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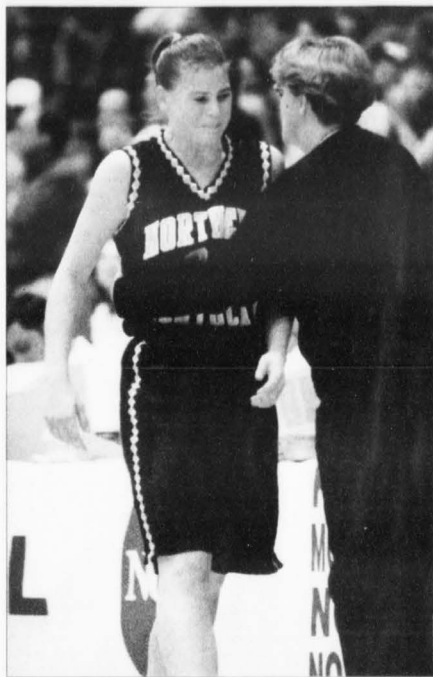
► INSIDE: Jenni Long was one of NKU's 'supa fans' at the women's b-ball final four game, SPORTS P7



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Norse bow out in Final Four 22-game winning streak ended by Arkansas Tech

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

Each season, every team begins the season with dreams of winning a championship, yet only one team can end the season with the big win.

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team came within two games of winning its first NCAA championship before falling in the Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The NKU women carried a 21-game win streak into the tournament at the Pine Bluff

Convention Center. Three wins would have given the Norse their first national title.

On St. Patrick's Day, NKU took on the Indians of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Behind torrid first-half shooting, NKU built a 20-point halftime lead and held on for a 75-67 victory.

NKU started the game on a 9-4 run, with Michele Tuchfarber and Shannon Smith combining for seven of the nine points.

After Indiana cut it to 9-8, the Norse went on a 13-2 run to give the Norse a 22-10 lead.

NKU would not look back the rest of the

half, as it took a 44-24 lead into the break.

The first half of the game set the tone for NKU, according to Indiana coach Sandy Thomas.

"Northern Kentucky is a great team," said Thomas. "They beat us to the ball a lot in the first half."

"I think we did an outstanding job in the first half," added NKU coach Nancy Winstel.

Jessica Jensen led the way for the Norse with 11 points and Katie Kelsey

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A SAD
FAREWELL:
Norse forward
Michelle Cottrell
(left) reacts after
fouling out in the
final minutes of the
team's 62-57 loss to
Arkansas Tech.

ALL TOGETHER
NOW: The Norse
gather around
Coach Nancy
Winstel for instructions
during a time-out
in their Final
Four game at the
Pine Bluff
Convention Center.



Increasing fees: 'You'll get what you pay for'

By Cindi Brown
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba encouraged students to Invest In Success on Wednesday, March 10 at town meetings held in the University Center cafeteria. Pizza and soft drinks were provided to all students who participated.

The "Invest In Success" initiative is a proposal to improve student programs at NKU by providing extra funding to the services which the president believes have the greatest impact on student success.

These include academic advising, student academic support programs and services, first-year programs such as learning communities and University 101 and various student organizations.

Votruba and the Student Government Association hosted the town meetings to give NKU students a chance to offer suggestions and share their concerns about the proposal.

The "Invest In Success" initiative will be voted on at the March 31 meeting of the Board of Regents.

If it is approved, there will be an increase in students' current \$10 per credit hour mandatory fee in order to fund the program.

"Speak now, or forever hold your peace," J. Patrick Moynahan said to students as he presented Votruba.

He directed students to the microphones set up in the cafeteria so they could voice their opinions and be heard by everyone. After a short period of

reluctance, students began to actively participate in the meeting.

Many students spoke about the weaknesses of academic advising offered at NKU. Votruba acknowledged these weaknesses, admitting that there are people serving that do not care.

He added, however, that the ones who do care are limited in their capacity to serve because they are so "stretched."

He said that right now, there are about 530 students assigned to each advisor and as a result, it often takes three to four weeks for students to get an advising appointment. According to Votruba, NKU is very understaffed in many key services offered on campus in addition to academic advising.

Students brought up other issues as well.

One such issue was the lack of extracurricular activities for students. According to Votruba, if "Invest In Success" is approved, there will be a seven percent increase in funds for SGA. This comes to about \$50,000, which will go to various student organizations.

Some students resented the proposed



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SPEAK NOW: Brian Heflin, English major, was one of many students to inquire to President Votruba about academic advising, increasing fees and other student related issues at a town hall meeting Wednesday.

increase in the current student fee, particularly the removal of the cap.

Currently, there is a mandatory fee of \$10 per credit hour.

It is a capped fee, meaning that a student pays no more than \$110 per semester.

If the proposal is approved, the fee will be increased to \$11 per credit hour and the cap will be removed.

Students enrolled with 12 credit hours will pay \$22 more per semester. Those

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'One-Stop' shop

Financial aid, bursar, registrar will join for easier enrollment

By Vicki Papas
Staff Reporter

The same convenience that students expect from an ATM will be available for students through a "one-stop enrollment service center" being planned for Northern Kentucky University.

According to Robert Sprague, director of student financial assistance, the year 2000 will bring the introduction of a welcome center and student enrollment center designed to provide students a single stop to handle financial aid, bursar and registrar functions.

Meetings are being held with an outside firm to begin analysis of the necessary renovations and cost to revamp the 3rd floor of the Lucas Administrative Center building into an admissions welcome center and an enrollment center.

Sprague said that the project is being driven by student demand for service. "Students want the same thing they do at an ATM. They want to be able to come in, do all their business, and go to class. That's what we're trying to do," he said.

This project is partnered with the introduction of web and telephone-based registration, which is considered phase I. Online registration, proposed for implementation in October 1999, is expected to handle 90 percent of the registration transactions. This should free the physical space on the 3rd floor of the administration building, previously used for walk-up registration, for the welcome center and student enrollment center.

Dr. Mark Shanley, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, said, "Electronic web-based and telephone-based registration is crucial to being able to do the second phase. No way could you continue to serve those large numbers of people

queuing in the financial aid, bursar and registrar lines in one place. The notion is built on a large proportion of students registering from remote areas. Then we don't have a need for the large physical (registration) space."

Sprague expects the service center to follow the introduction of online registration by one semester. When the service center is in place, students will have the option of handling their transactions over the telephone, through the web or in person at the service center.

Four to six service reps will be available in the service center to work with the students to handle transactions covering financial aid, registration and bursar. Shanley said, "Right now you wait in line at the registration office. When you are finally through that, you go to the end of the financial aid line and eventually the end of a very large bursar line. What we want to do is have one line. You go and speak to a generalist who is cross-trained on registration, financial aid and bursar, like you would a bank teller."

Kristian Smith, an undeclared sophomore, recalls making several trips across campus in order to complete his enrollment transactions. "This would help a lot," he said.

PC workstations allowing students web access for registration will also be available in the enrollment center. Sprague hopes the center's benefits will grow with a later expansion of an advising presence. "That function is more difficult to automate and hopefully, we can add it in the future," he said.

"I think this will turn out to be a great service to NKU students and I think students will have capabilities they've never had at this institution. The institution is taking some real steps forward into the 21st century in doing this," Sprague said.

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Campus organizations improve retention rates

By Amy Westerling
Staff Reporter

Students affiliated with the Greek system at Northern Kentucky University are your typical students, according to Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Activities.

Greek GPAs and ACT scores are "on the mark" for average students, she said. There is something, however, that makes students affiliated with the Greek organizations on campus stand out.

A recent study of the past fall and spring semesters has shown that the Greeks have a 97 percent retention rate for freshmen, Mulkey said. The average freshman retention rate for NKU is 84 percent.

"As far as I know," Mulkey said, "this is the only campus program with such high retention."

According to a recent study on student retention, NKU loses more freshmen during their first year of enrollment than the total of sophomores, juniors and seniors lost combined.

"We have accurate Greek data on file," Mulkey said, "but you will probably find similar freshmen retention rates in other student organizations."

This is difficult to measure, however, according to Stephanie Baker, director of Health, Counseling and Testing Services.

"You don't find many freshmen joining these other student organizations," Baker said.

"They are usually recruiting sophomores, juniors and seniors. The majority of Greeks, on the other hand, are freshmen and sophomores."

Mulkey attributes the high retention for Greek organizations to the connection made by students as freshmen and

to the academic and scholarship programs which are a part of the Greek organizations.

"The Greek system is a support group," Mulkey said. "When you don't feel like going to class, your friends will make you go. And when you struggle academically, they will put you on academic probation or assign you study tables until you get back on track."

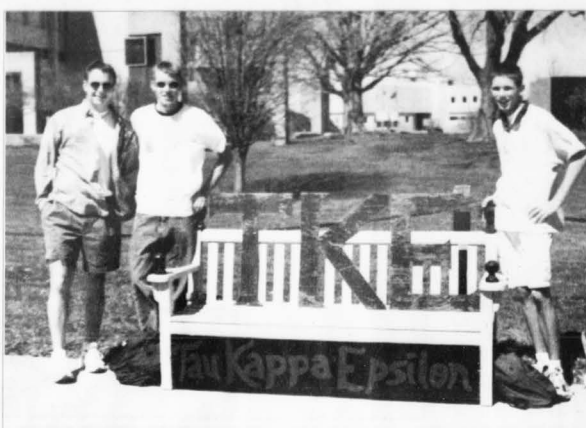
"There is also an emotional attachment," she said.

According to Mulkey, 6 percent of freshmen pledge a sorority or fraternity.

Baker said here is a perception that most students will continue to stick with their friends from high school during college.

When this does not happen, and a student is going through the motions without a support group of peers, it becomes increasing difficult to stay focused on or dedicated to school, she said.

"It's nice for students to be able to



According to Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Activities, freshmen participating in extracurricular activities and organizations have a much higher retention rate than those who do not. She said the important function of these groups is peer support, especially for new students.

Anna Weaver/The Northerner

walk into the cafeteria and have someone to sit down and eat lunch with," Baker said.

"There is incredible power to relationships," she said. "When hardships happen, it's easy to leave when there aren't any connections to school."

"Being involved in these organizations makes a real big place seem smaller," Baker said. "A group of 50 is much more manageable than an entire cam-

pus."

"Parents and advisors who tell freshmen to wait to join student organizations to see if they make adjustments to college life smoothly," Mulkey said, "are actually discouraging the thing that helps them the most."

In addition, student organizations are probably the most cost-effective retention program on campus, Mulkey said. "Student organizations are cheap for the

university, and help retention," she said.

Another way to increase student retention is through freshman programs, such as University 101, Baker said.

According to Baker, a recent study shows that University 101 and the learning communities, where a group of 15-20 freshmen take a group of classes together, also improve student retention and GPAs. According to the study, 90 percent of freshmen who take UNV 101 and are part of a learning community return in the spring and 10.3 percent are on the Dean's List.

Students who take UNV 101, the learning community and have mid-semester grades have a 95 percent rate of retention.

"Students who do not participate in these groups, on average, have lower GPAs and retention rates than those who do," Baker said.

Only 80 percent of students who do not participate in these programs return to school.

Out of 730 students who participated in the study, 95 had a GPA of 0.0.

"It's a shame," Baker said, "because these people are lost. They leave and don't usually come back."

Students, according to Baker, need to do whatever they can to become involved as freshmen.

"You need to spark their interest," she said. "They want to feel like part of something."

Mulkey said that the university is now working on a type of buddy program, where upperclassmen will be paired with incoming freshmen and act as guides to the university and its services.

The details of the program are still being worked out, she said, but it will be open to student leaders and anyone willing to participate.

STUDENT FEE: Votruba hosts town meeting

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taking more than 12 credit hours will be subject to a higher increase, paying \$11 for each additional credit hour. In the fall of 2000, the fee will be raised to \$13 per credit hour.

This fall, a student taking 15 credit hours will pay \$165 per semester instead of \$110. The following fall, the cost will increase to \$195.

Votruba said the students who take more than 12 credit hours a semester demand more from the services he is seeking to improve. In other words, you get what you pay for.

Votruba assured students that their money will be put to good use and will be used only for the key areas outlined in the "Invest In Success" initiative.

"One hundred percent of the funds will go to these programs that demonstrate the greatest

impact on students," said Votruba.

Votruba said that all of the funds will be placed in a separate university account to ensure that the money goes only toward the programs specified in the proposal. He also said that any student wishing to can see a copy of the budget to be sure that the money is being well spent.

Votruba said that "Invest In Success" will ensure that a degree one receives at NKU will increase in value in the future as the university becomes better known and more respected.

"I'd like to see every student succeed," Votruba said.

Robyn Saccone, a member of SGA, said she thought the town meeting went well.

"We received a lot of good input from students," she said.

Brian Hefflin, a junior English major, said a lot of people in Votruba's position would have been condescending in their responses to students. He said he thought that Votruba genuinely cared about the students' concerns.

"If nothing else, it [the Town Meeting] was valuable because it showed that we are concerned," Hefflin said. "I think it will help speed up the process of improvement."

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or forever hold your
peace."*

-J. Patrick Moynahan

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A vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed at the stop sign at Johns Hill Road and Kenton Drive. When the DPS officer approached vehicle, he smelled alcohol and asked if the driver had been drinking. The driver responded with "Umm...no."

He was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and disregarding a stop sign.

A legally blind student slipped and fell on the ice on the sidewalk from Natural Science to Nunn Drive. The victim's right knee was cut and their pants

leg was torn. Roads and Grounds was contacted to salt the area.

Valuables worth \$640 were stolen from a student's dorm room in Kentucky Hall.

A DPS officer responded to a complaint of a disorderly subject in the University Center Game Room. Upon arrival, a male subject was found dancing and singing loudly with

headphones on. While interviewing the subject, the officer observed that he was disoriented, and "lacked full mental capacity" based on his answers to the officer's questions.

A student with a history of heart trouble was transported to Christ Hospital from Norse Commons after complaining of chest pains.

A car was stopped for having only one headlight. The driver was charged with having an improper registration and expired plates. DPS called driver a cab to give the driver a ride home.

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Credit-Mentality

(U-WIRE) MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — There is a lot wrong with modern post-secondary education and very little right with it. It's too specialized, it's too watered-down and undemanding, it's too reliant on textbooks and not texts, and on and on.

Some problems, however, are not so apparent because they are the result, not of procedural and methodological mistakes which tend to come under the scrutiny of many, but of regrettable changes in the outlook of students.

Among these types of problems is the dominant "credit-mentality" of college students. What I call credit-mentality is descriptive of an approach to college classes.

It refers to an outlook that understands college classes only as bothersome obstacles between the student and credit toward some degree. Ask someone with a credit-mentality why he or she is taking a class, and the answer may take many forms. It may go into that particular class's difficulty versus other classes that would have fulfilled the same requirement. It may discuss various factors that make that class desirable and do so in terms of professors, friends in the class, time slot, etc.

However, at its core, the reasoning of the person with a credit mentality for taking a class will be based on a goal of acquiring credit, most commonly to be used toward some higher goal of a degree. It is my contention, however unpopular it might be, that credit-mentality is fatally flawed.

The notion of awarding credits for satisfactory performance in a class and then linking the type and number of those credits to one's qualification for a degree has had the unintended effect of moving the student's motivation for taking a class from its proper place, and that proper motivation is the acquisition of knowledge.

From what I can tell, there are very few students who take classes to actually learn something. Students do not approach a class called English literature with the intent or will to learn about the English literary tradition, but with the empty, shallow will to fulfill a degree requirement. The ultimate goal of a degree is a worthy symbol to strive toward, but it is just that—a symbol. It is meant to be symbolic of a certain amount of knowledge.

It would follow, therefore, that one must make knowledge in the certain areas required by the degree intermediary goals. Instead, students have put on the blinders of intellectual laziness and ignored what is obviously the fundamental goal of education, knowledge and marked as intermediary goals, the symbols of knowledge in these areas, credits.

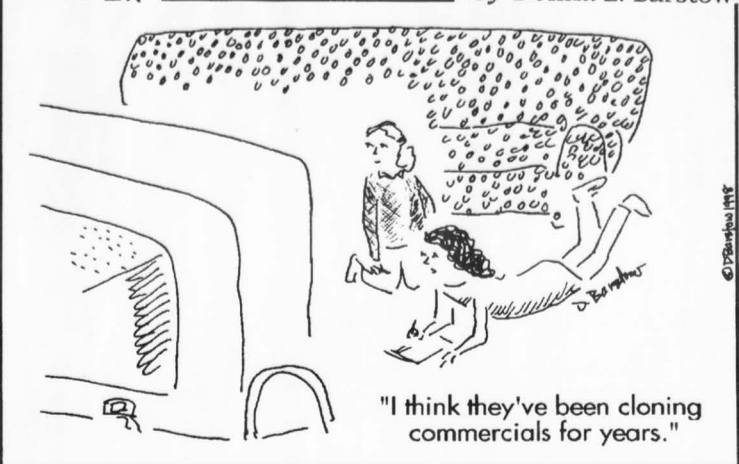
This credit-mentality is so dominant in the college culture that when I try to explain to people that I only need 12 hours to fulfill all my degree requirements, and that I am taking 19 hours in my final semester, they stare at me in disbelief. The idea of taking classes to learn something about an area one is interested in is so utterly foreign to most that they simply never think of such a thing. And the look of shock on their faces when I explain that among these "non-credit-motivated" classes are things like symbolic logic and process philosophy makes me fully realize just how far into this sinkhole of credit-mentality we have sunk.

The glee that overcomes a college class when they learn that a class meeting has been canceled is downright bewildering to me. In essence, the students are happy because they are getting less of what they paid for. How asinine is that? It is the equivalent of ordering a Big Mac Value Meal and happily tossing the drink and fries out of the window. Students pay for an education; they pay for access to a system created for the sole purpose of imparting knowledge and then, not only do they squander a disgusting number of opportunities to gain knowledge, but they celebrate when paid-for opportunities are taken away.

Confusing indeed, but in perfect keeping with the sadly dominant credit-mentality.

Toon In

by Donna L. Barstow



"I think they've been cloning commercials for years."

Academics should come before athletics

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal judge in Philadelphia ruled Monday that the NCAA's freshman eligibility standards violate federal civil rights laws because of their "unjustified" impact on black students.

The case will be appealed, but if it stands, Division I and II schools will no longer be required to follow rules designed to improve athletes' graduation rates and prevent academic abuses.

If the NCAA standards are thrown out, college athletics must not return to the days when "anything goes" was the rule. The athletics association must maintain standards to ensure that colleges and universities remain true to

their mission — teaching students.

The rules that were struck down this week are known as Proposition 48 (Proposition 16, in its latest form). They were instituted in 1992 after it was discovered that several star college athletes were virtually illiterate and others were playing without regard to their academic standing.

The rules required freshmen to have a high school diploma, a minimum standardized test score and a minimum grade-point average in 13 core academic courses. The test scores and GPA were set on an indexed, sliding scale on which a student with an 820 on the Scholastic Assessment Test had to have at least a 2.5 GPA. A student with a 2.0 GPA had to

have a minimum SAT score of 1,010.

The court decided the rules did not contribute to the "goal of raising student-athlete graduation rates" and that they adversely affect African-American and low-income student athletes. The court's decision means that each of the 500 Division I and II colleges will be responsible for determining its own freshman eligibility rules.

Colleges and universities exist to educate their students. For many schools, that mission is always being tested by another goal — to make money. Many schools have bent the rules — if not broken them outright — to increase their teams' chances of winning a championship.

Students who shouldn't be allowed to play because of poor grades play anyway; athletes receive "loans" of various sorts from booster clubs and prominent alumni; students go through school with no intention of graduating. Academics are sacrificed in the quest for a better team and increased marketing possibilities.

The ruling was a good one, reversing biased requirements that affected African-American athletes disproportionately. By emphasizing standard testing with its sliding scales, Proposition 16 hurt minority athletes. But the NCAA and its member schools must enforce reasonable minimum academic standards to ensure that their athletes are also students.

North Poll

What do you think NKU could do to keep more people on campus?

Faye Hundley
Business Management
Florence

"They need to get the students more involved in the student activities."



Jerry Wallace
Graduate Student
Cumblesburg

"Provide more non-concrete infrastructure."

Julie Neltner
Art Education
Butler

"They should publicize the activities we have on campus."



Bill Marcum
Finance
Crittenden

"Make it a wet campus. If you're of age, you should be able to drink."

Candra Brodt
Pre-Elementary Ed.
Crestwood

"They need to have more of a night life here on campus."



Ryan Scherder
Drawing
Villa Hills

"They need to have more houses for the fraternity and sorority's and more evening activities."

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Karl Vogler: NKU's own 'Mister Wizard'

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Staff Reporter

Karl Vogler's office looked like a disaster. Books, binders and folders were spread over every flat surface and papers were stacked precariously high in the corners. His office floor was strewn with post-its, puzzles and toys.

Vogler is a scientist, a physicist. Einstein was a eccentric physicist who made the stereotype for any who claim such expertise. Vogler seemed to fit the description. His hair is often in disarray and his shirt is sometimes spotted with careless stains. He is thoughtful, soft spoken and analytical.

Unlike Einstein, Vogler is not eccentric. His books, binders and folders are right where he wants them. Vogler laughs and jokes and often uses humorous anecdotes to reinforce important information.

Northern Kentucky University hired Vogler in July as its newest full-time astronomy professor in the Department of Physics and Geology.

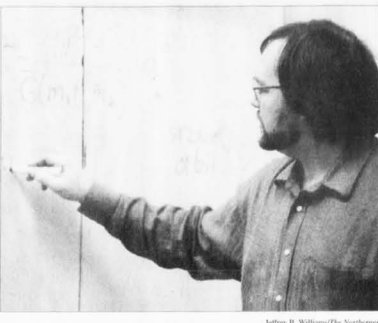
Vogler came to NKU from Valparaiso, Ind. with his wife Lore and his two children, Heath and Ashley, 18 months. He held a temporary position as visiting, assistant professor at Valparaiso University until last year.

Vogler has held three temporary positions since earning his Ph.D. in physics and the Northern Kentucky University.

The astronomy professorship at NKU was one of the three offers he received. Vogler turned down a better college because NKU combines his physics and geology departments.

Vogler explained my fascination in physics with a specialization in infrared (remote sensing, which combines physics with astronomy and geology, the position at NKU was almost ideal," he said.

"The position is not my true track, but it is permanent and I plan to stay for the while," he said. "My wife and I like a



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here. We have a chance to build new things. This was a new position," Hawkins said. "We were looking for someone who had a background in physics with an interest in astronomy or geology."

Hawkins said Vogler was the best candidate for the position because of his background and training and his interest in teaching in an "active engagement" environment.

Hawkins said a lab-based curriculum is an active engagement type of teaching and will be the focus for teaching the sciences at NKU.

Vogler was born in Nebraska and raised

in southeastern Wisconsin. He earned a bachelor's degree in astronomy from the University of Wisconsin and stayed there to do graduate work in infrared astronomy.

"The Wyoming Infrared Observatory has the third or fourth-largest infrared telescope in the world," Vogler said. "Most of my graduate work involved design, construction and computer interface of astronomical instruments. My dissertation research was on infrared remote sensing of the moon and asteroids."

He also designed and built all the data acquisition software and the software to run a photometer he had built for his dissertation research.

"I developed a computer model that did a good job explaining what I observed. It's

all published stuff and now I have a Ph.D. to show for it," he said.

Vogler married his best friend Lore while still in graduate school. They enjoyed outdoor sports and went hunting, hiking and physics together.

"I worked out a lot of physics problems from the end of a fishing pole," Vogler said.

He also hunted with his father and his father-in-law. "I'm sure this added to the time I spent in graduate school, but it kept me sane and had them home to show to my students," he said.

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Art festival at hand at NKU

By Kelly Carson
Features Editor

The University Center at Northern Kentucky University will be transformed into a craft fair on Tuesday, March 30 during the 10th annual Women's Art Festival.



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Campus Calendar

- Thursday, March 28:**
- Panel Discussion, Affirmative Action, University Center Theatre, 12:15 p.m. Sponsored by Students for a Better Environment, and Against Racism, Black Law Students Association, and Black United Students.
 - Phi Beta Lambda meeting, 3:15 p.m. UC-303.
 - Students Together Against Racism, 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
 - Women in Transition support group meeting, 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC-232.
 - Concert, NKU Brass Choir, David Dunevant, conductor, Graves Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 26:

- Auditions for Department of Theatre 1999 Summer Dinner Theatre, 12:30 p.m. Fine Arts Center Black Box Theatre. Call 572-6362 for information and appointment.

Monday, March 29:

- Les Casseurs du Land, French conversation hour, 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- Life Enhancements Series, "Exercises for the Selenity," noon. Call X-5684 for appointment, reservation, and location.

Tuesday, March 30:

- The Women's Art Festival, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. UC lobby. Free booth space for vendors. Call 572-6497 to reserve a table.
- "Celebration for Life" for Carle Schuler, 4 p.m. Graves Concert Hall.
- "Quitting Women's Lives Together," Quilting Bazaar, free to the community, materials provided, 6 p.m. UC-232.
- Stress Relief and Holistic Medicine by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, 9 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Common Ground presentation, 4:45 p.m. UC-303.
- German Kaffeekunde, German conversation hour, 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

Wednesday, March 31:

- Hora de conversacion, Spanish conversation hour, 1 p.m. Landrum 531.
- AA meeting, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. UC-232.
- NKU Jazz Ensemble, James Blum, conductor, 8 p.m. Graves Concert Hall.

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Sunday, April 4:

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Monday, April 5:

- NKU Jazz Ensemble, James Blum, conductor, 8 p.m. Graves Concert Hall.

Tuesday, April 6:

- NKU Jazz Ensemble, James Blum, conductor, 8 p.m. Graves Concert Hall.

Co-op for college credit

Program provides hands-on experience

By Christy Halpin
Staff Reporter

Only a few students take part in the Northern Kentucky University Cooperative Education Program. Last year there were only 186 students involved, according to Christy Harper, co-op coordinator.

Co-op gives students an opportunity to get professional experience and to see if they have chosen the major that is right for them.

Co-op is "a way to give you an edge in jobs you are getting ready to graduate. This gives you a chance to get experience in the

field your getting into," said Harper.

To enroll in the co-op program, students must have a minimum of a 2.2 overall GPA and must have completed 30 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree. Many students are unaware that co-op exists, according to Harper.

Co-op gives students an opportunity to get professional experience and to see if they have chosen the major that is right for them.

Co-op allows students to get hands-on experience in their field while at the same time enhancing their people skills. "The biggest thing I learned was how to deal with people," said Curry.

Terry Peet, a senior marketing major, said that co-op has benefited him a whole lot. "I've made great connections that will help me when I graduate."

Co-op is beneficial to students and will help in the future when they are applying for a job. Co-op only provides you with experience, but helps you make the most of it after graduation because of her co-op jobs.

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Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Games of life should not end in sudden death

Elden May
Sports Editor

On Friday night, March 12, a young life came to a tragic end on a high school basketball court in Indiana.

John Stewart, a 17-year-old basketball star, was playing in the Indiana high school regional finals when he asked to come out of the game. He collapsed on the bench and within 20 minutes, he was dead.

Stewart, a University of Kentucky signer, suffered from a lifelong bout with asthma. It was also revealed during the autopsy that Stewart suffered from an enlarged heart.

The important question in this situation is not how the doctors missed this during his life, but why Stewart was on the court in the first place.

A disturbing trend seems to be forming across the United States at all levels of sport. Athletes are allowed to compete, even if they suffer from a condition that could endanger their lives.

The Stewart death is nothing new. The issue was first brought into focus with the death of Loyola Marymount star Hank Gathers in 1990. Then, Celtics star Reggie Lewis died on the court from a heart condition in 1994. Figure skater Sergei Grinkov collapsed while practicing and died on November 20, 1995.

Deaths of athletes became a local issue on Opening Day 1996 when major league umpire John McSherry died on the field during the Reds-Expos game.

Then, last January, Walnut Hills High School star Gabriel Robinson collapsed and died during a basketball game. The official report on Robinson's death said he suffered from hypertrophic heart disease.

At what point does the opportunity to compete overrule the safety of the player in question?

Should a player be allowed to compete if doctors and officials provide evidence that the condition could be life-threatening?

Sadly, many decisions are made on the basis of possible litigation. Many would-be athletes would do anything to get the right to play, even if it means taking a school to court.

A classic example is the case of Stephen Larkin, the younger brother of Reds shortstop Barry Larkin. The younger Larkin, then a freshman at the University of Texas, was found to have an irregular heartbeat and was denied the chance to play baseball for the Longhorns. Larkin then sued and won his court battle.

Larkin made his major-league debut last September for the Reds. He now wears a pacer-maker.

Unfortunately, it seems that many teams are willing to take the chance with a possible time bomb rather than fight in court to save athletes from themselves.

Many would rather apologize and eulogize after the fact instead of spending the money to save a life.

Sports is a great way to escape from the troubles of everyday life and it is certainly worth everyone's best effort, but it is not worth risking a life over.

Until someone takes a stance and puts safety first, we will continue to read about how great an athlete was instead of how great an athlete is.

NORSE: Arkansas Tech ends NKU run through NCAA tournament

From Page 1

had 10 points for NKU at the half. Megan Woodall had eight points for Indiana.

Senior Katie Kelsey said she wanted to help out on the offensive end of the floor for NKU.

"I was looking to put the ball on the floor a little more and be a more offensive threat," said Kelsey.

In the second half, Indiana came out shooting, as it went on a 16-5 run to start the half. Jodi Frederick and Beth McDonald had six points each for the Indians to cut the Norse lead to 49-40.

The Norse answered back with a 10-4 run of its own to grab a 59-44 lead.

Late in the game, Frederick brought Indiana back. She hit a layup and a three-pointer to cut the Norse lead to four, at 68-64.

NKU made its free throws down the stretch as the last nine Norse points came from the foul line.

Shannon Smith led the way for the NKU with 20 points and Jessica Jensen had 14 points in the Norse win.

Jodi Frederick led all scorers with 25 points and 11 rebounds and Megan Woodall had 17 points for the Indians.

The senior leadership was one of the reasons for NKU's Elite Eight victory.

"Our seniors especially look to step up in close situations," said senior Shannon Smith. "That's what makes us such a dangerous team. I just wanted the ball in my hands."

Indiana shaved 16 points off the NKU halftime lead, but could never come all the way back. In the end, the Indians came out short.

"We did a great job of coming back, but unfortunately, the game is 40 minutes long and we only played about 25," Thomas said.



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

LET IT FLY: NKU guard Michele Tuchfarber shoots over the outstretched hand of Arkansas Tech guard Mindy Lasater during the 62-57 loss in the national semi-finals.

The win lifted NKU to a 30-2 record and put them one win away from a spot in the NCAA Championship game. To get there, the Norse had to go through Arkansas Tech, a 68-56 winner over Montana State-Billings on Thursday night.

The Golden Suns from Russellville, Arkansas jumped on the Norse early with a 16-5 run. Laura Buss had six points and A.J. Thomas had five points during the run.

Poor shooting early in the game

cost the Norse. NKU missed its first seven shots from the field and did not get its first field goal until the 14:13 mark of the first half.

NKU came back with a 9-0 run to cut the Golden Suns lead to two at 16-14.

The game remained close throughout the rest of the half as Arkansas Tech took a 27-24 lead into the break.

Michelle Cottrell had 10 points for NKU and Laura Buss had eight points for Arkansas Tech at halftime.

Arkansas Tech coach Joe Foley talked about what his team did in both halves of the ball game to win.

"In the first half, we took them out of their offense," said Foley. "In the second half, they knew we would put in on the floor, so we adjusted and did a good job. We're a more offensive-minded ball club."

Early in the second half, the Norse came out firing, as NKU used an 11-5 run to take its only lead of the game at 35-32.

Cottrell and Tuchfarber combined for nine of the 11 Norse points during the run.

Midway through the second half with the game tied at 41, Arkansas Tech took the game over with an 11-2 run. Senior forward Khelli Mullen hit three three-pointers and freshman guard Mindy Lasater had five points during the run for the Golden Suns.

NKU made one final push when it was able to cut the Arkansas Tech lead to 54-50. After A.J. Thomas made a basket to give the Golden Suns a six-point lead, the Norse went on outscored ATU 7-2, as Smith and Tuchfarber combined for all seven Norse points.

However, with Arkansas Tech leading 58-57, Lasater was fouled while shooting a three-pointer. She then hit two of three free throws to extend the lead to three at 60-57.

NKU missed its last chance for a tie when Kelsey's three-point attempt in the final minute would not fall.

Lasater led the Golden Suns with 18 points and Mullen had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Arkansas Tech.

NKU was led by Cottrell with 18 points, Tuchfarber had 15 points and Smith had 14 points for the Norse.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel talked about how Arkansas Tech played offensively.

"They came out with a little intensity," said Winstel. "They hit a couple of big shots, including a few threes."

NKU senior Katie Kelsey talked about how the Golden Suns hurt them on the defensive side of the floor.

"They were switching on our screens, it was a hard time getting open on the perimeter," said Kelsey. "They had real good ball pressure."

"We didn't get off to a good start, but we battled back," said Winstel. "Our pride kicked in and we started playing some ball."

The loss ended a 22-game winning streak for NKU. The Norse ended the season with a record of 30-3. The 30 wins are the most in school history for the women's basketball program.

NKU (57): Stanley 0-4 1-5 1, Tuchfarber 5-17 4-7 15, Kelsey 2-5 3-4 9, Cottrell 9-14 0-18, Smith 6-7 2-2 14, Jensen 0-3 0-0 0, Kamrath 0-0 0-0 0, Roddy 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 22-50 10-18 57.

Arkansas Tech (62): Lasater 5-14 5-8 18, Huskey 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 2-8 1-2 5, Buss 5-8 0-0 10, Mullen 5-11 1-3 14, Thomas 5-7 5-7 15, Hodges 0-0 0-0 0, Compton 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 22-49 12-20 62.

Halftime: Arkansas Tech, 27-24.

Three-point goals: Arkansas Tech 6-15 (Lasater 3-10, Mullen 3-5); NKU 3-10 (Stanley 0-2, Tuchfarber 1-3, Kelsey 2-3, Jensen 0-2).

Fouled Out: Cottrell, Rebounds- Arkansas

Tech 33 (Mullen 12); NKU 26

(Stanley 7). **Assists:** Arkansas

Tech 16 (Mullen 5); NKU 11

(Kelsey 5). **Turnovers:**

Arkansas Tech 18 (Huskey 7);

NKU 12 (Stanley, Jensen 4).

Attendance- 1,514.

IBL RESULTS

Below are the results of the season-ending tournament from the Sunday, Monday and Thursday night intramural leagues at the Albright Health Center. For more information on upcoming leagues or game times, please contact Dan Henry, director of campus recreation at 572-5728.

Results from Sunday, March 7

Semi-Finals A-Division

E-Penetration	77	Looney Tunes	72
Cats	76	Campus Book & Supply	56

Finals A-Division

Cats	79	E-Penetration	65
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Finals B-Division

Korn Dawks	70	Psychodelic Chickens	41
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Finals C-Division

Convicts	53	Run-N-Gun	45
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Semi-Finals Greek Division

Alpha Tau Omega A	56	Tau Kappa Epsilon II	68
Pi Kappa Alpha A	64		61

Finals Greek Division

Pi Kappa Alpha A	45	Alphab Tau Omega	39
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Results from Monday, March 8

Finals A-Division

Cats	76	Dream Team	70
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Semi-Finals B-Division

Square Dancin' Monkeys	75	Blue Team	63
Rejection	54	Evil Beavers	47

Finals B-Division

Square Dancin' Monkeys	75	Rejection	65
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Upcoming Games

NKU Baseball

Saturday	March 27 at Lewis *	noon
Sunday	March 28 at Lewis	noon
Wednesday	March 31 at Indianapolis *	1:00

NKU Softball

Saturday	March 27 at Lewis *	noon
Sunday	March 28 at Wisconsin-Parkside	1:00
* Doubleheader		

NKU Men's Tennis

Friday	March 26 at SIU-Edwardsville	TBA
Saturday	March 27 at Quincy	TBA
Sunday	March 28 at Missouri-St. Louis	TBA

A league of their own...



Above are members of the Cats Intramural "A" League Champions. The Cats were the champions of both the Sunday and Monday leagues at the Albright Health Center.

Billiards

8-Ball & 9-Ball

Sign up at
AHC 104

UC Info, Desk

Play is...
April
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Wednesday, March 24, 1999

THE NORTHERNER

'Crazy' fans support NKU women in Elite Eight

Listerman leads group of NKU athletes to cheer Norse at Pine Bluff

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

With the success that the Northern Kentucky University women's has had this season, it led the team to the Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Since it played during spring break, some dedicated NKU fans made the trip up to Arkansas to watch the Norse try to win the NCAA Division II national championship.

As far as being a fan, the NKU students try their best to add to the crowd atmosphere by cheering as loud as it can to support the team.

"We like to scream as loud as we can and keep a good attitude for them," said NKU volleyball player and "superfan" Jenni Long.

"We're here to give some support to the women's team," said men's basketball player Craig Conley. "We try to get our crowd into it."

Perhaps the biggest fan of all, men's basketball player, Kevin Listerman summed it by saying, "We're just crazy!"

Making the 10 1/2 hour drive to Pine Bluff, Arkansas was worth the trip for these students even if it was during spring break.

"It was definitely worth it," said men's basketball manager Eric Feedback. "It seems logical to come down and support them."

"We're not giving anything up," added Listerman. "This is our spring break."

With the men's basketball and women's volleyball players coming



JEFF MCCURRY/THE NORTHERNER
'DA NORSE: NKU superfans Liz Lamping (bottom left), Jenni Long (right), Craig Conley (top left), Mitch Perdrix (center) and Kevin Listerman (top right) cheer on the Norse during the NCAA Women's Elite Eight in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

to support the Norse in Arkansas, they feel that if the roles were reversed, the women's basketball players would do the same for them.

"We have so much athletic support," said Long. "If they had the opportunity, I think they would."

"We're a pretty close team," explained Conley. "They would come too."

The NKU fans that made the trip to watch the Norse in action proved to be positive fan boosters as it did its best to try to cheer the team to victory.

"It helps to have an atmosphere that brings a positive one," said Feedback.

Even though the NKU women's basketball team did not win the

national championship, the fans still said the trip was still a success.

These fans go to most of the games for the basketball team to help support the women's team as much as possible.

"I go to every one," said Listerman. "They are really fun to watch. Athletes try to support each other as much as possible."

News 'N' Notes

From the Elite Eight

By Elden May
Sports Editor

News and Notes from the NCAA Women's Elite Eight in Arkansas last week:

Early in the first half of the NKU-Indiana (Pa.) game, NKU forward Julie Stanley came out of the game after she began dripping blood. It was later revealed she had suffered a broken nose. Stanley returned later in the half and finished the Indiana game and played the next night against Arkansas Tech.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel received another honor last week as she was named the NCAA Division II Region IV Coach of the Year. Winstel was also named GLVC Coach of the Year this season.

NKU placed three players on the All-GLVC team. Freshman Michelle Cottrell and senior Shannon Smith were named to the first team, while sophomore Michele Tuchfarber was named to the second team. Cottrell was also named the Newcomer of the Year in the GLVC.

One GLVC player was named to the Division II All-America team. St. Joseph's guard Angie Hupfer, who torched NKU for 36 points and 12 rebounds in the home finale, was named to the first team. Hupfer led all NCAA divisions by averaging 30.7

points per game.

The NCAA Division II Elite Eight has become the North Dakota invitational. Either North Dakota or North Dakota State has won every NCAA championship this decade, except for 1992 and 1990 (Delta State).

Emporia State currently has an alum in the WNBA and could have another on the way. Aneta Kausaitis currently plays for the Detroit Shock and her sister, first team All-American Jurgita Kausaitis, could follow. A scout for the Shock was on hand for the Hornets' semi-final loss to North Dakota.

The finals were broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

The NKU women's team finished with a record of 30-3. The 30 wins are a school record. The Norse also had a 22 game winning streak. The streak is the second longest in school history. The 1975-76 team won 25 games in a row.

Senior guard Katie Kelsey finished his career as the all-time holder for career assists. She also finished her career as the all-time leader in career minutes played.

Senior center Shannon Smith was near 100 percent throughout the tournament. She wore a brace, but showed no ill effects of the knee surgery that caused her to miss eight games near the end of the season.

1999 NCAA Women's Elite Eight Tournament Bracket (at Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff, Arkansas)

North Dakota 96		North Dakota 87	
Mar. 17, 1 p.m.			
Kennesaw State 69		North Dakota	
Emporia State 99	Mar. 18, 6:00 p.m.	Emporia State 81	
Mar. 17, 3 p.m.			
Bentley (MA) 72			
	Sat., Mar. 20, 3:30 p.m.		
Montana St.-Billings 56		Arkansas Tech 62	North Dakota
Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m.			National Champion
Arkansas Tech 68		Arkansas Tech	
Mar. 18, 8 p.m.			
Indiana (Pa.) 67		NKU 57	
Mar. 17, 8:30 p.m.			
NKU 75			

1999 All-Great Lakes Valley Conference

First Team

Name	School	POS	HT	YR	PPG
Angie Hupfer	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	F	5-11	JR	30.7
Kim Lowe	SIU-Edwardsville	F	5-9	SR	19.5
Michelle Cottrell	NKU	F/C	5-11	FR	18.5
Misi Clark	SIU-Edwardsville	G	5-10	SO	19.4
Shannon Smith	NKU	C	6-1	SR	17.2

The Northerner Players of the Week



Photo by Jeff McCurry

Top: The seven NKU seniors: (From left) Manager Kelly Kueven, Kris Kamrath, Shannon Smith, Monique McRae, Katie Kelsey, Julie Stanley and Shannon Roddy led the NKU women's team to the best record in school history at 30-3. The team also had a 22 game winning streak. Kelsey leaves NKU as the All-time leader in assists and minutes played and Smith is in the top 10 in scoring. This class leaves NKU with a record of 83 wins and 33 losses.

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SOFTBALL

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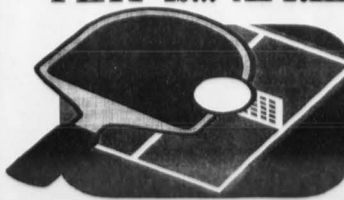
Captain's Meeting:

Mon. March 29 at 4 pm, AHC

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Call to arms

NKU pitchers hope to rebound from '98

By Elden May
Sports Editor

If the 1999 baseball season for Northern Kentucky University could be summed up in a single word, the word would be pitching.

The Norse will rely on 13 new pitchers this season. Pitching doomed NKU last season as the team struggled to a 13-24-1 record. The 8.52 team ERA was the highest in the history of the program.

Last season was a tale of two halves for the Norse. In the first half of the season, NKU posted a 12-6 record. In the second half, the Norse went 1-19, including 15 consecutive losses in one stretch.

Coach Bill Aker said he hopes the mix of young pitching and veteran leadership can get the Norse over the hump.

"Our pitching staff really had a tough time getting people out last season, but I think we have some good newcomers and several good veterans to lead us," Aker said.

The top returning pitcher for NKU this season is Jason Stauffer. Stauffer recorded four victories last season and was third on the team with 26 strikeouts.

Sophomores Shaun Fausz, Andy Cox and Tim Groods anchor the NKU staff. Cox recorded a 5.82 ERA last season and Fausz struck out 13 in 15 innings.

Another possible candidate for the rotation is freshman Victor Kleine. Kleine was an All-State selection last year at Boone County High School.

Other freshmen pitchers that

have already seen action this spring include Jamie Willyerd, Mark Cain, Shane Stanton, Brian Ayers and Jimmy Drakeford.

The position players could be the key to the season. Leading this group will be senior Scott Berryman. Berryman led the team in walks last season with 22 while hitting .319. He also drove in 32 runs.

Aker believes Berryman could be the cornerstone of the NKU attack this season.

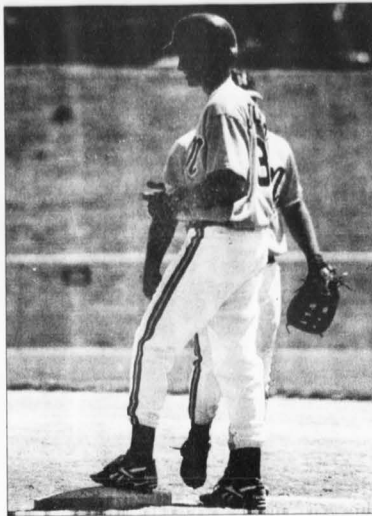
"Scott (Berryman) has the ability to be one of the GLVC's top players this season," Aker said. "He is a clutch RBI man, a versatile athlete and a key to our 1999 season."

The catching situation will be split between Berryman and Michael Tudor. Tudor started 28 games for NKU last season, while scoring 15 runs and hitting .220. Sophomore infielder Jamie Ramsey should provide stability and versatility for NKU this year. Ramsey can play any infield position. He hit .328 last season before being sidelined with a broken hand.

Shaun Brown is another returning starter. Brown started 15 games for the Norse and hit .277. The outfield situation is somewhat muddled.

NKU must replace the production of All-GLVC and All-region performer Mike Pitzer. Pitzer led NKU with 10 home runs, 51 RBI and 37 runs.

The leading candidates to start include Kevin McElfresh, Brian Poe, Chad Lubbe and Justin Rahschulte. Lubbe hit .434 and stole 39 bases for Holy Cross



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

LOOKING FOR MORE: The NKU baseball team will emphasize a speed approach this season as two freshman outfielders both stole over 30 bases last year in high school.

High School. Rahschulte was named best male athlete at Boone County High School last year. He hit seven home runs, drove in 43 and stole 36 bases for the Rebels last year.

Leading the Norse will be coach Bill Aker. Aker begins his 28th season with the Norse. Aker founded the NKU baseball program in 1971. Since then, his career win total of 754-520-1 ranks in the top 10 among active coaches.

Under Aker's watchful eye, NKU has appeared in the post season eight times, including the

1979 NCAA Division II World Series and the 1985 NAIA Division I World Series. He has been named Coach of the Year five times and the Norse have been nationally ranked eight times.

The schedule could be tough for NKU this season, as five Great Lakes Valley Conference teams are ranked.

In the latest poll, GLVC opponents St. Joseph's (Ind.) (eighth), Quincy (ninth), SIU-Edwardsville (16th), Missouri-St. Louis (20th), Indianapolis (24th) are all ranked in the Baseball News Top 25 poll.

Making some racket in the '98-99 season

By Elden May
Sports Editor

If the 1998 season for the Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team was marked by a one-man show, the 1999 season should be twice as nice.

Following the graduation of Mike Curnayne, the Norse will look to spread the wealth this season behind the play of senior Dax Evans and junior Aaron McDowell.

But don't be fooled by lack of one star; the Norse have talent. NKU coach Geoff Crawford says some players are already making an impact.

In the recent spring break trip to Hilton Head, South Carolina, several players had the opportunity to play. "The freshmen played well. We really needed people to step up and they did," Crawford said.

Currently, the top singles player is Evans, followed by McDowell. Sophomore Shawn Barone is slated to be the third singles player and junior Jarrod Cooper is fourth on the depth chart. These four are expected to carry much of the load.

But Crawford realizes that replacing Curnayne will not be easy.

"We lost Mike Curnayne and he was the glue that held the team together. Every time he went out, we knew he'd win," Crawford said.

Jordan Dapper and Mike Perazzo comprise the third dou-

bles team, but that could change. "Right now, we've got Mike (Perazzo) and Jordan (Dapper), but we can switch them around," Crawford said.

Leadership will be provided by seniors Todd Thielen and Doug Weinel. Brian Mastin and J.J. Moore could also see significant playing time.

The team finished in a tie for fifth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference last season and Crawford says he expects the team to be in the hunt again this season.

"We were behind SIUE, Southern Indiana and Indianapolis," Crawford said. "But we were competitive with them when we played."

However, the road will not be easy. "The GLVC is one of the strongest tennis conferences in the country. The same is also true for the entire Midwest region," Crawford said.

The season got off to a slow start as the team went 1-3 in its spring break trip.

The team was shut out by Western Kentucky and Parkland (Ill.), but then rebounded to beat Babson (Mass.). The team is 1-0 in the GLVC after defeating Bellarmine Saturday.

Weather permitting, the Norse will play five home games in a stretch from April 6-13.

Crawford hopes increased fan support will help the NKU cause.

"We hope to get everyone to come out and watch us play," Crawford said.

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Spring break games recap

By Kelly Sudzina
Managing Editor

NKU spring sports teams fared well on spring break trips.

Spring break saw the NKU tennis team at Pensacola, Fla., and the baseball team at Jacksonville, Fla.

TENNIS

On their spring break trip at Hilton Head, S.C., the NKU tennis team was shut out by Western Kentucky University and Parkland (Ill.) 7-0. They also lost to Kutztown (Penn.) 6-1. However, they won 7-1 against Babson College (Mass.).

Playing at home again Saturday, they beat Bellarmine 6-3.

Coach Geoff Crawford said he learned a lot about his team during the trip to Hilton Head. "The freshmen played well," Crawford said. "We had some players that really needed to step up and they did."

SOFTBALL

The NKU Softball team has won 11 of 13 games overall so far this year and all four of the GLVC games it has played.

While at Pensacola, Fla., the Norse won five of six games, beating teams such as Fitchberg

College, Missouri Southern, University of Arkansas-Monticello and Lincoln University.

In a doubleheader last Saturday they beat Saint Joseph's and in a doubleheader last Sunday, they beat IPFW, 5-4 and 8-6.

"It's no surprise that we're playing well," said Coach Kathy Bown. "Our players are starting to see the benefits of playing hard."

BASEBALL

The NKU baseball team has won seven games and lost six overall, but have gotten off to a rocky start in Great Lakes Valley Conference play with a 0-2 mark.

On its spring break trip to Daytona, Fla., the team won five out of seven games. The team won 16-0 against New York University. Jason Stauffer picked up the win.

The Norse also won 5-4 against Huntington and 12-5 against Concordia but lost 8-7 against St. Xavier (Ill.) and 6-5 against New Haven (Conn.).

The team rounded out the tour by sweeping a doubleheader from Edward Waters by the scores of 15-4 and 11-0. Shaun Fausz and Bryan Ayers picked up the wins in those games.

Once the Norse returned home, they hit the road for a doubleheader at Southern Indiana. The Norse were swept by the Screaming Eagles, 14-12 and 7-3.

New coach brings new attitude

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's softball team is beginning a new season with hopes of making it to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Under new head coach Kathy Bown, NKU hopes to improve on last season's 18-24 record to produce a winning record for the first time since 1992.

"Our expectation is to be above .500 and get to the conference tournament," said Bown.

The Norse have a roster loaded with freshmen and sophomores, but the youth does not mean inexperience.

Junior Holly Trauth is one of the returning starters who looks to make an impact in centerfield and at the plate.

With a batting average of .348, 39 hits, and 16 runs batted in last season, Trauth brings experience to the team. "Defensively, she's very good and quick," said Bown.

"I want to help out the underclassmen as much as possible," Trauth said.

Another returning starter for the Norse is sophomore catcher Vanessa Jones. Jones had a .316 batting average and led NKU with 42 hits last season.

The only senior on the team this season is outfielder Stephanie Rowland, who scored 17 runs, had 26 hits, and 12 runs batted in last season.

She will be looked upon to provide senior leadership as well as continued offensive production.

"She is a leader, her work ethic will be helpful with the underclassmen," said Bown. "She is impressive with



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

LOOK TO THE SKY: NKU catcher Vanessa Jones looks to the outfield to find the ball hit by an IPFW player Sunday at Riverside Park.

her skills and has improved since last year."

Other experienced players on the team are pitchers Jamie Moore and Kim Bina.

Moore had a 9.10 record and a 2.64 earned run average last season, while Bina was 9.14 with 59 strikeouts.

"They are working hard and are looking good," Bown said.

Although Bown knows what she has returning, perhaps the biggest questions on team are the newcomers.

Junior transfer Suzi Parkinson could be a contributor for the Norse at the pitching and outfield positions, according to Bown.

"She's a versatile player," said Bown. "She's mainly a pitcher, but she plays other positions."

"My primary position is pitcher," said Parkinson. "I need to concentrate on pitch selection."

Bown also hopes freshman Katie Garing will also bolster the pitching staff as she went 11-2 with a 0.91 earned run average and 94 strikeouts

at Lemont High School last year. "Katie will be an impact on the mound," said Bown.

Another newcomer on the Norse team is sophomore Joanna Doerner, who will be playing in the infield and outfield.

"She is certainly playing better than she thought," said Bown.

Freshman Krista Eldridge will play at second base as well as "hitter," Krista batted .467 at Conner High School last year.

Despite a young team this season, the coach and players think they can go far this season.

"The nucleus of the offensive attack is still here," said Bown. "Winning the conference is not out of reach."

The players say one of the keys to this season is team chemistry.

"Everybody needs to play together, have fun, and stick together as a team," said Trauth.

Adjusting from assistant coach to head coach is something Kathy Bown is still trying to work on.

"The role from assistant coach is a lot different from being head coach in a different light," said Bown. "The biggest adjustment is the kids learning my style, learning how I operate."

The NKU women's team does have its strengths that it will rely upon this season. For instance, the team led the GLVC in batting average last year at .309. It also totaled 332 hits last season and just missed a berth in the GLVC Tournament.

However, its main weakness is that the girls' reluctance to believe in themselves.

"The kids need to realize they can be good," said Bown. "We can play, the kids need to believe that they can be successful."

Summer camps help fund Norse athletic programs

By Vicki Papas
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University athletes can thank local youth for the shirts on their backs.

Summer sports programs offered at NKU provide the added income needed to buy equipment and uniforms for many NKU athletic teams.

Sports camps have been offered at NKU for nearly 20 years. The camps range in cost from \$70 to \$125 per child for five days of instruction.

NKU baseball coach Bill Aker said most of the income generated from the camp is used at the discretion of the coaches.

"This is a perk for the coaches now," Aker said. "It's something they can adjust their salary with."

However, according to Aker, most coaches do not keep the additional income. Aker said the athletic programs at NKU do not have the funding they need.

"Thirty percent of the profits go back to the university right away, to the athletic department in whatever sport you're coaching," he said.

The remaining 70 percent is usually funneled back into the programs, according to Aker.

"The coach has the option of pay-

ing his assistant coaches out of this. Most of the coaches leave a lot of the money in there for running their own program," Aker said.

Mary Biernann, NKU volleyball coach, subsidizes her volleyball program with the income from the summer camps.

"The money is used to buy equipment and uniforms," Biernann said. "Our budget only covers our travel expense."

Kathy Bown, NKU softball coach, has the newest camp. Bown said Northern Kentucky is "a little behind in fast pitch softball."

Bown keeps the costs of running her camp low by using her connections with high school coaches to assist at the camps.

Aker and Biernann also rely on connections and the assistance of their past or current players.

"You try to make connections any way you can to help out," Aker said. An example of these connections is the assistance of Tom Browning, a former major league pitcher for the Reds and Kansas City Royals.

In addition of subsidizing the athletic programs, the camps also provide exposure for the university.

Aker said, "to the university, it's a big selling point. You're bringing in thousands of kids in the summer, probably 4,000 or so potential students."

Biernann agrees. "These are people that would not be here for any other reason," she said.

Aker has been coaching the baseball team and running the summer baseball camps since they began.

"I've had kids that went through my camps and later played for me," Aker said. "We have a good program. We've had about 70 players sign pro contracts."

The camps are geared toward boys and girls, ages seven to fourteen. Most of the camps include five days of instruction in a particular sport. The children receive a T-shirt and official camp certificate for their participation.

Camps are offered in baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball. While most camps are on an individual basis, there are also camps available for teams.

An average of 4,000 children attend the camps each year. The cost of the camps is determined by a comparison of similar programs in the area.

NKU Baseball at a glance

Coach: Bill Aker
Record: 754-520-1
1998 Record: 13-24-1

NKU Softball at a glance

Coach: Kathy Bown
Record: First year
1998 Record: 15-31

NKU Tennis at a glance

Coach: Geoff Crawford
Record: 64-79
1998 Record: 15-9

NKU Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
15	Jason Stauffer	P	SR
45	Jamie Willyerd	P	JR
23	Matt Briggs	P	SO
19	Mark Cain	P	SO
35	Andy Cox	P	SO
4	Sham Fausz	P	SO
13	Tim Grooms	P	SO
37	Shane Stanton	P	SO
20	Brandon Abrams	P	FR
32	Bryan Ayers	P	FR
26	Brent Danner	P	FR
31	Jimmy Drakeford	P	FR
33	Victor Kleine	P	FR
17	Brady McNeese	P	FR
12	Michael Sanders	P	FR
41	Corey Sibley	P	FR
18	Josh Whaley	P	FR
8	Scott Berryman	C	SR
9	Michael Tudor	C	SO
5	Jason Martin	C	FR
3	Ryan Ponatowski	INF	JR
22	Derek Anderson	INF	SO
39	Shawn Brown	INF	SO
28	Brandon Castle	INF	SO
29	Leann Bays	INF	FR
34	Beau Brake	INF	FR
40	Brian Powers	INF	FR
24	Kevin McElfresh	OF	SO
2	Brian Poe	OF	SO
25	Chad Lubbe	OF	SO
21	Justin Rabschulte	OF	FR

NKU Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
5	Stephanie Rowland	OF	SR
6	Jamie Moore	P	SO
8	Melissa Schulte	OF	FR
10	Jillann Kalusewski	C	SO
12	Kerry McKee	3B	SO
13	Joanna Doerner	SS	SO
14	Holly Trauth	OF	JR
16	Suzi Parkinson	POF	FR
21	Kim Bina	P	SO
22	Katie Garing	P	FR
24	Krista Eldridge	2B	FR
25	Vanessa Jones	C	SO

NKU Roster

Name	Class
Dax Evans	SR
Aaron McDowell	JR
Shawn Barone	SO
Janrod Cooper	JR
Jordan Dapper	JR
Todd Thielen	SR
Doug Weinel	SR
Mike Perazzo	JR
Brian Martin	SO
J.J. Moore	SO

NKU Women's Softball Schedule

Date	at	Time
March 24	at Mt. St. Joseph	3 p.m.
March 27	at Lewis	noon
March 28	at Wisconsin-Parkside	1 p.m.
April 2	at Kentucky Wesleyan	TBA
April 3	Bellarmine	1 p.m.
April 6	Indianapolis	3 p.m.
April 10	at SIU-Edwardsville	1 p.m.
April 11	at Southern Indiana	TBA
April 12	Mt. St. Joseph's	3:30 pm
April 14	Midway	3:30 pm
April 17	Quincy	1 p.m.
April 18	Missouri-St. Louis	noon
April 20	Georgetown (Ky.)	3:30 pm
April 22	at Tiffin	3:30 pm
April 24	Shawnee St.	noon
April 30-May 1	at GLVC Tournament	

NKU Men's Tennis Schedule

Date	at	Time
March 24	Hanover	3 p.m.
March 26	at SIU-Edwardsville	TBA
March 27	at Quincy	TBA
March 28	at Missouri-St. Louis	TBA
April 2	at St. Joseph's	TBA
April 3	at Lewis	9 a.m.
April 6	Thomas More	3 p.m.
April 7	at Hanover	3 p.m.
April 9	Kentucky Wesleyan	3 p.m.
April 10	Southern Indiana	10 a.m.
April 11	IPFW	10 a.m.
April 13	Indianapolis	3 p.m.
April 15-17	at GLVC Tournament	TBA

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

- ACROSS**
1. NewsRadio role
 2. Blind as
 3. Fire; 1992 Brandon
 4. Lee movie
 5. Word in the title of Peter Krause's series
 6. Astonishment
 7. The Campbell
 8. Goodtime Hour (1969-72)
 9. Digit
 10. Initials for "Of Blue Eyes"
 11. The Brian Show
 12. Trek or Sajak, for short
 13. Health nut's lunch
 14. Diamond's home
 15. Conjunction
 16. Home: abbr.
 17. To ... With Love '87
 18. Sidney Potter film
 19. Actors' org.
 20. Controversial civil rights
 21. ason.
 22. Discharge
 23. Monogram for Astaire's
 24. partner
 25. Gosselaar's role on
 26. Hyperson Ely
 27. Jackson, for one
 28. Snake in the sea
 29. 41 Series for a former All in the Family actor
 30. Mil. branch
 31. Mr. Goes to Town (1969-70)
 32. Actor on Star Trek (1966-69)
 33. Susan Saint James' 1984-89 role
 34. Laurel, for one
- DOWN**
1. Series for Katie Holmes (2)
 2. King Kong
 3. Number of seasons for Green Acres
 4. The ... of Night
 5. Murray or Francis
 6. Prefix for cycle or lateral
 7. 86 or 99 of Get Smart: abbr.
 8. Actor on Dharma & Greg (2)
 9. George
 10. Word with Virginia or high
 11. Initials for Nielsen
 12. Scrooge, for short
 13. Bill ... of Animal World (1968-71)
 14. 91-94 sitcom set in Miami
 15. The A ... (1983-86)
 16. Like fine wine
 17. Orlando, for one
 18. Al ... 1983 Jimmie Walker sitcom
 19. Demi Moore's state of birth: abbr.
 20. Compass direction letters
 21. Lodges
 22. Thompson
 23. Ms. Thurman
 24. Monogram for Marlo's dad
 25. Takes Two (1962-63)

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Saturday



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Sunday



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HOROSCOPE

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March 20 through March 27, 1999

- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
Go exploring with loved ones and rediscover the beauty of nature. You work hard for your money, so spend it wisely.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Has your ego jumped into the ring with an argumentative co-worker? Back off and take a look at things from his or her perspective.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Your creative soul is itching to try something new. Give in to the urge, but only if it isn't too costly. Use meditation to center yourself.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
Keep your mind open to new opportunities. Don't let yourself fall into the same rut. Change can be a good thing.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
Things are moving slowly in your world, and you will have time to make adjustments as needed. Big news is on the way that will change everything.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Postpone making big decisions until you are certain of all the facts. Learn to say no and streamline your priorities.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
It never hurts to network whenever possible. A new job or contract hinges on whom you know. A loved one needs your attention.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
Stop letting yourself fall into the same arguments in a relationship. Find something you both enjoy and do it.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
Keep your mind sharp by working difficult puzzles. Be honest in all your relationships or risk the consequences.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
You'll find a bargain that will please you immensely. Don't forget to make exercise a part of your self-improvement plans.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Ask a friend with good business sense to help sort out your money woes. Things may not be as horrible as you imagine.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Make loved ones feel special by preparing a terrific meal. It is the little touches here and there that are most appreciated.

Born this week:

- March 7 - John Heard, Willard Scott
March 8 - Anjan Quam, Lynn Redgrave,
James Van Der Beek
March 9 - Linda Fiorentino
March 10 - Chuck Norris, Sharon Stone
March 11 - Sam Donaldson, Rupert Murdoch
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