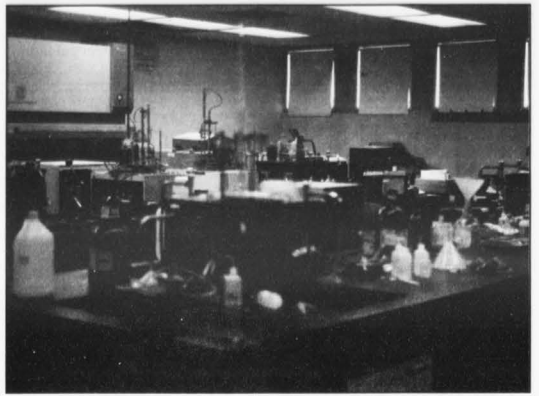
"There are too many noxious fumes to have people around," he said. "I am confident that it creates a safety hazard."

People recognize that experiments are taking place as soon as they walk into the chemistry department, Olliver said.

Common fume smells in the chemistry department are Benzaldehyde, a sickly sweet smell and Hydrogen Sulfide, a rotten egg smell.

The lack of ventilation has forced the chemistry department to limit its choices of experiments as well as

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Jerry Floyd, *The Northerner*
The Physical and Instrumental Chemistry lab in The Natural Science Center Room 217 is one of several labs in the Natural Science Center lacking fume hoods to pull chemical odors from the air during experiments.

Shale Pushes Building Onto Shaky Ground

By Eric Caldwell
Executive Editor

Professor Penelope Summers' students complained this semester about the distraction of hearing a professor lecturing in the next room.

The problem was not a loud professor next door, but a hole in the wall caused by the heaving of Landrum Academic Center.

Pockets of expansive shale are beneath Landrum. Water rushes into the shale deposit, causing it to expand.

The shale moves up and down with the amount of water running through the shale, thus moving the floor.

This causes the floors to buckle and separate from the walls.

"It has now become a life safety issue requiring immediate attention," according to NKU's 1994-2000 Capital Plan.

The Capital Plan is written biennially in an attempt to get funds from the state to complete campus projects.

"Beginning in about 1980, the east wing of Landrum has been plagued by upward movement of the first floor slab," according to the Capital Plan.

Dan Drake, the director of physical plant, has worked at the university for 20 years. The floors have been moving as long as he can remember, he said.

The amount of heaving has seemed to stabilize, said Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning.

The downward force of the building is much stronger, so the building is structurally safe — the problem lies underneath the slab where water, sewage and electrical lines to the buildings are located. When slab pushes up the line are pushed up, too, she said.

"One of the concerns we have is that the pushing will cause one of these lines to break," Schuh said.

Conversely, 16 percent of the women thought KU's campus was fairly unsafe at night, and 3 percent felt that NKU was very

If the water or sewer lines broke, it would create a mess that would require the building to be temporarily closed.

If the electrical lines broke the building's power would be cut off.

If the electrical and water or sewer line broke at the same time, it could cause a dangerous situation, said Dan Drake, the director of physical plant.

"That would cause a hazard in any building," he said.

Classes would need to be moved from the first floor of Landrum and if serious enough out of the building, Schuh said.

With the current lack of classroom space shuffling of classes would be next to impossible, she said.

The first step the university took to curtail the problem was to install a drainage system in front of the building that didn't seem to provide much benefit, Schuh said.

Then the university created a drainage pit. Water drains into the pit where a fan is also running to dry the water that runs into the pit.

"Because of the movement we decided that we needed to conduct a more involved effort to resolve the problem," Schuh said.

If the university receives funding for additional structural renovations, they will delve into Landrum's first floor to install a drainage system on the inside of the building, Schuh said.

They would go into the first floor bathrooms and classrooms, demolishing the walls and the floor. The new drainage system would be placed underneath the building.

If NKU gets the money, it would try to complete the work during a summer, having the work done when students return in August.

The work is projected to cost

\$490,000 and would be completed by March 1998, according to the Capital Plan.

Russell Proctor, professor of communication, teaches classes on Landrum's first floor. He said he is aware of the situation, but is not concerned.

When it interferes with his class, he will become concerned, he said.

In the past, physical worked to correct damage the movement caused to Landrum but haven't repaired heaving problems in the building for a couple of years, Drake said.

When they made repairs it was to the wall, to the ceiling tiles and to the sprinklers.

The upward force of the floor put pressure on the wall forcing it to move. Part of the first-floor walls were cut off to keep them from pushing through the second floor.

When the walls move downward, the ceiling moves down as well. This necessitated the tiles replacement and the lowering of sprinkler heads, because the tiles partially covered sprinklers not allowing them to spray properly.

Durrell Hamm is a professor of communication at NKU. His office is located in Landrum 106.

The floor is sinking and the drywall is pulling away from the pillar in the corner of his office. The earth pushes the floor and the walls up. This causes the ceiling to buckle as well. Hamm said he has been told that the pillars in his office are sound.

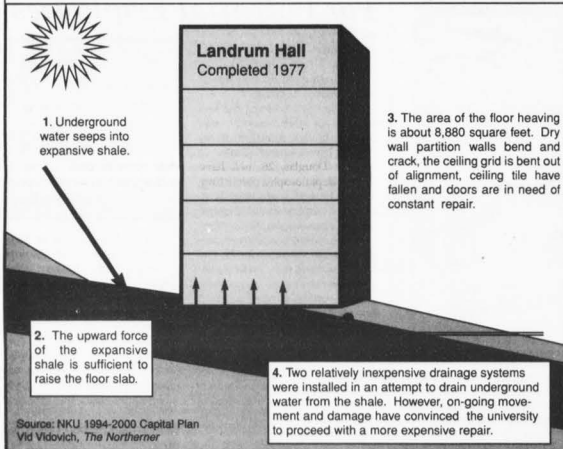
"The ceiling is smashing into the second floor," he said.

Hamm said he is not concerned about the heaving.

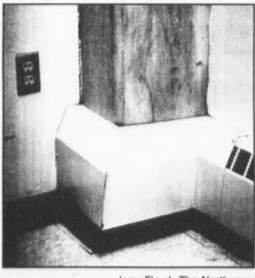
"I just don't think about it," he said.

What people should keep in mind is that the building is in no danger structurally, Drake said.

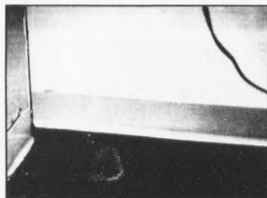
"The floors are moving — the building is not," he said.



Source: NKU 1994-2000 Capital Plan
Vid Vidovich, *The Northerner*



-Jerry Floyd, *The Northerner*



The floors in the corners of several rooms on the first floor of Landrum Academic Center drop two and three inches beneath cracking walls. (Left) Corner of Room 106. (Above) Corner of Room 107.

Survey Reveals Students' Feelings Of Safety On Campus

Most People Questioned Feel Safe On Campus At Night

By Chris Cummins
Staff Writer

Crime and safety on college campuses has always been a concern of students.

Students from an advanced reporting class recently questioned students on their awareness of crime on campus and also on their feelings toward the safety of the campus in general.

In a random phone survey, the students telephoned full-time students at NKU and asked them

to respond to 35 questions.

The answers to the varied questions was dependent on the sex of the respondent.

The class questioned 133 students on how safe they felt on campus at night. Most of the people questioned felt safe on NKU's campus at night.

Sixty percent of the men questioned thought NKU is a very safe campus, while 60 percent of the women thought that NKU was just a fairly safe campus.

There was also a similarity in

percentages of people who had the opposite feelings, with 31 percent of the women feeling very safe at NKU at night, and 38 percent feeling fairly safe.

Few people said they felt unsafe on campus at night. Only one of the men questioned said he felt fairly unsafe at NKU. No men said they felt very unsafe at night.

Sixty percent of the woman surveyed thought NKU was a fairly safe campus

Conversely, 16 percent of the women thought KU's campus was fairly unsafe at night, and 3 percent felt that NKU was very

unsafe.

Some said they felt better if they walk with another person at night.

Ninety percent of the men

asked said they did not make sure that they were walking with another person at night, while 58 percent of the women asked said they did.

There were also quite a few women who said that they did not walk with anyone.

Personal alarms are devices carried by people that enable the carrier to alert others that they are in need of help. They put out a decibel-piercing noise that they hope will scare attackers away.

Apparently personal alarms are not as popular protection to carry as mace. Ten of the people questioned said they carry alarms. Nine of the 10 were women. Twenty-nine of the 30 people who said they carry mace were women.

According to the results of the survey, there is a slight percentage of people on campus who carry a weapon.

Four percent, two men and five women, said they carry a weapon to ensure their safety.

'Dean Dottie,' Friend Of Students, To Retire End Of May

By Chris Mayhew
Features Editor



Dottie Gammon

In the 17 years Dottie Gammon has worked at NKU as the secretary to the dean of students she has been making people's lives easier. That's why many call her "Dean Dottie."

"It started out as a joke," Gammon said. "Some of the students who worked with Gammon began calling her 'Dean Dottie' because of the way she handled situations when the dean was not around, she said.

"She always knew where I was, and I'm pretty hard to find

some times," said Bill Lamb, dean of students. "Those times when she couldn't find him, she always knew how to handle the situation," Lamb said.

"That's why they call her Dean Dottie," he said. "It wasn't easy sometimes, almost frustrating to keep track of the dean and keep him in line, Gammon said.

"Sometimes it was frustrating,

but after I scolded him he would behave," she said. "But Eventually he would go back into his old habits."

She is always quick with a funny story and a smile, Lamb said. He wonders who's going to keep the candy jar filled.

"You just need someone who's positive, and that's Dottie Gammon over the years," he said.

Nobody can replace her, Lamb said.

"I may have to retire," he said. "There's just no way to replace someone like Dottie Gammon."

It really has not sunk in yet, how much she helps everyone. It won't until June 1, the day after she retires.

After that, no one who works

into the dean of students' office will be greeted by Gammon's smile that lifts her cheek bones so high that her eyes squint behind the wiry frames of her glasses.

"She's been a mother, and good friend and confidant to a lot of people, especially me," Lamb said.

The friendships that she forged through the years with the students from some organizations was her favorite part of her job, she said.

The students from organizations like Student Government Association, WRFN, WNTV, *The Lost Cause* and *The Northerner* would all come to her for advice and direction, Gammon said.

"Students know they can go

to Dottie and get a straight answer," Lamb said.

The students could be a lot of fun, and they could be heart breakers. They were like an extended family, Gammon said.

"She's like the grandmother for everyone, for all the student organizations," said Allen Singer, the General Manager of WRFN.

Every time Singer ever needed something for the station, he could always get it from her pretty quick, he said.

"There was a time when I needed a microphone switch," Singer said. "She helped me order it, and did it over the phone which is something you don't normally do."

When she announced her retirement Singer said he was

shocked.

"I never expected her to leave because she's been here as long as I have, and long before that," he said.

She wants to understand the students. She is willing to come down to their level, said Rhonda Saccone a work study in the dean of students' office.

"She's not really an adviser, but everyone comes to her anyway from student organizations because she relates to them on their level," Saccone said.

The students and everybody will miss her, but she deserves all the relaxation she can get, Saccone said.

"Who ever comes in to take her place will be well received, but they're going to have some big shoes to fill," Saccone said.

Graduating Students Triumph Over Adversity

Student's Degree Path Full Of Barriers, Fueling Drive To Help Children

By Jen Uhlinger
Staff Writer

Akrivi Katakos can't wait until commencement on Saturday.

"It means a lot to get my diploma, I worked four and a half years for it," Katakos said.

Katakos graduated in the winter, but is attending spring commencement. The staff at commencement has been very helpful accommodating her family's special needs, she said.

"Dave Thomson called my family and arranged a seat

where my disabled brother could see me," Katakos said.

Katakos has overcome many obstacles in her years of schooling.

"My 21-year-old brother has cerebral palsy, and that persuaded me to pursue a teaching career with disabled students," Katakos said.

The Katakos family moved to the United States from Greece in 1969, and have remained in Covington, Ky., ever since. Her father still speaks only Greek. Her mom was learning English the same time Katakos was born in 1971.

"My parents didn't know enough English," she said. "By the time I started school, I would confuse Greek and English with each other."

Her father was severely burned over 75 percent of his body when a local bridge exploded nearly 15 years ago.

"My father has not been able to work since, our family basically survived off the state while I was growing up," Katakos said.

She said she was determined to go to college and receive her degree in elementary education,

working with students with disabilities. She received academic scholarships from Newport High School her first two years at NKU. The state and her parents helped her out with the rest.

Katakos landed a job with Cold Spring Elementary immediately after graduating last winter. She works with mildly mentally disabled students in the third, fourth and fifth grades.

"I see a smile that they're (my students) succeeding, then I know they're learning," Katakos said. "I'm glad to be a part of their success."

Katakos came a lot about children, said Stephen Walker, the coordinator for elementary and secondary education

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Walker said.

"She really knows how to adapt her instruction to meet the individual needs of children," Walker said.



Akrivi Katakos, fall graduate, teaches disabled children at Cold Spring Elementary.



It has taken Harry and Suella Douglas six years to earn five degrees between them—three for him and two for her. They have been married for four years.



Jerry Floyd, The Northerner

Couple Struggles To Earn Five Degrees; Supporting Each Other Along Way

By Paul Wiggins
Staff Writer

It has been a long journey, but for Harry and Suella Douglas, the journey will end at graduation. Between the two, they will graduate with five degrees.

Harry Douglas, 26, will have degrees in philosophy, psychology and sociology. Suella Douglas, 25, graduates with degrees in social work and sociology.

Through their plight, the stress of their many tasks has sometimes weighed on their four-year marriage.

"It's very stressful," Suella Douglas said.

"When he is studying, maybe I want attention. And when I'm studying, he might want attention."

Suella Douglas said. "Sociology is study of society," she said. "I wanted to understand the impact that socialization does have on individuals as a whole."

For the last two years, she has been president of the social work club, along with working 10 to 15 hours at the family day care business. She has also taken on a 16-hour field placement at Clermont Recovery Center for drug and alcohol out-patient counseling.

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"It gives me good lenses to view, analyze, to create formulas and

theories," he said. "And so one day at graduate school, I won't make the mistake of reducing people to too small of phenomena."

Harry Douglas said he found it beneficial that many of the classes overlap. The hourly breakdown for the three degrees for him: Philosophy 30; psychology 42 and sociology 36.

He has managed to do this throughout a six-year period, while active in other university functions, such as serving as president of sociology club, assisting in racism and sexism panels for the school and working in the

Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs as a work study.

For Suella Douglas, taking on another degree outside of social work came

from her wanting to understand how people work in society, she said.

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Mother's Desire To Learn How To Teach Stems From Love Of Her Own Children

By Terry King
Staff Writer

As a working mother, Darby Atchison wanted to spend more time with her children while they were growing up. So she went to college.

"I was doing office work," said Atchison, a senior English and secondary education major. "But I wanted a career more compatible with my kids' school schedule. I knew teaching would be."

Going back to school paid off in a big way for Atchison. She's getting a teaching degree, and recently, was named

recipient of the William Byron Award.

The Byron Award, named in honor of the first chairperson of the literature and language department, is given to the most outstanding senior English major.

"It made me feel good that they (faculty) had the confidence in me to give me the award," said Atchison, who lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Ken, and their children, Michael, 8, and Bethany, 5.

Days ago, the education department named Atchison outstanding senior in secondary education.

"Darby's a very creative student who has a very good capacity to perceive

what others may have missed," said Steve Gores, a professor of English. "She was a valuable asset in classes that I taught her. She also has great leadership abilities."

Atchison said she hopes to use some of those abilities in a teaching position. She'll spend the summer looking for one.

"There's not that many out there," Atchison said. "I'll substitute until I find one."

Atchison, a former music major at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, originally had plans to make music her life, not teaching.

"After a while, I decided to keep music

as a hobby — said, "Not to make it a career," she said.

Music still plays a big part in her life, however.

"I play the flute and give private flute lessons," she said.

She also directs the children's and adult choir at Kings Way Community Church in Kings Mills, Ohio, where her husband is a minister.

Balancing school, children, church and music could have become hectic for some, but she does it with ease, said Ken Atchison, her husband.

"She's really organized and keeps things straight," he said. "She's a perfect

wife and mother in every way."

Atchison is considered to be a very good student by one of her professors.

"Darby's one of the best students I've ever had," said Dr. Robert Collier, a professor of English.

Atchison credits NKU faculty for a lot of her success.

"I've felt lucky," she said. "The faculty is wonderful. Professors always get to know your name, I like that."

Soon Atchison will get the chance to return the favor to students she will call her own.

"She'll be an excellent teacher," Collier said.

1995 Graduate University Service Awards



Regents

Shannon M. Jones is the recipient of the Regents Award. Jones is a social work major with a minor in speech communication. She will be working at St. Luke Hospital Children's Advocacy Center as a family advocate for a year. In fall of 1996 she will begin working on a master's degree at University of Kentucky. Jones said thought she received the award because she has been active in both campus activities and community service. There are many good social work students at NKU and it has been an honor to represent them, she said. She has been active in the Social Work Club, Delta Zeta sorority and the Speech Communication Club.



President's

Abdeljalil Elayyadi is the recipient of the President's Award. Elayyadi double-majored in education and aviation. He graduated in December and has been substitute teaching in the Cincinnati Public Schools this spring. He will begin working on a master's degree in French at Miami University starting in the fall.

Paul J. Sipes

Thomas A. Roose is the recipient of the Paul J. Sipes Award. He majored in history and minored in military history and military science. Eleven days after graduation Roose will report to Fort Sill, Okla., to serve in the U.S. Army. He plans to spend the first three years working in field artillery and then spend the remainder of his military career in military intelligence, he said. He also plans to earn a master's in international affairs eventually. Roose has been the president of EXCEL and a member of the Presidential Ambassadors, the Ski Club and the Forensic team.



Faculty Senate

Gwendolyn S. Steffen is the recipient of the Faculty Senate Award. Steffen is a biological sciences major. She plans to go to medical school to study to be a veterinarian specializing in horses. She received the award because of her project on breast cancer. Steffen said she thought she received the award because she finished the project and had interesting results. She has been active in Alpha Phi Omega, NKU's Panhellenic Council and Women's Varsity Tennis team.



University Service

Julia A. Taylor is the recipient of the University Service Award. She said she thought she received the award because she has given large amounts of time to student organizations like Student Government Association, Norse Leadership Society and her sorority, Delta Zeta, she said. She has also been active in EXCEL. Taylor, a physics major and math minor, plans to go to the University of Kentucky for graduate school. She hopes to earn a masters degree in condensed matter physics, she said.

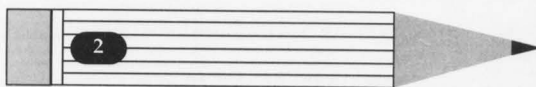
Excelsior

Bruce Hill is the recipient of the Excelsior Award. Hill is a human service and mental health major. He has done extensive work with the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Services as a volunteer assistant. He designed and developed a brochure

that provides information on DAPS. He has also performed many hours of social work, specializing in the rehabilitation of those affected by addictions.

Hill has been active in the Human Service Club, African American Peer Mentor and Honors Club.

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Golf Team Has Best Season In NKU History

Division II National Tournament Awaits



The NKU golf team stands with the trophy they received for winning the District IV championship. They will head to the National tournament this week. (L-R) Head coach John Reis, R.J. Foltz, Tom Walters, Neil Currie, Mark Welage and Brandon Reis.

English Soccer Player Gets Back To Golfing Roots

By Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

When senior golfer Neil Currie came to the U.S. four years ago from Suffolk, England, he was already a seasoned golfer having played since he was three years old.

His brother Alisdair is a pro in England and his other brother Stuart plays for a college in Tennessee. Neil has even played fabled St. Andrews in Scotland with his father Bill.

"I come from a huge golfing family," Currie said. "Everybody, including my mother, plays."

While at NKU, however, Neil had to choose between golf and soccer. Soccer won out.

But after playing two years of soccer and exhausting his eligibility, Currie has gone back to the family tradition and has given NKU's golf team a shot in the arm when he started playing with them this spring as he awaits graduation in the fall.

"I just want to stay competitive," Currie said. "Once an athlete, always an athlete."

Currie's addition has given NKU one of its most solid teams ever. They have won four out of their last six tournaments including the NCAA Division II District IV tournament and Currie is a huge reason for their success, head coach John Reis said.

"Neil's addition was huge," Reis said. "It takes all the pressure

off the other players, especially Mark (Welage) and Tom (Walters). They don't have to worry about playing over their heads to carry the team and can just concentrate on playing their best."

In the District tournament, Currie shot a blazing two-round total of 151, one stroke behind Welage who was the medalist.

He also took more top 10 finishes including one in NKU's seven-stroke victory in the Eagle Golf Classic against mostly Division I schools at Morehead State University.

"I didn't start off too well, but towards the end I've put in a couple of good rounds," Currie said.

Currie, however, defers all the credit for the team's success to Reis and the rest of the team.

"He is the best coach I've ever had at golf," he said. "We've got a great bunch of lads playing and really, any one of us can tear the course up on a given day."

Although Currie has played soccer for the past two years, he has stayed sharp by practicing his game whenever he had time and has played golf just as much as he's played soccer, he said.

"He's just a natural at the game," Walters said. After capturing two Great Lakes Valley Conference championships on the soccer team, Currie is shooting for a bigger prize now—the Division II national golf championship.

Yesterday, Currie and the rest of the team received word that they were one of the 17 teams invited to the tournament which begins on Sunday in Aiken, S.C.

By Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

After winning the Division II District IV tournament, the NKU golf team ended its best spring season and made history by being first NKU team to receive a bid to the Division II National Tournament.

"I'm real excited for the kids," head coach John Reis said. "They really earned this."

Since winning the district doesn't guarantee an automatic bid, Reis had to wait on word from the NCAA Committee on whether his team was in or out.

"I only woke up at 4:47 (a.m.)," Reis said. "Even though it was early, I was wired. I couldn't sleep."

The six-day tournament will be held at Cedar Creek Golf Club in Aiken, S.C. beginning this Sunday.

Winning District IV, although it does not guarantee an automatic bid, was the key.

"Nobody who's won District IV in the past has been turned down," Walters said.

NKU is as hot as any team right now, having won four of its last six tournaments including two consisting predominantly of all Division I schools.

One of those tournaments, The Eagle Golf Classic at Morehead St., NKU shot a course record, 889.

The NCAA is supposed to look at who's hot and NKU has definitely earned it this spring, Reis said.

The additions of Neil Currie and R.J. Foltz have turned the team around from near winners in the fall, to winners.

"It used to be, NKU and national champs didn't go in the same sentence," Walters said. "But honestly, we can

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-Tom Walters

win it all."

Both Currie and Foltz didn't compete in the fall. Currie played soccer and Foltz was ineligible.

Mark Welage has been on fire this spring, winning four medalist honors while Walters and Brandon Reis have been steady top 20 performers. Walters has finished third twice.

This is John Reis' third semester coaching.

"In only one year, he's taken us to nationals," Walters said. "He's just a hell of a coach. He's changed our attitudes."

Ask Reis however, and he'll say all he does is drive the van.

"That's all I do," he said. "I have yet to take a swing for them, yet to make a putt. All I've done is afforded them an opportunity. Some generous people have allowed us to practice on some good courses."

It didn't hurt the team either to have a coach that was a director on the Greater Cincinnati Golf Association and a committee member of the United States Golf Association.

"In our first team meeting we ever had, I told them I'd have more fun than they had and I have," he said. "All I want is for them to be good winners, good losers and gentlemen on the golf course."

Welcome To The Show

Former NKU Pitcher Makes It To Major Leagues

By Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

While the eyes of the sports world were watching Japanese-born Hideo Nomo make history when he pitched his first game for the Los Angeles Dodgers, the eyes of Northern Kentuckians were focused on one of their own stamping his mark into history.

Chris Hook, 26, attended NKU and is a graduate of Lloyd High School who picked up his first win in only his second major league game by pitching 1/3 scoreless inning for the San Francisco Giants.

"The clubhouse guy is taking care of the ball for me and putting it in a frame," Hook said.

Besides the new personal history, the game itself made history as 17 pitchers were used by both teams in the 15th inning, 4-3 Giant win, tying a National League record.

After not making the opening day roster, he spent only one game with the Phoenix Firebirds, the Giants' AAA farm team, before being called up.

"It came as a surprise, only three days into the season," he said. "I played one game (in Phoenix) then the call came. It's been a very exciting week."

NKU head coach Bill Aker, Hook's college coach, called him two days after the win to congratulate him.

"I'm really happy for him and our program," Aker said. "This shows we can get kids to the majors."

Hook is the first former NKU player to get a major league victory.

"He was real excited for me," Hook said. "Me and coach are pretty tight and close."

In fact, the phone has been ringing off the hook with people wishing to congratulate him, he said.

His rise to the majors is strange considering that most major leagues have been highly touted since they put on their gloves.

Hook wasn't drafted at all and received only a partial scholarship to NKU.

After three years at NKU and a decent career record of 10-5, he left school after an open try-out with the Cincinnati Reds resulted in a minor league contract in 1989.

He was on his way.

"I felt I had the stuff to make it, but NKU doesn't get seen too much," he said.

He put up good numbers in the minors, but couldn't get the promotion to the Reds because he was behind a lot of talented pitchers, he said.

"After I won 12 games at Chattanooga (AA) in 1994, I thought I'd get promoted to Indianapolis (AAA)," he said. "When they said I was going to be back in Chattanooga I said to

my agent, 'I can't go through with this, I got to get outta here.'"

His break came when he was traded to San Francisco on April 1, 1994 for another area product, Cincinnati Moeller High School's Adam Hyzdu. Hyzdu was a former first round draft pick.

Leaving the Reds' system was bittersweet though because they've always been his favorite team.

"In my heart, I'd always be a Reds fan," he said. "Just because I'm with a different organization doesn't change that."

Hook played a year at Phoenix, where he lives with Toni, his wife of a little over four months.

But if he sticks in the big leagues, relocation to the Bay Area may be the next step.

"I just need to keep doing what I've been doing and show I'm not afraid of anybody," he said. "Dusty (Baker) is looking for somebody with guts and I hope I'm that guy."

Aker thinks he's that guy.

"He's only 26, so he's got a few more years in him and hopefully he can stay up with the Giants for a long time," Aker said.

For now though, he is just happy to be in the majors, making a little bit more money, getting a little bit more attention and having a lot more fun.

I Would Like To Thank...

NKU had its annual sports banquet on Saturday as all of the university's athletic teams were recognized for their successes. The most notable were basketball player Amy Moreland (right) and men's basketball coach Ken Shields (bottom). Moreland was all smiles as she received the Margery Rouse Athlete of Distinction Award. It's given to NKU's one athlete who best exemplifies the idea of the student-athlete. Shields holds up a picture of him and his grandson taken moments after his team won its first Great Lakes Valley Conference title. Noriean Pomerantz presented him the picture.

-Jerry Floyd, The Northerner



Moreland Receives Top Award At Sports Banquet

Staff Report

Senior guard Amy Moreland, who led the NKU women's basketball team in 10 offensive categories during the 1994-95 season, received the Margery Rouse Athlete of Distinction Award Sunday afternoon at the NKU All-Sports Banquet.

Moreland, a native of Falmouth, Ky., and a graduate of Pendleton County High School, led NKU in scoring (15.2 points per game), rebounding (7.0 per game), assists (11.3), steals (5.8), three pointers made (19), free-throw percentage (.775), minutes played (936) and offensive rebounds (137) as a senior.

She also led the Norse in free throw attempts (138) and free throws made (107).

The Athlete of Distinction Award, the highest honor the university's athletic council makes to a student-athlete, is presented annually to a male or female who best exemplifies the student athlete concept through dedication, effort, ability, leadership and unselfishness.

Moreland, a biology major, was a four-time member of the



Amy Moreland

NKU / Star Bank All-Academic Team and a three-time honoree on the GLVC All-Academic Team.

NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said Moreland has been a model student-athlete.

"She epitomizes what a student-athlete should be, and Amy Moreland has been a pleasure for me to be around the

past four years," Winstel said. "Everyone knows how outstanding she is in the classroom and on the court, but Amy is also a class act as a person.

"One thing is for certain about Amy Moreland - she will be a success in everything she does, just as she has been a success here at Northern Kentucky University."

Four other NKU student-athletes, Neil Currie (soccer), Stephanie Carle (volleyball), Ryan Schrand (men's basketball) and Angel Donley (women's basketball), received Career Achievement Awards.

Two NKU students, Bill Blackburn (athletic training) and Steve Hensley (Sports Information), were also presented with Career Service Awards.



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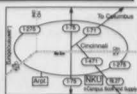
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Winter Commencement

Winter Commencement Smart Decision; Find Date With No Conflicts

NKU president Leon Boothe delivered his 1996 Christmas gift early when he announced that fall graduates will now have their own commencement.

The Northerner commends the president, Student Government Association and all others who made this possible.

As Boothe was quoted in the May 3 issue of *The Northerner*, the ceremony was something that "seemed to be needed." Most definitely.

Winter commencement is beneficial for a wide variety of reasons.

First, it will ease some of the overcrowding of the spring ceremony. During the past two years 3,664 students have graduated, two different sources have estimated that between 620 and 762 students have received their degrees in the fall. Between 17 and 21 percent of the past two years' graduates could have graduated in a winter ceremony.

A winter commencement would allow all the fall semester graduates an opportunity to enjoy the ceremony. Most importantly it will probably alleviate the overcrowding at spring graduation.

We have plenty of reasons to be excited but some things need to be addressed to make winter commencement a success.

First, when do we have it? The fall semester usually ends about 10 days before Christmas. That could hurt attendance—especially for families who travel during the

holiday season.

Start the school year two weeks earlier and that way we can end the semester at the beginning of December and not have graduation interfere with Hanukkah or Christmas.

Another concern is scheduling the ceremony so it doesn't conflict with basketball games played at Regents Hall.

Winter is the middle of the basketball season but the hoop schedule is usually light in early December because of finals. Since the 1993-94 season, the men's and women's teams have played a combined five home games in early December.

The university needs to find an appropriate day to reward students for the countless hours they have devoted toward obtaining associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.



Confusion Arises About Similar Programs

In the April 26, 1995, issue of *The Northerner* there was a letter, contributed by Karen M. Wolfe, which praised the staff and services of the "Learning Resource Center." I agree with the accolades that were given. The staff of this facility are very committed to their purpose and the students which they serve. However, this article reinforced a frustration which has persisted for many years. The staff and services that Ms. Wolfe was complimenting were not those of the Learning Resource Center but

the Learning Assistance Center.

These two departments which are very close in name as well as proximity (the LAC is located in BEP 230, the LRC is located in BEP 268) are constantly and consistently confused by the university community.

For the twelve years that I have been working in the LRC, I have transferred hundreds, if not thousands, of telephone calls to the LAC. Numerous pieces of mail have also been shuttled from one end of the hall to the other by LRC and LAC staff after

being delivered to the wrong place. Directions to the "other office" are given to numerous people many times a day. All of this is a daily frustration for the staff of both offices. It also affects the quality of work and service each office is able to provide to the university community.

I encourage *The Northerner* to use its influence to inform the university community of the differences between the two "Learning Centers." As Head of the Learning Resource Center, I will be glad to cooperate. I am

sure that Paul Ellis, Director of the Learning Assistance Center, will do the same.

Overall, I think it speaks well of both offices that even though those who use the two facilities do not always know where they are, they still receive the help they need.

Jennifer Smith
Head,
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BEP Room 268



Former Residence President Thanks Supportive Friends

I am writing this to say thanks to all the people that supported me throughout the year. As not to waste much time I will make this short and to the point.

I would like to thank Pamela Hill and the African Affairs Office for all your support. I would like to thank Dolores Anderson and the Office of Affirmative Action.

I would like to thank Ernest Britton for all his support and all of the great dialogue that we shared over fatherhood. You were a life saver.

I would like to especially like to thank every student on this campus that supported me, even when I made the last minute decision NOT to run for RHA president. Although I am not leaving until December, I feel very comfortable knowing that Douglas Honour will be taking over the reigns of RHA.

I would also like to thank the Black Faculty and Staff for always being there, especially Sgt. Allen Thomas. And last, but not least, I would like to thank Norleen Pomerance, Carla Chance, and President Boothe, for all your support and for really taking an interest in student problems. I know you got tired of seeing me, but I was simply doing my job. And for the people in administrative offices I didn't think, thank about it.

Before I leave, I would like to leave you all with a thought: Isn't it funny how people act when they need you, but never have anything to say to you after your use has expired?

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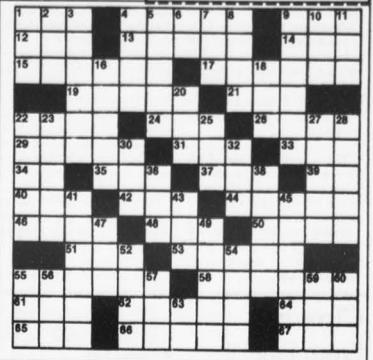
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Walter C: You da man! Your days of sneaking in late and leaving early are over. Good Luck at Army. You will be missed! TE.

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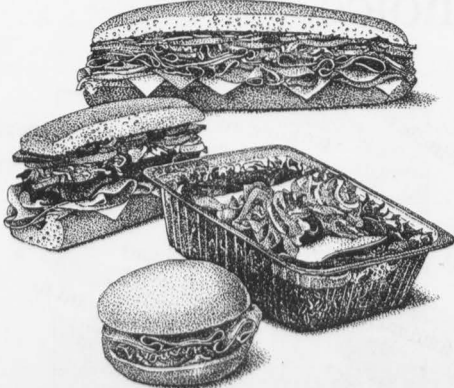
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32. Ocean
36. Top of pop can
38. Be ready for
41. Accompany
43. Girl (slang)
45. Iron object on ship
47. Children's game
49. Carnivorous animal
52. Erode
54. Iranian money
55. Answer (abbr.)
56. Amer. mystery writer
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demand.
Positions in health care and secondary education are growing.

Managerial occupations such as construction contractors and managers are growing along with computer science, system analysis and technician positions. Dental hygiene and sales and marketing are also in demand.

"Big companies like P&G (Procter & Gamble) are downsizing now," Malloy said. "We're seeing growth with small and medium-size companies."

Ninety percent of the job growth right now is with companies with 100 employees or less, Malloy said.

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Cincinnati's Taste of Cincinnati and Oktoberfest Zinzinnati and at Kings Island.

They plan to travel around the country and perform during the summer at state fairs and eventually performing the college circuit in the fall.

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the quantity, he said. The fume problem continues to have ill effects.

People get headaches from the strong fumes, he said.

NKU cannot remedy the problem without a major renovation which would require canceling

Regardless of the company size, employers expect graduates to possess certain job skills.

In the report, students should consider the five areas of competency listed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills, said Dolly Shaw, director of the Career Planning and Placement Office at Champlain College.

It said that employers expect prospective employees to possess the following skills: Organizational, interpersonal, information-processing, critical thinking and technological skills.

Some employers surveyed said they think a better attitude among new graduates would be beneficial as well.

The attitudes and expectations of new college graduates are negatively influencing their job prospects, according to Recruiting Trends 1994-95.

The report stated that the new

breed of college graduates think they are the most talented, enthusiastic and energetic individuals ever to graduate and many set their expectations too high.

"New college graduates must be willing to learn from entry-level positions and accept lower paying jobs if necessary to begin their careers," the report stated.

Although some may have to accept a lower paying job at first, the report stated that starting salary offers to new college graduates were expected to be 1.3 to 2.2 percent higher than last year.

In a survey done in the report, employers said that a grade point average of 3.0 or better was expected of graduates.

The Career Development Center encourages students to stop by if they would like guidance in looking for a job.

"The longer they delay getting started, the longer it takes getting a job," Malloy said.

"We'll do this for a couple of years," he said. "Then eventually it's back to school, this time graduate school."

He is still unsure which direction he will go, whether it is toward a doctorate in biology or a master's in theater.

He would make an excellent teacher, Rambo said.

"He can communicate," Rambo said. "He likes working with people and he's also part actor. And to be a good teacher, you've got to be part actor."

Born's mother said her son has been a person always wanting to know more things.

"He was always good at sciences," Kathy Born said. "He's just very curious. He's a very curious person and wants to know how people tick."

"He wants to do it all. None of us (his family) have a clue what he's going to be when he grows up... including Gerry."

"Whatever he does is OK. We are very proud of him. He's everything we'd hoped he'd be."

the chemistry program for a year or two.

In one of the physics labs, where radioactive material was stored, the capture velocity of the fume hood was less than half of what it should have been, according to the report.

"The storage of toxic chemicals in these hoods at current exhaust levels is inappropriate," according to the report.

Along with a lack of ventilation, the labs in the biology

department lack the proper number of safety showers and eye washes.

"We are not prepared with modern types of safety," said Jerry Warner, chairperson of the biology department.

He does not anticipate that fume hoods or emergency showers will be addressed until the move is made into the new building.

The new building is estimated to cost \$35 million.

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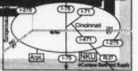
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