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Flashback

February 4, 1987



*An applicant for a professorship in the department of communications was taken hostage in Beirut. Alann Steen was abducted just weeks after applying for the position.

*Phil Taliaferro was appointed to the NKU Board of Regents. Taliaferro was selected for the post by Gov. Martha Layne Collins. Taliaferro, a supporter of Collins' gubernatorial campaign, is still a member of the board. Collins also selected William Viers to become the board's chairman. He held the position until last year, when Alice Sparks replaced him.

**Law Students
Decrease
Number of
Credit Hours
They Are
Taking**



	1995	1996
Avg. Credit Hour Load		
Undergraduate Students	11.51	11.51
Graduate Students	3.95	4.03
First Professional (Law)	12.38	12.25

Source: NKU Institutional Research
Vid Vidovich/The Northerner

Governor Increases NKU Budget Patton Gives State Universities Administrative Advice

From staff and wire reports

Under Gov. Paul Patton's new budget, Northern Kentucky University will receive more than \$800,000 a year in extra money from a four percent

spending increase for higher education.

NKU will see a 3.2 percent increase the first year and a 2.6 percent increase the following year, according to the two year budgetary plan.

"It's a big help, but it's far from what we need," President Leon Boothe said.

Boothe said next year will be financially tough for NKU because enrollment is down, and NKU is a very tuition driven university.

"It's going to be a very tight year for us," he said.

Patton told the Council on Higher Education last week that higher education — universities, community colleges and

vocational schools needed to get with it. "We need to be willing to upset some people," Patton said.

Patton also made suggestions

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Homecoming '96 Sees Crowning During Weekend

By Glen Robinson
Features Editor

All within a weeks time, the masses will be swept up in a storied rivalry, frenzied fans and entertainment.

The rivalry with the University of Southern Indiana will set the stage for Homecoming Week at Northern Kentucky University.

The crownings are the backdrop to what should be a very exciting and entertaining game on homecoming night against USI. USI is the team that knocked NKU out of the NCAA Division II tournament last year.

The candidates for king of the 1996 Homecoming Court are: Carl Allison Jr., Victor Dickerson, Daniel Keaton, Rick Mann and Jamie Ramsey.

The candidates for queen of the court are: Kathleen Blomer, Molly Gleeson, LaKa Green, Christa Rollins and Casey Wartman.

The king and queen are chosen by a homecoming committee made up of students, faculty and alumni.

"It would mean something special to me if I was elected as king," candidate Dickerson said. "I would be able to represent the African-American community as a student and a theater major in a widely attended event."

Theater students are perceived as just having fun, but it is a time absorbing major, he said.

Dickerson said he is thankful as a child of God to be in a position to have this opportunity.

This is the second time Dickerson has made homecoming court. In 1994 he was on the court when Tim Yacks was named king.

Homecoming Week lasts until Sunday, Feb. 4.

The interviews for king and queen are Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The battle on the basketball court is Saturday, Feb. 3.

The Homecoming Court will be revealed during halftime of the men's game.

Last year's king, Thom Roose, and queen, Rhonda Saccone will be in attendance.

Roose, a marine, will go to Bosnia in a few weeks.

GOLDEN FLEECE Crime Rate State's Lowest, But Campus Thefts Rising

Gina Holt
News Editor

It's 10 p.m. A student is walking to her car alone when a stranger comes up behind her and asks for her money and car keys. What should the student do?

Assistant Director of the Department of Public Safety, Don McKenzie said to give them the money, car keys and what ever else they ask for. There is no way to know if a thief is carrying a weapon or not, so people should do what they are told when approached, to protect themselves.

"The money can be replaced, that life can't be," McKenzie said.

There is crime at Northern Kentucky University, however, it has the lowest crime rate for a university or college in the state of Kentucky, McKenzie said.

Director of DPS Fred Otto said petty theft is the most often committed crime.

According to NKU's annual security report for 1991-94, thefts have almost tripled at NKU. In 1994 there were 171 thefts at NKU.

Otto said employees of DPS do the best they can to apprehend the thieves and retrieve property. They follow up on every reported theft and watch for a pattern.

He said most thefts occur in the University Center Bookstore and Albright Health Center.

People should always put their belongings in a locker and lock it. Unless their property is locked up they should never leave it unattended.

Otto said they should also always lock their cars and not leave valuable items in plain view.

Theft is not the only crime committed at NKU. For 1991-94 there were eight reported sexual offenses, according to NKU's annual security report.

Sexual offenses include rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment, McKenzie said.

In 25 years there have been three reported rapes at NKU, Otto said. Two of them were labeled acquaintance rape and one was non-acquaintance rape.

Otto said there are several things a student, faculty, or staff member can do to protect their safety.

They may want to carry mace pepper spray or a

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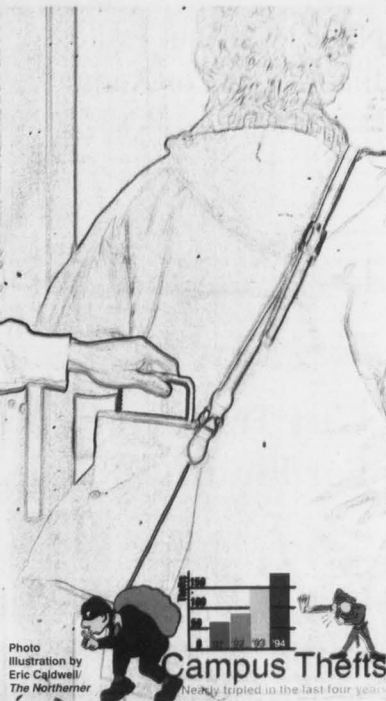


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NKU Faces Key Home Tests In Mad Dash To Tournament

Staff Report

Kentucky Wesleyan College and No. 5 University of Southern Indiana will invade Regents Hall this week to take on No. 16 Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team.

Kentucky Wesleyan and USI are quickly becoming NKU's newest and most heated rivals. Last season, NKU needed to beat both teams to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference in the regular season. The Norse didn't fail, beating USI, 101-97, then following up by defeating Kentucky Wesleyan, 100-99, in triple overtime.

This season the Norse find themselves in a similar situation as last season. With two victories, NKU can share first place in the GLVC and almost assure themselves an NCAA Division II bid. But a loss at Lewis University last weekend makes this weekend's games even more important to NKU's hopes

NKU's Last Two Seasons Versus Its Rivals



Dec. 10, 1994: NKU 96, Southern Indiana 90
Dec. 29, 1994: Kentucky Wesleyan 90, NKU 87 (OT)
March 2, 1995: NKU 101, Southern Indiana 97
March 4, 1995: NKU 100, Kentucky Wesleyan 99 (JOT)
March 12, 1995: Southern Indiana 102, NKU 94
Jan. 4, 1996: Southern Indiana 99, NKU 66



If NKU happens to lose one or both of this week's games, the rest of NKU's games are must wins.

The Norse are currently ranked fourth in the Great Lakes Valley Region. Only the top six teams qualify for the NCAA Tournament. A home loss could drop them out of the top six.

NKU has not lost a game at home since the 1993-94 season.

Thursday will be the first meeting between the Norse and Kentucky Wesleyan since last season's, 100-99, triple overtime thriller.

On Saturday, the Norse will look to avenge USI's 99-66, victory over NKU on Jan. 4. The 33-point loss was the worst since the 1989-90 season when the Norse lost by 70, 117-47 to Kentucky Wesleyan.



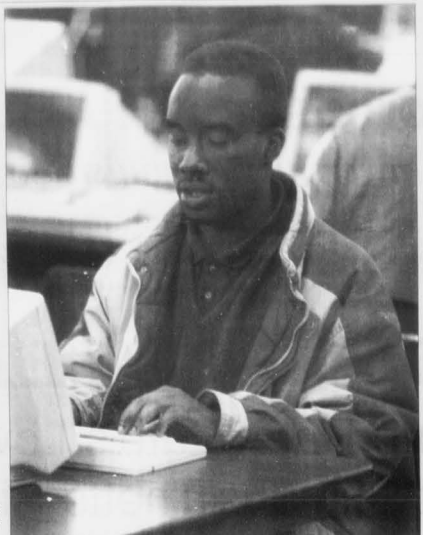
LaRon Moore leads the Norse in scoring this season. Last season Moore poured in 26 points against USI in a key regular season win, but the Eagles held him to six points in the Great Lake Regional Championship Game.

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Internet:

Foreign exchange student Apollo Kiganda a senior management major uses the Vax-Internet system in the Academic Computing Center.



Terry Renaker/The Northern

NKU Assistant Professor Challenges Incumbent For Kentucky State Senate

By Amanda Tittle
Production Manager

From a Northern Kentucky University assistant professor of Accountancy, to a Kentucky State Senator. That's what Sandra Easton, assistant professor of accounting is hoping for.

Easton, supported by the Democrats, is running against Dick Roeding (Rep.) in the 1996 election for the 11th district seat.

"I had quite a few people who felt I could bring effective leadership to the role," Easton said. "I have been an advocate for northern Kentucky. It's time to see if I can't take on another role."

Bill Lamb, dean of students, said Easton will be a good senator because of her good decisions made now as a faculty member.

"If she is elected, she'll do a great job," he said. Easton said she knows it is not going to be easy to defeat Sen. Roeding.

"I think it's always challenging to beat an incumbent. It means I'm going to have to work hard."

There are economic and social problems in the area where Easton said she believes she can make a difference.

"I'd like to see her win because of her connection to NKU," Lamb said.

If she wins, Easton said she would try to rotate between teaching and government.

Working at the Senate when in session and teaching at NKU when the senate is not in session.

"If I win, I'd be on unpaid leave," she said. "I can't be in two places at one time."

"I believe you owe the best you can give to wherever you are."



Sandra Easton

Guy Hadden Remembered For Finding Balance In Life

By David Vidovich
Internet Editor

With the skill of a circus juggler, Guy Hadden seemed to have struck a balance between school and work.

The balance he worked for was taken from him suddenly last week in an automobile accident in rural Indiana.

The head on collision occurred last Saturday, in Dearborn County on Indiana Route 1.

Working full time as a bookkeeping manager for a local hotel and business management student,

Hadden did not seem to be harried by the fast pace of life.

"He was always in a good mood," said senior Nicole

Augsburger, who recently had a night class with Hadden. "He was the one person you could sit down with and unload your day with."

Jerry Poe, a radio/TV junior, and long time friend agreed.

"He'd do anything for his friends,"



Guy Hadden

Poe said. "He was one of the most generous people I have ever met."

A 1988 graduate from Newport High School, Hadden majored in marketing at NKU.

"I had him in two classes — he was a good contributor," said Jim Wilmer, an instructor in the management/marketing department. "I am going to miss him."

A fan of Kentucky basketball, Hadden's friends presented an autographed photograph of Rick Pitino at Wednesday's funeral.

The inscription read, "To Guy: One of my greatest fans," said Ina Hadden, his mother.

Accreditation May Bring Changes To NKU

By Jillian St. Charles
Assistant Copy Editor

This fall Northern Kentucky University begins the process of renewing its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

James McKenney, professor of mathematics and computer science, will be directing the university self-study. The purpose of the study is to make sure NKU is up to the scrutiny of the SACS teams.

Compliance with SACS regulations is voluntary, but nearly all colleges and universities are accredited by its regional association.

The purpose of accreditation is to set a standard of quality education that is universally recognized. A student from a non-accredited school would have a hard time getting into a graduate program or having their credits transfer to another school.

The self-study is being broken into two parts, one traditional and one alternative, McKenney said.

The traditional method involves satisfying nearly 400 must statements the SACS issues. These statements require the university to do things like maintain a physically sound institution and use qualified faculty.

The alternative portion of the self-study is new to NKU.

Using input from senior and alumni questionnaires and listening to the concerns of faculty and staff, the study team has identified four areas of concern as the most pressing to NKU.

McKenney is putting together several committees to address these concerns. They should be in place by the fall of 1996.

The first concern, as stated in the Proposal to Conduct a Strategic Self-Study is reducing reliance on part-time faculty.

The SACS frowns on a high adjunct to full-time professor ratio.

McKenney said lack of money is the major obstacle to reaching this goal.

"The university has had an increase in enrollment and a decrease in funding," he said.

The salary of a full-time professor would cover the use of several adjunct professors, he said.

"The university saves money but there is a real price to pay," McKenney said. Adjunct professors are not required to participate in advising, planning or committee work. He said this prevents them from contributing to the diversity of their programs.

Assistant Provost Robert Appleton is serving as administrative coordinator on the project. He is responsible for gathering all necessary data.

Appleton said over-reliance on part-time faculty was an obvious choice because it was brought up by SACS during a previous accreditation.

The second component is updating advising and the general studies structure in line with student preparation and needs.

McKenney said all of the data is not yet available, but there is a need to ensure what the university is offering is what students need.

"We want to examine carefully the course offerings satisfying major and general studies requirements," McKenney said.

He also said as the increase in enrollment out-paces the increase in full-time professors, it becomes more difficult for an adviser to give ample attention to any one student.

The third component is setting the appropriate level of remedial instruction in light of student preparation and predicted success in credit bearing course work.

McKenney said a growing number of incoming freshman require remedial studies. The state requires NKU to provide remedial studies but does not specify how or how much.

Appleton said about 10 percent of students who start in Math 090 never earn one college credit.

He said he is concerned the university is putting money into a program that is not able to help many of the students it serves.

Karen Petty runs the remedial math program. She said some students would be better served by a community college, but there are none in northern Kentucky.

Paul Ellis, director of the learning assistance program, said part of the problem is "too many faculty and administrators are uninformed regarding issues related to developmental education at NKU."

He said full-time professors are fre-

quently unwilling to teach freshman classes. This means students who usually need the most help get too many part-time professors.

Ellis took issue with the funding concerns. He said between tuition and formula funding from the state for remedial education, the university comes out about \$300,000 ahead each year.

Appleton said he would not publicly disagree with Ellis, but the funding formula is complicated. He said there are other expenses, such as extra advising for remedial students, to consider.

The fourth, and final, component is improving library resources and making them more accessible.

Both W. Frank Steely and the Salmon P. Chase Law library are outdated and in need of new material and technology.

McKenney sees a library "not as a building, but as a mechanism to gain information." The whole nature of libraries are changing radically.

The committee will be looking for more and better uses for resources.

Once the committees have finished their investigations and made suggestions, consultants will be called in to see if the goals are reasonable and attainable, McKenney said.

"We won't bury, avoid or try to hide problems, we want to talk about them," McKenney said.

The committees will draw members from all parts of campus. There will be a steering committee overseeing all of the others. It is possible there will be subcommittees within each area.

McKenney said he welcomes student involvement. There will be representatives from campus organizations, but interested individuals are also welcome.

The studies will be done during the 1996-1997 academic school year. The results will be implemented in 1997-1998. SACS teams will review NKU in 1998. Accreditation is good for 10 years.

The self-study is in its earliest phase. Committees will not begin operating until fall. Students interested in participating can contact McKenney at his office, Room 350 in the Applied Science and Technology Center.

Destruction



Chris Mayhew/The Northern

The Norse Hall sprinkler caused the complete ruin of dorm rooms and student's property.



Catch The Spirit

WEEKLY EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner
Every Thursday 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study
Every Thursday 7:30 - 9 p.m.

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SAFETY: Personal Alarm, Sprays, Keys Possible Defense Tools, NKU Staff Suggests

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personal alarm but each individual needs to make that decision.

McKenzie said he recommends a personal alarm over mace and pepper spray. A person could end up spraying themselves or the attacker could take it from them.

Coordinator of the Women's Center, Katherine Meyer said another option is to walk with their car key ready and pointed outwards. By doing this the key can be used as a weapon.

Otto said an attacker is less likely to approach someone if they walk with a defensive confident manner with their head held high.

Otto recommended students faculty and staff to find the best lit route to take to their car and buildings.

Nathan Fortner, a junior geography and Spanish major, said he used to

think NKU was safe, but he feels it is getting worse. He said the biggest safety hazard is poor lighting between buildings and in parking lots.

Otto said NKU has never had a large amount of money for lighting, but still adds more lighting every year.

Fortner said NKU should offer a campus safety awareness program or a self-defense course.

NKU is planning to offer a self-defense course in the near future, McKenzie said. Two DPS officers will be trained to give this course at the end of the month. Once they are trained and feel confident to do this the class will be offered for free to all students, faculty, and staff.

Sharon Baker, a junior justice studies major said, "I hope they do offer a class (self defense) because I would be very interested in taking it. I feel

everyone should take it because it will give them confidence and help them to protect themselves if necessary."

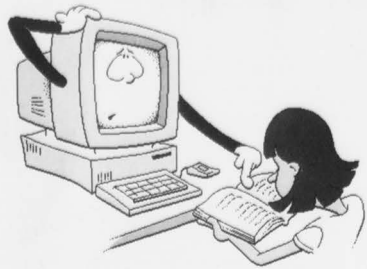
Otto said if a student feels unsafe they should call the 24 hour escort service which is offered by DPS. A student, faculty, or staff member can call DPS and ask for an officer to pick them up from anywhere on campus and take them to their car or building.

Students, faculty, and staff should look out for each other and if they see anything strange or suspicious they should call DPS immediately, Otto said.

Otto said, "we have a low crime rate at NKU, but we don't want to give people a false sense of security."

If there is an emergency they should call 572-7777 or use one of the emergency phones located on campus. If it is a non-emergency call 572-5500.

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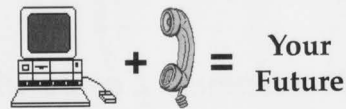
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PATTON: Professors On Tape For His 'Bulldozing' Idea

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about the future of Kentucky's universities. He said universities should be like interstate highways — useful tools to get to a specific destination. Classrooms were like the bulldozers he used when he was mining coal in Pike County — when idle, they weren't much good.

Patton wondered aloud why the same geology course would have to be offered by four different teachers at four separate campuses.

He speculated about having lectures from a star professor tape recorded so students across the state could take advantage.

"I hope people will give us the freedom to think unthinkable thoughts," Patton said.

Beginning with his inaugural address, Patton emphasized that he would be taking a critical look at all of higher education in his term. Historically, most in higher education wanted more money from state government and not much else, especially meddling.

No university would get a basic operating budget increase of less than 3.2 percent in the coming year. And the University of Kentucky

community college system, historically the financial stepchild of higher education, would get a 9.5 percent increase in operating funds. In addition, Patton is asking for eight large construction projects that would be paid for from a cash surplus.

Patton's budget package does not come anywhere near the request by the Council on Higher Education of a nearly \$200 million increase in state funding over the coming two years. But it is still far better than the bare, 2 percent increase Patton had predicted early in his term.

Besides the operating money increase, Patton is recommending a new classroom building at Ashland Community College, a classroom and health building at Prestonsburg Community College that would also be used by Morehead State University, additional parking at Madisonville CC and a classroom and office building at Hazard CC.

For the primary institutions, UK would get \$12.4 million to develop the Pin Oak Farm experimental station in Woodford County; the University of Louisville would get a \$14 million health research cen-

ter. Western Kentucky University would get \$4 million to renovate its economic development institute and Eastern would get \$4 million for a classroom building.

Patton also would put his stamp of approval on the solution to the dispute between Murray and Paducah over engineering education. Patton would set aside \$1.3 million to run the engineering program by Murray State University in Paducah.

Vocational education programs would get a 7 percent increase in funding. In addition, Patton endorsed a regional training center in Hopkinsville and a new Kentucky Tech building in his home Pike County.

Patton has also proposed a much more vague idea of setting aside as much as \$101 million for undefined projects to make state government more efficient.

Patton said he would look favorably on a bigger piece of the budget for higher education, but with some strings.

"I am unwilling to just put more money into the system as it is," he said.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

W E E K O N E

FEB. 1 Kick-off Breakfast Reception 8:30 a.m. - UC Ballroom
Featured speaker: Dr. Willie Elliott, Chairperson, Allied Health/Human Services/Social Work

Student Government Association Black History Month Luncheon 12 Noon - UC Ballroom
Featured speaker: Mr. Lynwood Battle, Affirmative Action, Proctor & Gamble, and member, Cincinnati Board of Education Sponsor: Student Government Association

Panel Discussion: "Making It In Business - An African American Perspective" 1:40 to 2:55 p.m. - UC Theatre Sponsor: College of Business

FEB. 2 Film: "Sankofa" 2:00 p.m. - UC Theatre

W E E K T W O

FEB. 5 Lecture: "With All Deliberate Speed: Brown vs. Board of Education And Its Aftermath" 12 Noon - UC 108 Featured speaker: Ms. Sara Heath, Doctoral Student University of Cincinnati

Film: "Eyes on the Prize" 7:00 p.m. - NC 117 Sponsor: Residential Life

FEB. 6 Lecture: "Social Consciousness and African Art" 6:00 p.m. - UC Theatre
Featured speaker: Mr. Robert Cox, Instructor of Art, Southern University
Sponsors: Afro-American Studies and Multicultural Affairs

Film: "Ethnic Notions" 7:30 p.m. - NC 117 Sponsor: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

FEB. 7 Lecture: "Whitewashing Multiculturalism: Do Afrocentric Values Have a Place in Higher Education?" 12 Noon - UC 303 Featured speaker: Dr. Pamela Hill, Assistant Dean, African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services

FEB. 8 Lecture: "The Shared Heritage of African and Native Americans: A Revisit" 12:15 p.m. - UC 108 Featured speaker: Dr. Prince Brown, Jr., Associate Professor, Sociology

FEB. 9 Book Discussion: "YURUGU: An African-American Critique of European Cultural Thought and Behavior" by Dr. Marimba Ani (Africa World Press, Inc. 1994) 3:30 p.m. - Alumni Reception Center

FEB. 10 "Celebration of Blackness" 7:30 p.m. - UC Ballroom
Sponsor: African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services

W E E K T H R E E

FEB. 11 Film: "Higher Learning" 7:00 p.m. - NC 117

FEB. 12 Lecture: "The Black Union Regiments in Charleston and the Sea Islands" 12 Noon - AC 506
Featured speaker: Dr. Michael Adams, Chairperson, History & Geography

Lecture 7:00 p.m. - NC 115
Featured speaker: Mr. Rodney Daniel, NKU/93
Sponsor: Black Women's Organization UMOJA (Unity)

FEB. 13 Lecture 12:15 p.m. - UC Theatre
Featured speaker: Mr. Andra Ward, NKU/86
Sponsor: Black United Students KUJICHAGULIA (Self Determination)

Poetry Contest - Poems about Black History Month 8:00 p.m. - NC 117
Sponsor: Residential Life

FEB. 14 Lecture: "An Afrocentric Perspective on Black Male/Female Relationships" 7:00 p.m. - UC 115/116/117 Featured speakers: Dr. Pamela Hill, Assistant Dean for African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services and Mr. Patrick Spearman, Assistant Coordinator, African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services
Sponsor: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility)

FEB. 15 Black Business Fair 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - UC Ballroom
Sponsor: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. UJAMMA (Familyhood and Cooperative Economics)

FEB. 16 "Tribute to Black Theater" 1:00 p.m. - Black Box Theatre

W E E K F O U R

FEB. 20 Lecture: "The Black Image in the Japanese Mind" 12:15 p.m. - UC Theatre
Featured speaker: Dr. Michael Washington, Professor, History & Geography
Film: "Great Rulers of Africa" 8:00 p.m. - NC 117 Sponsor: Residential Life

FEB. 21 Lecture: "Malcolm X" 12 Noon - UC 303 Featured speaker: Mr. Patrick Spearman, Assistant Coordinator, African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services
Sponsor: African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services

Lecture: "William Shreve Bailey: Kentucky Abolitionist" 3:00 p.m. - LA 506
Featured speaker: Dr. Frank Steely, President Emeritus and Professor, History & Geography

FEB. 22 Poetry Reading: "Poetry By and for Black Women" 12:15 p.m. - NC 108

FEB. 23 Presentation: "Kentucky at Sunrise" 12 Noon - UC Theatre
Sponsors: Activities Programming Board and Multicultural Affairs

W E E K F I V E

FEB. 27 Cultural Diversity Coffee 9:30 a.m. - UC 108
Sponsors: Women's Center, African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, Multicultural Affairs

Film: "Sankofa" 7:00 p.m. - NC 117

FEB. 28 Lecture on the 1996 International Women's Conference held in Beijing, China 12 Noon - UC 108 Featured speaker: Ms. Peggy Overly, Office of Recruitment and Retention, Morehead State University

Annual Black History Month Dinner 6:00 p.m. - UC Ballroom
Guest speaker: Dr. Myra H. Powell, Vice President for Student Affairs, Miami University

FEB. 29 Cultural Film Series: "Second Coming" 12:15 p.m. - UC 303
Sponsor: African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services and Multicultural Affairs

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FEATURES

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Danish Students Find Dreams Challenging

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Writer

Michael Klembara, director of the International Program said everyone should meet them. Hanne Pedersen and Jette Johnsen are exchange students from Denmark who are attending NKU for a semester.

Pedersen and Johnsen came to NKU through the International Program. They are the first two students from the new exchange program with the Aarhus School of Business.

"It's a chance of a lifetime," Klembara said. "We're really looking for interested students to participate."

Johnsen agrees with those remarks, but from a different perspective. "I think it could be a very good program. We're the first ones, so we're like guinea pigs. I think it will get better, though."

There are many differences between the Danish system and that of the United States. In Denmark, instead of having exams throughout the semester, all exams are at the end.

"Here, you have to prepare yourself for something all the time. There's big pressure on you. In Denmark, all the pressure is on you at the end," Johnsen said.

The average American student is younger than the average Danish student, Pedersen said. "In Denmark you travel about a year or two before going to university."

Attending school in the United States also meant adjusting to American-style class structure. "I've always dreamed of going to school in the United States, so it's a big challenge within itself," Johnsen said.

According to Pedersen, "It's just the small things: the details. In history class, I was supposed to have photocopies, but it didn't say where I should pick them up." The exchange students' free time is spent the same way American students spend theirs. "I like to go out, see movies, listen to music; things like that," Pedersen said.

When asked what kind of music she prefers, Pedersen said, "Everything but rap, heavy metal, and techno dance music." Johnsen said, "I also like to go out. I have a lot of friends. I'm like a . . . party animal." Johnsen also enjoys playing tennis.

Both Pedersen and Johnsen are sophomore business language majors. Upon graduating, Pedersen would like to do something with translation. Johnsen wants to be a simultaneous interpreter.

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Dark Romance Loses Audience But Beautiful Scenery Restores Interest

By Diana Schlake and Lisa Washnock
The Northerner

In 1660, Charles II reclaimed the English throne. With science pitted against superstition, Dr. Robert Merivel fought a harrowing battle against his own destiny.

In the Miramax movie "Restoration," director Michael Hoffman brings to life an epic tale of pain, self-understanding, love and loss.

Diana: I would have to say the best part of this movie was the scenery. The recreation of the 1600s was phenomenal.

Lisa: I agree, but it was really dirty and smelly, as if I could really smell the sweat.

I think what I liked the most about

this movie is the over-all plot. A young care-free physician (Robert Downey Jr.) has a turn of luck when he is summoned to the palace to cure the king's dog. (But how he did it is still a mystery.)

Moved from a life of poverty and debauchery into the king's court, (where he lived a life of more debauchery) he lost all his zeal and spark for saving lives. He doesn't regain his zeal until he is kicked back onto the streets and has to reclaim his "gift of healing."

He then comes to a self-awareness that pays off at the end of the movie. Dr. Well, I liked the movie up until the dirt took over. When Merivel was drunk all the time, that was a hoot. Especially the clap scene. After that, the movie and the scenery went down hill.

L: I disagree. That's when I really began to like the movie. I looked beyond the scenery and was enraptured with Merivel's self-discovery and his "gift of healing."

D: But the storyline was buried beneath the squalor and meager existence of the poor peasants Merivel had to care for. How long it took to get to the moral of the story killed me. I was running out of popcorn at this point.

L: What popcorn? Why didn't you share with me? Anyway, I think Hoffman put together a strong cast. Meg Ryan acted the part of an insane Irish woman pretty well. But I still don't know how Merivel cured her or what happened with the king's dog LuLu.

D: Exactly my point. The entire storyline was hidden under those insane

subplots . . . of course I laughed at each one of them, but the movie was supposed to be a drama.

When the dogs came running back to him — that was a touching scene. Tissue, please.

I will have to say the dog that played LuLu did an excellent job. If Oscars were given to best supporting animals, LuLu would be fencing with Babe and Willie. Seriously, if the plot wasn't so muddled (get it . . . Muddled), I think it could have proven to be a movie worth seeing.

L: All things considered, this dark romance was good enough for me to give it six fingers up!

D: Because the scenery was so beautiful, and only because it was beautiful, I give it three fingers up. But that is stretching it.

Events For The Week Of January 31 - February 7

Wednesday, Jan. 31
*Student Rally, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1
*Basketball, NKU vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College, Regents Hall. Women's game, 5:30 p.m.; men's game, 7:45 p.m.

*Black History Month Kick-off Breakfast Reception 8:30 a.m. University Center Ballroom. Featured speaker: Dr. Willie Elliot, Chairperson, Allied Health/Human Services/Social Work

*Student Government Association Black History Month Luncheon noon - UC Ballroom. Featured speaker: Mr. Lynwood Battle, Affirmative Action, Proctor & Gamble, and member, Cincinnati Board of Education. Sponsor: SGA

*Panel Discussion: "Making It In Business - An African-American Perspective" 1:40 to 2:55 p.m. - UC Theatre. Sponsor: College of Business

Friday, Feb. 2
*Internet Forum, "FTP and Kermi" Steely Library Room 204, 1 p.m. Call X-6909 for details

*Ballet, *Les Genies, ou Les Caracteres de L'Amour*, by French Baroque female composer Louise Duval. Presented by Ars Femina and the Cincinnati Court Dancers. Graves Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10; student tickets \$5. Call 631-8830 for information

*Alumni Banquet Holiday Inn - Airport, Erlanger 2 p.m. - "Sankofa" Film: - UC Theatre

*Black and Gold Day - Support the Norse!

*Internet Forum, "FTP and Kermi" Steely Library Room 204, 1 p.m. Call X-6909 for details.

Monday, February 5
*Lecture: "With All Deliberate Speed: Brown vs. Board of Education And Its Aftermath"

Noon - UC Room 108. Featured speaker: Ms. Sara Heath, Doctoral Student University of Cincinnati

*Film: "Eyes on the Prize" 7:00 p.m. - Norse Commons Room 117. Sponsor: Residential Life

Tuesday, Feb. 6
*Euche Tournament 7-9 p.m. Norse Commons

*Cholesterol Screening sponsored by NKU Health Office. \$5. Call X-5650 for information and appointment

*Staff Congress Executive Council meeting, Lucas Administrative Center Room 810, 2:30 p.m.

*Colloquium "Peer Tutoring: Friend, Foe, or Fiddle-faddle?" 1:40 to 2:55 p.m. UC Room 108

*Lecture: "Social Consciousness and African Art" 6 p.m. - UC Theatre. Featured speaker: Mr. Robert Cox, Instructor of Art, Southern University. Sponsors: Afro-American Studies and Multicultural Affairs

*Film: "Ethnic Notions" 7:30 p.m. - NC Room 117. Sponsor: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Thursday, Feb. 7
*Film: "Whitewashing Multiculturalism: Do Afrocentric Values Have A Place in Higher Education" 12 noon - UC Room 303. Featured speaker: Pamela Hill, Assistant Dean, African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services

*Lunch seminar "Big Cities, Big Country: Sampling Australia" Presented by Jeffery Williams (History)

High Spirits



Terry Runkala/The Northerner
Members of a dance class practice in the Fine Arts Center.

Emotions Pour For 'Dead'

By Todd C. Wesley
Staff Writer

Twelve different artists convey a universal theme — human despair and sorrow.

The "Dead Man Walking" Soundtrack contains 12 tracks by a variety of artists.

Tim Robbins, the movie's writer, director and one of the soundtrack's producers, cited one reason for this. "All of these songwriters come from a base of honesty and have inspired me in my own work," Robbins wrote in the album cover.

The honest and natural approach these artists use to convey emotional pain and sorrow pulls this diverse work together.

This compilation contains works by Tom Waits, Patti Smith, Steve Earle, Michelle Shocked, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Suzanne Vega.

The stripped-down nature of this CD contains mostly acoustic guitar, keyboards, percussion and a little mandolin and bass clarinet.

This approach allows the music to take the listener to the center of the pain to feel the raw emotion. The artists reflect the despair and emotion the songwriters attempted to convey.

Springsteen performs the title track which is similar in style to his current single, "The Ghost of Tom Joad."

The song's slow yet enticing

tempo provides an excellent background to Springsteen's despair-filled voice. The combination captures the listener's attention.

Similarly, Lyle Lovett's song, "Promises," uses imagery effectively to relay the hopelessness he feels.

For example, he sings, "Words are like poison that sinks down inside you and some things you do you just don't understand." The emotional tone of his voice works to feel the strain of hopelessness.

Two artists from different sides of both music and the world, Eddie Vedder and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, collaborated for two tracks on the album.

The first, "The Face Of Love," finds Khan singing in what seems to be his native tongue.

Although the meaning of what he sings is unclear, his voice creates a wonderful canvas for Vedder to add his signature style.

The album's final track is a more cross-cultural version of Pearl Jam's recent single. The tempo of the album could symbolize that of a human heart.

This album can't be defined as any one style. Even some of the artists' own personal styles are stretched.

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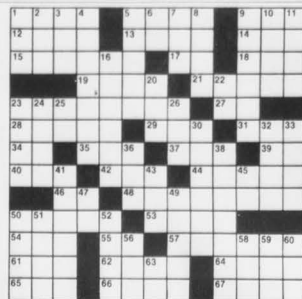
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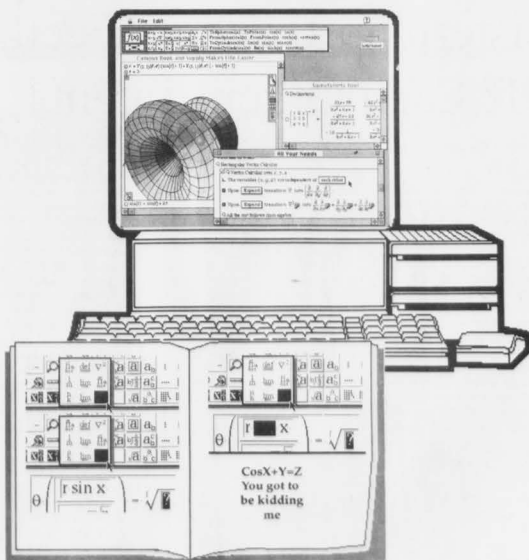
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13. Test
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18. High card
19. Anatomical (abbr.)
21. Room
22. First
23. Trillium symbol
28. Snake poison
29. Explet
31. Self
34. Forms verbs from adjectives (suffix)
35. Painter
37. Democrat (abbr.)
39. Southern state (abbr.)
40. Route (abbr.)
42. Allow
43. Resort residence
46. Egyptian sun god
48. Remembrance
50. Cottage
54. Amer. republic association (abbr.)
55. Newspaper group (abbr.)
57. Keep information
61. Lintless
62. Unusual
64. Boys
65. Edward railroad
66. Goddess of discord
67. At First (Archaic)

DOWN

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2. Administration (abbr.)
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5. Fleets train
6. Bladed tool
7. Fold over
8. Arabian prince
9. Apollo or Delphi
10. Slip
11. Some Delaware peoples
16. Bear or tiger
23. Above
24. Leave
25. Midwest state (abbr.)
26. Cover
30. Apply time to
31. Festive
33. By mouth
36. Stone
38. Unexplainable event
41. Exports
43. Spread grass to dry
45. Lintless symbol
47. Equality
49. Female horses
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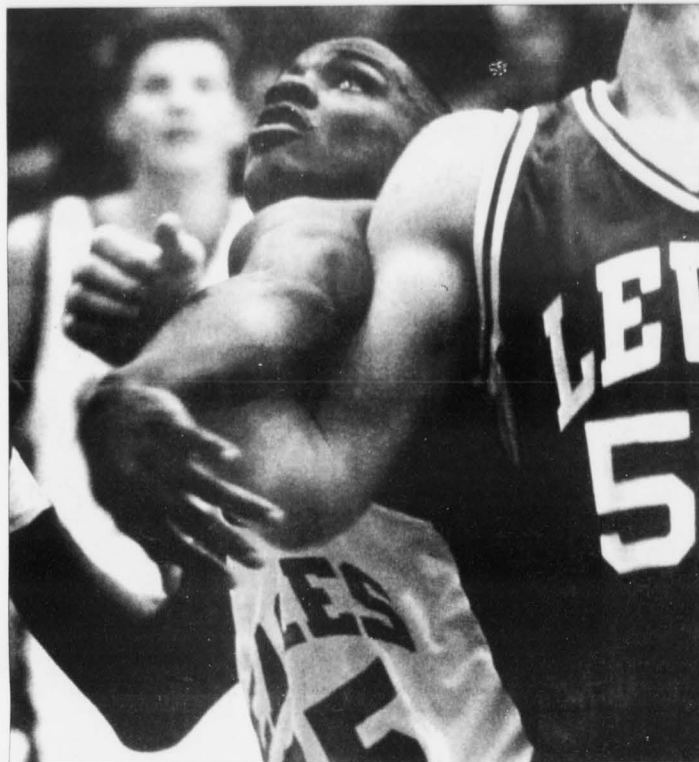
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When Push Comes To Shove



EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN: University Of Southern Indiana's senior forward, Stan Gourd, made last season's first team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference. This season Gourd is one of the favorites to win NCAA Division II National Player of the Year. If NKU is to win on Saturday, the Norse must stop the athletic Gourd who is averaging 17 points and six rebounds per game.

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

Tables Are Set, NKU vs. USI, Battle For First Place In GLVC

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

Many are familiar with some of the nation's most famous and memorable competitive athletic contests: Ali vs. Frazier, Leonard vs. Hagler, and UK vs. Duke. How about Northern Kentucky University vs. University of Southern Indiana? Is NKU witnessing a new generation of a heated rivalry in the making?

During the game at Regents Hall on NKU's Homecoming night, Saturday, Feb. 3rd fan support could decide the answer.

The University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles, Division II's defending National Champion men's basketball team, will be visiting the cozy confines of NKU's Regents Hall, where no visiting team has won a game since the 1993-94 season.

"The key is to score one more point than NKU does," said USI coach Bruce Pearl. "We'll have to play our best game of the year in order to beat them, so I'd just be satisfied with scoring one single point more than them."

Just a glance at the two teams' current statistics and recent performances reflect what promises to be Division II basketball's "Game of the Century."

Southern Indiana comes into the game with a 15-2 (9-1 GLVC) record, and is led by All-American forward Stan Gourd (17 ppg, 6 rpg) and prospective All-American forward Chad Gilbert (16 ppg, 7 rpg). In addition, USI is averaging 101 points per game on offense, while yielding 78.

Norse head coach Ken Shields said NKU may see "quite possibly the largest crowd in the history of NKU athletics, because of the known rivalry with USI and because it's the Homecoming game."

"The crowd will definitely be a factor," Shields said.

The Norse will not only have home court advantage on Homecoming night, however. They also come into the game with a very balanced attack, led by junior forward LaKron Moore (22 ppg, 6 rpg), and three other players averaging more than 12 points a game (Cluxton, Minor and McClendon).

Averaging 84 points per contest, and giving up only 72, the Norse must be able to rebound effectively (NKU averages 35 rebounds a

game compared to USI's 41), the Norse must also hit the 3-point shot (NKU is hitting 41 percent of all 3-pointers, while USI's opponents hit only 30 percent behind the arc). Finally the Norse must keep Gourd (aka All-American) from having a monster game in order to keep their 24-game home win streak alive.

"We must primarily stop Stan Gourd, but in all we must effectively stop eight or nine strong players," Shields said. "USI goes very deep into it's bench and plays a lot of people."

Indeed USI does. The Screaming Eagles boast of six different players who average at least 20 minutes of playing time every game. The Norse match up well here, however, having seven different players averaging at least 20 minutes a game.

This game proves to be a very exciting match-up, Pearl said, whose team has retained four of its starters from last year's squad.

"It will definitely be as intense a game as anyone will see anywhere all year," Pearl said. "There is a very large amount of respect between these two teams - my players have great respect for NKU."

The key to winning this game, according to Shields, is twofold: First, handle USI's tremendous full-court pressure, and second, defend USI's up-tempo transition game which has the potential to put up over 100 in any game.

While both teams are currently in the hunt for an NCAA Division II Tournament bid, this game will give the hungriest of fans a sample of what to expect for the tournament in March.

"A win against USI would put us in a very positive position for the post-season, and would definitely put us at a tremendous advantage," Shields said. "We still have a lot of games to play, but this game is key in order to get momentum."

Pearl said, his team, which whipped the Norse 99-66 in Evansville earlier this season, has a good shot at beating NKU on its home court and eventually repeating as national champions this season.

"We have a good shot at the national championship this year, but then again, so do six or seven other teams in the GLVC," Pearl said. "All of these GLVC teams are vying for three spots in the tournament - We all represent Division II basketball very well."

Listerman Brothers Feed Off Each Others Talents

By Jennifer Turnau
Staff Writer

If you have been to a Northern Kentucky University men's basketball game, keeping track of who is on the court can be difficult.

The blurs of names and numbers on jerseys that streak by can get confusing. Once the action slows down, you may catch a glimpse of the word "Listerman."

Peering around the court, you may catch another "Listerman." No, your eyes are not deceiving you. There are two Listermans.

The two brothers are Andy and Kevin Listerman, both graduates of Covington Catholic High School.

Andy, a sophomore, and Kevin, a freshman, bring their own personalities and talents onto the court.

Andy and Kevin are the sons of Mike and Jean Listerman of California, KY. Mr. Listerman is a basketball coach who has taught Andy and Kevin about the game since they were young. "Our dad has taught us so much. I think we understand the game more because of him," Andy said.

The coaching the two received from their father must have helped, as both hold records at Covington Catholic. Andy led the Colonels to the ninth region-

al championship in 1992, and was CovCath's all time leading scorer with 1,730 points in four years. Kevin's strong point is stealing. He holds CovCath's record for single-season steals (124) and was named the Steals AA player of the year in 1995.

The difference in areas of talent make the two a perfect team.

"We have an understanding, we know where the other will be and how he will react to the game," Kevin said. Andy and Kevin both want only the best for each other.

"I try not to let him get too down on himself, Andy claims. I won't let him accept mediocrity," Andy says he tries to keep the whole team positive, not letting anyone

get down on themselves or anyone else.

Kevin is the energy for the team. While Kevin says Andy is a better shooter, Kevin adds the intensity. "He is very intense," Andy says of Kevin. "He always adds such energy-I always want to play at his level."

Andy chose NKU because it was close to home and because he was offered a scholarship. The change from high school to college basketball was very dramatic. "In high school there was maybe one or two good players, now you're on the court with 10 great players," Andy said.

Having Andy here for support has helped Kevin bear the changeover. "I guess just knowing that he went through it and having him here to talk to is definitely what made me stick with this," claims Kevin.

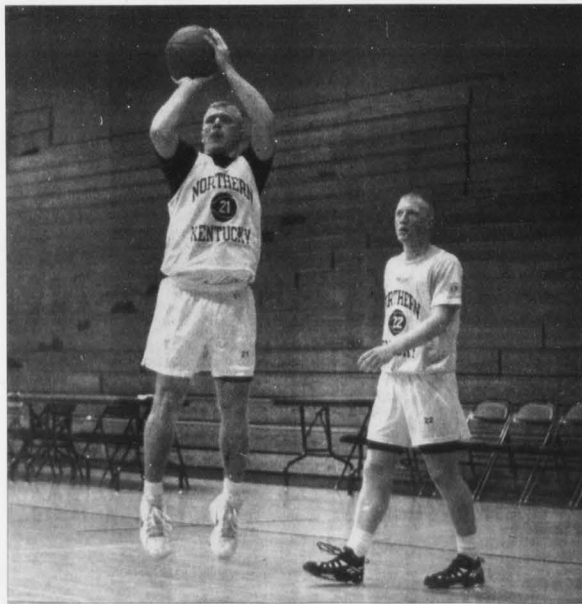
Both agree that their physical as well as mental skills have evolved since high school. "Coach Shields is not just a coach," Kevin said, "he's like a father figure. He knows where your levels are and he always tries to bring you up more."

Andy and Kevin both strive for perfection, academically as well as on the basketball court. Andy, a Pre-Engineering major, says that perfection on the court takes the same drive as perfection in academics. Whether it's sweating it out on the court or hitting the books after practice, each is just as important as the other.

Perhaps their drive to achieve perfection is because of their role models when they were growing up. "I always looked up to Dr. J," Andy said, "he was creative, intelligent, and a very good person." Kevin, on the other hand, was always striving to be at Andy's level. "Everyday my goal was to be Andy," said Kevin, "and everyday he would get better, and my goal would rise."

Andy and Kevin are very happy with their decision to attend school at NKU. Both are also very glad that they have a part of their family at school with them. "Now that I've moved away," Andy said, "I'm not at all alone."

The pair would feel that some-



Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

BROTHERLY LOVE: The Listermans, Andy (21) and Kevin (22) have been playing basketball together for as long as they can remember. First with Covington Catholic and now with the Norse.

thing were missing if the other wasn't playing basketball with him. "I think we are good players apart," claims Andy, "but together people see the certain chemistry that we have. It wouldn't be as fun without him."

Andy and Kevin have never fought over basketball. Small

disagreements occur every once in a while, but are never serious. It appears nothing can break them apart, on the court as well as off. When asked who would win in a game of one-on-one Kevin said, "We haven't played since the fifth grade-it would end in a fight."

All in all, the Listerman brothers are going to bring a lot to NKU basketball. Neither expect flashy statistics, but both know that they contribute to the team just the same. "Our job isn't to score points, but to give a constant, solid effort," Andy said.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

JOINT EFFORT: Head coach Nancy Winstel's force has been coaching defense. Saturday, the Norse are going to have its hands full trying to contain America's best Division II player, USI's LeAnn Freeland.

Norse Men:

McClendon Scores 26

QUINCY, Ill.—Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team defeated Quincy University, 85-73, Thursday at Quincy.

The Norse were ignited under the stellar play of senior, six-man forward Andre McClendon who scored 26 points. McClendon, benched two weeks ago has proven he is more valuable coming off the bench, much like Shaft Stevenson was last years for the Norse.

While McClendon provided the inside force, juniors Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor 16 points apiece gave NKU the outside threat needed to open up McClendon in the paint.

The win improved the Norse's record to 14-3, 8-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. It was also the sixth straight win for NKU.

For Quincy, the loss dropped their record to 11-6, 5-5 in GLVC.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (14-3): Moore 3-12 2-6 A. Listerman 2-5 2-3 B. Tabert 1-3 2-2 K. Listerman 0-1 Cluxton 3-4 Minor 4-9 Pleasant 12-22 16, Pleasant 1-3 4-5, McClendon 9-12 8-28, Gibson 1-1 2-3, Totals 27-55 24-91 85.

QUINCY (11-6): Staffe 0-0 0-0, Lertz 2-6 2-6, Brown 4-12 4-4 12, Driscoll 4-7 2-4 10, Waggoner 6-13 2-2 16, Harris 1-3 3-4 5, Macintosh 4-12 0-0 10, Pickett 0-1 0-0, Sullivan 0-0 0-0, Lepp 6-15 5-15, Totals 27-76 16-21 73.

Halftime—NKU 43-35. Three-point goals—NKU 7-20 (Moore 0-1, A. Listerman 0-3, K. Listerman 0-1, Cluxton 3-4, Minor 4-9, Pleasant 0-2, Quincy 3-26 (Staffe 0-6, Lertz 0-2, Brown 0-1, Driscoll 0-1, Waggoner 1-6, Harris 0-1, Macintosh 2-10). Fouled out—Macintosh. Fouls—NKU 19, Quincy 20. Rebounds—NKU 42 (Moore, McClendon 9, Quincy 44 (Staffe 8). Assists—NKU 17 (Minor 6), Quincy 12 (Driscoll 7). Technical fouls—none. Attendance—25.

Norse Women:

Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team defeated Quincy University, 59-49 and improved their winning streak to three games.

NKU upped its record to 9-7, 6-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Junior forward Regina Webb lead NKU with 17 points. Senior center Stephanie Jordan added 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Norse.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY (9-7): Webb 4-7 9-11 17, McCarthy 4-8 2-3 10, Jordan 3-7 5-8 11, Day 0-3 1-2 1, Montgomery 4-9 3-3 11, Kasey 0-2-23, Roddy 1-3 0-3, Kamrath 1-6 0-2, Smith 1-3 0-2, Totals 18-48 22-30 59.

Quincy (9-13): Spates 4-10 4-4 12, Harrison 3-10 0-8, Sorenson 2-9 1-4 5, O'Brien 2-9 0-4, Smith 2-6 0-4, Edwards 2-7 0-5, Collett 1-5 0-5, O'Sullivan 0-0 0-0 0, Pongtharua 4-6 0-0 8, Totals 20-64 5-8 49.

Halftime—NKU 31-16. Three-point goals—NKU 1-3 (Kasey 0-1, Roddy 1-2), Quincy 4-14 (Harrison 2-5, Smith 0-2, Edwards 1-4, Collett 1-3). Fouled out—Jordan. Fouls—NKU 14, Quincy 24. Rebounds—NKU 41 (Jordan 10), Quincy 40 (Spates 11). Assists—NKU 10 (Webb 3), Quincy 13 (Edwards 6). Technical fouls—none. Attendance—25.

Home Games in Gray	Women	Men
Thursday Feb. 1	Kentucky Wesleyan 5:30 p.m.	Kentucky Wesleyan 7:45 p.m.
Friday Feb. 2		
Homecoming	Southern Indiana 2:30 p.m.	Southern Indiana 7:45 p.m.
Sunday Feb. 4		
Monday Feb. 5		
Tuesday Feb. 6		
Wednesday Feb. 7		

Stopping Freeland Key To Victory

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team will try to continue their recent success against the University of Southern Indiana on Saturday at Regent's Hall at 5:30 p.m.

With the exception of Indianapolis, the Norse have held all of their Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents under their scoring averages.

NKU has won five out of seven games starting with a 78-41 win over Lewis up to a 75-57 victory over Indiana/Purdue-Pt. Wayne. That win avenged an earlier 17 point loss at IPFW, the GLVC leader.

The only two losses the Norse suffered during this time were to Bellarmine (75-73) and at Southern Indiana (67-60). Bellarmine is second in the conference standings. Southern Indiana is third.

NKU, currently sixth in the GLVC standings, will rely on their defense against USI. In their first meeting, the Norse held USI 16 points under their average in Evansville.

The game will be a battle between USI's high powered offense and NKU's stifling defense.

USI leads the GLVC in both field goal percentage with 47.4 percent and 3-point field goal percentage with 39.5 percent.

NKU is second in the conference in field goal percentage defense. They have held

their opponents to 38 percent shooting from the field. They also have held their opponents to 29.1 percent shooting from behind the 3-point arc.

The Norse give up an average of 66.3 points per game on defense, while USI averages 83.2 ppg on offense.

NKU will have to try to shut down LeAnn Freeland from USI. She dominated the first meeting with 27 points, 10 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Freeland is second in the GLVC in scoring (22.4 ppg), field goal percentage (59.4 percent) and rebounding (8.7 rpg). She ranks third in the conference in blocked shots (1.6).

NKU will also have to concentrate on Deb Pope (14.5 ppg). Pope has a better shooting average from behind the 3-point line, than she does inside it. She shoot a conference best, 44.7 percent from outside the arc. Her overall field goal percentage of 44.4 percent is still good enough for ninth in the conference.

The Norse will rely on the field goal shooting of Sophomore Alison McCarthy. In their first meeting between the two teams, NKU shot a season low 33.3 percent from the field, hitting only 23 of their 69 attempts.

McCarthy leads the GLVC in field goal accuracy with 61.7 percent. She leads NKU with an average of 12.7 ppg.

NKU will also count on the rebounding of Stephanie Jordan and Regina Webb. They average 7.3 rpg and 6.4 rpg, respectively.



LeAnn Freeland

Kentucky Wesleyan Game Critical

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team will take on Kentucky Wesleyan College this Thursday night at Regent's Hall at 7:45 p.m. in a Great Lakes Valley Conference match-up.

These two teams had an exciting head-to-head series in the GLVC last season. Kentucky Wesleyan defeated NKU 90-87 in the two teams first match up, with the Norse capturing the rematch 100-99 in a triple overtime thriller at Regent's Hall.

NKU stands at 14-4 overall and 8-3 in the GLVC as of Jan. 28, while the Panthers are in the middle of the pack in the GLVC, 10-6 overall, 6-4 in the GLVC.

NKU will have to stop the inside game of Kentucky Wesleyan led by senior center Michael Leonard (15.8 ppg, 7.5 rpg) and junior Harold Joiner (14.9 ppg, 8.4 rpg). The Norse are led by junior Division II All-America candidate LaRon Moore (19.1 ppg, 6.3 rpg), and solid substitutes senior Andre McClendon (13.9 ppg, 4.8 rpg) and junior Shannon Minor (12.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg).

The NCAA Division II Top 20 men's college basketball poll, with number of first-place votes and records in parentheses, total points and previous ranking:

(Through games of Jan. 22)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. Virginia Union (13-0) (8)	160	1
2. Fort Hays State (Kan.) (16-0)	152	2
3. St. Rose (N.Y.) (15-1)	144	3
4. Southern Indiana (13-2)	133	5
5. Grand Canyon (Ariz.) (16-1)	128	6
6. Fairmont State (W.V.) (13-1)	122	7
7. Clark Atlanta (Ga.) (13-0)	113	12
8. Valdosta State (Ga.) (12-2)	104	16
9. Queens (N.C.) (11-4)	95	10
10. Alabama A&M (11-2)	85	4
11. St. Anselm (N.H.) (13-2)	83	13
12. Indiana (Pa.) (11-3)	65	9
13. Texas A&M-Kingsville (14-3)	62	8
14. Cal State Bakersfield (14-2)	60	11
15. Nebraska-Kearney (16-3)	60	14
16. Northern Kentucky (13-3)	44	NR
17. Central Missouri State (14-2)	27	20
18. Franklin Pierce (N.H.) (14-2)	18	NR
19. North Carolina Central (11-1)	17	NR
20. South Dakota State (14-2)	9	NR

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Alaska Anchorage, Georgia College and Southern State (5-1).



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FEBRUARY 2

The Northernner, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996

Patton's Budget Leaving NKU Hung Out To Dry

Kentucky is famous for basketball, Churchill Downs, bluegrass music and Jim Beam bourbon.

Kentucky's governor, Paul Patton thinks Kentucky's universities are not what makes the commonwealth great.

To get a basic operating budget increase, he made Kentucky's universities beg, grovel and kiss his feet. All of this after earlier last week he scolded the states universities for being wasteful and unwilling to accept state advice.

To this end he suggested that universities should be more like interstate highways.

Apparently, Paul Patton thinks interstate highways are what makes Kentucky great.

Oh yes, those interstate highways, full of orange barrels, long delays and constant headaches. Now those make Kentucky a great commonwealth.

He also said empty classrooms were like the bulldozers he used when he worked with coal mines, useless when not at work.

Oh yes, coal mining, with its back-breaking work and black lung, that's what makes Kentucky great.

If classrooms are useless when they are idle, NKU is the most useful of state universities. When are NKU's bulging classrooms ever idle?

Maybe Patton would have known this if he came to NKU last semester, but he canceled at the last second. Maybe he had prior commitments, or maybe he didn't want to face the people whose science building he would soon turn down.

As for the science center. It will have to wait for two more years. Rep. Jim Callahan said Patton turned down the science center because he didn't want to over-emphasize one area, according to the Jan. 26 Kentucky Post.

So to all NKU students who live in northern Kentucky, pay attention to what your governor is saying about you, your education and your community.

But let's face facts, we, the residents of northern Kentucky, let Kentucky's government do this to us. Gubernatorial candidates don't think northern Kentucky is as important to their political futures as Louisville and Lexington.

College-age people in northern Kentucky are doubly effected. They aren't traditional voters, so why should Patton care if he leaves NKU students out in the cold? Why should he care if he leaves all of Kentucky's universities out in the cold?

But he didn't leave all of Kentucky colleges and universities out in the cold. Ashland Community College gets a new classroom building.

Prestonsburg Community College gets a classroom and health building (it will also be used by Morehead State). Madisonville Community College gets a new parking garage. Hazard Community College gets a new classroom building. UK gets a \$12-million experimentation station. The University of Louisville gets a \$14-million health research center. Western Kentucky gets \$4 million to renovate its economic development institute. Eastern Kentucky University gets a \$4-million classroom building. Murray State gets \$1.3 million for an engineering program.

But yet again the Council on Higher Education's number one priority, NKU's science center, is left in the cold.

But Patton's most ignorant of comments was made to the Council on Higher Education last week. He asked why four state colleges each have a different professor for the same class. He suggested that one professor tape a lecture, and all of the other universities offer that lecture to the students.

That would take away the opportunity to ask questions and would remove the human aspect of the experience. That would make education more like the governor's office every day.

Guidelines For Writing Letters To The Editor

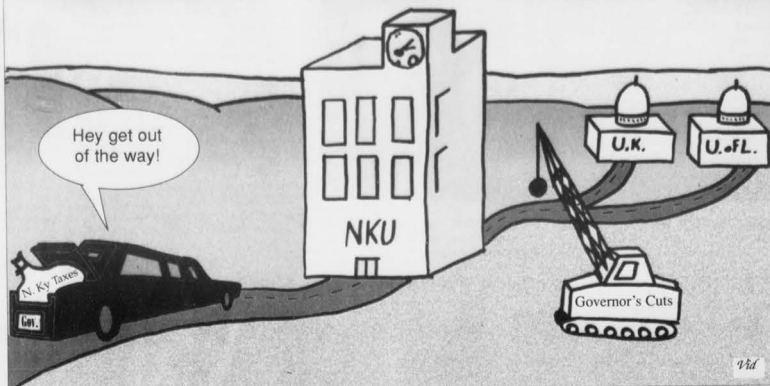
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"Universities should be like interstate highways" — Governor Paul Patton



DPS Gives Cold Shoulder To Students

Editor,

I am writing this letter to complain about the lack of services the university is suppose to provide. Last Friday (Jan. 19) was by far the coldest day of the school year.

Several students complained all day about how their car doors or locks were frozen and couldn't get to where they were supposed to be on time.

To my surprise, my car was fine that morning. However, I could not leave campus until later that evening.

I spent several minutes trying everything I could to get into my car. As luck would have it, my car door was frozen shut!

I walked back into the Landrum building to call the Department of Public Safety and see if someone from the Motorist Assist Program (MAP) could come and help.

The switchboard operator for DPS said that as of that morning, no officers from DPS or MAP are allowed to assist any students or faculty with frozen car doors or locks!

Why?!? What could be their reasons?

And oddly enough, the order was issued that morning by the chief. When I asked to speak to the chief, they said he had left earlier that day.

What good are these people when they can't even do what they're getting paid for?

I thought the Motorist Assist Program was a service that was provided to the students, paid through their tuition. If so, then what the h— is going on?

Throughout the years of going to NKU, I heard all kinds of stories about DPS. After hearing these, I began to wonder if they

were really true or not.

After all, aren't these the same people who said it is illegal to park any other way than head first, so that they don't have to get out of their cars to see if there is a parking permit?

It looks like DPS is no more than a bunch of lazy, arrogant, police academy flunkies who have nothing better to do than try to p— off NKU students! Please, do your job. That is all I ask!

Brad Combs

The Internet: A Worldwide Resource

Internet is more than "dirty" pictures and bomb recipes



Brian Snape
On-line Assistant

The Internet has been under fire for the amount of taboo material found there.

The attack ranges from downloading pictures to reading bomb recipes on the World Wide Web.

The majority of these attacks, however, come mostly from people who have no idea what the Internet is. Their ignorance is inclined to hamper free speech.

Members of Congress, the "Religious Right" and parent groups seek to pass legislation which would dumb down the Internet to the level of a "It's Barney" program.

Their assertion is that the 'net is the supreme haven for materials and pictures which would make Robert Mapplethorpe blush, and can be brought into your home quicker than you can say "concube with a bomb".

The only problem is that this scenario is misleading.

Yes, there is questionable material on the Internet. But it's flawed to assume such elements are readily available the moment you log on.

What's more, "dirty" pictures are readily available in Playboy, Penthouse and other adult magazines

(and in better resolution, I might add).

Bomb recipes can also be found in your local public library.

These groups tend to gloss over the fact that the Internet is a worldwide resource of information, news and communication.

Their draconian efforts would seriously hinder free speech, as well as make a majority of journals, discussions and literature illegal to transmit on-line.

For example, a news group for incest survivors, safe sex websites and even James Joyce's "Ulysses" on-line would become illegal under such legislation.

The Internet is more than pornographic pictures and subversive material. I can prove it to you.

In my next article, I plan to emphasize the many sights of interests, as well as some of the more bizarre items to be found on the Internet (such as a web page dedicated solely to Bob Saget).

But for those that just cannot wait, check out the Dead People Server at:

<http://web.syr.edu/~rsholmes/dead/index.html>

More information about 'net censorship can be found at <http://www.vtw.org/>.

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North Poll

Does it bother you that the Browns are moving to Baltimore?



"Yes, because Cleveland has had loyal fans for all these years. He (Art Modell) is just being greedy."

Rodney Johnson
Freshman Elem. Education



"Yes, because it will take away from the rivalry with the Bengals. Now they do not have a real rival."

Kenneth Simpson
Sophomore Journalism



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"Nope."

Laura McGibben
Freshman Undeclared



"No, not really, because I am not much of a sports fan."

Linsey Kaiser
Freshman Biology



"Yes, I just think they should stay in Cleveland because they have a bunch of loyal fans there."

Chris Windhorst
Freshman Undeclared



"Yes, it does bother me, because the fans are what made the Browns the Browns."

T-Bone Line
Freshman Psychology

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Kentucky's Smoking Gun...



Chris Mayhew
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Gov. Paul Patton Is Holding Kentuckians At Gunpoint

The chamber of a new concealed weapons bill with deadly consequences has been loaded, the gun is cocked and ready to fire.

The target: The personal safety of every citizen in Kentucky.

This bill will jeopardize the lives of everyone in Kentucky. People will be afraid to walk down the street for fear of the person next to them might be packing a gun.

Today in Frankfort the future of Kentuckian's lives are under the barrel in a committee hearing on the subject.

The man with his finger on the trigger is Gov. Paul Patton. He's trying to bully the bill through the General Assembly by holding a gun to the heads of those who would speak against it.

The voices of Kentucky's state police officers have been silenced under the governors administration.

These people who will have to deal with the consequences every day were slapped with a gag order.

Let me think now, could this be

because they know if this bill passes it would not only put their lives in danger, but would also endanger the life of every other citizen in Kentucky. I don't think I'm too far off the mark there.

Patton wants to keep the state troopers quiet so he can satisfy the anti-gun control groups which helped to elect him governor.

Gov. Patton has promised to sign this bill if it makes it past the legislature to him.

It's despicable the governor would bow down to militia minded people who are afraid they're guns are going to be taken away.

The First Amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms, but it doesn't mean we as Americans should go around packing pistols at our sides.

The bill would allow almost any individual over the age of 21 who has not committed a serious crime to strap a gun on at will after a quick background check and some training.

How could anyone believe this

bill would make Kentucky a safer place to live in. People who believe this would make criminals think twice are living in dreamland.

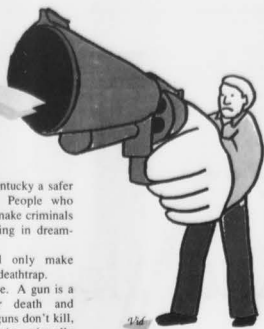
More guns will only make Kentucky a violent deathtrap.

It's common sense. A gun is a weapon used for death and destruction. Sure, guns don't kill, people do. But letting virtually anybody carry around a gun puts guns in the hands of people; anywhere and anytime.

If people are allowed to wear guns in the streets, more blood will flow in the street gutters. The amount of people with guns will increase, and so will the death rate.

Society has to realize reasonable people become angry, and some may do the unthinkable when when in this state, like shooting someone if the tool is readily available.

The concealed weapon bill will make guns more easily accessible.



It might make for a good movie when someone takes out their frustration of having a bad day, like Michael Douglas did in the movie "Falling Down," but nobody wants to live in a world like that.

Gov. Patton should re-think his eagerness to sign a bill which would permit people to walk around hiding guns under their coats.

If the bill does pass, many people could die as a result, and the smoking gun would point right to him.

Dreaming Of Spring Break Is Hard Work



Margie Wise
Columnist

Spring Break. The words fairly breathe "fun." However, sometimes getting to that fun can be a lot of - well, work!

Coming back from the holidays, still high from my New Year's resolutions, little did I know how much effort it would take to keep them.

Resolution No. 1: To get in shape. That bikini I just bought is my incentive to get toned.

So although sweating over at Albright Health Center (and secretly wishing the Stairmaster would implode) isn't exactly my ideal way to spend 90 minutes, I have actually marched my butt across campus to work out (Just call me Madonna). I am proud to say that results (whether real or

imagined, I do not know) are starting to show up. This has its downside, however. Just ask my put-upon dorm-mates, who get a calf muscle update every day ("No really, can't you tell the difference? I'm buff!").

Resolution No. 2: Money. Money. Money. Unfortunately, this resolution called for the more literal term of the word "work," as in getting a job.

Despite many desperate pleas for financial help from my parents ("Mom, Dad, really. I need the break for my mental health.") I am now a proud employee of McDonald's. As I lean over the grill, getting grease burns while flipping burgers, I know that this fits into the bigger picture.

That is why I happily join the increasing force of students (and people in general) who are "working their way to Spring Break, dreaming (like me) of hot beaches, hot sun, and even hotter guys. So whether sweating over a grill or a Stairmaster, I do it resolutely, determinedly, and most certainly, all in the name of "fun."

Loyal Opposition

In last week's address to the Council of Higher Education, Gov. Patton introduced the idea of replacing professors with prerecorded lectures



Vid Vidovich

During the summer of 1995, I worked as a receptionist in the Financial Aid Office, now referred to as the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). During my first two weeks of employment, I realized I knew more about the financial aid process than the people coming into the office, and I don't even receive aid.

There were a lot of people who appreciated my help, and even some would request my help. That was very gratifying.

There were even a few people who thanked me, and said that no one ever took them through the steps; from where they were to where they eventually needed to be by the time their tuition was due. That was my biggest goal in the three months I worked in the office.

I wanted to be able to tell as many people as possible what the exact process of receiving financial aid entailed. This is why I choose to send the message that some may have missed, and that some still might not know, through *The Northerner*.

1) If you're planning on applying for financial aid for the 1996 academic year, do it now. Do not wait until the last minute (referring to any month after March). Go to the OSFA, get an application, fill it out and mail it. If you were born after Jan. 1, 1973, you have to include your parents' tax information from the previous year.

2) Read everything before you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

3) After you mail the FAFSA to Illinois in the envelope provided, it will take at least 5-6 weeks to receive your yellow, 3-5 page Student Aid Report (SAR) packet. The packet needs to be

turned in to the OSFA.

4) Remember: Open everything you receive from Illinois and the OSFA, and always keep track of all your records. Please keep track of the banks you borrow money from. This is very important. If you cannot remember, the receptionists will gladly tell you.

5) Turn your SAR in to the OSFA. In 2-4 weeks you will receive an award letter which says how much you are qualified to receive. Write "accept" on the dotted line in front of the description of the award if you would like it, and "reject" if you do not want the award.

Turn the award letter in to the OSFA. Always accept the subsidized loans. Those loans are interest-free while you are a student. It will take approximately 2-4 weeks to receive the loan application.

6) Do not fill out loan applications that you receive in the mail which do not have the school section typed in. NKU processes electronically, which is quicker for everyone.

To receive a loan you must be registered for at least six hours, so when you see "at least half-time" checked on the application, it's O.K.

7) People beginning their first year of undergraduate study can receive up to \$2,625 in subsidized loans, \$3,500 for the second year, and \$5,500 for subsequent years. This amount is split in half: One half to be received in August and the other in January.

The bank will also take out an application fee, so you won't actually receive the full amount.

8) If you are going through KHEAA (Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority) for the loan, you will mail the application to the bank you have chosen.

If you plan on receiving your loan

from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation, you will complete and return the application to Great Lakes.

9) Wait. Your money will come in the form of a check to the Bursar's Office, not the OSFA. Once the Bursar has received your check most, if not all, of the communication concerning your money will be with them.

The OSFA is not as horrible as people seem to think. The counselors and administrators in the office are only doing what the government tells them to do.

They are just like you. If you work with the public, inevitably someone will get upset with you at your place of employment.

The rules aren't yours, and the customers probably know that. But when things aren't going the way we had planned, we really don't care.

They just want to yell and scream, hit things and use profanities, blame people and cry, and throw their heads on the counter and remain there until they're so humiliated that they are involuntarily forced by their legs to exit the nearest door.

I understand that it may sometimes seem as if the people in the OSFA are rude and in a hurry. They see nearly a 100 students a day, and even more during the end and the beginning of the semester. They are just trying to help as many people as possible.

So please, apply today. And next time, be kind to the people in the OSFA. It's just their job. Someone has to do it. And how would you feel if no one cared if you ever found the money to go to college?

Jennifer Farney
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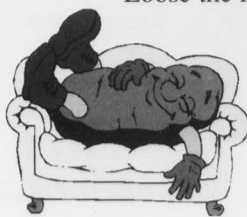
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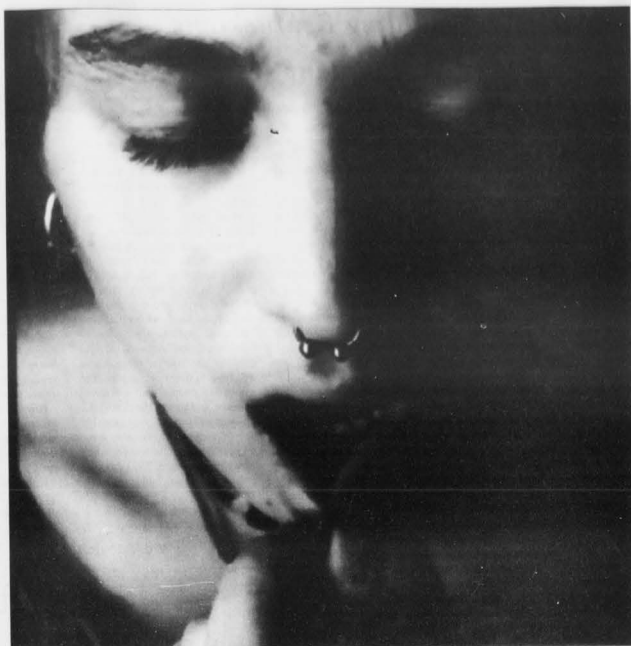
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Body Piercing... The Agony And The Ecstasy



Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



Photos contributed by William Rabe IV from "Facial Expressions." Photos by Michael Wilson

Once upon a time, jewelry for men was considered less than masculine. Macho men from the era of James Dean and Steve McQueen to present-day heroes like Jean Claude Van Damme have preferred the rugged individual look, sans decoration.

One uniquely identifiable fashion change for the 1990s has been the gender of earring bearers.

Male artistic types of the 1960s donned bells and beads, and 1970s hip-guys draped gold chains from every conceivable appendage. The 1980s men created some fancy hair designs, but not until the now-generation of the 90s have earrings become acceptably androgynous.

from closing over when the ring isn't in. Real soon I'll get my tongue done."

Once you have a tongue ring in, you have to leave it in. The procedure requires forceps to hold the tongue still and flat during the piercing. For some of us, it would require more than forceps.

"The clamping of the forceps hurts so much, you don't even feel the piercing. Your tongue swells and some people get flu-like symptoms. One thing about the tongue-ring - it will improve sexual things."

"After I get my tongue done, I'll get my nipples done and then I'll stop."

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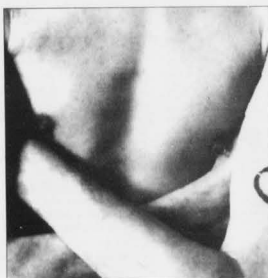
Tribal-type tattoos are popular, said Greg McDaniels of The Mysterious Tattoo in Covington.

"Our best sellers are the Tasmanian Devil, roses and tribal works. But people come back all the time to have them changed."

McDaniels said they have to cover the original tattoo up with another tattoo.

"It's hard to do and it takes a lot of time. We charge more to cover them up."

The cost for an original tattoo about the size of a quarter is \$40. A



A year ago junior Rob Zai made the decision to have both of his ears pierced. He proceeded to The Cupboard in Clifton and selected two evenly-matched silver earrings.

"I decided to do both sides," he said. "I thought it would seem kind of silly to do just one."

"The Cupboard is a head shop - they have a little bit of everything. I don't think I'm too old for earrings. But when the fancy strikes me, I'll take them out."

Zai said he wanted to do something different.

"My parents don't care - they're kind of liberal. I don't even think about my earrings. I just leave them in all the time."

According to *Rolling Stone*, rock musicians have pioneered many ground breaking fashions, including the pierced ear. Several celebrities have multiple piercings - Keith Richards, Ozzy Osbourne and Ice-T are a few of the forerunners. Their success and notoriety has caused the end of "the symbolic analysis of piercing," writes Corey Seymour in his 1994 article, "Now Ear This."

Symbolically, analyzing body adornments is silly, said senior William Rabe IV.

"It aggravates me that these things get singled out," he said. "What intrigues me is that nobody thinks about somebody in a Western cowboy hat."

"It's a part of their culture. Earrings are part of a culture I like. Most people don't make a conscious decision on their appearance - they're just conforming to normalcy."

Rabe has had his ear-rings for seven or eight years. "I was 21 or 22 at the time. I got one at first and then sometime later I decided I wanted to be symmetrical. Dad hated it, but he adjusted. Before he passed away, he accepted it."

Rabe has had a nose ring for a year. "I wear a retainer in my nose now. It keeps the holes

There are many different types of piercing, including penis and vaginal piercing. It's not uncommon to see suit-and-tie types in body-piercing shops, Rabe said. Some of them are S&M types who like the pain. "They get piercings that can be covered up. A lot of the private parts piercings enhance sexual pleasure."

To each his/her own.

Rabe also has a tattoo on his upper arm. He said he plans to get more, all on tribal mechanics.

"I got a tattoo this summer on a group I like - Einstürzende and

larger one, say 1 foot by 10 inches, would take all day to do and cost about \$700, McDaniels said.

Women come to The Mysterious Tattoo to have their belly buttons pierced. Many women forego the tattoos and just get the belly-rings.

Discretion is the better part of valor (colloquially translated as sex-appeal), they say.

Parents of young people with body adornments often complain their children are doing nothing more than rebelling against morals they've grown up with.

"If choices are allowed early in life, if things are explained to children - they can be discouraged from making what might be a poor choice," said Harriette Richard, professor of psychology.

Sometimes children want to be different, but sometimes they're trying to identify with - to emulate - a group. They don't outgrow a particular style, but it becomes less of an in-your-face thing as they get older, Richard said.

"Society says we should be different. In our teenage years, we are trying to be unique. If you're going to be in corporate America, ear-rings might not work. Going to an executive meeting with multiple ear-rings could shoot your credibility. People might not even want to listen."

But if you're an artist, that lifestyle allows more freedom about how you adorn yourself, Richard said.

The 90s is a decade of diversity. We are finally, and somewhat peacefully, agreeing to disagree.

We are learning to be less afraid, and more amused, by our differences.

Think of the old saying about not judging a book by its cover. Sometimes you can't even judge it by the first chapter.

And if you really could judge a book by the cover, why on earth would you want to read it?

