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STATE APPROPRIATION: The 1996 Kentucky General Assembly has approved \$2 million in the state budget. Gov. Paul Patton may either approve or veto the state budget, so the money cannot now be deleted from the budget unless the entire budget is thrown out. The money was put back in the budget after midnight last Friday by a committee on which local Rep. Jim Callahan, D-Southgate was on.

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Flashback

April 6, 1983



Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents voted 7-0 to appoint Leon E. Boothe of George Mason University as the university's third full-time president.

"He is old enough to have been mature and wise — young enough to lead a dynamic school like NKU," Regent Gordon Martin said.

Boothe pointed to the university's image as a problem he would work on.

Other goals he pointed to were building a strong public relations department and getting more NKU students placed in jobs.

NKU Loses Commuters While Dorms See Increase



	1995	1996
Campus Residents	642	670
Commuters	10,450	10,135

Spring 1996 Data

Source: NKU Institutional Research

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Regents To Discuss Post Thursday

By Gina Holt
News Editor

Some Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents members have described an ideal interim president as a person who is familiar with NKU, well known, well respected and effective.

NKU President Leon Boothe officially announced Wednesday that he will resign from presidency effective June 30.

The natural thing to do from here is to find an interim president, Alice Sparks, chairwoman of the Board of Regents, said. Sparks said the Regents will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday to discuss and possibly vote on the interim president.

Sparks met with the executive committee of Faculty Senate yesterday. She discussed the process the board would use to select the interim president. Faculty Senate President Kathie Venderber said.

Venderber said some people in the room spoke strongly about who they thought should be interim president.

"There were people in the room that spoke very strongly of Dr. Gaston," she said. "The faculty is really confused as to why Gaston wasn't just immediately appointed since that is what is normally done at other institutions."

Venderber said Gaston is considered a "hot property" in higher education because two other universities have been trying to "entice"

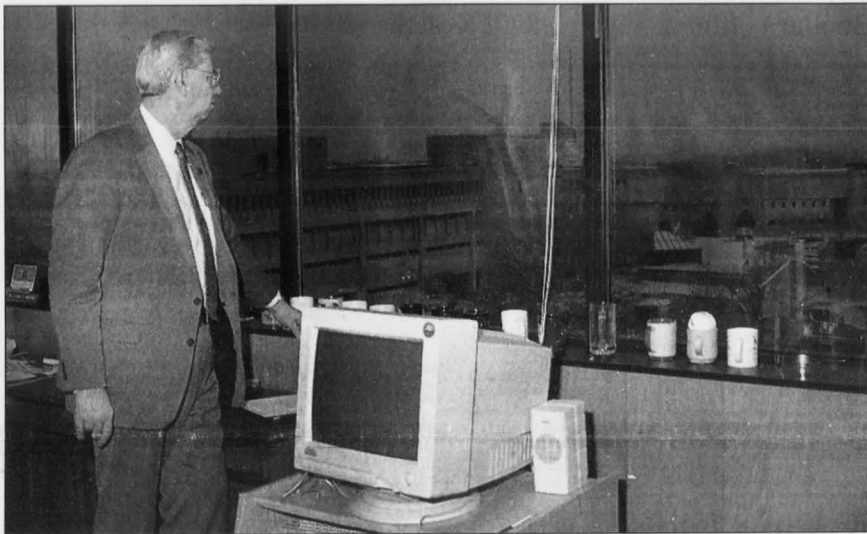
Gaston to leave NKU to join their schools. Last Thursday Sparks said there are six candidates for the interim presidency.

Paul Gaston, vice president of academic affairs and provost, is one of the candidates. Gaston has been employed at NKU for three years.

He said if he is offered the position he would think about taking it.

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PONDERING PRESIDENCY



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Northern Kentucky University President Leon Boothe looks out of his office window. Boothe, 58, resigned the presidency of the university last Wednesday at the Board of Regents meeting. He came to the school in 1983 to serve as the university's third full-time president.

Boothe Follows 'Golden Rule' In Life

By Gina Holt
News Editor

Someone once told President Leon Boothe he was different from most people because he cared so much about others.

"The golden rule is very important to me," Boothe said. "We just need to treat others as we'd like to be treated."

Boothe said he has three top priorities, his God, his family and his job.

"Family is very very important to me," he said. "I was shaped by my parents and family life."

Boothe's family was exceptionally poor when he was growing up.

His father never owned a new car and Boothe's dream was to buy him one before he died. However, he did not get the chance to do that.

Boothe said his parents took great pride in their children, and he tries to do the same with his own children.

"I have been enriched by three daughters," he said. Two are twins and the other was born 17 months later. "It was like raising triplets."

Boothe said he has three marvelous son-in-laws, one granddaughter and one grandson.

"Love being a grandfather," he said.

Boothe said there is one accomplishment in his life he considers his greatest achievement. "Marrying my wife."

"She has been an incredible influence

on me and still is."

Before Nancy Boothe became ill with multiple sclerosis, her and Boothe did everything together except play tennis because he said she never liked it much.

They both love to play bridge, browse through antique stores, the symphony, great music and dance.

Boothe said he was a pretty good dancer at one time.

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Remedial Classes Could See Move To Other Campus

By Chris Specht
Staff Writer

Most regents and faculty at Northern Kentucky University agree that remedial students here need more attention, but not all agree on just what should be done.

Regent Phil Taliaferro, after a meeting Wednesday, said about 74 percent of incoming fall freshmen last year needed some remedial classes.

Taliaferro said a community college built on NKU's Covington Campus could remedy what he sees as lax admission standards.

The Covington Campus could be used as a junior college to allow students needing developmental courses to catch up, he said.

Others on campus, however, voiced concern over singling out students who have academic

weaknesses.

Jamie Ramsey, president of Student Government Association and the student regent, said NKU needs to explore the community college idea, but also needs to explore other options.

One thing NKU needs is a more effective system of advising, Ramsey said.

He said by revamping remediation, NKU could keep students from taking courses they are not ready for, while allowing them to study subjects where they have strengths.

Director of the Advising/Academic Center Dave Emery said the 74 percent figure Taliaferro used is somewhat misleading.

Emery said that includes students with only one academic stipulation, meaning they are academically

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Radio Tuneup



Terry Renaker/The Northern

Brian Easterling, a radio-television senior, plays music on WRFN, the student-run radio station. Easterling has worked at WRFN for six months.

Boothe Resigns From Presidency; Tears Roll Down The Faces Of Many

By Gina Holt
News Editor

Tears rolled down the faces of many administrators, Board of Regent members and President Leon Boothe last Wednesday at the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents meeting.

Boothe read a prepared statement giving his official notice of retirement, effective June 30, 1996.

The statement started with tears, but then he took a few seconds to compose himself and continued.

As he announced his retirement, his reasons for doing so and how he will always look upon his years as president with great fondness, emotion poured over the room.

"It was a statement very much from his heart, a difficult one to make and a courageous one," Paul Gaston, vice president for academic affairs and provost said.

"I think it's a sad day for NKU," Bill Lamb, dean of students said. "He's done an extraordinary job. It's bitter sweet. . . It's bitter because he is going, it's sweet because it's his decision and he's happy about it."

After the meeting, Boothe said he has been disillusioned for quite some time, and it is just time for him to move on.

"I've really been unhappy the past couple of years," Boothe said. "I didn't see any light at the end of the tunnel, and if there was one, it was a train."

Even though many people are upset there is still a feeling of relief.

"I feel sadness from my own point of view, but relief for him," Peter Hollister, vice president of university relations and development said.

Boothe will finish his contract out at NKU but not as president.

The Regents voted to name Boothe president emeritus, with the full benefits of his existing contract through June 30, 1997.

Some of those benefits are insurance, the on-campus house he currently resides in and a car.

Boothe said it is a strong possibility he will work as a fund-raiser for NKU in his last year, but it is not definite at this time.

Boothe's Official Statement Of Resignation

While I wish this statement could have been delivered in an orderly and timely manner, unfortunately, much of what I am about to say will be redundant due to the unfortunate and unofficial release of some of this information several weeks ago. The end result is that there has been too much idle and unnecessary speculation in certain quarters. It was my hope to have made public my decision concerning the presidency with the least amount of disruption to the life of this university and to my personal life. One redeeming factor personally has been the overwhelming affirmation from faculty, staff, students, alumni and the total northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati community through the hundreds of letters, notes, telephone calls and personal visits. Nancy and I are so appreciative of this nurturing response.

As background, I became quite disillusioned approximately three years ago when it seemed to me that Kentucky was losing the perception of public higher education as a wise economic investment. It was crucial and agonizing time for me since the preparatory work for the Capital Campaign had been completed. In knowing how critical a President is in

any capital campaign, I knew the university would be enormously hurt were I to make any transition in my career that time. I, therefore, promised those key people who would be involved in the campaign that I would try to stay until the campaign was finished.

As you know, the Embrace Opportunity Campaign has been successfully completed as officially marked by a celebration dinner Monday evening. The current reality is that my assessment concerning Kentucky has continued to unfortunately be verified. Senator David Karem of Louisville said correctly during a meeting of the Task Force on Higher Education that Kentuckians should be embarrassed about the paucity of funds provided for higher education as compared with the rest of the nation. Since I foresee no major changes within the near future in terms of lifting Kentucky from its current ranking of 50 among the 50 states in terms of new dollars coming into higher education over the past 15 years, and since I am at the age that I would like to work in an environment where I can be more productive, I am formally informing the Board today that I do not wish to have my contract extended as President. I want to make it clear

that this decision was made preliminarily three years ago and confirmed by my family and myself last fall. Based on the commitment by the Board for assignment of new responsibilities, I wish to retire as President as of the end of June 30, 1996.

I take great pride in what has been accomplished as I enter my 13th year of affiliation with NKU. When one looks at the constant budget cuts and the fact that we have less state money in actual dollars than we did four years ago, my pride is high in realizing how creative the university has been in taking enormous chances and turning them into opportunities to continue to make progress. With the 21st century on the horizon, it is now time for another person to assume the mantle of leadership in helping the university to reinvent itself within the funding constraints it will face.

In conclusion, I will always look upon my years as President with great fondness because of the associations and the friendships I have been able to make. I feel privileged in having served approximately half of the operational history of this institution as well as having witnessed the graduation of 15,206 alumni.

Transferring Requirements Have Been Revised

By Todd C. Wesley
Staff Writer

The Kentucky Council on Higher Education implemented a new statewide program in January for transfer students going to state colleges or universities in Kentucky.

The council designed the program to enhance the acceptability of general education credits of transfer students, according to the guidelines for the program, which all state-funded institutions received.

The program also came about to enhance cooperation between institutions, emphasize common education requirements and serve as a framework for pre-major transfer programs.

According to the council's guidelines, there are three blocks a student may receive transfer certification in.

To be fully certified, a student must have received an approved associate of art or science transfer degree or have 60 hours of undergraduate credit and have a grade point average of 2.0 or above.

Also, a student must complete a general education program of 48 hours, including nine hours of communication classes, six hours of humanities, three hours of math, six hours of natural sciences and nine hours of behavior/social sciences.

Students who only complete the 33-hour core become "core compo-

nent certified" under this program.

Those students who fulfill only some of the five core areas are "category certified" in those categories, but must complete the rest of the general education requirements at the institution they transfer to.

The specific classes of each category depends on the institution.

This program will make sure there is more balance between transfer and native students, Robert Appleson, Northern Kentucky University's assistant provost said.

Appleson, who is the chairman of NKU's Transfer Module Committee, said general studies categories at NKU are in accordance with the council's program.

According to a report by the NKU Transfer Module Committee, only two general studies categories did not specifically fit in the council's core requirements.

Two of the three components of the perspective category, that is non-western and race/gender, fit under the cross-cultural category.

A weaker move, according to the committee's report, put history in the council's inter/multi-disciplinary section under humanities.

"At least the historical perspective is coming from a discipline different than history," according to the report," Appleson said. "Thus, there is a sense of an interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary approach in our

historical perspective requirement."

The other discrepancy between the council's guidelines involves the natural science category.

A student who plans to transfer to another state institution must take an extra natural science course to total six hours.

Any student transferring to NKU from any institution who has at least 60 semester hours still must fulfill the NKU general studies requirements, even if the student fulfilled the 48 general education hours required by the state.

These additional classes must not exceed 15 hours and can be upper or lower division NKU courses in areas that offer general studies outside their major, according to the committee's report.

Any student transferring to NKU who doesn't have a certified transfer module, or at least 60 semester hours, must fulfill the ordinary general studies policy.

NKU will grant credit to any student from any institution if they have the required 33 hours, Appleson said.

Even if students have credits from two different institutions, NKU will take the students' credits collectively, Appleson said.

"We're not going to split hairs over this," Appleson said. "The principle of this thing is to make sure students aren't hurt unreasonably in a transfer."

will be located in the grassy bowl and parking Lots C and D. The Baptist Student Union will be located in the grassy area to the front of parking Lot E and the parking garage will be built on the other side of Lot E.

With these proposed additions, the university will be using land

NKU General Requirements On The High Side

By Todd C. Wesley
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University's general studies requirements are technically on the high side, Robert Appleson, assistant provost at NKU, said.

The requirements at NKU can range from 40 to 60 hours depending on the students major and other factors, Appleson said.

Most students should expect to take 52 hours. That is about 41 percent of the 128 hours required to graduate.

NKU also expects students to make 35 percent of their required courses 300-level or higher. The average major requirements are about 36 hours, or 28 percent of the total hours required.

"It may look like we require more general studies, but every department in other universities has courses students must take on top of general studies," he said. "We don't have college based general education requirements."

The University of Kentucky requires about 48 hours of general studies, or 40 percent, out of the 120 hours necessary to graduate. Mary Sue Hoskins, a UK counselor, said.

"This is misleading because every major has college requirements," she said. "UK's required hours for upper-level classes depends on the major."

The University of Cincinnati's students are obligated to take around 32 percent, or 60 hours, of general studies out of the 186 hours required to graduate UC counselor, Rick Stackpole, said. This number can increase depending on the major, referring to college requirements, he said.

The average credit hours for a major is 63, or 34 percent of required classes.

"UC students' classes must be made up of a little more than 50 percent of upper-level classes," he said.

Xavier University requires its students to fulfill general studies of about 60 hours, or half of its 120 hour graduation requirement, Aaron

Kellenberger, a counselor at Xavier, said.

He said 27 to 40 percent of classes must be upper-level. Also, the average credit hours for a major is 52 hours.

Appleson said it is hard to compare because universities are set up differently for different reasons.

He hopes some broadening of the general studies program occurs so students can choose from a more diverse base.

This may happen soon, Linda Olason, the chair of the university curriculum committee, said.

"A committee that represents all three colleges reviewed the general studies program to see if it meets all students needs," she said.

The General Studies Review Committee designed some alternative programs and plans to present them to each department in the next two to three weeks, Olason said.

The plans must then go through the university curriculum committee and the faculty senate.

NKU Faculty Member Contracts Are Up

By Stacy J. Ridgway
Staff Writer

As the end of the year approaches, some faculty members are preparing to look for jobs, as full-time and part-time temporary faculty members contracts with the university are up.

Northern Kentucky University carries a large number of temporary faculty. According to the office of personnel in 1994, 22 percent of the faculty were temporary, while only 20 percent were on the tenure track, and 58 percent of the faculty were tenured. There were 377 full-time temporary faculty members at NKU in 1994.

Both full and part-time temporary faculty often teach lower level classes and general studies classes. When hired, they sign a six month or one-year contract with NKU. This contract can be renewed up to three years, after that it can no longer be renewed and professor must leave the university.

The chairs of the different departments employing part-time and full-time faculty look for many things when hiring. Many of the

College of Arts and Sciences Rogers Redding, said the qualities include experience, their educational background and the quality of their teaching.

When tenured tract positions become available, all of these qualities and more are looked for in a national search. The usual add on to the previous qualities is a promise of scholarship in the future with NKU.

Chairperson of the Math department Gale Wells has nine part-time and two full-time temporary staff members in her department.

"I think they do an excellent job, they are excellent people, and they make a real contribution to the department," Wells said.

Miriam Davies-Gibson, a temporary faculty member in the Communications department, said her contract with NKU is up at the end of the semester.

"Visiting professorships are valuable to students because they can get involved with something different," Davies-Gibson said.

She said she remains positive about NKU, and that if a tenured tract position became available she

would be "very interested."

Some think the three-year contract could be a flaw in the program.

Robert Ashe, associate professor of communications, is also leaving at the end of the semester. Ashe said the limit rids the university of people who are not performing their jobs, but also rids the people who are.

"The three year limit needs some work," he said.

Chairman of the Anthropology, Sociology and Philosophy Department, James Hopgood, said another fault with the program is the number of faculty who are not always as involved.

"In a sense of benefits, it's not the best way to run a department," Hopgood said.

Hopgood's department employs a large number of temporary faculty who teach 100-level and general studies classes.

"The program may have flaws in it, but some seem to agree that it is a good opportunity for students as well as beneficial to the university."

"We consider them to be members of the faculty," Redding said.

NKU's Walk Of Fame



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People took time to read the names on the bricks outside of W. Frank Steely Library last Wednesday after the Dedication of the Bricks Ceremony.

Developments Cause NKU To Prepare For Future By Buying Land

By Angie Brant
Staff Writer

By the year 2000, Northern Kentucky University's growth may be constricted by the unavailability of land.

With the increasing enrollment of students each year, the university is already looking toward the need for future expansion by acquiring surrounding land.

Original plans for the university only required 250 acres to serve a student population of 5,000. By 1987, when the master plan was

updated, it had become obvious that this would not be sufficient. Therefore, priority was placed on the acquisition of new land.

A new science building, a parking garage, additional dormitories, a recreation center and the Baptist Student Union movement

are several of the long-term goals the university plans to achieve, Mary Paula Schuh, Director of Campus Planning said.

But according to Schuh, finding the land and financial resources may become a problem. In the proposed plans, the new science center

will be located in the grassy bowl and parking Lots C and D. The Baptist Student Union will be located in the grassy area to the front of parking Lot E and the parking garage will be built on the other side of Lot E.

With these proposed additions, the university will be using land

that is already occupied by existing campus facilities, such as parking. However, the university has purchased surrounding properties that can be used in the future for expansion.

At the present time, the university owns 285 acres of land. This is an increase from the original 240-acre campus.

Most of this recently acquired property is off Johns Hill Road. However, using this land to build classroom facilities may be problematic.

"The problem the university is facing is keeping academic facilities within a 10-minute walking circle," Schuh said. "We are having to move parking lots outdoors in order to help the students make it to class."

Therefore, NKU is proposing using this land for parking lots, recreational uses and possibly buildings, Schuh said.

The problem is the development of surrounding areas by interests other than the university, Carla Chance, vice president for administration said. Much of the prime land around the campus is being developed into apartment complexes.

"Time is the issue," Chance said. "We must buy at the right time."

Also, being prepared for the future is an important issue. The state has not appropriated money for a large building since 1990.

"We should plan and be prepared for when the state funds us for larger buildings," Chance said.

"We want to serve our students, and serve their children," she said.

To meet this goal, the university must continue to plan for the future.

INTERIM: Former NKU Officials, Other Presidents Up For Job

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"This decision lays on the Regents," Gaston said. "I won't speculate on my own candidacy or non-candidacy. Any speculation on my part would be premature."

Jack Moreland, superintendent of Dayton public schools is also a candidate for the interim presidency.

He has worked as superintendent for 18 years. All facets of the Dayton school system are under him.

Other experience in education he possesses includes being a principal and a central office employee for Newport schools.

Moreland would not discuss the possibility of him being interim president, however he said he is familiar with NKU.

"I've worked in or around the university in a lot of different aspects," he said. "I am very familiar with NKU."

Bill Nester, another candidate, was the coordinator of the Embrace Opportunity Campaign at NKU two years ago. It was the first capital campaign to raise funds for the university. The goal was to raise \$10 million and it ended up raising \$10.8 million.

That campaign is now sponsoring projects the state would not, such as a portion of the technology at NKU. Nester has also worked as the associate senior vice president and provost for the University of Cincinnati, vice president of Ohio University, and served as chancellor at the University

of Nebraska at Kearney for eleven years. Nester said he knows the campus very well because of his former experiences at NKU.

Nester would not comment on the possibility of becoming the interim president because he does not know what the regents expect from an interim president. However, he said he knew what qualities he thought an interim president needs to possess.

"I believe Northern Kentucky University needs to have strong interim leadership so the university does not drift between the time President Boothe retires and the new president begins," Nester said.

Carla Chance, vice president for administration, is another candidate for interim presidency.

Sister Gene Patrice Harrington, president of Miami University Board of Regents is also a candidate for the interim presidency.

She has also worked as the president of Mount Saint Joe.

Chance, Harrington and the sixth candidate, Steve Stevens were unable to be reached.

Sparks said she would prefer the interim president to be someone who does not presently work at NKU.

She said she is not backing any candidate at this time, but Moreland fits her description of what she wants in an interim president.

Chris Mayhew contributed to this story.

NKU Board Of Regents Think Funds Should Go Towards Future Land And Present Technology

By Todd C. Wesley
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents members think university funds should go to both land for the future and for technology for the present, Regent James Poston said.

"I don't think there has been a split among the regents," he said. "I don't think it's a divisive thing. It's an ongoing discussion on how to best use our resources."

The Regents try to balance the two factors in the development of the university. Neither factor is more vital, the Regents simply focus on what is going on at the moment, Poston said.

"I don't know if you can say one is more important than another," Regent Robin Crigler said. "We should prioritize as funds become available."

Regent Phil Taliaferro agreed, land and technology are both important, but said technology is the more important of the two.

"I'm concerned right now about technology with computers for our students and faculty," he said. "I know a certain percentage of our faculty and students don't have what they need, and they need it

now."

The university must advance in all areas.

"They are both equally important," said Student Government Association President and Student Regent Jamie Ramsey. "The university has to grow in every aspect, including land and facilities."

Ramsey said everyone needs to understand the importance of both issues and not underestimate the importance of one.

"We can have thousands of buildings, but without technology we're not doing a service to the students and vice versa," Ramsey said.

"I think it's silly to take an either/or approach," NKU President Leon Boothe said.

Land is a one-time thing and the university doesn't want to be landlocked in the future, yet technology is clearly NKU's first priority, Boothe said.

NKU faculty senate member Kathleen Verderber agreed.

"Students don't understand how complex these issues are . . . It's not an either/or, but how large should this university be?" she said.

According to Verderber, NKU is designed for 5,000 students, yet

"We can have thousands of buildings, but without technology we're not doing a service to the students and vice versa."

-Jamie Ramsey

almost 12,000 students are enrolled.

"I think that decision makers in institutions [including NKU] are constantly trading off the future to the present needs of students," she said. "We need a balance between the future and the present."

Some students think technology is more important to keep up with than land acquisition.

"Technology is more important so we can stay up with the rest of the schools in the United States," Arron Norton, an undeclared freshman, said.

Debra Riegler, a junior political science major, agreed.

"New technology is more important," she said. "Compared to other schools around, we're on the bottom of the list as far as new technology and new ways of thinking."

But more land could be better than updated technology some students think.

"[NKU] seems up to date in technology," said Marc Ravenscraft, also an undeclared freshman. "From what I read in the papers, [NKU] does need more land."

Walt Sallee, a junior finance major agreed.

"New land is more important because sometimes it's hard to park here."

NKU has purchased 51.5 acres of land since 1987. The total package cost the university \$2.6 million. As for technology, NKU implemented the technology fee last year to raise money to be used for new facilities, Boothe said.

Taliaferro said the new fee should be used as soon as possible to improve technology at NKU.

"Technology is a nightmare because it is changing constantly," Taliaferro said.

Paula Schuh, director of campus planning, said two pieces of land are being negotiated. If obtained, tentative university plans are to build new parking facilities to replace those that a new science building would cover, as well as a sports complex.

CAMPUS: Moving Classes Could Speed Up Learning, Teaching Process, NKU Regent Says

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ically deficient in only one subject area.

Some also may have already tested out of their deficiency, he said.

Linda Dietz, a speech major, said Speech 101 could be considered a remedial course for students who never had speech in high school.

Dietz tutors math in the Learning Assistance Center and Student Support Services.

She said that kind of interaction between students would be missed if

they were on different campuses.

"Some students have remedial needs," Dietz said. "But why separate them from the rest of the students?"

Taliaferro said the mixing of students of different academic levels in one classroom not only slows down the education process, but also leads to unprepared students to fail or quit. This also means a loss of tuition for NKU.

The Covington Campus, however, needs some work, Emery said.

"The roof leaks. It has no labs.

It's inaccessible to the handicapped."

Also, with a separate community college campus, Emery said, NKU would have to hire more faculty and duplicate services like financial aid and advising.

As it is, NKU's advising center has a ratio of one adviser to 665 students, and NKU does not have enough developmental teachers, he said.

"How does the community college proposal address these issues?" Emery said.

BOOTHE: President Works Against Prejudice; His Attitude Makes Him 'Intolerant of Intolerance'

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"My wife and I even won dance contests."

"I love all forms of dancing, but I'm not very good at belly dancing - Yes, I have tried it," Boothe said.

Boothe said he and his wife also love the ocean and feel more at peace there.

"I feel closer to God there than anywhere," he said.

Boothe belongs to the National Conference of Christian Jews.

"I get so angry when people mistreat people because of their race or religion," he said.

"I can have a very bad temper," Boothe said. "I'm intolerant of intolerance."

Boothe has had many friendships with Jews.

Bill Nester who worked at NKU two years ago is a great friend of Boothe's.

Boothe and Nester have traveled many times together over the years, and have become great friends through this.

Nester and his wife recently moved back to Kentucky from Nebraska.

"I was thrilled they came back home," Boothe said.

Boothe said there are so many people who have made a major impact on his life, but there are two others besides his wife that he can not go unnoticed.

Norman Graebner directed Boothe's dissertation.

"He was an incredible teacher, he'd have 300 to 500 people in lecture sections," Boothe said. "People

just loved him."

Boothe said there was a point where he was unsure if he would be able to go to graduate school because of finances. Graebner offered to pay Boothe's way. However, Boothe was able to pay.

Robert Krug is another person who has influenced Boothe's life.

Krug was Boothe's boss at George Mason University where Boothe was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences more than 15 years ago.

"He was one of the wisest administrators I ever worked with," Boothe said.

Boothe said he has had many accomplishments, acquaintances, colleagues, and acquaintances in his life that he greatly treasures.

"If I die tomorrow, I feel like I had a wonderful life," Boothe said.



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Students Need To Take Action Against Community College

The officials at Northern Kentucky University need to step back and think a second about the proposed community college for remedial students.

Is this really what needs to be done? Is it really the students' fault they have a deficiency in one or two subjects? Is it the remedial students' fault that remedial classes failure rate is so high?

We think not. It is the fault of local high schools and NKU.

The high schools obviously are not taking the time necessary to teach students algebra, or at least not making sure they know it.

What about NKU? Phil Talliaferro, NKU Board of Regent member keeps saying we need to put them in a community college on the Covington Campus and only let them take remedial classes.

How is that going to look? People are going to look at the community college as the school for the idiots. These students are not idiots, they just have a learning deficiency in one or two classes.

Did the officials ever stop and think the teachers at NKU are not doing a good job or maybe the remedial system is not set up as effective as it could be?

The remedial algebra classes are broken up in to two courses, Math 095 and Math 099. These classes are also taught in high school, but there, each class is taught in nine months. At NKU each class is taught in three months. Maybe that is where the problem originates.

These classes should be broken into three courses so maybe the remedial students would have a chance to actually learn the material the first time around instead of taking each class two or three times.

We are glad to hear Jamie Ramsey, Student Government Association president and student regent, is willing to admit the advising system could possibly be part of the problem.

It is part of the problem. Remedial students should not be able to reach their junior or senior year without taking their remedial classes. By doing that they are taking 300 level classes and a class that is obviously difficult for them.

Remedial students should have an adviser assigned to them when they are an entering freshman. This adviser should make sure they take their remedial class their first semester.

They should only be able to take two other classes and it should be a course that comes easy to them.

Come on advisers, take a minute out of your busy schedule and look at their high school transcripts. If the student did well in history, make them take their remedial class, 100-level history and University 101.

To the remedial students, do you want to be put on a separate campus? Do you want to be thought of as an idiot? You are not idiots, so stand up now and let the university officials know that the idea of a community college is absolutely ridiculous before it is too late.

SGA Takes Action For Library

Editor,

Earlier in the semester, *The Northerner* printed a letter of complaint about staplers not being available for student use at W. Frank Steely Library. I'd like to clarify the present situation.

Like every campus department, the Library's operating budgets have not increased but costs have. There is no way the Steely Library can afford to supply a student body of more than 11,000 with even a single office supply such as staples. We are, however, sympathetic to student needs.

In February, I contacted Jamie Ramsey, president of Student Government Association, proposing that they fund a stapler/staples for both the Steely Library and the Learning Resource Center (Business-Education-Psychology Center Room 278). He agreed and the staplers are now available, labeled "Courtesy of Student Government." My sincere thanks to Jamie Ramsey and Student Government Association for helping us meet this expressed student need.

Rebecca Keim
Associate Professor/Steely Library



Norsuasion

Affirmative Action Is Negative

By Keith Lindsay

As we approach the 1996 presidential election, affirmative action will surely be one of the most heated debates. Affirmative action continues to play a big role in the working and political worlds. Proponents and opponents range from traditional W.A.S.P.'s to minorities. Once I was a proponent. But now I believe with the opponents that affirmative action is a narrow-minded, shallow policy, full of theoretical optimistic notions.

The first issue that needs to be addressed is the thinking which created such a policy. Many are under the impression that the reason for such a policy is because of the past atrocities that have been committed against minorities (and women) in the past. I totally agree that there is some truth to this statement. But I disagree and see no logic in forcing contemporary members of the

majority in America to be the ones who will give the descendants of those who encountered those atrocities a possible special advantage. This advantage should not be necessary and should not be practiced. In short, the ones who committed past unfair discriminations should be the ones who give the victims compensation, not their innocent descendants.

Theoretically, affirmative action is aimed at establishing equality amongst Americans in the job market and workplace. The reasoning is that it will enable every one, regardless of race, to have an equal chance to obtain a particular job. This sounds great, and I am all for equality amongst races, but affirmative action does not promote equality amongst races. The fault in this reasoning is larger than the whimsical, happy results it intends to deliver.

Under affirmative action's guidelines, employers are limited

to whom they may hire for a job. Limited, as I take it to mean under affirmative action, really means restricted. Employers are restricted in their choice when competition for a job opening comes down to two prospects of different races (or genders). The employer, in reality, may not have a choice to hire the person it really feels may be best for the job. Because of affirmative action's "requirements," the employer may be forced to hire a particular person over another for no other reason than the applicant's race or sex.

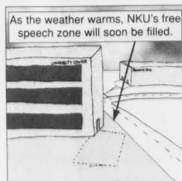
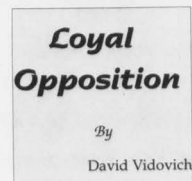
The ideology behind affirmative action is good; however, the proposed implementation and execution undermines its real goal. Any person in favor of affirmative action would probably argue that the policy's guidelines exist to ensure fairness in employment opportunities and hiring practices. However, if a policy exists to help a minority applicant over

a non-minority applicant of equal qualifications to get a particular job, that seems unfair.

The fact of the matter is clear: Affirmative action seeks the advancement of some people in the working world, at the expense of others for no apparent logical reason.

There is of course one fact that will always remain surrounding affirmative action – no matter which course of action is taken, everyone will not be pleased. Businesses need to really consider the advantages and disadvantages of an affirmative action policy. Affirmative action should not be forced upon businesses. Employers should be the ones to decide if an affirmative action policy is a positive or a negative.

[Norsuasion essays are written by individual students taking ENG 391, Persuasive Writing. The opinions expressed are those of the individual writer.]



Student Thinks Advertising Abortion Bad Decision

Editor,

Turning to the classified section of every issue of *The Northerner* this semester, students can find jobs, write messages to their friends, advertise for roommates and get an abortion. Anything sound out of place there? Somehow, that latter item just doesn't seem to fit in. The exact ad which has been running for quite some time now reads:

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Abortion is an issue which most people feel very strongly about. Whether a person is pro-life or pro-

choice, most would agree the decision to have an abortion is not something a woman decides on a whim based on an add she sees in the paper offering a reasonable rate.

For women who have chosen to have abortions, this ad could cause them additional pain and guilt. This ad would have one believe that abortion is a simple service like getting a haircut or a manicure, and that the decision by a woman to have an abortion is simply a question of economics and convenience.

I would urge any woman who did choose to have an abortion never to go to a place such as this one which is obviously in this business for the money, which probably doesn't offer a woman much moral and emotional support, considering their tasteless

and blatant ad. I would also urge *The Northerner* to stop printing this ad as it is in extremely bad taste and is very offensive to some people.

The decision to terminate a pregnancy is a very personal one and is never easy for any woman. Literature on abortion is available in most doctor's offices. The phone numbers and addresses of clinics which perform abortions are available in the yellow pages and need not be advertised in classifieds.

The decision to abort is a very emotional and painful one which should not be demeaned and publicly displayed by selling it in *The Northerner* next to spring break trips and help wanted ads.

Erin Shull

Lack Of Coverage Displeases Associate Professor

Editor,

I would like to voice my displeasure in how *The Northerner* handled, or did not handle, publicity for the First Annual Friends of the Library Antiquarian and Used Book Fair, March 15 and 16.

Back in February, I met with Glen Robinson, your Features Editor, and gave him all the hows, whens,

wheres and whys of the Book Fair – certainly enough information for a small feature article.

During the week of March 4, I called several times to supplement this information with the names of authors who would be present to sign their books. I could not reach Mr. Robinson, and my requests for him to return my calls were not answered. As it turned out, *The Northerner*

chose to make no mention of the Book Fair – not even a line in the Calendar of Events.

The Northerner is always at the forefront in criticizing the library – its inability to provide adequate hours, current materials, or staples, tape and paper clips and so forth. Yet there was an opportunity to publicize something positive, something which would provide funds for the Friends

of the Library, and *The Northerner* chose to completely ignore it.

There will be a second Annual Friends of the Library Antiquarian and Used Book Fair. Will there be any point in looking to *The Northerner* for support?

Allen Ellis
Associate Professor of Library Services

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Spring Means Crunch Time For All Students

For those of you couldn't guess, we are in the middle of "March Madness." Kentucky clawed its way to the Final Four, the weather is about as predictable as Roseanne's mood swings and everyone seems to be riding the stress wave of preparing (or think about preparing - I would fall into this category) for finals. With less than six weeks of school, the ever increasing backside of work is starting to bowl, me at least, over.

Exactly when did that five page report from the beginning of the semester (due years and years away in some far away

month called April) suddenly become a week away. (What? Five pages in a week?! You'd think she'd give some notice!)?

Good little students started trying to get ahead over spring break, but not me. After all, what is a break for, but to give us procrastinators yet another excuse to put off work. ("The point of a break is exactly that... to take a break. If the school wanted me to work, they wouldn't have given me a break."... Hey it sounded pretty logical at the time!)

It has recently come to my attention, that since I plan to return next fall, it might be nice to have a place to stay and classes to take. However, this would require deciding where I am going to be living next fall (which

depends on information unknown to me as of yet), and what classes I'll be attending (also depending on information that has yet to be revealed). The fact that I have neglected to start my paper is because uh, well, You see my grandma had my work... and... she died (the dog ate her)... and so I had to go to the funeral, so I didn't have time to redo the paper, yeah, and...

So for now, while friends around me sit contentedly (with housing requests, schedule forms and five page reports firmly in hand), I continue on in my little world of stress; Deadlines dancing ominously in my dreams and half-written papers cluttering my desk.

New College, New Experience, No Problem

By Charles O'Driscoll
Guest Editorial

For the new student, entering campus life is like entering the Land of Oz. As with most events in this life, taking the first step is the hardest. You've found a place to park and headed for the buildings known as the Concrete Jungle. All of the paper work is in the folder and you're armed with your trusty pencil. Fight down that urge to run back to your car (if you could find it) and come on in. You're doing great.

I came down that same path in the spring of '91. That was before algebra. I used to have a life, now I have homework. Still, I'm impressed with the effects of higher education. So, the answer to the bottom line is, yes, it is worth it. Now for the tour.

A guide is needed at this point to lead you through the Concrete Jungle. It's a pity that one of the many clubs on campus have not seen the need for this service. So

until then, shed your cool, and ask another student: "Where's it at?"

We always have time to help a brother or sister along the way, just as others have made time for us.

Entering the realm of registration, a person finds security in forethought and personal records. Call before coming in to insure that you bring the appropriate records with signatures. This saves you from a sad song at the head of a long line, and the ping-pong effect.

The cafeteria is hard to beat for filling out schedules. Pick out the classes and times that fit your needs. Then, carry your schedule from table to table asking for feedback. Ask: "Does the instructor make it interesting, or put you to sleep?"

"Is the work load reasonable for the course, or a quantum leap in detail?" "How so?" Also, it costs no more to sign up for five or six courses, even though four is a full load. This gives you a buffer zone for any unpleasant surprises - if your teacher belongs to the walk-

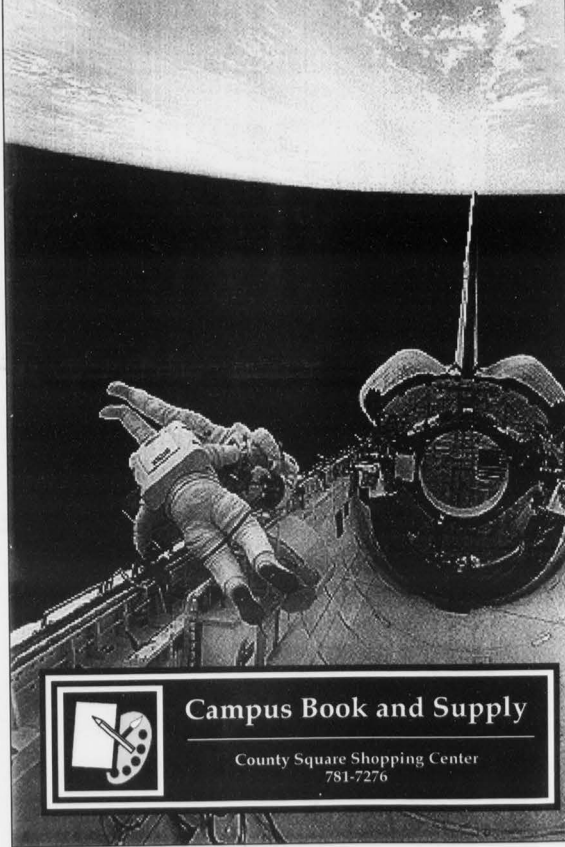
ing dead, drop the sucker. In this game, a X beats an F every time.

I have often asked myself the question, "Where do advisers come from?" They look at you with the sincerity of an undertaker while checking their computer for empty classes. Read the catalog and follow your interests the first semester. Basic general requirements are the same for all majors. Asking a new student to declare a major is like trying to pick a friend for life. Remember, you are the customer! It's your time and your \$\$. How you spend it is your own business. Detour UNV 101, it's a trick, great in theory but empty of reality.

You have yourself one wild adventure coming your way on this channel. You won't make it alone, and that's why we help each other. Welcome to the family! It's an easy game to play.

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Stayin' Ahead



Senior Accounting Major Dawn Villares is taking advantage of early registration period at Northern Kentucky University.

By Larry Wical
Staff Writer

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A Full Cup Of Debate
Female Circumcision's Topic Of DiscussionBy Annette Baader
Staff Writer

An intense emotional debate raged during a Cultural Diversity Coffee dealing with the practice of female circumcision. The discussion, in conjunction with Women's History Month, was led by anthropology senior Alsace Rodgers.

Female circumcision is practiced in 28 countries in Africa, as well as in Asia and the Middle East, South America and Australia. Although reasons for the practice vary from culture to culture, most include economic necessity, religion and sexual control, Rodgers said.

Between 80-100 million women have been circumcised worldwide. Girls are circumcised on average at the age of 13, although some cultures may circumcise girls at younger ages, Rodgers said.

"It's something like when you turn 21, and you can legally drink. It's a rite of passage," she said.

Rodgers said there are three different types of female circumcision or female genital mutilation (FGM). The mildest form is the clitoridotomy.

In this procedure, only the hood of the clitoris is removed. The second type is the clitoridectomy in which the clitoris, and all or part of the inner labia, is removed. The most extensive type is infibulation in which the clitoris, the inner labia, and most of the outer labia are removed. The remaining sides are stitched together to close up the vagina except for a small opening.

Tools used in the procedure range from knives to scissors to razor blades.

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Usually, the tools are not sterile. Girls are not anesthetized. Complications include shock, hemorrhage, extensive lacerations and difficulty in childbirth, Rodgers said. Rodgers stresses understanding.

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The discussion divided participants. Some openly wept while viewing a videotape in which survivors of circumcision were interviewed.

"People and cultures change in situations and circumstances," mental health/human services sophomore Carmen Crews said. "I don't think this is right. It can cause disease and complications. It just tears a woman apart."

Women's Center Coordinator Katherine Meyer said the discussion was meant to present an international focus on an issue pertinent to the experiences of women.

"It is hard to remain objective. All of us are colored by our cultural experiences. As a woman, in viewing circumcision, there's that feeling of 'It could have been me. My body could have been mutilated.' But you have to keep an open mind," Meyer said.

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Other events that will take place the remainder of the semester are: Discounted Cyclone hockey ticket sales, Easter egg hunts, drive-in movies under the stars and Northern Expressions, which features dance troupes and gift certificate giveaways.

"But we're really counting on the Rites of Spring week to be a success this semester," Chestnut said. "It has to be successful because so few students have come out to anything else we've done."

Any student wishing to contribute an idea or join APB may do so by visiting University Center Room 212.

APB Events to Come:

April 3-5: Easter Egg hunts
April 9: Comedian Craig Karges (UC Theatre, noon)

April 11: Northern Expressions (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

April 16: Two drive-in movies, 9 p.m. (Intramural fields)

April 22-26: Rites of Spring, UC Plaza

May 2: Finals Stress Relief, 11 a.m., UC Plaza

Events For The
Week Of April
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Wednesday-Friday, April 3-5

*Easter Egg Redemption
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
University Center Room 224

Wednesday, April 3

*Moon Day
UC Lobby
noon

*Lunch Seminar
"Flat Tax Fever"
Gary Clayton
(Economics)

Tuesday, April 9

*Craig Karges
UC Theatre
LA Coffee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

*Lunch Seminar
"Readin', Ritin', and Red Dog:
Alcohol and Drug Use at NKU"
Lisa Barresi and Janene
Grodsky
(DAPS)

Fashions More Than Just Clothes
Students And Faculty Explore The Depths Of FashionBy Glen Robinson
Features Editor

Two strangers were walking towards each other. As they drew closer, their eyes met. In passing, they circled each other with approving stares. She signals him to walk by her side.

It was one of the many scenarios played out at the Essence of Expression II Dinner/Fashion Show at Northern Kentucky University's University Center on Saturday.

The show's models were all university students and faculty.

The ladies of the modeling team were Jitana Benton, LaKa Green, Pamela Hill, Rene Madsen, Tiana McKines, Lillian Olenko, Antreece Sims, Anyana Terry, Tence Thompson, Rhonda Webb, Natalie Johnson and Angel Jenkins.

The gentlemen of the modeling team were Kevin Ladat, Charles Longstreet and James Whitaker.

ments.

The first segment was the "Executive on the Move." In this segment the models wore their interpretations of "the" business look.

Business was first. Pleasure's next.

The "Just Kickin' It" segment was next. The models displayed their everyday "hood" wear.

The remaining segments stressed personal expression. The rest of the titles were "After Hours (casual)," "Safina (African Beauty)," "Ole Skool!" "Laid Out In Leather" and "Simply Elegant."

The models showed through the fashions and their actions that individuals express themselves in many ways.

The audience found some of the models' expressions to be quite humorous.

The audience was induced to laughter after the 10 minute intermission.

The models came up to the stage wearing the tribute to the 1970's attire. The models formed a "Soul Train line" when they were all on the stage. The afros, hats and clothes already had the crowd laughing. The laughter was loud once they began doing the '70s dances.

Sims did the "Rerun" dance. The character from the TV show "What's Happening." Her arms and legs were flailing everywhere. She even lost her hat.

Some of the clothes were from A Personal Touch, Inc. (Covington, Ky.), Africa Within (Tri-County Mall), Casual Corner (Florence Mall), Casual Male Big & Tall (Kenwood), CATO (Newport), Chico's (Kenwood Towne Centre), Deveroe's (Downtown Cincinnati), Fashion Bug (Cincinnati), JC Penny, Skeffington's Formal Wear (Florence Mall) and Wilson's Leather (Florence Mall).

Vendors were selling some goods outside the ballroom. There were T-shirts on display from Tee's Unlimited. Also handmade beads, necklaces and earrings were on sale from Artistic Expressions.

The fashion show committee started planning the show in the beginning of the fall semester. Coordinator Tracy Wheeler said.

There were certain things that could've been better, she said.

McGuire concluded, thanking the crowd for being patient and coming out to show support.



ON THE CATWALK: Charles Longstreet struts on stage in the outfit for The Black United Student's fashion show last Saturday night in the University Center.

Norse Tennis Faces Rebuilding Year

By John Kirtley
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's tennis team hobbled through last year with a 9-14 overall mark and a 3-5 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Off to a rocky 1-7 start this season and an 0-3 record in the GLVC, NKU men's tennis is in the beginning stages of a rebuilding process.

Under the direction of six-year head coach Geoff Crawford, the 1996 edition of the Norse features three freshmen, two sophomores and a junior.

Lacking a senior to light the way for Crawford's young talent, NKU is led by sophomore John Wagner and junior Darren Giuggio. Giuggio placed third at the 1995 GLVC championships.

"Darren [Giuggio] and John [Wagner] will lead in their consistency of play," Crawford said. "They also have to impress upon the younger guys that they got to be up-and-ready to

play every night. We're not going to have any teams that are going to roll over and play dead for us."

Along with Giuggio and Wagner, sophomore Mike Cumayn is the only player left from last season's team. Freshmen Dax Evans, Todd Thilen, and Doug Weinel account for half of NKU's roster and because the transition from high school competition to college competition is often difficult, the young guns of Crawford's arsenal will take some time to get comfortable in their new surroundings.

"Yes, it's a strong team, but a very young team," Crawford said. "It's a new experience for the freshmen having to come out and find out they have tough competition on a daily basis. It's a real learning process for them."

Contributing to NKU's rash of inexperience was the unexpected transfer of two-time GLVC Player of the Year and would-be returning senior Michael Hon to the University of Cincinnati.

With Hon at the forefront of an already talented group of players, Crawford believes the Norse would have challenged for the GLVC title.

"It's a mystery to some degree as to why he left," Crawford said. "Naturally I was disappointed. It has hurt the team because we would have really been tough and contended for the conference championship with Mike [Hon] here."

Although NKU is young and inexperienced, Crawford said he sees some positives in this year's team and is not phased by its early season woes.

"We've got more depth than we had last year. It might not show in our overall record, but we're playing better tennis than we were last year," Crawford said. "There are three matches we should've won, and if we were to go back and play some of those now we would have won some that we lost."

Starting the GLVC schedule at 0-3, Crawford said it would be difficult for

NKU to make a run at this year's GLVC championship with favorites Bellarmine College and the University of Indianapolis, but he does plan on marked improvement as the season progresses.

"I think we have gotten some people that are now playing better tennis and we hope that can continue," Crawford said. "We're going to win conference matches. I'm not so sure we'll have a shot at actually winning the conference - but I don't think anybody is so far ahead of us that if we all play good tennis we can't beat any of those teams."

The Norse played four consecutive matches last week, hosting UI Wednesday, Lewis University Friday, and Kentucky Wesleyan College and Quincy University Saturday.

NKU was on the road Monday and Tuesday against Sinclair College and Wright State University, respectively, and will match up against Xavier University today at 3:30 p.m.

Softball Team Looks To Rebound From 0-6 Start

By Pat McEntee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's softball team rebounded after losing its first six games of the season.

The Norse are 5-3 over their last eight games, and are 3-3 in Great Lakes Valley Conference action thus far.

NKU's record of 5-9 is somewhat deceiving considering four of its losses are by one run and two more are by three runs.

Most of the games this season have been a pitcher's dream, and a hitter's nightmare. The Norse pitching staff holds a 2.66 earned run average, while their opponents have a 1.53 ERA against them. NKU is batting just .188 against opposing pitchers. Opponents are only hitting .200 against Norse pitching.

Freshman first basemen/pitcher Andrea Thompson leads the Norse in hitting with a .389 batting average. The next closest is freshman infielder Kristen Clark at .270. Stephanie Rowland is batting .250 with two triples and four RBIs.

The Norse will have a chance to get its record above .500 this week, playing seven games between today and Saturday. NKU plays a doubleheader against the University of Indianapolis at 2 p.m. today at home.

The Norse will face a tough challenge as they travel to Southern Indiana for five games on Friday and Saturday. They play Wisconsin-Parkside and Southern Indiana twice each and Lewis and Ohio. Wisconsin-Parkside and Southern Indiana were both ranked in the top 10 in the nation in the preseason rankings according to Fast Pitch World.



CONCENTRATION: Sophomore infielder Leah Hanna gets in position to throw out a Bellarmine batter. Hanna has struggled offensively this season. Her average has dropped from .341 in '95 to .205 this season.

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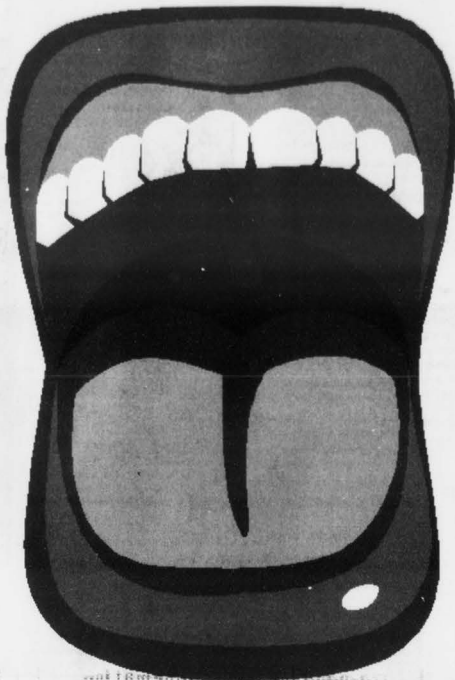
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The proverbial threat given to kids when they either knowingly or unknowingly use those words which may be said by Mommy and Daddy, but aren't to be repeated. Do as I say and not as I do is definitely a common practice.

When my sister merely spelled out the word hell as a child, trying to shock my father, he told her to pick her flavor. She smiled, walked into the bathroom and took a bite out of an IRISH SPRING bar. Several years later, after repeating one of his colorful phrases in a phrase he still enjoys using today, he again told her to pick her flavor. She came out of the bathroom with a bar of IVORY and took a bite out of it.

Even the threat of having to suffer through a meal of soap didn't deter her from saying things which would aggravate my father. That's why she used them, to shock him and get him all riled up.

Profanity or obscene language has always been used for its shock value, but during recent years, has lost its impact. Its constant use and overuse in movies, magazines, and on the radio have caused many to view profanity as less than vulgar.

"Profanity is more socially accepted in this day and age," Adam Campbell, a senior radio-television major, said.

Profanity has become the basis for the average conversation. Getting through an entire conversation without using some kind of synonym for dog dirt is rare in itself.

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"I have no problem and the reason is because it expresses emotion," Durrell Hamm, assistant professor of communications said. "We use the words because of our inability to defend ourselves. It's a quick short way to deal with whatever the situation may be."

When a person says, "I f--- up," Hamm said it's simply because they didn't have time to rationalize out "I made a mistake," and used profanity instead.

Hamm said he doesn't think profanity is wrong, but that it has a time and place.

"Why use it if we can think rationally and use the correct terms to state how we feel," he said.

While used by many from all generations, it seems rather obvious profanity will not be coming to an abrupt end. Some people use the Lord's name in vain, which is considered

profane by many, and some can string together a phrase that would make even the stoutest truck driver, construction worker or sailor blush.

Hamm said good old peer pressure is partly to blame.

"We do it because of the environment we're in,"

Profanity in the classroom has changed as well. Campbell said his eighth grade social studies class was shocked speechless when his teacher told the class to "shut the hell up."

"I don't know if it has a place, but I won't be offended if a teacher says the F-word," Campbell said. "I think if you can keep this s--- away from kids, you're fine."

"I'm not offended by just about anything. I can't get enough of it," Campbell said.

Julie Ellerman, a junior marketing major, said the classroom is the wrong place for profanity.

"I've never



heard a teacher use it, but I don't think I'd personally have a problem with it, but it doesn't belong in the classroom because some people might be offended," junior marketing major Julie Ellerman said.

Hamm said he thinks of himself as being very liberal. One of the things he says in a satirical sense to his classes to motivate them is "Are you all understanding? Are you all not understanding? Or do you just not give a d---?"

Profanity in movies has also changed with time. When "Gone With The Wind" was released, it created a huge controversy because Clark Gable said, "Frankly, my dear Scarlet, I don't give a d---."

"As far as profanity, particularly with movies that directors/writers force it upon the audience," Chowning said.

"I have no problem with it if it's being used to develop character or plot," Hamm said. "If it's just being said for no reason, I don't see why it's used."

In the popular movie "Pulp Fiction," written and directed by Quentin Tarantino, the language was questionable and graphic at best.

"The words had to be there to create those characters, especially the John Travolta character," Hamm said.

Both Hamm and Campbell said they agreed with the movie rating system in place, there shouldn't be a problem with profanity in movies.

But whether in movies, in the classroom, around campus or just at home, profanity has a place and is likely to be here for a while, so parents will have to continue to threaten with their children with bars of soap.



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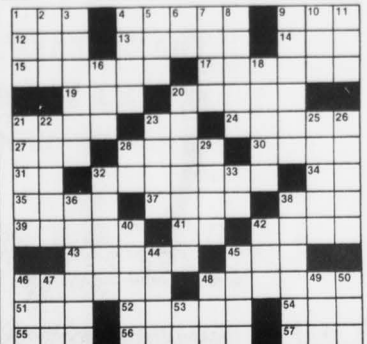
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14. Value (abbr.)
15. Dignified behavior
17. Property injury
20. Beginning
21. Cabbage
23. New
24. Rub out
25. Mixed mineral
28. Solid
30. Smile
31. N.E. state (abbr.)
32. Irrigate
34. Southern state (abbr.)
35. Helper (abbr.)
37. Relate
38. Port of call (abbr.)
39. Beneath (prefix)
41. Rhenium symbol
42. Examination
43. Doves
45. Child
46. Hanging man of ice
48. E. Indian herb

DOWN

2. Weekday (abbr.)
3. Extract
5. Edu. Group (abbr.)
55. Mystery writer
56. Pine tree resin
57. Explosive
1. Fast
2. Historical period
3. Standardized unit
4. Day
5. Direction (abbr.)
6. Cost and insurance (abbr.)
7. Additional (abbr.)
8. Rest
9. Incarnation
10. Dandle
11. Mail beverage
16. Snake
18. Come together
20. Pearl producers
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26. Make into law
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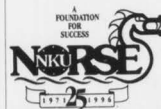
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