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## Snow Takes Tri-State Area By Surprise



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Katherine Meyer braves the snow on the plaza Friday.

By Chad Showalter  
General Manager

At 6:30 a.m. last Wednesday five grounds and landscaping crews showed up to work on time. What was different this morning than any other?

The campus was blanketed with nearly a foot of snow and they had to get rid of it. They had less than an hour and a half before classes began.

Classes did begin on time, but the success was short-lived when the campus closed at noon.

Over the next three days seventeen workers and four supervisors worked essentially around the clock to keep the campus safe.

"We were prepared for an emergency like this," said Ron Young, a grounds crew supervisor. "The weather forecast threw us out a little. It was

busy but manageable." According to Young it has been a relatively easy year for winter weather, which allowed them to be fully prepared.

The surprise factor was not the only challenge. The grounds crew also needed to use the university back-hoe to remove most of the snow before snowplows could be used. The university back-hoe was broken.

"When we called to rent a back-hoe there were five left," Young said. "By the time the emergency requisition was approved there was only one left. We got lucky."

Initially the grounds crew focused all efforts on keeping the roads clear. By concentrating on the roads, the parking lots had greater accumulation, making them more difficult to plow.

"We also had to focus on the dorms. There are over 1,000 steps in the

dorms alone that need to be cleared," Young said.

According to the NKU Department of Public Safety, no injuries or accidents occurred on campus during the three-day span.

According to Young the key to handling an emergency like this is to be prepared. Seventeen crew members were assigned equipment to take care of. They had to be fueled and correctly operating. Each were also assigned different sections of the campus to clear.

"The roads on campus were a lot better than Highland Heights," said Sean Flora, an NKU student and

Highland Heights resident. "I expected to have a hard time when I got on campus. I was surprised," Flora said.

Some grounds crew members did not leave the campus during the three days.

*"My dad hasn't been home for three days. He's been living in a dorm room when he hasn't been clearing the snow."*

-Gary Chenot

According to Young, Kim Vance in Residential Life was supportive by providing dorm rooms and meals for any grounds crew who stayed during the storm.

## Elliott Visits NKU Speaker Examines The "Anatomy of Prejudice"

By Margie Wise  
Features Editor

"Some of you are going to hate me in the next five minutes, and you're going to wish you could take that back," said Jane Elliott in response to the applause upon her entrance into Greaves Hall on Feb. 2.

Robin Lightner, Northern Kentucky University psychology professor, said "I thought Mrs. Elliott's main purpose was to be confrontational and make [us] think hard about the fact that racism does exist."

According to Christina Celesti, a sophomore psychology major, the confrontation hit home.

"I left feeling a little bit shell shocked until I fell into the knowledge that she was right," said Celesti.

After Martin Luther King's assassination, Elliott, who is a former Iowa teacher, divided her all-white third grade class in to two groups according to eye color.

She assigned privileges to only one group based on that physical characteristic.

"Eye of the Storm," a documentary on the exercise, was filmed in 1968.

Since then, she has tested her experiment outside of her classroom, using corporate executives and military personnel as test groups.

Celesti said, "I think the experiment she did needs to be replicated over and over by good teachers who know their students."

Elliott showed the film while discussing the issue of ignorance, prejudice, and racism in American society today.

She said the problem white society has with different ethnic groups has less to do with a "race problem" and more to do

with a "white attitudinal problem." Elliott said that what she learned that day in her classroom was that discrimination causes prejudice and not the other way around. Racism is not genetic, she said. "It is a learned response that must be meticulously taught."

An example she gave was the pledge of allegiance. She said it was originally written by a flag-maker. In 1952, the Nights of Columbus petitioned Congress to add the words "under God" to the creed.

Elliott said because of this, students with non-Christian beliefs don't get "liberty and justice for all" since they are forced to stand up and renounce their beliefs at school and sporting events. Elliott's solution is to either remove "under God" or "liberty and justice for all" because the two contradict.

However, according to Elliott, African American Christians have to deal with racism in their own religion.

When a black Christian child goes to church they are typically kneeling before a white Christ.

Elliott said if Mary and Joseph came from the middle east and were supposed to have hidden

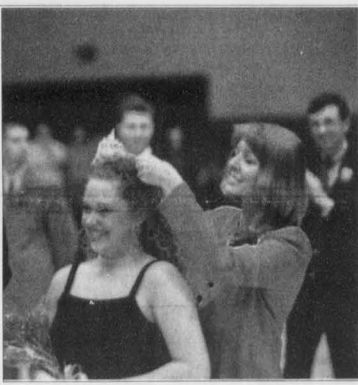
among the dark Egyptians and Venetians as the Bible says, then they must have had dark skin.

Therefore, according to Elliott, Christ would have been dark-skinned.

Lightner said Elliott made people look at their own behavior and discover how rampant the problem of racism is.

"On the surface it's easy to believe the situation of racism has been resolved," said Lightner.

According to Elliott, when the minorities and women are represented in a society that will breed respect, it will in turn breed love.



Homecoming Queen Jennifer Benjamin is crowned at halftime of the men's basketball game on Saturday.

## Royalty Crowned At Homecoming

By Margie Wise  
Features Editor

Christopher Boggs, junior theatre major and Jennifer Benjamin, senior speech communication major, were chosen as homecoming king and queen during halftime ceremonies Feb. 7 in Regents Hall.

Homecoming King Chris Boggs was not present at the coronation because he was detained at another school function. He was representing Northern Kentucky University in the Regional Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival which was held at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Matt Saner, 1997 homecoming king, was a "stunt double" for Boggs as he received the award for him.

Saner said, "I think Chris has shown time and again he cares about this university a great deal. He brings out an excitement in people. Obviously they recognize he is one of the special people at this university. He motivates other people and gets involved. He shows other people there is a lot to this university and a lot to its people."

Besides being involved in the theatre department, Boggs is also former Vice-President of Student Government Association and current Vice President of the Norse Leadership Society. He has been President of the Residential Halls Association, and chairperson of the United Way Campaign.

Newly crowned Homecoming Queen Jennifer Benjamin was emotional after winning.

"I'm ecstatic, just absolutely thrilled. It's a big honor. I love NKU. The school has given me so much. I hope that I can do it proud by being it's queen," said Benjamin.

Benjamin was nominated by the speech communication club of which she is the president. She has also been involved in Presidential Ambassadors, Golden Key National Honor Society, soccer club and many internships.

Benjamin said her involvement at NKU helped get her nominated.

"It helped me meet a lot of people and get a lot of new experiences," she said. "A lot of networking went on in all the clubs."

## Graduate Programs To Host Open House

By Judy Stewart  
Staff Reporter

"What you earn depends on what you learn," said President Clinton many times during his run for office in 1992.

The Northern Kentucky University Office of Graduate Programs still takes this platform seriously.

On Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. the Office of Graduate Programs will host an Open House to discuss how undergraduates can build on current knowledge skills to obtain better jobs and higher salaries. The program is also designed toward career professionals who, attending part-time, can develop skills necessary to remain competitive and achieve long-range goals.

"There will be a mix and mingle until 6:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom," said program director Peg Griffin. "At 6:30 we will begin talks about financial aid, admissions, graduate assistantships, and other general types of issues. Then we will break into program-specific meetings."

Members of the faculty and staff, as well as alumni and current graduate students will present information and answer questions about their programs.

For example, Glenda Hutchison earned her master's degree of arts in education through the program last August. Hutchison earned a bachelor's degree of arts in education from the University of Cincinnati and has been teaching at Felicity Elementary School in Ohio for the past six years.

She said she was impressed with how well the program was managed and the professional manner of the program's directors.

"NKU makes the program easy to attend, even if you are working full-time," Hutchison said. "I completed my program in only two years, but you can take up to ten years to finish."

"Another thing I really like about NKU is the people involved. The professors are friendlier and operate on a more personal level than a bigger university such as UC. The NKU

professors really take an interest in their students," Hutchison said.

"The program was well worth the time and effort. Besides all this, upon completion of the masters program (only 30 more credit hours), I got a big, fat raise in salary."

NKU's Graduate Program offers more than just a master's of arts in education. The other current offerings are:

- Master of Business Administration, Law (Juris Doctor)
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Technology
- Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (a combination)
- Master of Accountancy.

Individual program directors will discuss each program's academic requirements and answer individual questions about admissions procedures, financial aid, graduate assistantships and tuition reciprocity.

The Office of Graduate Programs services doesn't stop at NKU.

For instance, Shannon Jones completed her bachelor of arts in social work at NKU in 1994. However, after working with the Cincinnati Social Services, she decided she needed a masters degree.

Even though NKU doesn't offer a graduate program in social work, the Office of Graduate Programs came to Shannon's rescue.

The office helped Jones enter the University of Kentucky's graduate program. By enabling her to access the course through interactive videos at the Highland Heights campus. By taking courses in Northern Kentucky, she was permitted to continue working in Cincinnati while she pursued her graduate work.

Jones said, "The nicest thing about taking off-campus graduate courses here is the continuity of education. The social

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## OPEN HOUSE: GRAD SCHOOL

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work undergraduate program is structured similar to the masters program so the transition is much smoother.

Graduate school is just such a big shock in the first place. If you're already at NKU, transition to the graduate program is just easier, at least it was for me. I didn't have to adjust to new surroundings, as well as new classes and professors."

Jones advises anyone interested in a graduate program not currently offered at NKU to check with Griffin at the Office of Graduate Programs first as they may have some off-campus classes available here.

NKU gave Jones an advanced standing in consideration of classes she had already completed, enabling her to complete the program in less than two years.

Jones said, "The program was great. The hardest part was doing the comprehensive exam for the final.

A panel of three judges read the exam and two of the three must pass it before you get your degree. Now that was tough!"

To make reservations to attend Open House or learn more about the Office of Graduate Programs, call (606) 572-6364, or e-mail: gradprog@nku.edu, or you may send a fax to, (606) 572-6670.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

Janet Nyagah won the student Martin Luther King Jr. award Sunday Feb. 1 at Student Government's Black History Month kickoff. She is seen here with SGA President Chris Saunders and Vice President Marlene Gerding. "I'm very pleased and happy she won this," Saunders said. "She was well deserving of the award." The faculty recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. was Anthropology Professor Charlotte Neely.

## Spirit Award

By Kelly Sudzina  
News Editor

The best dressed office on campus this week was the School of Education.

The fourth annual Office Spirit Award was presented by Norleen Pomerantz, interim vice president for student affairs, and Ernest Britton, executive director of student development, before the homecoming basketball game on Saturday.

Janet Miller and Mary Kirk accepted the first place award for the School of Education's office. The runner up was the Chase College of Law Dean's office.

All week, different offices on campus promoted homecoming by decorating with black, gold and white decorations. Students and faculty were encouraged to submit their vote by ballot to the Office of Student Programs and Development.

Ernest Britton was in charge of going through the ballots once they were turned in to his office. "Out of the ballots that were turned in those were the results. So you and everybody else were appointed the judges this time," Britton said.

President James Votruba toured campus to view the decorations before the ballots were tallied. "I think they were all wonderful. They all reflected a lot of spirit. And each of them in their own way was the best. There was a lot of time and effort that went into this process and I'm very pleased to see that. I think everyone had a lot of fun with it," Votruba said.

Now all they have to do is clean up.

## Albright Head-Banging

A DPS officer responded to a report of a possible head injury in Albright Health Center. When the officer arrived the injured person was conscious and said he hit his head while playing basketball. He said he felt dizzy, but refused transportation from Albright.

## Where's Waldo?

"Student reported roommate missing."

## Pit Fire

The Highland Heights Fire Department was dispatched to check a fire at 524 Johns Hill Rd. The fire was contained in a large pit and was not a hazard. No further action was taken.



These are the true stories  
of Northern Kentucky University's  
Department of Public Safety.  
These are the DPS Reports.

## Possible Suicide Attempt

DPS officers responded to a possible suicide attempt and found a female knocking on the door demanding to be let in to see the res-

ident of the room. The resident had called DPS for assistance because he did not want to see her.

## Stop and Go

A driver ran a stop sign at Johns Hill road and University Drive then came to a stop in the middle of the intersection. The vehicle was stopped on Nunn Drive,

## Minor Details

DPS officers observed a female standing in the Common Area Hallway of Goldenrod holding a 12-ounce can of Coors Light beer. When questioned, she revealed the location of the beer and said that she was under 21 years of age. She was cited with possession of alcohol by a minor.

## Black History Month Events

## "Race Law: The Legal Construction of Inequality"

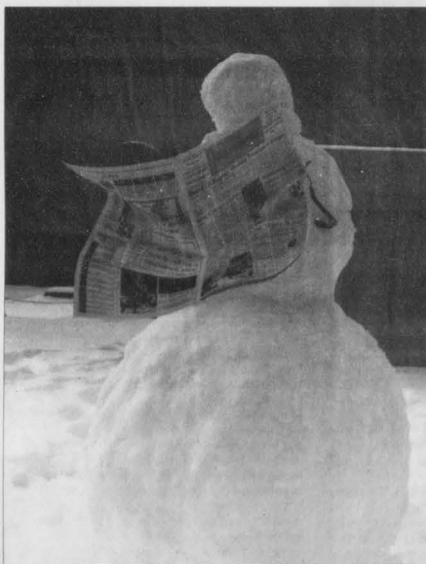
Dr. Prince Brown, Jr. will present "Race Law: The Legal Construction of Inequality" on Feb. 12, in the Administrative Center, room 506 from 12:15-1:30 p.m.

## "A Quest for Justice"

Bobby DeLaughter, assistant prosecutor in Hinds County, Miss., will speak about, "A Quest for Justice," in Greaves Concert Hall on Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event is sponsored by Chase College of Law, Affirmative Action/Multi-cultural Affairs, Department of Public Safety and Student Affairs.

## Black History Month Dinner

Bobby DeLaughter will be the keynote speaker at the black history month dinner on Feb. 18, from 6-9 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. DeLaughter will also give a multimedia presentation. Tickets are \$12/person or \$84/table (seats seven). To register, or for more information, call 572-6047.



The Northerner would like to take a moment to thank its first reader of last Wednesday's edition.

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The next meeting will be Thurs. February 12 in UC 116 at 5:00 pm.

Be sure to visit Golden Key's home page at <http://gknhs.gsu.edu>

## Accurate Meteorologists?



By Jennifer  
Turnau  
Executive  
Editor

Senior art major Tina Morrison found herself among fish-tailing vehicles and an overturned Metro bus on Beechmont Avenue.

"It was pure chaos. It looked like a scene from a movie. I just sat back in my car and laughed," Morrison said.

Fortunately, she was one of the lucky ones who had purchased new tires and was able to avoid an accident. Despite her preparations for a day like Wednesday, a 20 minute drive became a three hour road trip.

Most students found that laughing about it was the only way to cope with the sudden burst of Mother Nature that was sprung upon the city.

It wasn't that simple for everyone.

For senior English major Paul Rivers, the short drive from Ft. Thomas became an unexpected roller coaster ride.

"It didn't even know it was going to snow. I was creeping along on 275 and hit an ice patch. The next thing I knew, I was facing the wrong direction against the guard

rail," Rivers said.

Rivers, who was not injured in the accident, wishes he lived in a city with more predictable weather.

"I guess you couldn't totally predict no matter where you are, but at least you know it's always going to rain in Seattle," Rivers said.

With all of the high-tech equipment that the local channels brag about, you would think that one of them could spot a record-breaking storm that was about to paralyze a city. Or maybe El Nino really is that powerful?

One student was overheard talking about the 8 a.m. class he had finally made it to on Wednesday. "I walked in 15 minutes late and the teacher still counted me absent—even though I was the only one there!"

Thankfully, NKU did cancel classes for most of Wednesday. The snow continued to fall and Thursday and Friday became free days also.

I'm sure we all got head starts on our term papers that are due next month, right?

## JUST YOUR AVERAGE STUNT- DOUBLE KING

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner  
Last year's NKU Homecoming King Matt Sauer shakes hands with President James Votruba at the Homecoming coronation ceremony on Saturday. Sauer stood in to accept the sward of 1998 Homecoming King for friend and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brother Chris Boggs, who was not able to receive his crown. Boggs, a theatre major, was competing in the Regional Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre festival at Clemson University where he performed one of the lead roles in the NKU play "Middle of Yesterday," written by Ken Jones. Boggs will begin his reign upon his returns from South Carolina.



## Sandler Sings His Way Into New Role



Review Of  
The Week

By Chad Shovalter  
General Manager

"The Wedding Singer" is your best movie bet for this Valentine's Day weekend.

In about two hours director Frank Coraci weaves you through humor, humility, happiness, hostility and most of all, heart.

Film star Adam Sandler (Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison) makes Drew Barrymore "scream" in this well written, feel-good comedy.

"The Wedding Singer," set in the 1980's includes humor that possibly only Generation X will be able to understand fully, but will be enjoyable for all audiences.

Hart (Sandler) is a wedding singer and aspiring musician who is left at the altar by

his fiancée. She could not handle the idea of marrying the town's wedding singer.

In comes Julia (Barrymore), a waitress who meets Hart at one of his "gigs." He's in love but one thing stands in his way, her fiancée.

Barrymore's role leads her to be an innocent victim of a society that wants her to marry for money, not love.

"The Wedding Singer" is a time-era movie much like "Forrest Gump." However, instead of looking at politics and societal change, the authors have chosen to analyze the generation that the movie refers to. Lost in a culture where materialism and

power outweigh honesty and love, Robbie must fight for the love of Julia.

Unlike "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison" the character of Robbie Hart was more of a challenge for Sandler. Instead of delivering punchline after punchline Sandler was forced to act. And he does, perhaps leaving audiences wondering why he has not ventured to this type of role earlier.

But you do not even have to go to "The Wedding Singer" to experience the best part of it. Just like "Forrest Gump," the soundtrack is a carefully picked list of songs that accents the era the movie takes place in, the well-defined 80's.



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### Groups Featured On The Soundtrack

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Adam Sandler

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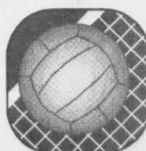
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## Wednesday- The "Blizzard" Begins

CINCINNATI (AP)

A snowstorm that surprised weather forecasters blitzed central and southern Ohio and Kentucky on Wednesday, forcing school closings and fouling travel.

An 18-year-old man lost his life in an apparent weather-related traffic accident in Fairfield County in central Ohio.

Sheriff's deputies said Chad Welsh of Baltimore, Ohio, lost control of his car on a snow-slicked portion of state Route 158 about eight miles north of Lancaster. The vehicle slid left of center and into the path of a pickup truck that struck Welsh's car on the passenger side.

Welsh was transported to Fairfield Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. The

pickup driver was treated for a minor injury at the scene.

Ohioans had been enjoying a mild winter, with average temperatures higher than normal and snowfall lower than normal. Highs reached into the 50s in much of the state earlier this week.

But at least 4 inches of snow had fallen in some areas of southern Ohio by Wednesday afternoon, and brisk winds reduced visibility.

Turfway Park called off horse racing for the day in northern Kentucky.

Drivers caught in gridlock during Cincinnati's rush hour reached for their cellular telephones by the hundreds. GTE Wireless said the number of cellular phone calls was up 127 percent from the same time period

the day before.

"It tells us that everyone is stuck in traffic calling their office," said spokeswoman Krysti Barnhill of Ameritech Cellular, another of the region's major cellular phone companies.

The storm could drop 6 to 10 inches of snow on southern Ohio and more to the south by Thursday morning, the National Weather Service said.

Areas to the north were expected to get less, with 1 to 3 inches forecast by Thursday morning for Dayton and Columbus and still less farther north.

Wednesday's storm caught forecasters by surprise.

"I don't think we expected it to come this far west," said Don Hughes, a meteorologist with the weather service in Wilmington. Sharon Booker's commute from

suburban Forest Park, which usually takes 35 minutes, took almost two hours.

"The roads were bad and some people almost could not figure out what lane they were supposed to be in, so it was crazy driving," Ms. Booker said.

Cincinnati police were so busy with traffic calls that they asked drivers involved in fender benders to exchange information and report accidents later.

In extreme southern Ohio, schools were closed in Jackson, Meigs and Gallia counties because of snow and ice.

Kentucky caught more of the storm, and some local officials declared states of emergency. Schools were closed in more than 50 counties and electric power was knocked out in some areas.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Frosty, ice major from the North Pole, braved the snow and made it to his classes late last week. He even took time out of his busy schedule (ICE 101, SNO 340) to read The Northerner.

## Thursday- Snow Buries Tri-State

CINCINNATI (AP)

Scores of schools and businesses remained closed today following a near-record snowstorm that surprised forecasters. Police in several Ohio cities were unable to keep up with hundreds of reported accidents.

Ohioans had been enjoying a mild winter, with average temperatures higher than normal and snowfall amounts lower than normal. Highs reached into the 50s in much of the state earlier this week.

But Wednesday's 11.6-inch snowfall at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport was a record for February, and second only to the overall 24-hour record of 12.8 inches on Jan. 7, 1996.

More snow expected today meant this system could eclipse the record total snowfall for a single storm—14.4 inches in that storm two years ago.

Many drivers caught in gridlock during Cincinnati's afternoon rush hour reached for their cellular telephones. GTE Wireless said the number of cell phone calls hit doubled

increased 127 percent from the same time period the day before.

"It tells us that everyone is stuck in traffic calling their office," said spokeswoman Krysti Barnhill of Ameritech Cellular, another of the region's major cell phone companies.

Commutes that usually take minutes turned into hours. Police told drivers involved in minor crashes to exchange information and report the details later. Two-hour waits for tow trucks were not unusual.

Many people found their way to stores and stocked up on essentials.

"We've had about a 25 percent increase in the number of shoppers we normally get on Wednesdays," said Carl Bosse, manager of a Kroger store on Ohio 747 in Butler County. "We've sold a lot of ice scrapers, rock salt, milk, eggs, bread and bananas."

By late Wednesday, about 6 to 12 inches of snow had fallen between Cincinnati and Portsmouth, while 3 to 5 inches was reported in Lebanon, Wilmington and Chillicothe.

Only about an inch of snow had accumulated in Dayton and Columbus.

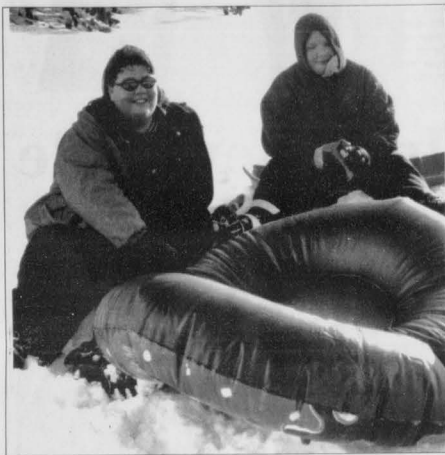
Ryan Sandler, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's forecasting center in Wilmington, said computer models Tuesday night hinted that a storm was approaching. But evidence was not strong enough to issue a prediction beyond "flurries."

The weather service expected the storm to stall south of Cincinnati, he said.

Sandler asked the midnight shift to analyze and interpret the differing forecasts. Shortly before snow started falling before dawn Wednesday, the weather service warned of a serious snowfall.

"It came farther west than we thought," said meteorological technician Don Hughes. "If you're off by 50 miles, you're off by 6 inches."

By midday, Wilmington was caught in a flurry of criticism, and Ken Hayda, meteorologist in charge, said his staff will evaluate the missed call "to try to make it harder to happen again."



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Gary and Jennifer Chenot rest from their downhill sledding adventures. Their father, Gary Chenot, works for grounds crew at NKU and stayed at the dorms late last week while he worked to clear the roadways on campus.

## Temperature Increase May Cause Flooding

CINCINNATI (AP)

The melting started Friday, almost immediately after southern Ohio was buried by a record-setting snowstorm.

Some people in the Tri-State area worried that a weekend warming trend might cause a rapid snow melt that could cause flooding.

"You do not want this to melt fast. Otherwise, you end up flooding," said Diane Innes, a licensed meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Forecasters said temperatures could peak at around 40 degrees on Saturday, in the upper 30s on Sunday and up to 45 on Monday.

The Ohio River's level at Cincinnati was at 33.1 feet Friday morning and rising.

Flood stage there is 52 feet.

Rush-hour commuters had to negotiate icy bridges and roads Friday as the Cincinnati area coped with the storm's legacy. Most schools and many businesses closed in southern Ohio for a third consecutive day.

Sleet and freezing rain aggravated the problems caused by two days of heavy snowfall.

"We have not won this until the roads are dry and the temperature gets above 32 degrees. There is no snow on the roads now, but as long as it's below freezing, bridges have a tendency to refreeze," said Dave Yacchari, an Ohio Department of Transportation supervisor who oversees maintenance of the

interstate highways in Hamilton County.

One person was killed early Friday when a car struck a parked tractor-trailer truck on Interstate 75 northbound in northern Kentucky, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. The victim was not immediately identified.

Icy conditions were blamed for two Ohio traffic deaths, one Wednesday and one Thursday.

A garbage truck driver, Michael Smith, 36, of Huber Heights, was killed Thursday when his truck flipped on Ohio 571 about 15 miles northeast of Dayton.

A pickup truck struck Megan Heater, 5, of Middletown, on Thursday night. She was listed in serious but stable condition Friday at Middletown Regional Hospital.

The driver left the scene but surrendered early Friday, Middletown police said. Justin Shaffer, 26, of Franklin, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, police said.

Wednesday's snowfall left 11.8 inches at the official reporting station at Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport.

Another 6.4 inches fell Thursday, raising the total to 18.2 inches and surpassing the single snowstorm record of 14.4 inches set on Jan. 6-7, 1996.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency closed its 13 automobile emissions testing stations Thursday in the Cincinnati area. The E-check stations reopened Friday.

# Seniors: Are You Ready?

## GRADUATION

It's coming sooner than you think  
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Visit the Career  
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information on  
success after  
graduation!

# Mother Nature Puts NKU To The Test



Chad Showalter/The Northerner  
A student looks on as NKU's roadways are cleared Wednesday afternoon. Seventeen grounds crew workers worked around the clock for three days to make the roads and walkways safe.

## Snow Adventures at NKU

Last week's snow may have shut down offices and classes, but not student life. Here's a look at the campus from *The Northerner* perspective.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Jennifer Chenot sure knows how to enjoy the snow. The innertube that was locked away for the winter came in handy Friday as she zipped down the hill below John's Hill Rd.



Chad Showalter/The Northerner  
School life stopped for three days last week but dorm life went on. Many students were trapped on campus but still found ways to have fun. When they weren't catching up on sleep or watching T.V., they created sleds out of cafeteria trays and had snowball fights.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Who says there's no fun in S-N-O-W? Women's Center Coordinator Katherine Meyer has such an angelic smile.

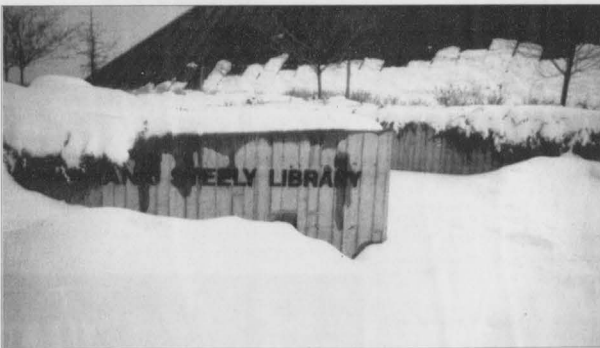
## The Blizzard Of 1998?

According to the National Weather Service, every blizzard is a storm, but not every storm is a blizzard.

To be a blizzard, a snow storm must last more than three hours and have sustained winds of over 35 mph. It must also involve blowing and drifting snow.

Visibility must be limited to a quarter mile and temperatures must be below 20 degrees.

Last week's snow storm did not qualify.



Chad Showalter/The Northerner  
Not even W. Frank Steely went unaffected by the "Blizzard of '98." Students that had term papers due had to use other libraries to do their research because the campus shut down at 2:00 last Wednesday.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Lake Inferior looks like an arctic oasis or possibly an ice skating rink. Temperatures during the snow storm did not drop far enough to actually freeze the lake.

On an average day, Boone County responds to 85 emergency calls. On Thursday Police in Boone County responded to 225 calls to 911. During Boone County's Level 3 emergency it was illegal to drive except for emergency purposes.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Tricia Pichotta, of Union, digs her car way out of an NKU parking lot Friday afternoon. Most lots were not completely cleared until Sunday.



Chad Showalter/The Northerner  
At least there are no windshields to scrape off! Maybe cycling is a new Olympic winter sport.

Bring Back The  
Spunky Viking

## Cole's Pit

By Chris  
Cole  
Sports  
Editor

## The Darker Side of Sports

What do you get when you mix a giraffe with a coach?

A pretty stupid looking mascot—that's what.

Ten years ago, when NKU looked stupid on the court, it was only fitting to have a stupid-looking mascot. Now that the Norse have gained national respect, I say it's time to say see-ya to Hey-U.

It's nothing personal. I don't have some deep-seated hatred for large (and I mean large) green dragons. I just think that Hey-U is, among other things, impractical.

Surely there is a spunky viking costume somewhere. A little Thor-looking guy with horns and a club. Hell, I saw a pretty cheesy version of one in Regents Hall last Thursday.

See, a spunky little viking could actually do some of the things that a mascot is supposed to do. Run around, dance for the crowd—you know...have fun.

Because of Hey-U's girth, he is limited to basically staggering around and occasionally waving to the lifeless crowd. He's basically a green giraffe with a stiff neck.

Oooh. Nothing better than a little wave to get that crowd going.

A little spunky viking could be the secret to unlocking NKU's lost school spirit.

Imagine no longer having to watch the NKU cheerleaders hoist a big stupid dragon into the air and ~~slowly~~ (and I emphasize slowly) spin him around. With a spunky little viking, they could toss his ass thirty feet in the air.

That is why I feel it is time for NKU to make a change. I am beginning a movement to have Hey-U impeached. (Did I mention I saw him and Monica Lewinsky share a romantic moment?)

So I want to know, NKU, are you with me? Or am I the only one that thinks Hey-U is a big stupid giraffe?

If you agree, and have any suggestions on who (or what) may be a better mascot, I want to hear from you.

Chris Cole  
c/o The Northern Kentucky University  
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Or if you're on campus, you can just bring it by. Or if you're too lazy, you can reach me at 572-5260. But I want your feedback.

**AND ANOTHER THING:**  
Allow me to briefly share my opinion of the Olympics.

On paper, it's a good idea. Gather all of the world's greatest athletes, bring them all together in some city no one has heard of and let them go at it for a few weeks.

In reality, the Olympics are stupid. Thanks to the miracle of television, instead of watching athletes compete, it seems like most of the time I'm watching little five-minute profiles on Peckabo Street and her brother Dead End.

I'm sorry. But I don't really give a damn what it was like for Victor Patronek growing up.

Also, there's not enough at stake. Sure, there are all the pretty little medals, but there should be worldly consequences. Whoever country wins the medal count ought to win the right to host the next Olympics.

Last problem, too many countries. There should be standards. Over nine letters, sorry, you're gone.

Cut the profiles, raise the stakes and get rid of anyone that sounds like Hertzgovina and then maybe. Otherwise, let's just cut the Olympics.

**And One More Thing:**  
Saunders might be president, but Boggs is king. Congratulations, Chris.

**Correction:** Last week, in Cole's Pit, there was an error. The attendance for the Southern Indiana game—2008 was technically a sell-out, because not all seats were available for seating. My bad.

## NKU Bounces Back With Home Wins

By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

The NKU women's basketball team recovered from a two-point overtime loss at Kentucky Wesleyan College by defeating IPFW and Saint Joseph's College at home last week.

On Thursday, the Norse (15-7 overall, 11-3 GLVC) beat the struggling Mastodons of IPFW 61-57.

The Norse traded leads with IPFW for most of the game, but with just under nine minutes remaining, junior guard Jaime Garner drained a three-pointer to

give NKU a 46-44 lead.

Freshman Michele Tuchfarber helped the Norse build the lead, and with just over one minute left, made her ninth free throw to give her team a 10-point advantage.

Tuchfarber led all scorers with 16 points and also grabbed six rebounds. She shot 12-for-16 from the free-throw line and contributed four assists and three steals as well.

Junior Julie Stanley scored 15 for Norse and also pulled down six rebounds, while junior Shannon Smith recorded nine points and six rebounds.

Junior guard Katie Kelsey finished with six points, two assists and three steals.

Freshman Jessica Jensen gave NKU quality minutes off the bench, scoring three points and leading the Norse with seven rebounds. Jensen followed up on Saturday, recording seven points and four rebounds in 28 minutes of action in NKU's 67-57 win over SJC.

"This was a typical NKU basketball game," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said after Saturday's win. "It was very team oriented, and we got key minutes off the bench," she said.

Senior Alison McCarthy shot four-of-five from the field and a perfect four-of-four from the free-throw line to finish with 12 points. She also recorded five rebounds.

Alison really stepped up and played like an upper-classman tonight," Winstel said. "We need her to play like that all of the time."

Junior Jaime Garner led NKU with 15 points against the Pumas of SJC. She scored seven against IPFW and also contributed four rebounds.

"Jaime is playing with a sprain, and she's mad because

she doesn't think she's playing enough," Winstel said. "I love it. I think it's great that she's upset."

Winstel said that though last week's wins were big, every game is important in college basketball.

"We really need to come out and understand that every game is a war," Winstel said. "We want to and we know we have to, but sometimes we struggle to do that."

The Norse will travel north to play Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis University this week before returning home to host Kentucky Wesleyan on Feb. 19.

By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

A month ago, he wasn't even eligible. Now junior forward Todd Clark carries a large portion of the load for the NKU men's basketball team.

Since returning from a brief suspension, Clark has begun to put up the numbers expected of him when he transferred from Division I Eastern Kentucky University nearly two years ago.

"It feels good to be playing good," Clark said.

His presence inside has been one of the keys to NKU's recent success (17-4 overall, 12-2 GLVC).

Last Thursday against IPFW, Clark had what he called one of his best games in a 73-60 win.

He shot 60 percent from the field, including 67 percent from three-point range, for a career-high 24 points. He also grabbed 12 rebounds.

On Saturday, he scored 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

"What I've been doing, I think especially this year, is playing consistently," Clark said.

"You've got to consistently keep it up," he said.

Clark has been keeping it up a lot more this season than last. He played 30 minutes on Saturday and logged 37 minutes on Thursday.

Last season, his playing time was more sporadic, because he needed more rest during the games. This year, Clark is 15 pounds lighter and says he's in much better shape.

Coach Ken Shields says Clark's efforts have shined on the court.

"We have overcome a tremendous loss in personnel this season. This club has taken on its own per-



sonality. Clark is bringing a different personality to the team," Shields said.

He said the thing that impresses him most about Clark this season is his rebounding.

"I appreciate what he's doing scoring wise, but he is becoming a big-time defensive rebounder," Shields said.

Clark said, "You can always rebound—that's just hustle."

If you play hard, it will come easy."

Shields said that playing hard has made Clark an integral part of the team.

"He's playing hard. And that's



Todd Clark



Cliff Clinton

making things easier not only for Cliff [Clinton], but for the whole team," Shields said.

Clinton, the team's senior center, said that having Todd under the basket has helped him tremendously this season.

"He helps with double-teaming, with rebounding and sometimes with blocking shots," Clinton said.

"He's pretty quick on his feet, so he also comes up with steals in the post," Clinton added. "Todd has been playing well, and as long as he keeps playing well in big games, we'll do just fine."

Clark said he likes being appreciated, but "you can't single out one person." He emphasized the importance of the entire team playing well as the postseason approaches.

"When I play better, of course we're going to be better. But when Cliff plays better, we're going to be better too," he said.

Since Clark's return, Clinton has been playing better.

"He finished with 21 points on Saturday's 91-65 drubbing of Saint Joseph's College."

"We [Clark and Clinton] are better players than we were last year," Clark said.

Shields said that shows on the court also. "We've won 17. But we still have to win more ballgames."

With the team's toughest challenge coming against Kentucky Wesleyan at home on Feb. 19, Shields said he expects his team to do just that.

"I really have a lot of confidence in them," he said.

## NKU Women's Soccer

The NKU women's soccer team is ready to join the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and is already looking to challenge for the GLVC title.

## Interested in becoming a Norse?

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. in the Albright Health Center Room 253 there will be a meeting for anyone interested in participating in the women's soccer program during the Fall of 1998. If you would like to attend, please contact either of the following:

Head Coach Bob Sheehan 688-1400

or

Assistant Coach Adam Meier 441-5206

STAR OF THE  
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## Groundbreaking New Attitude

By Gabrielle Dion  
Editor In Chief

What Northern Kentucky University needs right now is mini-mall attitude.

Have you ever noticed how quickly they put those things up? The builders of mini-malls buy the land, dig the hole, pour the concrete and are ready for business all in a few weeks. It seems like one day there's a forest and the next day—boom!—it's a Walgreen's.

NKU, on the other hand, lives in the world of Kentucky state funding. This is the same government that takes five years to repair one mile of highway. The process that administrators of NKU have to go through to get funding for projects is, at the least, disheartening. The Council on Postsecondary Education General Assembly meetings where the state university presidents petition the council for money is pathetic. Each university has a few minutes to whine about what they need. It's sickening to watch grown men beg.

Although it would be nice to have enough private donors at NKU to launch these projects without having to go through the state process, it's just not realistic. President James Votruba will have to beg to the state for quite a while. Although President Votruba and staff have to give in to this frustrating process, their attitudes do not need to reflect it.

NKU won the begging contest and we got our science building. My question is, why isn't anyone shoveling yet?

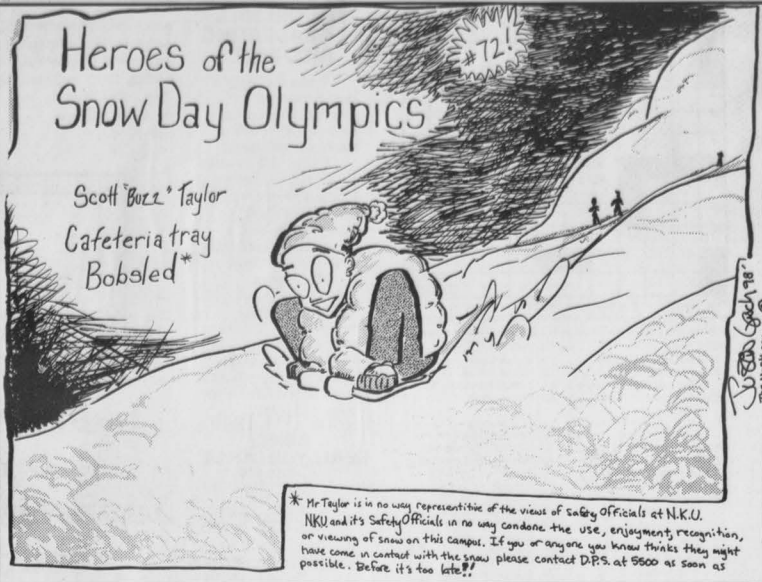
Yes, I do realize it isn't that simple. But hasn't the university been working on this project for years now? The Board of Regents report for Jan. 28 stated: "Schematic design work for the Natural Science Building is under way...The schematic design phase should be complete in March." March?! This building should have been designed already. The same day we got the "okay" from the state, we should have had the construction crew start digging. That would send the message to the university community that we really mean business.

NKU doesn't seem to follow the state's example by going using words like "schematic," "planning" and "phase." Those words usually translate into "this project will take many, many years to get done." If NKU administrators are so excited about this project, why don't they show it by putting on their hard-hats?

And what about the projects that don't involve state funding? The parking garage, financed from our parking fee increase, has been approved and is "under way" according to the Board of Regents. According to the Board's report, "the schematic design phase is continuing as further site analysis is accomplished." Those words again!

The fee was approved over a year ago and there hasn't even been a decision made on where the parking garage will go. "The site originally studied, adjacent to the Applied Science and Technology Center, may be too small," according to the report. "We anticipate beginning construction in the fall of 1998." Statements like that lead me to believe that I may never see that parking garage.

What NKU and the community want to see is action. We want to see what we've been paying for. The "consumers" of this university want to pass by one day and say, "Wow, I can't believe they got that building up so quick!" They want to physically see NKU grow. Don't hold back, NKU. Let's get this ball rolling.



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## Hey U.

By Justin Lynch



## NORTH POLL ... literally

### WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE SNOWED IN ON CAMPUS?

By Anna Weaver

"I spent my time watching talk shows, eating, and sleeping, and we played Outburst! It was boring because we were snowed in and couldn't really do anything."

Tricia Pichotta  
Mortuary Science  
Union



"I've just been watching a lot of T.V. It hasn't been fun."

Shannon Mounts  
Elementary Ed.  
Maineville, OH



"I've been sleeping and taking advantage of no classes and no work. I shoveled a bunch of snow in front of my car and finally got to the grocery store!"

Rusty Zimmerman  
English Education  
California



"I'm happy there's no school, but it's boring because I can't go anywhere. We've bonded as a floor. We had a pizza party and did our homework. I had fun sledding and having snowball fights."

Hlevani Baloyi  
International Business  
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#### Clarification

In the Jan. 28 edition of The Northerner, there were some inaccurate facts in the lead story, "Dial NKU Makes Internet Available To All." Dial NKU does not make the Internet available to everyone. It does provide browser access to NKU's Intranet which consists solely of web resources on our campus. Also, the CD's are not being sold at the bookstore at no profit. The charge for the media (not the CD's content) does include a small profit to the bookstore which is the same as for a blank CD.

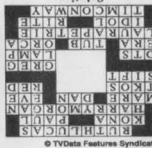
# CHAD's TV CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- 1. Rashad's role (2)
  - 8. Coast; 1968
  - 9. Richard Boone movie
  - 10. Role on *Mad About You*
  - 11. Actor on *M\*A\*S\*H* (2)
  - 12. Winningham
  - 13. Role on *Roseanne*
  - 14. Arden of *The Mothers-in-Law* (1967-69)
  - 15. Fight results, familiarly
  - 16. Barber's Corner (1949-58)
  - 17. Use a sieve
  - 18. Dharma & G
  - 19. Sol's woes, for short
  - 20. Aladdin and His ... 1952 movie
  - 21. Generation
  - 22. Place for three men in a nursery rhyme
  - 23. '77 Richard Harris film about a whale
  - 24. Mary Tyler Moore role (2)
  - 25. Singer Billy
  - 26. Ceremony
  - 27. Regular on *The Carol Burnett Show* (2)
- DOWN**
- 1. The ... the Rails; 1949-49 adventure series
  - 2. Turmoil
  - 3. Paving substance
  - 4. Once ... a Crime; 1992 John Candy film
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**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

The domestic part of your life isn't going very well right now; if you think everything is OK, you'd better take a second look.



**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

Take time to appreciate all you have in life. Sometimes we forget to think about the simple things that make us happy.



**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

The grass may seem greener on the other side, but it isn't. It may be time to get rid of some bad habits.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

You have to weigh both sides of a situation carefully before making any major decisions. A legal matter may come to the forefront.



**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**

Be generous with your heart and your money. The satisfaction you receive from helping others will be overwhelming.



**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**

There is a woman in your life who thinks she knows what is best for you. But there are some things you have to figure out on your own.



**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

Battles in the workplace and at home may leave you with a big headache. Only fight for what really matters.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**

A wish may come true, but not quite the way you expected. You carry the answers to a serious problem in your heart.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**

You may be spending more time at work than you would like. It is only a temporary situation, and something good will come from your effort.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**

There is a good chance you will see many of your dreams come true very quickly. Then you will have to decide what to do next.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

There will be news of a marriage or birth. A young person may need a shoulder to cry on. Try not to be too judgmental.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

It is funny how the good always seems to come with the bad. It all evens out in the end. Keep your spirits up.