

## ROTC readies cadets for battle

*Northerner* editor reviews weekend of military life

by Kris Kinkade  
The Northerner

*Editor's note: The Northerner sent assistant news editor Kris Kinkade on a training exercise with NKU's Army ROTC unit recently at the Fort Knox training facility in Kentucky. Through his own observations and comments from ROTC members, he describes the experience of an Army weekend.*

Their orders received, the squad proceeded into the underbrush in an attempt to secure the objective. Their assignment—travel at an 87 degree azimuth for 500 meters to the rendezvous point.

They all knew something might happen on the way and prepared themselves for any situation that might arise. As they traversed the underbrush, precautionary tactics became commonplace. Stopping...listening...scanning the area expecting the unexpected.

About 200 meters into the excursion the squad encountered a roadway. Being 26 kilometers behind enemy lines, sniper fire became a distinct possibility.

The squad leader had to make the decision. Sending his men across in teams of two, he hoped to secure the other side.

Suddenly, sniper fire erupted from the underbrush across the road and the skirmish began.



NKU student and ROTC cadet John Kloeker practices machine gun warfare during Northern's Army ROTC unit visit to Fort Knox two weekends ago.

Kris Kinkade photo

The preceding was a description of one of many situations that a military leader and his troops might face in a war. The Army ROTC unit at NKU is attempting to prepare its cadets for such a situation and at a recent weekend excursion to Fort Knox, Kentucky, they did just that.

Cadets (students) and Cadres (regular officers) from

Northern, Xavier and Miami Universities traveled down to the Fort Knox army training facility to prepare MS-3 cadets (equivalent to a college junior) for the test they will take this summer. There, they were given a taste of the problems, confusion, trials, tribulations and more than likely the excitement that

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## Budget cuts reduce loans, aid

by Mark Adams  
The Northerner

The 1987 federal budget of President Reagan and the U.S. Congress, if the Supreme Court declares it constitutional, will make guaranteed financial aid harder to get by this fall.

"(The cuts) won't affect us too bad as far as programs for next fall," said NKU financial aid director Robert Sprague. "(But) some people will be knocked off the Pell Grants."

Sprague said NKU's financial aid program is based on a formula established by the federal government. State universities must follow these guidelines in order to receive money for state and federal student aid programs.

"We can have institutional policies if we stay within the government's guidelines," Sprague said.

"I really doubt seriously that the government would change this policy," he added. "It's been in effect for three years."

NKU writes up a financial aid proposal and then sends it to the federal government for approval, Sprague said. The government will approve the proposal if it meets the five federal guidelines, he added.

According to a statement released by the government concerning the federal guidelines, students must follow a maximum time frame in which an educational objective, degree or certificate is achieved.

In addition, there must be a consistent application of standards by all students concerning programs establish-

ed by the institution.

Sprague said the student's Grade Point Average, number of quality points and family income will ultimately affect the outcome of financial aid application.

He said NKU's guidelines include a section that allows a student to appeal a decision if his or her's financial aid is terminated on the basis of poor grades.

Sprague added that a student can also appeal to the Student Financial Aid Committee to re-establish financial aid if they can show evidence of academic improvement. But he said the committee does not judge a student's academic achievement.

"The students are only appealing for the committee to give them financial aid, (not academic merit)," Sprague said.

Sprague said the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cuts will affect all federal loans.

In a letter to the Kentucky Intercollegiate Student Advisory Committee, Thomas Baumgarten, student representative of the Council on Higher Education, stated the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cuts will result in a reduction of student aid funding by approximately \$8 million.

"While Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (budget) has already been approved by Congress, it is coming before the Supreme Court in July so it might be declared unconstitutional," Baumgarten wrote in the letter.

"However," Baumgarten added, "it is in effect at the present time."

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Ted Chenot of Claryville, Ky. readies his kite before WEBN Kiteflight '86.

Steve Hinton photo

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they will have to experience in order to receive their commission as a second lieutenant.

Along with the sniper scenario, the cadets also faced other situations that they might experience in actual combat.

In one scenario, the cadets encountered an enemy soldier (played by an MS-2 cadet) in the middle of a field. Following proper procedures, they would set up a perimeter defense, clear the area of possible snipers (played by MS-1 and MS-2 cadets) and capture and process the prisoner of war. But as is often the case, actual situations aren't always the way they are supposed to be.

In another scenario, the squad came upon a friendly partisan (civilian, native to the area) and attempted to get any useful information he might have before a sniper eliminated him.

On a hill nearby stood the final scenario. Stationed two-thirds of the way up, a fortified and well-armed bunker awaited the cadets' attack. The objective was to capture it.

Combined, these maneuvers are referred to as Tactical Application Exercises or TAX lanes.

In each situation, cadets assumed various roles and commands from squad leader to squad, giving them practice in leading and being led.

After each exercise, the squads of six to eight were graded and critiqued on teamwork, leadership, reaction time, quick thinking and ingenuity by Cadres and MS-4's, who already took the test. They were given advice, told what they did wrong or right, or advised of what they failed to do.

Observing and partaking in some of the exercises, it became apparent that these men and women know what they are doing and take pride in that fact. They work as one and succeed or fail as one.

Attitude is important. If a cadet isn't "psyched up," charged with adrenalin and ready to take on the world, then he or she is not in the right profession. Without the right attitude, the edge needed to survive is lost.

## The ROTC

The TAX lanes were just one of many exercises the cadets partook in during the weekend.

At the Clark firing range, they were trained in the process of zeroing a weapon. By shooting at a target and then adjusting the rifle according to how well they shot, they were able to adjust the sights to their specifications.

While part of the group zeroed their weapons, the rest tested themselves on the squad assault course. Roughly 100 meters in length, the course was designed so that the cadets had to charge across, darting from tree to tree, climb across a rope bridge and maneuver under barbed wire in order to grenade an enemy bunker.

After setting up the bivouac site (campsite) in some nearby woods, the MS-3's prepared for some night reconnaissance of an enemy headquarters. Success in this test meant sneaking up on a booby-trap laden site, gathering as much information as possible about location, size, numbers and so on and sneaking out without be-

ing caught.

The final day brought the land navigation test, in which cadets must utilize a contour map to locate certain check points. Conditions of the test included not being able to talk to anyone, finding five check points in four hours (not as easy as

it looks) and getting back.

## The Army

Getting up at 0430 (that's 4:30 a.m. to you and me) and moving into a rigorous physical training workout is not a part of

many people's morning schedule. But in the army, it's a fact of life.

From physical training, it's on to breakfast and then back to the barracks to clean and prepare for the day ahead. After observing the cadets hustling about

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to check weapons, turning in linens and receiving their MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) for the day, the whole basis of army life suddenly became clear. The army is hustling and hurrying to your next duty and then waiting. Hurrying...waiting...hurrying...waiting...all day long, its only purpose being that it possibly teaches patience and order.

One area that is synonymous with army life is the inspection. It is a unique aspect of the army in that soldiers clean, fold, arrange, dust, and prepare for three hours in a heroic but futile attempt at perfection. In a matter of minutes a sergeant can rip any barracks apart, coming up with a list of assorted aspects that were missed. It gives one the feeling that in army life, perfection is adequate and near perfection is below par.

## The Food

The meals that the army feeds their troops with are everything you have ever heard they were and yet they are surprisingly different.

They're good.

It may be the fact that the meals are spaced far enough apart to make one hungry enough to call boiled shoe stew a culinary delight, but army food (on base) is good. In the field it's another matter.

When God created food, I don't think it was his intention to have someone invent the dehydration process.

This, of course, refers to Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's), which are the "C" rations of the eighties. In packages 12 inches by 5 inches by 2 inches, MRE's compress about 1300 calories into an assortment of plastic compartments. Dehydrated pork patties, beef barbeque, ham and chicken loaf, and beef stew are just some of the numerous main entrees a soldier has to choose from. There are various nut cakes, dehydrated fruit mixes, cheese or peanut butter crackers and desserts to choose from. The desserts, according to most of the cadets, are the best part of the package. It is not unusual to see soldiers trade a whole MRE for a chocolate fudge bar.

Why?

Well, most don't rely on army food to sustain them. Pokey bait (unauthorized food) is the basis of many a soldier's diet. Without it, most would probably waste away.

## The Epilogue

Although, as a whole, the weekend was an informative and fun-filled look at army life, it also enlightened me to the serious nature of war. For without the reality that war is a distinct possibility, the need for ROTC units or any sort of militia would not be as great.

But because there will always be war, there will always be a need for soldiers and more specifically, the ROTC. It's good to know these guys will be on our side.

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Baumgarten also stated Congress is undergoing a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965, that, if passed, "may cause problems for students seeking guaranteed student financial aid."

The Federal College Work-Study, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, National Direct Student Loan and Pell Grant programs will all be cut, Sprague said.

"Pell Grants are locked into the federal government," Sprague said. And currently there are none available, he added.

Sprague said the cuts will also affect

the Guaranteed Student Loan and some state grant programs, specifically KGA grants.

According to a recent article from College Press Service, both Senate and House versions of the bill would require all students applying for Guaranteed Student Loans to "provide proof of need."

"Currently only students with family incomes exceeding \$30,000 a year have to demonstrate need," the article said.

Sprague said, however, that there are still plenty of lenders for the Guaranteed Student Loan programs despite the cuts.

## A.I.A. affiliate claims professor abused him.

SUNY-Farmingdale student Gerard Arthus said professor Jim Friel kicked him out of class and later had him arrested when he tried to return.

Accuracy in Academia, for which Arthus was a scout for "biased" professors, said Friel was angered when Arthus asked "a question exposing Friel's ignorance."

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# Libya air strike

## Reagan gains nothing but loss of lives

America is getting back to fun again. We're fighting back. Wimpy Jimmy Carter, who left Americans stranded in Iran for months on end, is gone. We've got a fighter on our hands.

With the air strike on Libya Monday evening, President Reagan put up his dukes and showed the world that no matter how small you are, you can't push America around. Show us Grenada. Send in Nicaragua. We'll teach them you can't mess with the Great Warrior.

The bombing of training camps and military command posts was Reagan's answer to terrorist attacks on Americans. He said something had to be done to show the world America won't just sit back and let our citizens be murdered. However, he has probably taken the wrong step.

Secretary of State George Schultz said in a press conference shortly after the strike, "It's not a question of settling scores, but acting against terrorism."

There are two ways to interpret this: A) He's lying or B) The Reagan administration does not have a grasp of Col. Mommar Khaddafi's insanity.

Terrorism will not end. In fact, many experts on international affairs believe this will only aggravate the situation resulting in more terrorist killings. There will always be people who are so dedicated to the idea of hating America that they would kill others or die themselves for that belief no matter whether they reside in Libya or elsewhere.

Reagan's air strike accomplished nothing but more death. Believe it or not, Libyans are feeling human beings. They live, bleed and die just as Americans do. But their deaths do not seem to count.

Many people in Libya, possibly some who were killed in the strike, disliked Khaddafi as much as Americans. But when the event was covered by the news media, the one missing American pilot attracted more attention than all the Libyan casualties.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger talked of "minimizing collateral damage." What a perverse way of masquerading the killing of innocent people.

The air strike will only lead to more violence, more destruction, more loss of human life — very likely American lives.

ABC News Washington correspondent Sam Donaldson asked Secretary of State Schultz, "What if Khaddafi strikes back? What do we do then?"

Schultz replied, "We will take the action that is wise as we see the situation unfold."

Put in less muddled terms — war. But somehow our beloved president will come out of this smelling like a rose and looking like a hero. All this violence makes Reagan feel strong, like a real man, like a real American.

He is actually an accomplice to murder. If you'll note, every one of Carter's Iranian hostages is alive today.



## Seldom says

# Curiosity saved the cat

"Children, be curious. Nothing is worse... than when curiosity stops. Nothing is more repulsive than the repression of curiosity. Curiosity begets love. It weeds us to the world. It's part of our perverse, madcap love for this impossible planet we inhabit. People die when curiosity goes. People have to find out, people have to know. How can there be any true revolution 'till we know what we're made of?"

## Paul Seldom

"My dear Seldom," said Francis Bacon, as he peeled the shell of his shrimp and as I stuck a french fry into my mouth, "that passage is from Graham Swift's novel *Waterland*, a fine reading treat for any Anglophile, which I know you are, despite that french fry that's half in and half out of your mouth. Let's let the passage serve as our text for the evening. What do you think of it?"

"Well," I said, "I don't know that I like being addressed as a child."

"But why? If you think about it, if you think about what you know and compare to what you don't know, are you not a child, my dear Seldom? Are we not all children? Is not that one of the messages of history—that no one of us has sufficient time in this world to grow intellectually beyond the stage of childhood?"

"Well, I suppose so," I responded. "Yes, I do think you are right. We are all learners, regardless of age. But what about the repression of curiosity? Why is that the most repressive of repressions?"

"Nothing is more natural and vital than curiosity. When you repress the naturally vital, can anything be worse? Curiosity is what makes people reach out to experience the unknown; it extends people beyond themselves. When curiosity stops—and only repression can stop curiosity—everything stops.

"Take, for example, the sad case of a severely autistic child, a child who sits in

a corner submersed in himself, disconnected from other people and from the world, without language, which allows us to communicate, without feeling the difference between himself and others, which makes communication necessary. We don't know why this child is like he is, but we do know that the natural curiosity of the child does not function, cannot be expressed. That it is in some strange and awful way repressed.

"You've heard of the expressions, 'the mind's eye' or 'the mind's ear'? Well, the mind has fingers, curious and exploring ones, and those fingers have a whole world for a keyboard. Repression is the arch-enemy of those fingers, a holding or pressing back, a crushing down. The crushing of curiosity is a breaking of bones. It makes the mind a tight but mutilated fist."

"Let's switch to more pleasant thoughts," I said. "Let's forget repression and talk of love. How does curiosity beget love?"

"Curiosity engages us to persons and things in the world, attaches us mentally to them—it is the way the mind reaches out and touches. It is full of desire and initiates contact. And it sustains desire and maintains contact because it makes us feel the differences, the varieties—it refuses to let us understand totally one person or thing merely in terms of some other similar person or thing. And that helps keep wonder, and love, alive.

"I remember when a married student once told me that she first dated her husband because she was curious about him, fell in love with him because she found him curious, married him because they both remained curious, and has not divorced him because they are curious still."

"And what do you make of the 'true revolution'?" I asked.

"I don't know," Francis said. "Perhaps it is the discovery that all of life is a discovery. Perhaps it is the knowledge that curiosity is the Creator. Perhaps it is the thought that when curiosity dies, please see Seldom, page 5

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## Stone and mortar is not the answer to faculty attrition

by Dave Munday  
Guest Columnist

New buildings are nice. They are solid and strong and lasting. They make the campus look impressive. For years now our little campus has been growing, physically, at a phenomenal rate.

It seemed for a time that every year or two we were breaking ground on a new construction project—and a big project!

Now we're about to get a new building, an Applied Science and Technology building—an impressive sounding building. It will be expensive too, 10 million dollars, plus \$200,000 a year to light, heat and keep up.

We need it though. NKU president Leon Boothe says we have the least space per student of any institution in Kentucky.

Can we afford to lag behind the other schools? Northern used to boast the highest percentage of Ph.D.'s of any faculty in the state. Do we still? If we do, I wonder how long it may continue.

Attrition is a problem here. Faculty leave the university for a number of reasons, mostly monetary reasons. They can simply make more somewhere else. It has been years since the average faculty salary increased as much as the cost of living increased. In a situation like this it is quite difficult for an instructor or professor to get ahead in his or her career, at least it is difficult if they stay here.

Everyone likes and needs to be adequately compensated for whatever work they do. When money gets scarce, people leave. It's that simple. And those that don't or can't get dissatisfied and grumpy.

With the new budget, people have been squabbling over how to divide the faculty raise pie. The real problem is that the pie

is a cake, and the cake is only a cupcake. There is simply not enough to go around.

Northern plans to spend \$4 million in the next biennium towards the new building, while they plan only a bit over \$1.5 million for faculty raises. Granted the building will last a long time, and in some sense we are investing in our school's future, but a building is not much good if we do not have faculty to teach in it.

A school is its faculty more than it is its facilities. The quality of the faculty directly affects the quality of education. When the money is short it is the best people who leave first. If we do not pay our faculty enough, the winds of market pressure will blow away the wheat and leave us with the chaff.

All the recent fighting over how raises are to be distributed would not be such a sore issue of our faculty were adequately paid in the first place.

The problem of short funds and their distribution is in the hands of both the state government and the school. The politics involved are unfortunately complex. Northern could not simply take money from construction and divert it to raises, even if it wanted to. The legislature, restricted some of the monies it grants to be used for particular purposes.

The problem must be taken then to the legislature, the governor and Northern's Board of Regents. All of these must decide together to make faculty salaries a priority so that higher education need not suffer in Kentucky.

What we and they really need to do is spend more on people and less on stone, and we will all be better off in the long run.

Dave Munday is a senior at NKU.

## MBA's helpful if income lower

by Jim Schwartz  
College Press Service

COLUMBIA, MO (CPS) — Middle- and lower-income students can improve their earning power dramatically by filing away their business bachelor's degrees and going on for master's degrees in business administration (MBA), a new study has found.

But the highly touted MBA doesn't help upper-middle and upper-income students much more than they could without an MBA, the study also concludes.

The study of 346 graduates of the universities of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma also discovered that women from the middle, lower-middle and lower classes earned as much as their male counterparts four to five years out of school — and half of the sample had BAs and half had MBAs.

"We think it's very gratifying finding equality (between the sexes) for the lower group," says Tom Dougherty, the University of Missouri at Columbia management associate professor who directed the study.

Within four to five years of earning their MBAs, graduates from the lower

classes were making about \$11,000 more a year than economically similar students who earned just business bachelor's degrees.

MBAs, however, didn't help improve the earning power of students from the upper economic classes.

"Students from the upper group already have the skills and contacts necessary for success," Dougherty says, "whereas the MBA may provide the extra socialization that those from the lower group need" to earn more money.

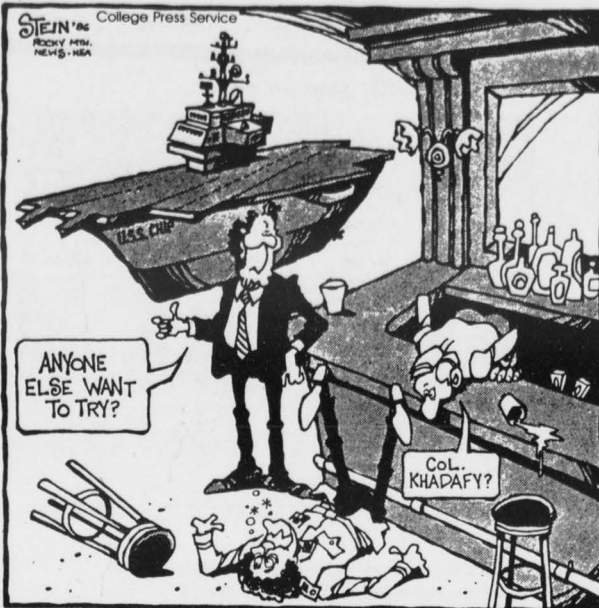
And while "lower class" men and women out of school for four years were making the same amount of money, females from the upper strata were earning less than males from the upper strata.

## Seldom

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creation dies, and all the gods sleep eternally."

Francis then choked slightly on a small shell of shrimp. "I wonder," he said after dislodging the shell, "do more people choke on shrimp than choke on french fries?"

Some questions are more curious than others.



## Bureacracy not only present in real world of the future

With perseverance, determination and luck, I will be able to graduate in December. For some reason, however, this isn't sinking in. Maybe because I'm too busy right now to worry about it. But as my family, friends, psychiatrists, clergy, astrologers, teachers and cat keep reminding me, I'm going to have to start thinking about my entrance into the Real World soon.

### Kim Colley

What do they mean by this? Have I been living in some sort of parallel universe all this time? Surely the role of student that I have carried with me for the past 16 years cannot be too dissimilar to that of Real Human Being.

In fact, it is my contention that NKU is the perfect training ground for the so-called Real World.

For instance, in the real world of Cincinnati right now, developers are trying to get an okay for a condo community they plan to build by the riverfront.

Now, I'm all for development and the creation of new jobs, but these people are planning this community, which will include two towers, directly in front of Mount Adams. In case you haven't figured this out already, these towers will effectively cut off part of Mt. Adams exquisite views.

All these developers would have to do would be to shorten the towers down to about five floors and the views would be preserved.

But no. The real estate development company believes those towers are needed to draw in professional types from the

bigger cities who are used to high-rise apartments.

That is an example of the real world. Now, do you want to tell me that four or five years at Northern won't prepare you for that?

Okay, okay. Perhaps I'm being cynical. It is possible that Northern is not quite that bad. But just look at the upcoming Student Government elections.

I don't want to name names or anything, but there is one candidate (I won't say what position he's running for) who says he wants to make life a little rosier for us dorm residents.

Do you know how he plans to do this? By giving us a bicycle shed, a ping pong table and a dart board!

Okay, I'll admit that a bicycle shed would be an improvement, since most of the bikes left on the rack get mangled and mauled sooner or later.

But a ping pong table and a dart board! Wow, forget graduation — I'm staying forever! The only thing I'd need after that to make my life in E-wing complete would be a backgammon game for every room.

The only thing in the Real World that could equal this would be the announcement made a few years ago by the Reagan administration that ketchup can be considered a vegetable.

Let me tell you what we need to do in the dorms. In the West Commons we need an ice machine and a laundry room. The East Commons has both of these, but if you've ever walked outside on a windy day with a basket full of laundry, you'd know why we in the West would appreciate it. (Rumor has it that we are get-

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# Features

## Discussion can be best cure for student stress

by Diane Poole  
The Northerner

Many students seek help for problems they feel they cannot handle by themselves. These worries create pressure and tension known as stress. To a certain degree, stress is natural and beneficial; but too much stress on the mind and body can result in depression, anxiety and illness.

Joann Brown, who runs Contact Queen City, a crisis line in the Greater Cincinnati area, said people call the crisis line when they have troubles they cannot sort out themselves and feel their friends are tired of listening to them.

"They call us for non-judgmental understanding and counseling," Brown said.

Most students who call are experiencing boyfriend/girlfriend problems since stress from studies aggravates relationship troubles, said Brown.

Dr. Bill Melchior, counseling psychologist at NKU said all problems in a student's life ultimately affect school work, which usually results in lower grades.

Stress, said Melchior, is a combination of different things. Usually it is a feeling of being overwhelmed by juggling too many activities, job changes or money worries. Underlying this may be a fear of failure, lack of self-confidence and a sense of isolation or loneliness, he said.

Brown said the problem comes from inside the person. It arises from how they feel about themselves and their own standards of perfection, she said.

"Usually when people have a good understanding of themselves, outside stress doesn't affect them," said Brown. "When someone is out of control with his own emotions, outside stress makes them

feel that everything is falling apart."

Workers at the 13-year-old crisis line listen to the caller's predicament. Brown said often just hearing oneself express feelings that have been kept inside helps eliminate emotion and allows the person to see things in a rational way. She said they give referrals when the caller seems to need more counseling help.

Since Contact Queen City is a Christian-based crisis line, sometimes clergypersons talk to or meet with callers immediately if they seem close to committing suicide.

Some people do call and ask questions about suicide, Brown said. Often they say they have a friend who is thinking about it, she added.

"Sometimes they already have a plan for how they are going to do it, but they call us as a last resort. They think maybe there is one more place to call before doing it," she said.

Thinking about suicide shouldn't scare people, Brown said. "The best thing is to talk to someone. Otherwise it could lead them on a spiral downwards and they won't be able to get out," she said.

This problem occurs frequently in young people for whom contemplation of suicide is a temporary thing, said Brown.

"They don't have the inner resources to cope with it, and they think they will feel that way forever," she said. "They need to know that things will get better."

Melchior said people who have suicidal thoughts and attempt suicide are a small minority of the students he counsels at NKU. But he said it is important that the distress of these people is not ignored.

Melchior said he helps students first by finding out the key thing they are struggling with.

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## The greatest traffic jam on earth...



Steve Hinton photo

Elephants from the famous Wrangling Brothers circus are herded down Mehring Way in front of Riverfront Coliseum last week.

## Fraternity shows model role

by Julie Tibbs  
The Northerner

The first All Male Fashion Review at Northern occurred held the University Center grill last Wednesday (April 9). It was sponsored by Snip's as a fund-raising event for the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Snip's, which specializes in hair design, sponsored the fund-raiser in conjunction with "The Casual Male," which provided fashions from Ocean Pacific, Levi Strauss and Union Bay to name a few.

Emceeding the event was Anis Pretot, owner and manager of Snip's. As Ms. Pretot introduced the first model, Top 40 music played in the background.

The moderate, but enthusiastic crowd was caught off guard as senior TKE, Jeff Adams, made an unusual entrance. After jumping up on a table and strutting his stuff, he casually returned to earth to model his summer attire.

Modeling was also done by the following Tekes: Rick Brothers, Mike Baugh, Vince Kelley, Greg Singleton, Scott Thompson and Vic Promaggiore.

During the show three of Snip's hair designers cut and styled free of charge any willing member of the audience's hair.

The TKE fashion fund-raising event concluded with the presentation of door prizes, which included various hair care products from Snip's and a \$30 gift certificate from "The Casual Male."

## Humanitarian Sullivan offers special insight to disabled



Steve Hinton photo

Tom Sullivan spoke at Northern last week, which was Disabilities Awareness Days, on how one can overcome handicaps.

by Pamela Paisley  
The Northerner

Everyone is disabled until they can prove they're able.

So said Tom Sullivan, author, athlete, singer, songwriter, and a humanitarian who happens to be blind. Sullivan spoke in the UC Theatre, Tuesday, April 8, as part of Disabilities Awareness Days.

"Choosing to have Disabilities Awareness Days just shows what we're all about," said Sullivan. "We must all learn to be aware of each other."

Sullivan has been blind since birth but said he didn't realize what blind meant until a young boy called him "blindy."

"The boy didn't mean any harm, he was responding to a society that uses labels," said Sullivan. We categorize people — black, white, blind, deaf — but it's these differences that make us succeed, he

added.

"I spent 25 years trying to be like everyone else until I realized I couldn't succeed that way," he said. "We're all special and we must celebrate the freedom to be unique."

Sullivan believes we all have handicaps and every disadvantage can be turned into an advantage.

"You can turn any handicap — shyness, anger, family problems — into something positive," he said.

Sullivan said he did not have a close relationship with his father who died April 7, the night before Sullivan spoke at NKU.

"Even my father's death can be something positive. It made me think about my relationship with my children," Sullivan said.

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## Barth discusses his latest novel

by Tina Tye

The Northerner

Those who attended the lecture given by author John Barth on Monday, April 7 in the University Center Theatre became fully aware of just why Barth is known as "The Master of Language." His presentation vividly demonstrated that he had indeed mastered the English language and could put it to various uses.

The topic of his discussion was his latest novel, *The Tidewater Tales*. This book revolves around the newly found knowledge that "less is more" of a writer named Peter Sagamore. The book is a combination of stories told and listened to during the last two years of his wife Kate's pregnancy. It takes place along Chesapeake Bay, which, says Barth, is called the "vagina of Virginia" by Kate. This, he explains, is because of its odd and familiar shape.

Barth read several passages from his book to the audience to give them a feel for his writing style. He writes poetically and adheres to his belief that, as he says, "novels, like breakfast cereals, are

measured by weight, not volume."

His humor is evident in some of the titles of his chapters. For instance, the title of the chapter which finds Peter somewhat confused and depressed is called *B Flat Overture*. He is also a big user of puns, for example, the name of a boat in his novel is called "Story."

As the lecture progressed, Barth gave the audience a summary of the main events in each of the chapters of his new book.

After his lecture concluded, there was a question and answer session in which Barth was asked, "What is the story of today?"

The story of today, he said, is the same as it has been and always will be. Novels are about nothing in particular, he says, but they involve "life in the world," to quote Aristotle.

The good stories are those that do not wear their hearts on their sleeves. The good stories of today combine a fair amount of sophistication in extending to readers knowledge that we as a people have learned through experience, he said.

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We need to examine our handicaps, he said. We have a responsibility to grow from every limitation.

"If I wasn't blind, I probably wouldn't be here promoting Disabilities Days at NKU," he said.

Sullivan entertained approximately 70 people by playing the piano and singing the theme from "If You Could See What I Hear," a film developed from his autobiography of the same title.

He also played "In My Wildest Dreams," a song he wrote that will appear on Lionel Richie's next album.

Sullivan awarded six disabled students for their academic achievements immediately following his lecture.

Those students were Vickie Ensor, David Hensley, Sister Margaret-Perez, Wesley Ragland, Steve Schwierjohann and Lisa Spurlin.

He also gave awards to instructors Johnathon Gresham, Phillip Koplow and Maryann Weiss for accommodating disabled students in and out of class.

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ting those two items, but rumor has let us down before.)

In the East Commons, we need dryers that work. Clothes that at home would require only one cycle need two or three here, and each cycle costs 50 cents. It's easier just to take the clothes back to the room and drape them over the furniture. It takes longer, but it's cheaper and less aggravating.

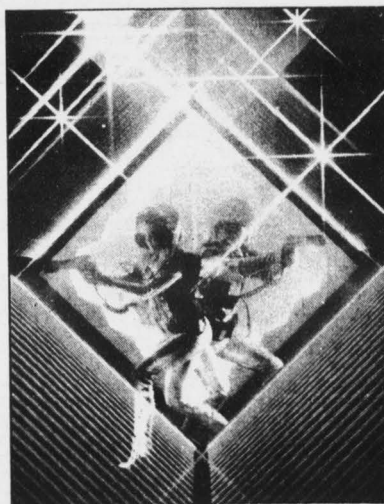
Overall, we need a North Commons or South Commons, or North by Northwest Commons. There was a waiting list to get a room during this semester, which is usually when the dorms empty out.

I can't blame the Resident Director, Allison Mortenson, because she works for John Evans, Director of Residential Life. I can't blame him because he works for someone else, and so on, and so on.

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# Stress

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"Many times (students) are not clear about it. They feel stress, but have difficulty pinpointing the cause," he said.

He then tries to help the person identify his or her strengths and find successful ways of coping, he said. He recommends relaxation exercises and other stress management techniques depending upon the patient's needs.

Melchior has counseled students at Miami and Arkansas State universities. He said NKU is different because of its larger population of older students who

often work while attending classes. They have different life experiences and must deal with different issues, he added.

"Struggling with stress is a part of life," Melchior said. "The amount of stress is the same for people, but the kinds of dealings and stress they face differs."

Sometimes Melchior refers students to physicians because stress can manifest itself in physical symptoms such as headaches, gastrointestinal ailments, backache, fatigue, colds and flu. He explained that when a person has suffered

stress for a prolonged period, the immune system goes down, causing illness.

Other times, he said, people come to see him after they have been to a physician who has not yet found a cause or solution for their emotional complaints.

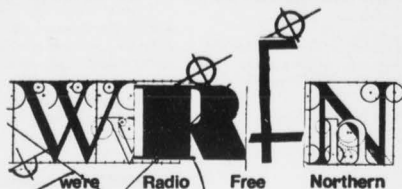
Deborah Walker, director of student development at Northern, said many students seem to experience health problems during the winter because their resistance is lowered by poor sleeping and eating habits.

"It does become a true physical pro-

blem. As a result of stress, students are not eating, staying up late hours working on projects ... and are exposed to bugs that are going around," Walker said.

Melchior provides personal counseling for Northern students in University Center room 306.

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## Auditions for plays begin in early May

Auditions will be held for individuals interested in participating in Northern Kentucky University's 1986 Summer Dinner theatre performances. Productions to be presented are: "The Fantastics," June 17-June 29 and "Carousel," July 22-Aug. 3 in the NKU Fine Arts' Black Box Theatre.

Those interested in auditioning for "The Fantastics" should report to the Fine Arts Center Main Stage on Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. or at 2:00 p.m. on May 11. Auditionees should bring a short cutting and a song or be prepared to read from the script. Dancers should bring gear. Accompanist will be provided.

Auditions for "Carousel" will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday June 14 or at 7:00 p.m. on June 15. Please bring a cutting and a song. Dancers must bring gear. Accompanist will be provided.

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# Rites brings beach to the party

by Jack Williams  
The Northerner

The Activities Programming Board (APB) will present the 1986 Rites of Spring — a week-long extravaganza of events, games and fun for NKU students. Rites of Spring begins Monday, April 21, with a beach party.

Twenty-seven tons of sand will transform the campus area outside the University Center into a beach. The events scheduled for Monday include music, volleyball, sandcastle contests, frisbee golf, hula-hoops, putt-putt golf and a giant sand box. Q102 radio personality Boobie Maxwell will host the activities.

Caricatures Unlimited will provide a cartoonist to draw caricatures of students. There will be free balloons and colorful leis to wear as well. The events begin at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. There will be hot dogs and Coke for a quarter.

On Tuesday, student groups will have activities from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These will include a spaghetti eating contest, the White Castle eating contest, and a number of other food and games activities.

Wednesday features the Blizzard of Bucks Show, which is a series of wild and crazy games with student contestants receiving free T-shirts and a shot at winning up to \$500 in the Incredible Money Machine. The show will be on campus from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

APB spokesperson Pam Cupp said all students are invited to come by and share in the fun.

"You're indoors all winter long studying hard ... finals are coming up and this is one time where you can get outside and celebrate before you have to buckle down and study for finals," she said. "It's one last time to breathe easy."

Thursday, the student groups will again have their booths and games on campus. These include the fraternities, sororities, clubs and organizations offered at NKU. Events this day will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Friday features the annual Bathtub Races and the Tug-of-War competition.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Student Activities Office in University Center room 366. The deadline for signing up is Friday, April 18 at 4 p.m.

"I think it's going to be one of the biggest Rites of Spring we've had in a long time," said Diane Venard of APB. "We've gone all out. It's going to be a great event."

## Fairytale 'Wind' adapted by NKU Theatre Dept.

by Jack Williams  
The Northerner

A magical evening of musical entertainment will unfold before your very eyes when NKU's Theatre and Music Departments present a premiere production of "The Wind in the Willows."

This enchanting story, a tale of friendship and love, has warmed the hearts of children and adults for many years. Through the antics of the charming river-bank animals, very human characteristics lead the animals into trouble resolved in the end by true friendship.

This will be the premiere performance of Kenneth Grahame's classic book and has been adapted for stage by Daniel A. Stein, a former NKU theatre faculty member. The production is an interesting hybrid of musical theatre and light opera.

The original score is written by Dr. Phillip Koplow, NKU composer in residence. "The music is there to set the mood," he said.

"Among the things I wanted to convey was the great love of nature and the beauties of nature that fills Kenneth Grahame's book," Koplow said.

For this production, Koplow has written 14 vocal numbers, three dances, an overture, and between-the-scenes music for the 22-piece orchestra.

"The frontispiece (which opens the show) is my attempt in music to catch the sound of the wind going through the willow trees. I put a lot of wind and water in the music," he said.

The stage setting, designed by NKU faculty member Dennis Maulden, is a large children's pop-up book that unfolds each adventure of Mr. Toad, the moles and his enemies — the weasels.

The cast is costumed as animals with Victorian clothing, designed by NKU's costume designer Rebecca Britton.

The production is directed by NKU's newest theatre faculty member, Michael E. King. He received his M.F.A. and B.A. from the University of Florida. He is presently working with the Kincaid Regional Theatre in Falmouth, Ky. as its director of a forthcoming summer production.

Performance times are: April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 20 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For reservations call 572-5464. The performances will take place on the Main Stage in the Fine Arts Building.

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## Sports

## Men's, women's tennis cruise to victories

by Chipp Lewis  
The Northerner

The NKU men's and women's tennis teams had back-to-back victories on Saturday. The men defeated Southern Indiana in the first game 7-0. The women beat Cedarville 8-1 in the second game.

Coach Rodger Klein's men's team raised its record to 9-4 with what turned out to be a relatively easy victory.

Paul Steenken, the team's leading senior and first singles player, won easily 6-0 and 6-0. Steenken's individual

record is 11-1 with his only loss coming over Spring Break in Florida. Steenken has yet to be challenged this spring by an opponent but said he is looking forward to the conference tournament.

Other NKU winners include Adam Painter, Jerry Beerman, John Walroth and Tom Cady.

In doubles play, Painter and Beerman raised their personal records to 13-0 as they chalked up victories of 6-0 and 7-5.

The men will try and add three more matches to the win column as they take on Georgetown, Louisville and Centre this week before the Great Lakes Valley Con-

ference tournament on Friday and Saturday. NKU will be seeded number one in the tourney.

In the second game, the women's team defeated Cedarville College 8-1 taking five of six singles matches and all three doubles matches to win their opening match in spring play.

First year law student Elena Escamilla led the attack, winning 6-1 and 6-2.

Other winners for NKU were Tracey Bauer, Candy Neagle, Angelle Hoskins and Missy Storer.

Escamilla and Storer, Hoskins and

Neagle were doubles winners.

"We're a lot better at singles partially because I have yet to focus in on our doubles teams," said coach Davis.

Davis plans to have practice this week primarily for the doubles teams in order for them to become synchronized for a triangular match this Saturday at Centre.

The following week the women play at Morehead and then at the Transylvania Invitational. The invitational will be the toughest part of the spring schedule for Davis and his Lady Norse.

## Norse blow more games

by Nick Brake  
The Northerner

With one out in the top of the seventh inning and NKU leading 6-5, the team could not wait to get into the clubhouse to celebrate a victory over Kentucky Wesleyan and end its six-game losing streak.

Three batters later the Norse saw their week end the same way it began — with a loss.

Wesleyan hitters Jim Woolbright, Bubba Kramer and Mike Toryk connected for consecutive home runs in the top of the seventh to lead the Panthers to an 8-6 victory in the second game of the double-header Saturday.

Wesleyan won the first game 5-1.

The treacherous week began with back-to-back losses to Great Lakes Valley Conference Southern Division leader Bellarmine on Wednesday. NKU then managed two more conference losses to Southern Indiana on Friday. NKU is now 2-6 in the GLVC and 15-14-1 overall.

"The hell with the conference," said coach Bill Aker of his team's chance to finish first or second in the division and receive a berth in the GLVC tourney. "The only chance we've got now is playing for an (NCAA) bid."

Things can't get any worse.

NKU's pitching corps gave up 18 home runs in six conference games last week, including six in the second game Saturday against Wesleyan.

"I don't know what's wrong with the pitching. I should know, but I don't," said NKU pitching coach Rich Hardt. "Either we don't hit or we don't pitch."

NKU hit in the second game Saturday and in the 15-14 loss to Southern Indiana, but, as usual, when there's hitting, there's no pitching.

Northern's bats were silent in its 8-1 loss at Bellarmine and the 5-1 loss to Wesleyan.

NKU broke out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning of the second game on Saturday. The Panther's countered with two long shots in the second, but the Norse battled back in their half of the inning when Gary Flowerdew and Jim DeMoisey each had singles to score four runs and put NKU ahead 5-1.

Jon Sagers increased Northern's lead with a solo shot in the third. Bubba Kramer hit the second of his three homers in the fifth. It was three run shot that put the game back into reach for the Panthers.

NKU escaped a bases loaded situation



Steve Hinton photo

NKU right fielder Jon Sagers cracks a solo home run against Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday. The Norse lost 6-5.

in the sixth with a double play, and came two outs away from victory before the fatal blasts.

Jim Burhlage, NKU's starting pitcher, gave up five runs in 5½ innings. Jerry Poore, the loser, gave up the tying and go

ahead runs in the seventh. John Derks, the loser of the first game, gave up the other home run in the seventh.

"We can't win in a tough situation," said Aker. "If there's a way to lose we can find it."

## Sports Digest

NKU volleyball coach Jane Meier has announced the signing of Newport Central Catholic star Molly Messmer.

Messmer, 5-8, 130 pounds, was an All Region and All State player for Newport Central Catholic. She was a three-year starter and one of the top setters in the area.

"Molly is our first recruit ever from Newport Central Catholic and we are very excited about her decision," said Meier. "She is a good athlete who is competitive and intelligent. She will be a valuable addition to our team."

NKU finished the past season with a 30-9 record and a Great Lakes Valley Conference championship. The Lady Norse lose two starters off that team, including GLVC player of the year Lori King, who was a setter.

"I felt filling the setter position was a

key in our recruiting," said Meier. "Molly can ease into the college game next season and get ready to contribute in a year or so."

Messmer is NKU's first volleyball signee this year.

NKU men's basketball coach Mike Beitzel has yet to sign a player for next season. Although he is looking into a couple of junior college players from Florida.

Beitzel is looking for some strength for the inside. The players he is considering are in the range of 6-7 to 6-9.

NKU's golf team finished third in a field of seven at the Transylvania Invitational at Tates Creek municipal Golf

Course last Wednesday.

NKU's 330 finished behind Bellarmine's 324 and Cumberland's 327. Finishing behind NKU on the day were Georgetown with 334, Berea with 342, Campbellsville with 352 and Transylvania with 357.

Low man for the tournament was Cumberland's Mark Wyman with a four over par 76. Low for NKU was Mark Eggar with a 79, which was third overall.

Other NKU final scores Ken Kinnmen's 82, Homer Owens' 84 and Dave Welage's 85.

With this third of seven finish, NKU's record moves to 11-7 overall after three tournaments.

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## Corrections

It was incorrectly reported last week that Mike Due was running on the SPICE ticket for Student Government office administrator.

Due had at one time considered running on the SPICE ticket, which is headed by presidential candidate Duane Froelicher. But he decided to withdraw from the SG race, leaving the position of office administrator open to the highest write-in vote-getter.

Also, a story in last week's issue stated that SG presidential candidate Art White was running on a ticket called Practical Experience, when actually Richard Nielson, a freshman, is running on that ticket. Nielson is running for rep-at-large.

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Greg: watch out! I heard Broomhilda doesn't like DZ's. (Maybe you should consider a divorce.)

Mike: thanks for the beer — it sure beat our Busch! Next time we'll take a road trip to Joe Bologna's too. love, Jul and Beck

Steve: stick around for the grand finale next time! (We promise it's worth it!) Love, the DZ's

Good luck Art White in your quest for SG president. You gotta have Art. — the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha.

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## Calendar

**Thursday, April 17**  
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Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting in UC 232. For more information, call Helen at 572-6373.

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Christian Student Fellowship will hold a Bible Study at 7 p.m. in the CFS house on Johns Hill Road. For more information, call 441-9619 and ask for Terri or Paula.

Final day of Student Government elections.

## Friday, April 18

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## Department Representatives: One from each of the following programs

### Biological Sciences

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### Fine Arts

(write - in)  
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### History & Geography

(write - in)  
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### Literature & Language

(write - in)  
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### Mathematical Sciences

(write - in)  
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### Physical Sciences

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### Political Science

(write - in)  
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### Social Sciences

(write - in)  
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### Allied Health

(write - in)  
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### Communications

(write - in)  
(write - in)

### Information Systems

(write - in)  
(write - in)

### Economics & Finance

(write - in)  
(write - in)

### Masters in Business Administration

(write - in)  
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### Masters in Education

(write - in)  
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### Psychology

(write - in)  
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### Education & Health/Physical Education

(write - in)  
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### Nursing

(write - in)  
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### Public Administration

(write - in)  
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### Social Work

(write - in)  
(write - in)

### Technology & Occupational Education

(write - in)  
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### Accounting

(write - in)  
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### Management & Marketing

(write - in)  
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