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Board Of Regents Meeting Proposes Changes

By Angie Webster
Staff Reporter

Constructing a new science building, adjusting student fees, and accessing Northern Kentucky University on the internet were just some of the many topics discussed at Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents meeting last Wednesday.

Norleen Pomerantz began the meeting by giving a presentation about NKU's advancement on the internet. "These are the days of the ATM and a lot of other electron-

ic services," said Pomerantz. "We need to be more actively providing these types of services."

Within the next few days Northern Kentucky University will have an addition to its web site. The address will be www.nku.edu/visit. This sight will provide students with many options. By typing in a preferred time you can find out all of the classes scheduled for that hour. In addition, the site will provide you with information about professors and syllabi can also be previewed. Fast Web, an internet source that

links with national scholarships as well as KHEEA (a state process for financial aid) will also be available on the site. Although it may take two years, eventually students will be able to apply to NKU via the internet. Votruba said, "Two years ago NKU was way behind. It's a catch up mode for us. We are going to press this as soon as possible."

Also on the agenda was discussion of the construction of a new softball field. In order for this to occur the buildings located at 533, 537, & 541 Johns Hill Road will have to be

demolished. These structures currently house the Department of Public Safety, and the Kentucky State Police for the Northern Regional Crime Lab. In addition the three trailers adjacent to DPS will be demolished as well. (Previously these trailers accommodated the ceramics program and are in poor condition by state guidelines.)

A schedule of fees and charges for the academic year 1998-99 were also discussed. Recommendations were made that more fees be implemented. Some of them were: an increase on housing and meal

plans for students, a fee established for the anticipation for a parking garage that will be constructed in the near future, an increase of \$5 for parking violations. In his report to the board, Student Government President Chris Saunders said, "Save students money!" He went on to stress that "increasing fees will have an effect on future students." President Votruba responded by saying, "I know how important this [raising fees] is and I support you and your real active statesmanship."

Sting Catches Thieves

By Matt Moses
Staff Reporter

Using a "Quake" tournament as a lure, the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Academic Computing caught and arrested a former employee who stole two computer chips and a network card from the academic computing lab.

The sting operation and arrest occurred on Nov. 14.

The offender's name was unverified by press time. It is the policy of *The Northerner* to not print the name of a person charged with a felony without possession of the official report.

The offender was arrested and charged with theft by unlawfully taking and also receiving stolen property. Both are felonies, Sgt. Charlene Schweitzer, the DPS investigator said.

Instead of possible jail time, the offender was given diversion.

Debbie Walters, the victim assistance coordinator for the Campbell County Commonwealth's Attorney said diversion was more suitable because everything was recovered. The offender was given 300 hours of community service on the advice from Michael Thomson, director of academic computing and his assistants. The deal, however, is not finalized. Only when the agreement is completed will both felony charges be dropped, Walters said.

The theft occurred in the late hours of Aug. 30 when the offender stole a network card and two RAM (Random Access Memory) computer chips

which store memory and allow computers to complete their tasks. The chips were valued at approximately \$125 each and the card at \$200.

For two months DPS, OAC and the computer science and math club coordinated a set-up. OAC built a camaraderie with the offender to gain his trust. The offender would inquire to the members of the OAC if they knew who did it. Jokingly, the lab would tell him DPS had no idea. Then it was time for the sting to get rolling.

Dan Gibbons of the OAC said, "Everybody was calling it 'Mission Impossible.'"

The Set Up

Suspicions were formed around the offender because he was in the computer lab often, was a former employee who was a computer expert, and was in the lab the day of the crime. Gibbons said when the offender worked in the lab little things came up missing.

With the suspect in their sights, it was now time for the bait—the "Quake" tournament—hosted by the OAC lab and the math and computer science club.

"Quake" is a combat action video game played against other players over the internet. Gibbons said they knew the offender was a big "Quake" player. The hook was set.

The "Quake" tournament was real but what they did not expect was for the offender to ask if he could bring his own computer to the tournament.

"His desire to win the tournament was so great," Gibbons said. With his

impressive computer, the offender could play fast and hard, he said.

"He was falling in the line of stupid criminals," Gibbons said. It was time to start reeling.

The Sting

At the tournament, they hooked his computer up to the network cable so he could play. However, they had decimated the network connections so the cable was leading to nowhere, Gibbons said. The offender was told his network card was bad, Gibbons said, and they would have to open up the computer.

"That's when we saw the stolen RAM and card," Gibbons said.

Gibbons called Dell, the computer's maker, and they verified that the chips' serial numbers were from the lab's computers. While this call was being made, Sgt. Schweitzer was in another room waiting for the "go" phone call from Gibbons that the offender had been identified.

Gibbons said that the offender looked a little nervous.

The Arrest and Recovery

Sgt. Schweitzer entered and interviewed the offender and he confessed the theft.

Gibbons said computers chips of RAM are easy to steal and conceal. The offender was an expert, he said, and probably accomplished it in less than five minutes.

"The coordination between OAC,



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Mike Sucher, a computer science major from Dayton, uses the lab out of which the chips were stolen.

the math and computer science club and DPS was awesome," Gibbons said.

"I can see how much labor goes into police work," he said.

Sgt. Schweitzer said, "Some people fall in your lap."

The policing work continued as the lab has beefed up security. They put a lock on computers and increased staff hours, including a walk through the lab once an hour. A camera with a VCR was also installed in the Natural Science Building computer lab.

"The main goal now," Gibbons said, "is to return the RAM, so the students can use it."

Homecoming Week Includes Coronation

By Margie Wise
Features Editor

Although the King and Queen will be crowned on Saturday, the halftime ceremony is just one of many events planned for Homecoming week this year.

On Wednesday, Activities Programming Board sponsors Casino Night at Kentucky Hall Lobby starting at 8 p.m.

Thursday, the Student Tailgate party begins at the Albright Health Center at 4:30 p.m. The women's basketball game starts at 5:30 p.m. and the men's game is at 7:45 p.m. in Regents Hall.

Friday a pep rally will be held in the Heath Center at 5 p.m. A Dance Marathon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association will be in the Heath Center will follow at 6 p.m.

Leading up to coronation on Saturday will be Family "Free" Day at the Albright Health Center where families will get in free. The women's basketball game is at 5:30 p.m. in Regents Hall. The men's game will follow at 7:45 p.m. The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during halftime of the men's game.

Jennifer Benjamin, nominee for Homecoming Queen, said what she appreciates most about the nomination from her Speech Club is getting the chance to represent Northern Kentucky University.

"It's kind of nice getting recognition for what I've been involved in," Benjamin said.

Nominee for Homecoming King, Greg Mecher, said he is flattered to even be considered for the title.

"I just hope everybody does well. I don't really have any goals about it. What I'm going to take away from it is just the memories," Mecher said. The full list of the Homecoming King is on page 9.



NKU's Part-Time Faculty Becomes "Degrees Of Shame"

The following is the second in a *Northerner* series that focuses on campus spending issues.

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

"We are gypsies. We go from university to university, day after day, teaching," said Darlene McElfresh, a Northern Kentucky University part-time faculty member in the Literature and Language Department.

As well as teaching at NKU, many part-time faculty members also teach at other universities in the Cincinnati area.

Despite a commitment by former President Leon Boothe in 1989 to lower Northern Kentucky University's part-time faculty rate, the university now has more part-time faculty than full-time faculty. The use of part-time faculty has risen each year since 1990.

In the Fall semester of 1997, 47

part-time faculty members shared six desks in the Literature and Languages department.

Currently 52 percent of all professors are part-time.

A letter from Boothe to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which handles NKU's accreditation, committed to lowering part-time faculty to 25 percent by 1994.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, 60-70 full-time and part-time faculty as well as

students gathered to view "Degrees of Shame: Part Time Faculty, Migrant Workers of the Information Economy."

A discussion followed that specifically focused on the part-time faculty situation at NKU. The video concluded that part-time faculty are exploited in America's university and college educational system.

Part-time faculty members typically receive \$1,250 per course taught. The actual rate per course varies but rarely exceeds \$1,600. Several different characteristics such as the number of courses taught in the past as well as the degree they possess define the exact rate the part-time faculty member receives.

Assuming the part-time faculty member (who received \$1,250 for a course) spends five hours in class preparation and grading assignments per week, they earn roughly \$9.76 per hour.

Also, according to Barbara Herald at NKU's Personnel Department, part-time faculty members receive no university health insurance benefits. "Only a paycheck and Social Security benefits after they reach 65," she said.

Dr. Michael Adams, a history and geography professor compared the differences between faculty and staff (non-teaching) positions at NKU. He questions the university's distribution of funds from faculty to non-instructional staff.

"As an educator, our primary

emphasis should be to educate," said Adams. "We should have the majority of our efforts in the classroom. They aren't."

According to the NKU Department of Institutional Research, enrollment decreased 5 percent from Fall 1993 to Fall 1996. Although no faculty positions were eliminated, non-instructional staff positions increased by 11 percent.

Adams said this increase in non-instructional faculty to "the simple fact that administrative policies do not keep in mind the community." He also said that several non-instructional faculty members are needed to operate the university.

Although NKU enrollment declined in the Fall semester of 1994 as well as the Fall semester of 1995, the number of classes the university offers has risen steadily. According to the department of Institutional Research, no full-time positions were added to offset the increase in class offerings.

Part-time faculty members are not the only group concerned about their role in the university, the full-time faculty is also.

In the last two years, states such as Massachusetts, Minnesota and

Florida have had movements to eliminate tenure as a whole, in parts or all of the states' university systems, which could lead to more part-time faculty and non-tenured professors.

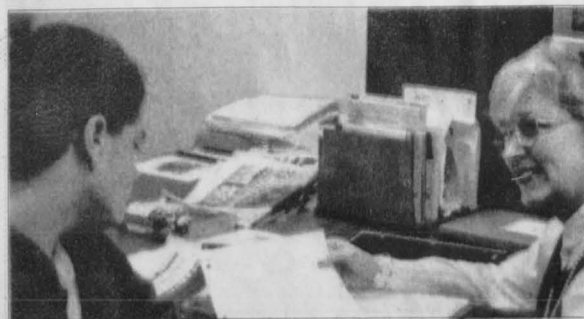
"The role of full-time faculty in the university is declining," said John Alberti, an NKU literature and language professor who attended Wednesday, "If I'm the only full-time

member in a sea of part-time faculty, I'm in trouble."

Several full-time faculty members who attended Wednesday's film said they feel the same way as Alberti. Some faculty are even supporting a united group of part-time and full-time faculty members which began to form Wednesday.

In "Degrees of Shame," Rhine McIn, an Ohio senate member, said uniting is the key to making changes. She stated that the concerns raised by part-time instructors in the past have "fallen on deaf ears because as a whole, they are unorganized."

NKU's reliance on part-time faculty also affects the accreditation process of the university.



Pat Curran, a part-time faculty member, goes over homework with student Bobby Angel. Currently, 47 part-time faculty members share this and five other desks in the Literature and Language department.

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Questions Remain About Statue

By Kelly Sudzina
News Editor

Even after all the controversy, the question still remains: what should be done about the "Way Down East" sculpture?

That is the question the D.W. Griffith Student Taskforce hopes to have an answer for by the end of this semester.

The taskforce is a joint taskforce of Student Government Association and Activities Programming Board created this semester to provide a forum for discussing different viewpoints on the "Way Down East" sculpture and to produce a recommendation to submit to the SGA by April 30.

The taskforce met for the first time last Thursday to distribute background information to the members and to set the date for their next open meeting.

Ernest Britton, executive director of student development, said the main focus of the first meeting was to get together and hand out background information to the members of the taskforce. Janet Nyagah, the chairperson of the taskforce, put together packets of information during winter break.

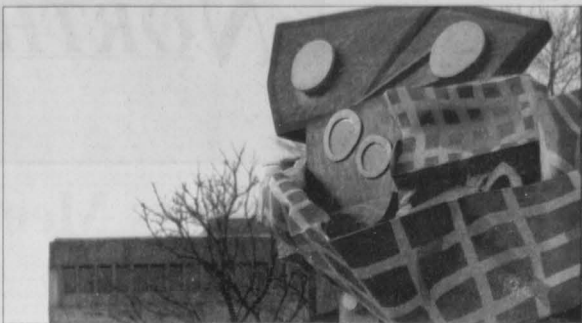
The taskforce is going to have periodic open meetings to discuss issues over the artwork. "Everyone is invited to come to the forums and the meetings," Nyagah said. Their second meeting will be at noon on Feb. 12 on the third floor of University Center and they will decide the date for the forum they hope to have later this semester.

After the meeting was adjourned, members were encouraged to stay and watch the movie "The Birth of a Nation" and several people came to watch that were not members of the taskforce.

The taskforce plans to have at least one forum that students and faculty can come to where they can openly voice their concerns. "Although it's a student-oriented committee, I think everyone else at NKU should be involved in it, and not even just at NKU, everyone around the community that wants to be involved in it should," Nyagah said.

The group will hold discussions until April 15, when they decide what recommendation they will make to SGA. They will submit it by April 30 and then SGA will review it and make the decision of whether they want to recommend it to President James Votruba or not. "Student Government cannot even act on it, they make a recommendation to the president," Nyagah said.

"One of the key things is just us educating each other and understanding each other. And I'm hoping to achieve that," Nyagah said.



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A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE: Currently, students are looking at the statue in a new light.

General Requirements To Change

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

Starting in the 1998 Fall semester, Northern Kentucky University's general education requirements will change, affecting the number of hours and classes needed to graduate. One of the basic reasons for the change is to better align with the state transfer module, the model Kentucky universities look at when deciding whether to accept transferred credit.

"There were several discrepancies between our existing policy and the statewide transfer module," Robert Appleton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, said.

"There were a couple of areas, like in science, where we only required one course under the current rules. In the transfer module, you essentially had to take six hours, which meant at least two courses," he said.

Other reasons for the change are to add more upper-division courses, lessen the number of delays in graduation and simplify the system.

The changes mainly apply to those students entering NKU in the fall, but current enrolled students have the choice to switch to the new requirements.

Students are not the only ones affected, however. NKU's faculty and staff will also feel the ramifications. With the reduction of hours, full-time faculty members will teach more general studies courses.

"There are many more part-time faculty teaching general studies than non-general studies courses," Appleton said.

"So, by cutting down the number of hours for general studies courses, there is the hope that our reliance on part-time faculty will diminish somewhat."

Among the changes in general education requirements are the number of hours, the rearranging of categories and the elimination of some aspects of the current system.

Some of the changes include:

- Changing math and science requirements to allow for more science classes.
- Reducing the number of required hours for history, literature and science.
- Increasing the number of upper-division general studies courses.

Another aspect of the new system will allow a substitute course for English 291.

Instead of taking English 291, students can take a writing intensive course from their major or other area of study.

Votruba Speaks To Senate

By Forrest Berkshire
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, President James Votruba addressed the Faculty Senate to discuss future plans for Northern Kentucky University and how they plan on achieving these goals.

Votruba had just returned from Frankfurt the day before where he met with Gov. Paul Patton and his staff, and said that NKU has full support from the state. They have already agreed to fund the single phase construction of NKU's new science building, and have given authorization to study construction of an arena.

Votruba also defined his five priority areas that he said will make NKU a leader in education in the coming century.

1. Curriculum in the general education. He said we need to rethink our current position and exploit our position in the community.

2. Faculty. We need to build and maintain quality full-time and part-time faculty. In order to do this, he said, we need to offer competitive compensation and focus on faculty development and technology.

3. Enrollment management. NKU currently spends less than 1 percent of their budget on marketing. "We need to go out and get them," Votruba said, referring to quality students. One way to do that, he said, is to enhance financial aid packages and to enhance visibility at local high schools. He also said that according to a survey of alumni at the graduate level NKU has the highest satisfaction rate than any other state university.

4. Greater diversity. Votruba insisted that a more diverse student body will improve the undergraduate experience offered here. He said that NKU is currently conducting a national search for a new vice-president of Student

Affairs.

5. Campus facilities and environment. He said that it is important for increased support for Steely Library and Chase Law School. The funding for the new Science building is already approved, and will soon be a reality.

Also in his address Votruba reiterated his view that NKU is not a teaching or research centered university, it is student centered. He said that the focus of all the faculty and staff should be the students. He said that selection and evaluation of faculty should be on these grounds. All decisions made should consider the impact on the learner.

Votruba added that NKU should support creative freedom in order to teach and discover the truth, and that free speech and controversy are a part of that process.

"We need to value and reward creativity," Votruba said. "Even if it fails. Don't punish it."

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PART-TIME FACULTY

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In 1988 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) said that NKU was "overly dependent on part-time faculty."

As a result, in a letter to the association on Oct. 12, 1989, former president Leon Boothe set a university goal to lower part-time faculty to 25 percent by the Fall of 1994.

A self-study report released Sept. 15, 1997, indicated "the institution goals set in these earlier letters and recommendations had not yet been achieved."

In 1990, the school year following Boothe's letter to SACS, NKU had its only reduction of part-time faculty to 39 percent, the lowest part-time faculty level from 1986 to 1996.

In 1991 the part-time faculty rose to 40.7 percent of the total faculty. Part-time faculty positions now comprise nearly 52 percent of all faculty positions.

The self-study committee reported that the "absence of effective monitoring mechanisms and inadequate institutional funding," as reasons for not achieving the goals set by Boothe.

The report also said that "it is clear that use of part-time instruction

between Fall 1986 and Fall 1995 has increased," and also that "the rate of increase for this form of instruction has outpaced increases in student enrollment."

According to a Class Offering Analysis report, since the Fall of 1991 part-time faculty has increased 11.3 percent.

"What I'm experiencing is pitiful compared to 1983," said Donna Hoffman, a post-baccalaureate English student who graduated magna cum laude in 1983. Hoffman is primarily concerned about the decline in quality she's experienced at NKU since receiving her first degree.

"It's something to cry about," Hoffman said when relating to part-time faculty as well as other campus issues.

However, according to the SACS self-study committee that analyzed the reliance of part-time faculty at NKU, there are several positive viewpoints to having part-time faculty.

A report that the committee released in September of 1997 divides part-time faculty into four basic groups: 1) Professionals or experts who are employed full-time elsewhere. 2) The retired or partially

retired. 3) Persons for whom part-time employment complement or supplement free-lance employment in other fields or personal obligations. 4) Persons who aspire to full-time employment in higher education.

The committee agreed that professionals and experts "for whom part-time teaching is a sideline bring to higher education a level of expertise" that could be missing from higher education without them.

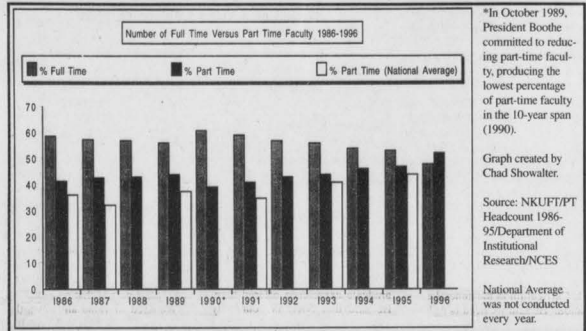
It also cited sources who estimate professionals and experts typically total 50 percent of the part-time faculty at a college or university.

For the other 50 percent the committee's research said that the "partial retreat from the practice of employing part-timers by replacing such instructors with new full-time faculty," is needed to address the problem.

"Improvements are not being made," said Michael Adams, who helped underwrite "Degrees of Shame."

"Until we start putting money where our product (students) is we will have difficulty improving as an educator," he added.

NKU President James Votruba could not be contacted for comment.



DPS



Reports



Commonwealth Candle Crises

The Fire Alarm panel flashed Goldenrod 2nd floor and DPS was on the spot. The alarm was caused by the blowing out of birthday candles. The birthday party was held in GL 203. Candles were also found in room GL 211.

Safety Hazard: Pit Spotted

"To the rear of the New Ceramics buildings is a very large fire pit. It is about 20 inches long and 10 inches wide. It is about 5 inches deep. The fire pit is full of water. There is yellow caution tape around the pit which would not prevent a child falling into the pit. This is an extreme safety hazard and should be corrected as soon as possible."

Bookbag full of booze

Female called to complain that her room was trashed and that her book bag was missing. Upon arrival of DPS officers, alcohol was found in the room. The bookbag was recovered after the alcohol was dumped out.

Library Gains Technology

By Anna Weaver
Photo Editor

You can shop, chat with friends, find long lost relatives, or research your term paper at Steely Library and all you have to do is get on the highway.

But don't hop on Interstate 471.

The way to get there is on the information super highway.

Students, faculty and staff can now access some of NKU's library resources via the world wide web.

The first step is finding the Steely Library web page at <http://www.nku.edu/~refdept/>

The next step is to obtain a NKU AXP account, which are most commonly used by students

for e-mail access. Accounts are available to all students through the Office of Academic Computing in AS&T room 373.

Detailed instructions on how to log on and use the electronic services are explained on the Steely Library web page. There are even links that take people directly to the NKU AXP system.

Students can look up books on NKUIRE, an online catalog of approximately 300,000 titles available on campus.

Among the resources students can access are periodicals and electronic reference sources such as FirstSearch.

FirstSearch is an online service that gives users access to over 50 databases that contain citations to books and journals;

some even with full text articles. Thirteen of these databases are available through NKU AXP.

Students and faculty can even request books from other libraries online via interlibrary loan.

Jack O'Gorman, Electronic Reference Services Librarian, said it doesn't matter what package the information comes in, just as long as the students get what they're looking for.

"It's information as you want it, but you don't have to be at the library to get it," O'Gorman said. "Steely library is building a new system that is available within the university and accessible outside. It's becoming a resource for the community as well as students."

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Blue-Haired KWC Monster Proves Deadly For Fearless No. 12 Norse

Cole's Pit

By Chris
Cole
Sports
Editor

The Darker Side of Sports

Five-on-five against the No. 4 team in the country is hard enough. Five-on-5,000 is damn near impossible.

That's the situation the men's basketball team faced on Saturday.

Not only did the Norse have to worry about a handful of the most talented athletes in Division II basketball.

Not only did the team have to overcome what is known affectionately as "good-old-boy refereeing," but there were also over 5,000 of the meanest and rowdiest old people they'd ever want to ignore.

Yes, the geriatric ward known as the Owensboro Sportscenter was alive and kicking. And you'd be surprised how loud a bunch of old fogies can be.

The blue-haired masses were in force, and they spelled doom for NKU.

As Kentucky Wesleyan clawed back from a second-half eight-point deficit, the "sixth man" was as important as any one man on the court.

That is why NKU never wins down there. That is why Ken Shields is 0-10 in Owensboro. It's because those old farts have more school spirit than NKU students.

That is why the Panthers are 600-10 all-time at the Sportscenter. NKU, if you were curious, is 259-107 all-time at Regents Hall.

Last season, the average attendance for a KWC game was 3,700. That was the second most in all of Division II basketball.

From 1981, when they started ranking national attendance averages, to 1991, KWC finished in the top five each year.

NKU has never appeared in the national rankings, believe it or not. Two weeks ago, the Norse hosted the University of Southern Indiana. USI is NKU's big rival, and their games have been especially competitive over the last few seasons.

The listed attendance was 2,008—not a sellout. I'm beginning to wonder if NKU could sell out a Beatles reunion concert.

During the Fall, when I was complaining about volleyball attendance, in the back of my mind I thought that everything would be okay when basketball got here.

Now that the Norse have taken the court, I realize there is no hope. I have always liked the idea of NKU building a bigger and more modern arena. For years, there has been talk about a 5,000-seat gym.

Now I don't know. What would be the point of building a big-ass arena when we can't fill the tiny Regents Hall.

But this time I'm not going to blame the students alone. It's as much the alumni's fault as anyone's. The Sportscenter was filled with faithful KWC graduates—not just students.

But regardless of whose fault it is, the simple fact is that NKU school spirit is tragically lacking. Until we can fill Regents Hall, let's put off plans for the mega-gym.

AND ANOTHER THING:

It's always fun to slam people. This week, I have to slam myself. All season, I have been driving the bandwagon that is the NKU women's basketball team. Maybe I was wrong. Saturday I, along with most everyone else, began to think about jumping off. The Norse lost to Kentucky Wesleyan for only the third time in school history. In doing so, they could have begun the annual ritual of tanking an promising season.



Ken Shields' All-Time GLVC* Records

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Wisconsin-Parkside	2	0	(100%)
Missouri-St. Louis	2	0	(100%)
Northern Kentucky	50	28	(64%)
Saint Joseph's	6	4	(60%)
IPFW	5	4	(55.6%)
Bellarmine	5	4	(55.6%)
Lewis	3	6	(50%)
SIU-Edwardsville	2	2	(50%)
Indianapolis	4	6	(40%)
Southern Indiana	2	7	(22%)
Kentucky Wesleyan	0	10	(0%)

*current GLVC teams only

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

Men's basketball coach Ken Shields is a proud man. During his 10-year career at NKU, he has accomplished virtually everything a basketball coach could possibly imagine.

His Norse have gone from conference pretenders to national contenders in less than a decade.

His teams have earned the respect of the entire nation, advancing to two consecutive Division II national finals.

Shields has experienced success nearly everywhere he's gone, with the exception of Owensboro, Ky.

Owensboro is the home of the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers. Shields is 0-10 during his career at KWC.

Saturday marked the latest heartache in Shields' decade-long battle with the Norse as the Norse fell short to the No. 4 Panthers 62-55.

"I love that gym. I love to coach in that gym. You know the old saying—every dog has its day. We'll have our day down there," Shields said.



Jeff McCurry/The Northern

LEAPING LISTERMAN: NKU junior Kevin Listerman gets respect the old fashioned way—he earns it.

By Chris McKee
Staff Reporter

Fans that choose to sit courtside for NKU men's basketball games have learned that it is important to pay careful attention to what is happening on the court.

Besides the fact that the Norse play an exciting brand of basketball, the fans have to watch out for junior Kevin Listerman before he lands on their laps.

When a loose ball is rolling out of bounds, it is almost certain that Listerman will be diving after it, often with little regard for his own body.

"I try to set the tone," Listerman said. "Everyone on the team has a role and that is my role."

Listerman has succeeded on the court because of his work ethic and determination.

"You may be more physically talented than I am, but you will not outwork me," he said.

"It comes from playing [teammate and older brother] Andy. To beat Andy I had to play harder than he did."

Kevin Listerman is known among Norse fans as one of the hardest working players to ever play for NKU. His success comes less from his athletic skills, but more from the effort he gives.

The Owensboro Sportscenter was alive as Shields and the No. 12 Norse attempted to exorcise the demons of Owensboro.

The Sportscenter proved to be a house of horrors to NKU, however. The capacity crowd of nearly 5,000 (Yes, 5,000) served as a "sixth man," helping the Panthers to victory.

"People have got to remember that they're a 19-0 basketball team. They are very, very good," Shields said. "The loss is certainly disappointing, but it is in no way a reflection of lack of character on this team. We just lost to a really good team on their court," Shields said.

Junior Kevin Listerman scored the first five points of the game, as the Norse built a lead it would hold for most of the game.

Listerman would finish the first half with nine points and senior center Cliff Clinton would add eight, as NKU held onto a five-point half-time lead.

Junior forward Dana Williams led the Panthers with eight first-half points. Williams, who averages just over 17 points per game, would prove to be deadly to NKU in the second half.

The Norse failed to put up a well-balanced fight in the second session.

Kevin Listerman finished the game with as many turnovers (nine) as points. Shields said that turnovers led to the loss.

Clinton added eight second-half points and junior Todd Clark added six, as the Norse clung to a small lead for most of the half.

With under five minutes remaining, senior Andy Listerman connected on two key three-pointers and came up with a steal to preserve the lead.

NKU head coach Ken Shields said that Kevin is not a great shooter or the quickest player, but he consistently makes big plays. "He is a clutch player for us," Shields said.

"Kevin plays the game with a degree of determination that is unparalleled at this level," Shields said.

"The way he plays the game is special. The fire he has is caught by his teammates."

For teammate Brian Lawhon, who's shaved head and similar intensity have spurred some to call him the "third Listerman," the effort Listerman gives is something he uses to motivate himself.

Already an aggressive player, Lawhon remembers how excited he was when he realized that Kevin played as aggressively as he does. "Dividing on loose balls is as good as a big dunk to get the team fired up," Lawhon said.

Because he is so active on the court, Listerman finds himself in the position to create turnovers. He recently broke the NKU record career steals.

"It is a matter of playing smart and being at the right place at the right time. I try to pick my spots where I think I can get a steal," Listerman said.

But to understand Kevin Listerman's contribution to the Norse, you need not look on the stat sheet or the box score.

NCAA Regionals," Shields said. "And I really would look forward to it."

"You heard me say before that we would win in Owensboro this year. I said it last week, and I'll say it again. We will win at Owensboro this year," Shields said.

On Thursday, NKU defeated the University of Indianapolis 66-57 at Nicoson Hall.

The Norse were led by Clark, who finished with 20 points and nine rebounds.

On Thursday, NKU will host Indiana Purdue at Regent Hall. The women's game will tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:45.

On Saturday, the Norse will play host to Saint Joseph's College during homecoming. The women's game will tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:45.

Great Lakes Valley Conference (Men)

Conference	All Games	
Kentucky Wesleyan	12-0	19-0
NKU	10-2	15-4
Southern Indiana	9-3	18-3
Lewis	8-4	14-6
SIU-Edwardsville	7-5	13-6
Bellarmine	6-6	11-8
Indianapolis	5-7	11-9
Saint Joseph's	4-8	10-10
Quincy	4-8	10-10
Wisconsin-Parkside	3-9	8-12
IPFW	2-10	8-12
UM-St. Louis	2-10	6-14

Listerman--Hard Work Personified

Listerman's contributions are in the floor-burns he gets and the intangibles of the game that he does so well.

Boxing out for rebounds, taking care of the ball and challenging opponents shots are among the small things that Listerman does to help his team win.

His example hasn't gone unnoticed by his teammates. He has assumed a leadership role for the Norse by his example.

Besides being a major contributor on the court, Kevin entered this year with a 4.0 grade-point average, majoring in biology.

Listerman is the first junior co-captain that a Shields-coached team has ever had.

"He is the greatest leader I have seen in 34 years," Shields said. "When he speaks, everyone listens."

According to Shields, the way Kevin carries himself day-to-day on the basketball court and in the classroom is what being a leader is all about.

Listerman isn't the type of player who sets individual goals. "The only personal goal I have is to average three assists to every one turnover. If I do that, we have a good chance of winning," Listerman said. "The only goal I have is to win basketball games."

With that attitude, Kevin Listerman is already a winner.

GLVC Extends Schedule to 22 Games

By Bryan Sandfoss
Staff Reporter

People say it is tough to beat a team twice. Next year, because of schedule changes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, it may be possible to beat the same team four times in one season.

The possibility stems from a change in both the men and women's basketball schedules for next season.

Instead of playing 18 conference games, like this year, teams will be required to play a home-and-home series with each of the league's 11 other teams, resulting in a 22-game conference schedule.

In addition to the full round-robin schedule, there will be a post-season tournament with the top seven GLVC teams.

And for the teams that advance to the NCAA Tournament, there could be a fourth meeting between conference rivals in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

NKU men's basketball coach Ken Shields is not in favor of the added conference games. "It really eliminates the opportunity to take the team to other tournaments," he said. "We are being forced to become too regionalized."

By playing four more conference games, NKU will be left with only two other regular-season games in

addition to the two games NKU will host in their respective tournaments.

The women host the Perkins NKU Classic, whereas the men host the John L. Griffin Lions Club Classic.

"Some schools are going to bring in two pigeons just for wins," Shields said. "Our entire league really gets hurt, and we will probably lose some of our national prominence."

Shields is also worried about what impact the added games could have on GLVC teams making it to the NCAA tourney.

Six teams are invited to the NCAA Tournament. These teams

are chosen from the GLVC and the Great Lakes Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

While the GLVC will be moving to the 22-game conference schedule, the GLIAC will continue to play the 16-game conference schedule it has always played.

Shields is worried that those teams will be able to pad their records with non-conference games, while the GLVC schools will be beating up on each other.

While Shields and other coaches are not in favor of the new schedule, the majority of the GLVC university presidents are.

According to Shields, Kentucky Wesleyan College is just one of a

couple of schools that wanted the full round-robin schedule.

It eventually was passed by the presidents with a seven-to-five vote. NKU voted against the proposal. "The presidents wanted certain programs to always play in their gym," Shields said.

One example of an odd possibility that could come out of this schedule would involve NKU and KWC.

The schools meet on Feb. 19 in the final game of the regular season. They could then meet again a week later in the conference tournament and a third time the following week in the NCAA Tournament. Three games—against one school in three weeks.

Norse Stumble At KWC

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NKU women's basketball team lost to Kentucky Wesleyan College 74-72 on Saturday.

After opening a 13-point halftime lead, NKU had trouble stopping junior guard Angie Johnson and senior guard Misty Geary.

The two combined for 30 points in the second half and overtime. Geary connected on three-of-six from three-point range and seven-of-eight from the free-throw line.

Geary finished with 24 points and six rebounds.

Junior Jaime Garner connected on six-of-nine from three-point range during the game, finishing with 25 points, three assists and three steals. Garner also connected

on five-of-six from the free-throw line during the overtime session to keep the game close.

It was not enough, and the Norse fell to the Panthers 74-72.

On Thursday, junior guard Katie Kelsey scored a career-high 21 points as NKU defeated the Greyhounds of Indianapolis 88-65.

Senior Shannon Smith led all scorers with 22 points and junior Julie Stanley finished with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Freshman Michele Tuchfarber contributed 12 points, including eight-of-eight from the free-throw line.

NKU (13-7 overall, 9-3 GLVC) was No. 9 in the Great Lakes Region before Saturday's loss. Only the top six teams in the region make the NCAA Tournament.

Great Lakes Valley Conference (Women)

Conference	All Games
Southern Indiana	11-1
Lewis	10-2
Bellarmino	9-3
SIU-Edwardsville	9-3
NKU	9-3
Saint Joseph's	6-6
UM-St. Louis	6-6
Kentucky Wesleyan	5-7
Indianapolis	3-9
IPFW	2-10
Wisconsin-Parkside	2-10
Quincy	0-12

Discipline Key In Breeding Success

By Tony Bosch
Assistant Sports Editor

Back in the 70s, years before he became a talking head for the Fox network, John Madden established himself as one of the most successful coaches in the history of the NFL.

On the gridiron, Madden demanded respect of his players and expected them to win at all costs, as long as they adhered to the rules.

For example, Madden would tell his Oakland Raider linemen not to wear black gloves if the opposing team was wearing white jerseys.

That way, Madden explained, it would be difficult for the officials to distinguish between a legal block and a carefully concealed hold.

"Unethical, maybe. But perfectly within the confines of the established rules. Madden perfected the coaching art of combining respect, discipline, and resourcefulness.

It's too bad leaders like Madden aren't around to take care of mod-

ern athletes like Chris Webber.

Webber, a forward for the Washington Wizards, was recently arrested on several charges including assault and possession of marijuana.

This should come as no surprise for most fans of the NBA. So many NBA players smoke their breakfast now that they've given new meaning to the term "pick and roll."

If a player isn't smoking up before practice like Webber, he's probably attacking his coach ala Latrell Sprewell or skipping games for a late-night jaunt to the local nude bar ala Dennis Rodman.

With all these insubordinate rogues running amok, it's refreshing to know that there are a few coaches who still savor respect and discipline like Madden.

Donnie McFarland is one such coach who comes to mind. McFarland, the boys' basketball coach at Dixie Heights High School, recently issued a season-long suspension for 10 of his players who were drinking alcohol

during a team trip to Hawaii.

In contrast to the ousted Colonels who will spend the rest of this season in the bleachers, Webber was back on the hardwood without missing a single game.

McFarland's treatment of these young men may seem harsh, but McFarland is wise enough to realize there is more than high school athletics involved here.

"I'm just trying to teach the game of life," McFarland said. "It's more than wins and losses. We have rules that must be followed."

A coach like McFarland who is willing to sacrifice victories for intangibles is an endangered species in the sports world. McFarland said it's worth it, though.

"The win comes down the road," McFarland said, "when they come back and say, 'Coach, thank you. You did the right thing. I didn't understand back then, but I understand now.'"

While McFarland is tackling moral issues at the high school level, NKU men's basketball

coach Ken Shields is teaching lessons in life at NKU.

While most of their Division I counterparts are used and abused by their colleges' athletic programs, NKU's players are fortunate to have a coach who sees more than four years of eligibility.

More than a national championship, Shields wants his players to leave NKU with a college degree and the ability to survive in a world outside the confines of a sweaty gym.

Shields gives his players the courage to realize that the lime-light only lasts for so long.

Because of the respect and discipline he demands, his players have a future after Regents Hall shuts its doors on them.

Marston May Return

NKU junior forward Scott Marston, who transferred to NKU from Virginia Commonwealth University during the off-season, is hopeful that he may return to the Norse this season.

Marston, who dislocated his left elbow once during the summer, two weeks ago against SIU-Edwardsville and again on Friday,

hopes that he can return in mid-February.

Head coach Ken Shields is not so optimistic. "I think the best scenario is that he'll be back for the [NCAA] Tournament," Shields said.

"When we lost Scott, we lost a bona fide, prolific three-point threat," Shields said.



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Thursday Feb. 14

- "The Diary of Anne Frank" opening night
- 8 p.m. Corbett Theatre

Friday Feb. 27

- Gallery Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. Fine Arts building main gallery

Professor In Love With Job

By Angie Webster
Staff Reporter

"All I need is everything.
Inside, outside feel new skin.
All I need is everything.
Feel the slip and the grip of grace again."

These few lines from a song entitled "All I Need is Everything" by alternative group "Over the Rhine" is among Kris Yohe's favorites because it epitomizes some of her philosophies. "I don't like to take an either/or approach to life" exclaimed Yohe. "I want it all!"

In early August, Dr. Kristine Yohe stepped on board as a full time professor of literature at Northern Kentucky University. Originally she believed she would major in economics like her father, but she got bored with it and focused her energy towards her true passion for literature.

Yohe's first 18 years of life were spent in Durham, North Carolina where her father taught economics. She then went to undergraduate school at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon graduating from Emory, Yohe was a court reporter in Atlanta.

"I made good money, but I got very bored. I decided to trade money for stimulation and went back to graduate school," she said.

In 1986 she started the master's degree program at the University of North Carolina. Two years later she graduated with a masters in English. After college was completed Yohe didn't know what to do with her major.

Yohe said, "One thing we used to say is that an English major is generally good for everything and specifically good for nothing."

Finally Yohe decided that teaching English would be her path. In 1989 she was off to Norway to teach English, literature, and grammar.

"It was a great adventure," said Yohe. "I learned a lot about this country. When you're in this country you have no objective about it, you're in the middle of it."

A year later Yohe was back in school, and this time she was enrolled in the Ph.D.

Nella Larsen.

"Toni Morrison really is my hero and my idol." In her office Yohe has posters of Toni Morrison, including one that was autographed.



Kristine Yohe

Yohe proudly explains, "She came to speak at the University of North Carolina and I got to pick her up at the airport. I also drove a big old clunker of a car so I had to borrow a car."

"I am interested in African American Literature because I find it a fascinating part of

American Literature and I was quite honestly not taught enough of it when I was in school. I think as American citizens we need to be informed about all facets of American culture," said Yohe. "I was brought up in a pretty integrated area and I feel like that really enriched me as a person and I think that if I can share that with others that is important."

Just this past week Yohe gave a lecture entitled, "Slave Narrative As Life and Art."

Yohe said Trudis Harris inspired her. She said Harris taught her much about Toni Morrison. On a personal level Yohe said her mother was the one that always supported and believed in her.

Yohe said she truly loves teaching at NKU.

"I really love to teach because it is a wonderful way to interact with people. My teaching philosophy is that learning is a big part of teaching," she said. "I don't consider myself the know-it-all perspective, and I learn from what I'm reading. And that's why I love it; if I knew it all, that would be boring. I really love to learn from that interaction and just enjoy the connection with people and students. I love to teach and I want to share my enthusiasm of literature with students, and maybe help spark something in them so they can enjoy it too."



Suzanne Fleming The Northern

The 1997/98 Regional Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF) is being held at Clemson University in South Carolina from Feb. 4-Feb. 8. NKU's production of *Middle of Yesterday* was one of only six chosen to compete in the competition on Feb. 7. This is the third time that an NKU production has been chosen to compete at the regional level. The next production for the NKU Theatre Department will be *The Diary of Anne Frank*, seen here in rehearsal, opening Feb. 19.

These are the classes offered to fulfill the Race and Gender requirement:

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History 431 - Historical Themes in African American Institutions
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Womens studies 150 - Introduction to Womens Studies
Womens studies 310 - Women, Wages and Work

always liked to do. I've always liked to read, and it just turned me on!"

African American Toni Morrison is her favorite author. Dr. Yohe did her dissertation on Morrison and 1920's black writer

Homecoming Week
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Wednesday, February 4, 1998

11:00-1:00 p.m. Student Organization Rally at the University Center

12:00-1:00 p.m. APB GIVEAWAYS at the University Center

3:00 p.m. Presidential Tea on the 8th Floor of the Administrative Center

8:00-11:00 pm CASINO NIGHT AT NORSE (Sponsored by APB) at Kentucky Hall

Thursday, February 5, 1998

4:30 p.m. Student Tailgate at the Health Center

5:30 p.m. (Women) Basketball Game: NKU Norse-vs-Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne at Regents Hall

7:30 p.m. (Men) Basketball Game: NKU Norse-vs-Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne at Regents Hall

Friday, February 6, 1998

5:00 p.m. Pep Rally at the Health Center

6:00 p.m. Alumni Awards Banquet at the Airport Holiday Inn

6:00 p.m - 6:00 a.m.- 12 Hour Dance Marathon Benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association at the Health Center

Saturday, February 7, 1998

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Family "Free" Day at the Health Center
(open to NKU Alumni, Parent's Association Members, Faculty and Staff)

9:30-4:30 p.m. Alumni Career Changes (Sponsored by Career Development and Alumni Affairs) UC Ballroom

7:15 p.m. Folurth Annual Office Spirit Award at Regents Hall

7:45 p.m. Men's Homecoming Basketball Game: NKU Norse -vs- Saint Joseph College at Regents Hall

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Organization Formed To Fight Racism

By Margie Wise
Features Editor

A group dealing primarily with racism on Northern Kentucky University's campus is being organized by Elea Mihou, a freshman anthropology major.

Mihou said she doesn't think there has been a group that has focused on this issue at NKU before, and she is getting a lot of posi-



Elea Mihou

tive feedback. She said she feels a sense of acceptance from her peers and faculty, and many people seem to appreciate the need for such a organization on campus.

"This is a definite sign of our progression as a community that a group of this nature would be so positively welcomed," said Mihou.

She said the group is important

because any part of the campus is a reflection on the campus as a whole.

Mihou said NKU is a very "segregated" campus. She said she thinks something needs to be done to unite the student body. Mihou said, "There are a lot of negative mentalities that students have."

Mihou said the group is in the initial stages of development. On next week's meeting agenda are the tasks of writing a constitution, constructing a mission statement for the group, and electing officers.

Cheryl Nunez, director of

affirmative action and multi-cultural affairs, said Mihou approached her about advising the organization, and she is excited about the opportunity.

Nunez said she thinks this is just the kind of topic students can successfully address.

She said, "They have more capacity to deal with race than their older counterparts. They are looking ahead to many choices, and those choices are very much influenced by coming to terms with racism."

Nunez said the direction of students' lives are influenced by their experiences with other

racers. Race issues can affect such fundamental decisions as where students live, where they have their children schooled and who their friends are, she said.

"Racism, if we understand the history, is one of the structural foundations on which our country was built," she said. "If we can come to terms with that, if we are willing to break down the myths, then we can go a long way to addressing other issues. Racism is embedded in our culture and our economy. It's not something you can dismiss or look past. It's something that must be dismantled."

Interviews Important

The following is third in a *Northerner* series that focuses on helping students attain a career after graduation.

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

What are your strong points? What are you committed to? What will you add to this company?

All of these are questions that you could encounter when going to a prospective employer for an interview.

According to Neil Yeager and Lee Hough in "Focus Interviews," a book that focuses on the perfect interview, employers are not as concerned with your answer as with the way you answer the question.

For example, if a prospective employer asks you, "What is one of your weak points?" A good answer may be: "I think a good way to answer that question is to also talk about my strongest point. I am very concerned with organization. However, my weak point is I sometimes have trouble with co-workers who do not have the same concern about organization."

In this example you have identified a weak point, but was it really?

By identifying a strong characteristic that you can relate your weak point to it appears as though both are strong points.

The key to a successful interview is preparation. Have someone ask you questions and practice answering them aloud. Employers are looking for a clear, structured answer that identifies your strong characteristics.

Chad Showalter is the former supervisor of the Paramount's Kings Island Human Resources Department.

Rubber Duck Robbery

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

Poor draining at the new Baptist Student Union building has resulted in unwanted ponds at the front of the building and the loss of a rubber duck.

The ponds are a result of rain water with no place to go.

The land slopes downward in front of the building, and rain water collects there.

With no place to drain, the water remains until it evaporates, occasionally flooding up to the sidewalk next to the building.

"We graded the land in hopes that it would drain properly," BSU campus minister Bill Ellis explained. "It didn't, and now we have two lakes in front of the building."

Ellis expects the problem to be fixed soon. He says drain pipes will be installed in the ground, and the

water should then drain properly.

Along with the landscape and appearance, a rubber duck has also been victimized.

"It was our pond and ducks belong in ponds," said Jennifer Hueseman, a second-year student. "So we put it there as a joke."

The yellow rubber duck soon became a mainstay at the BSU. Named after the foreman, Fred the duck had quickly become a fixture at the new building.

"The duck was there for the longest time," said Bryan Cobb, sophomore education major. "He was sort of our mascot for a while."

Then one day Fred disappeared. "When I came to the BSU one Saturday he was gone, and there was a metal rod lying by the pond," said Hueseman.

Although the BSU received another duck for Christmas, they are reluctant to put it outside.



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

LAKE INFERIOR, JR.: The new BSU building is having drainage problems which cause rainwater to collect in two mini-lakes in front of the building.

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NKU "Office Spirit" Award

The third annual Office Spirit Award will be presented on Saturday, February 7 at the Homecoming Men's Basketball game. NKU President, James Votruba will tour Highland Heights Offices on Tuesday, February 3rd. The winners will be selected by "you." Please tour the campus visiting the following offices who registered for the competition. Many of these were decorated by student organizations. After you have completed your tour—out this ballot form and return it (by Tuesday, February 3rd) to:

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Term Paper Prep



By Chad
Showalter
General
Manager

Like it or not it is coming, and you need to be ready for it.

Term papers are just around the corner and you need to know how to write them. Since I am graduating this semester, I have finally come up with what I consider to be the best formula for writing the dreaded term paper.

Okay, so it took about five years to perfect this formula, but now that I have finished it, I have decided to pass it along to you.

When you have truly mastered this process there is no need to start before the day the assignment is due. 1. Gather all materials needed to complete the term paper. Sit in a comfortable chair in a well-lit work area.

2. Read over the assignment carefully, to make certain you understand exactly what your professor is asking. 3. Ingest some sort of caffeine product. I am pretty sure that this has been proven to help you concentrate. 4. Visit your friend down the road who is in the class you are writing the term paper for.

If your friend has not started the paper yet, proceed to the nearest grocery store to buy snacks and Dr. Pepper. Remember, the caffeine will help you concentrate.

However, it is possible that your friend will show you his/her paper, typed, double-spaced, and bound in one of those irritating little plastic transparent folders. If so, it is necessary to dump him/her. Before you leave though, thumb through the "finished product" slowly (if possible make thumb marks on the paper) and then say something derogatory like, "Hmmm, looks good. Is this a rough draft?"

5. When you get back to your room, sit in a comfortable chair in a clean, well-lit work area. Make sure you have those sharpened pencils and new pens available.

6. Now, read over the assignment

again. It is vital that you understand all the intricate components of the project.

7. You know, you still have not written to that guy/girl you dated back in seventh grade. You promised to keep in touch with him/her. The guilt is overwhelming. You better write that letter now and get it out of the way so you can concentrate on this important assignment.

8. Watch your favorite movie on video and after it, that's all. You really need to start on your paper after this. If the movie has Kevin Bacon in it (i.e. Footloose or Tremors) schedule an additional fifteen minutes to reflect on where his career went wrong.

9. Rearrange all of your videos into alphabetical order, divided into subgroups for drama, comedy, science fiction, and Pauly Shore movies.

10. Phone a peer that is in the class with you. Exchange derogatory remarks about the assignment, the course, the university, and politics.

11. Sit in a comfortable chair in a clean, well-lit work area with plenty of sharpened pencils and brand new pens. Contemplate something about the assignment.

12. Check the cable guide to make sure you are not missing something important on television. When you have a paper due in less than 15 hours, anything on cable from Psychic Hotline to Gomer Pyle is important. Be sure to check out all the channels that are listed as "Paid Programming" in the Cable Guide. 13. Sit down and do some serious thinking about another paper that is due next week. It never hurts to start thinking about these things early! 14. Read over the assignment one more time, just for the heck of it. 15. Lie down on the floor and "develop" a strategy for completing the project." Make sure that you set your alarm to wake—errrrr "start the production part of the paper."

16. At the sound of the alarm, leap up and write the paper. (This is where the sharpened pencils and brand new pens are important.)

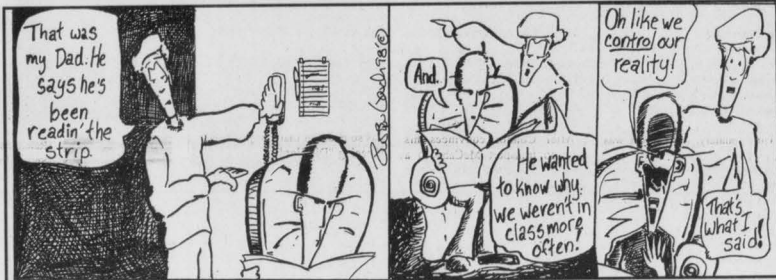
17. It is not necessary to back the term paper up on the computer. Just print it out and erase it.

18. Vow to never again wait that long to start a paper.



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By Justin Lynch



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NORTH POLL

DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD BE A ROLE MODEL?

By Anna Weaver and Suzanne Fleming

"No, I don't think he should be a role model. He just has to run the country, not everybody's lives."

Dawn Sommers
Undeclared
Erlanger



"No, he shouldn't be a role model, he should be a leader."

Josephine Behle
International Studies
Independence



"Yes, he's the President of the United States."

Shane Ponchot
Marketing
Edgewood



"He should be but I don't think he's a very good one."

Tony Ferguson
Business Management
Dayton



"Yes, he should because he's in the public eye. Little kids look up to him, he should set an example for the whole nation."

Allen Long Jr.
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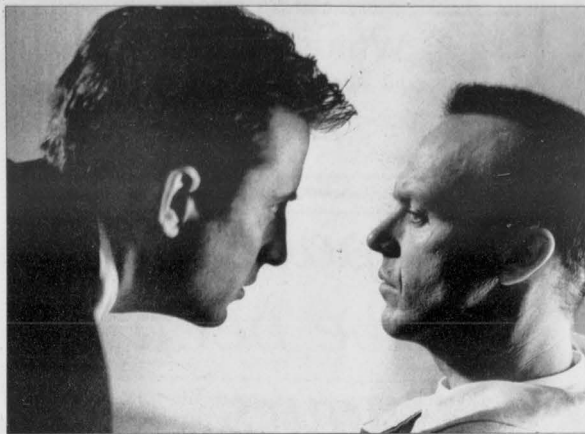
"He should know he's a role model and act like role model."

Michael Hunter
Computer Science
Cleveland



movie spotlight

A "Desperate" Attempt



Mandaley Entertainment
Police detective Frank Connor (Andy Garcia, left) finds a compatible bone marrow donor for his son in Peter McCabe (Michael Keaton), a dangerous multiple murderer in the TriStar Pictures/Mandaley Entertainment drama "Desperate Measures."

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The makers of "Desperate Measures" went to desperate measures to ensure that the film was not dreadful.

Unfortunately, their effort was in vain.

At first glance, one might think that with Michael Keaton and Andy Garcia starring, the movie (which was released on Jan. 30) can't be too bad.

Throw in an impossible plot, improbable circumstances and surprisingly weak acting performances from both Keaton and Garcia, and then think again.

Garcia stars as Frank Connor, a San Francisco police officer and loving father who will do anything to find a compatible bone

marrow donor for his gravely ill son, Matt.

Keaton stars as Peter McCabe, Matt's perfect DNA match—who just happens to be a homicidal sociopath serving a life sentence in a maximum security prison.

After Connor convinces his boss to transport McCabe to a nearby hospital the killer escapes, leaving a trail of wounded and dead in his path.

When it becomes an all-out battle inside the hospital, Connor finds himself desperate to keep McCabe alive. (If McCabe is killed, his marrow will no longer be usable.)

Connor and McCabe proceed to go on an hour-long romp through the hospital and across San Francisco.

Add your typical action flick

ending, and you have desperate measures.

No surprises—except that it was terrible.

Maybe I'm being hard on Keaton and company.

Perhaps it's not that the film was so bad, but that I'm just tired of seeing "Die Hard."

Since "Die Hard" came out, we have seen everything from "Die Hard" on a boat ("Speed") to "Die Hard" in a flood ("Hard Rain").

"Desperate Measures" is just "Die Hard" in a hospital. And the only reason it's any different than "Speed" or "Hard Rain" is that I liked those movies. This one was stupid.

To make a long story short, please, save your money.

Go to desperate measures to avoid this film.

"Kundun" In The Middle

By Henry D. Case
Reviewer

I have a difficult time giving a firm opinion on this film. "Kundun" is the story of the discovery and early life of the 14th Dalai Lama. Directed by Martin Scorsese, "action packed" or "a light-hearted romp" are two adjectives which would never be

used to describe "Kundun". It is a documentary enhanced with beautiful visuals and sets. But what of the characters and story?

Somewhere around the middle of the film, I found myself wanting to leave. I wasn't unhappy with the film. The actors were true to their parts: there was never a time when my suspension of disbelief was broken. On the

other hand, I had little connection with the characters. They follow a much different mindset than that of your typical American. While this difference is understandable, it also keeps a barrier between the characters on-screen and the audience in their seats. Kundun (the Dalai Lama) does not act or react as I would. His beliefs and decisions are often not only 180 degrees from my own, but also from other people in the film. Yet screenwriter Melinda Mathison, who also wrote "ET," apparently hoped to gain sympathy from the audience

for the young Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama's plight is one to have sympathy for - he is trapped between his own beliefs of non-violence and the expansionist Chinese Communists, led by Chairman Mao (played chillingly by Robert Lin). The Dalai Lama himself, however, is just a little too removed for us to truly understand.

The other reason for wanting to leave was that the story did not keep me there.

At times it seemed like the movie was composed of choppy random highlights from a biography. Events occurred and their significance was never explained. I do not want a film of this type of subject to play to the Lowest Common Denominator; nor should I need a Master's degree in Asian history in order to understand all the meanings. Plus, even having little interest in Tibet's history, I already knew how this story would turn out.

Anyone who knows a little about Asia knows Tibet and the Dalai Lama's fate. The movie did not surprise me. Everything I expected to happen did.

I did stay for the entire film. Stubbornness won out over boredom. While I can not find solid reasons to put down this movie, nor can I find anything in it to recommend. If the time period, location, or culture of Kundun interests you, go see it. If you are looking for a rich story or good night of escapism, pass on "Kundun".



Touchstone Pictures
Director Martin Scorsese (left) brings to the screen the true story of the Dalai Lama, in Touchstone Pictures' drama, "Kundun."

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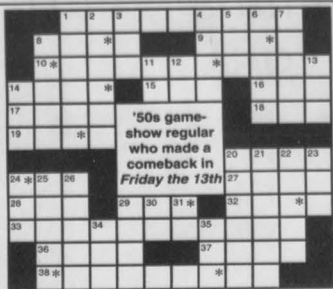
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 9. 1953 Leslie Caron movie
 10. Unsolved Mysteries host (2)
 14. My Little Margie star
 15. Jack of Barney Miller (1975-78)
 16. Patrol; 1990 Ray Walston film
 17. Oddball
 18. Man; role in The Wizard of Oz
 19. Susan and family
 20. Astounds
 21. Evangelist McPherson's monogram
 27. There _____ Crooked Man; '70 Henry Fonda film
 28. Storekeeper on The Waltons
 29. King Kong, for one
 30. Choir member
 31. One who stars as a doctor (3)
 36. LVIII times XIX
 37. Farm females
 38. Rick Reynolds' co-star (2)
- DOWN**
1. Coming of Age star Paul (1988-89)
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- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Your family and friends may not agree with your choice of a mate. Could they be right? Step back and look at the situation more objectively.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
It is time to set a partner straight about where your relationship stands. You must set a good example for children who look up to you.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
You may have to play hardball in a business setting. Stick to the facts and do what has to be done.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
There is a good chance you have a secret admirer who thinks the world of you, but this person is much too shy to admit it.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Get into the holiday spirit by inviting an old friend to dinner. Set a festive table and let this person know how special he is.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Your energy level is seriously depleted. Listen to some of your favorite music and take an hour to relax.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
A party has you worrying about wardrobe choices. Your best bet is to keep it simple. Sometimes less is definitely more.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
This is a powerful time for you, so use it wisely. You will be able to accomplish much more than you ever imagined.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
If you are feeling down, get out of the house and do something you enjoy. Take in the holiday sights and sounds or enjoy a new feature-film release.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Financial matters might seem a bit hopeless. Seek the advice of a trusted friend; it will all work out in the end.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Take some time to help with a worthwhile cause. Helping the needy is good for your soul.



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Cole's Pic

Suddenly NKU senior center Cliff Clinton is stricken by the thought, "At least I'm not in Cole's Pit..."

Keep your eyes open for the Pic of the Week, coming soon to a Northerner near you.

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