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Snapshot:

NEWS

PUMP UP THE VOLUME: By accident the student run radio station WRFN expanded its range recently. At the flip of a switch an unknown speaker was turned on surprising everyone within listening range. Find out where WRFN's listening spot is and where the station plans to go next on Page 3.

GRADING PROFESSORS:

Find out about what end of semester evaluations are all about and what the proper procedures are for filling them out on Page 3.

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FRESH HOARSE: It took Garth Brooks a year to work on his new album 'Fresh Horses.' Find out why he should have taken longer to work on it. Page 10.

PULSE

TIS THE SEASON TO BE...

For some people Christmas is a time of love and caring, for others it means time to 'shop till you drop' and celebrate out. Which is the right way to celebrate Christmas? An indulgence in commercialism or a search for the "true meaning" of Christmas through the spirit? Find out what NKU students think on Page 8.

SPORTS

CALIFORNIA DREAMING:

The men's basketball team will be looking for early Christmas presents at the end of this semester. The team will travel west to the golden state to play Cal. State-Bakersfield and Cal. State-Los Angeles, Dec. 18 and 20. Find out how the teams stack up against each other and what the Norse schedule will be for the rest of the break on Page 7.

PAIR OF HEARTS: The women's basketball team lost a heart breaker last week, losing in the first round of the Perkins/NKU classic. They came back to win a double overtime consolation game though, snapping a three game losing streak. Page 6.

Flashback

Dec. 7, 1979



NKU freshman,

Bryan Wagner was

one of the 11 people who

were stampeded after a Who con-

cert on Monday, Dec. 3 at Riverfront

Coliseum. Wagner was a 17-year-old man-

agement major who graduated from Newport

Catholic High the previous spring. He was

crushed as a wave of people all tried to surge

through the only two doors that the Coliseum

had opened as exits at once, causing panic and

a stampede. Sue Lemker, 20, a junior aviation

major, was also got caught in the crowd.

Lemker suffered from sore ribs and a

pulled leg muscle as a result of her experience.

NKU Women Lead Men In Four out of Five Graduate Programs



	Men	Women
Business	57%	43%
Education	17	83
Nursing	1	99
Public Admin.	46	54
Non-Degree	23	77

Source: Office of Institutional Research

SGA President: Science Center Top Goal

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

Getting a new science center at Northern Kentucky University will be the No. 1 goal of student government next semester, Student Government Association (SGA) President Jamie Ramsey said.

"I think Northern deserves a science center—Northern needs a science center," Ramsey said.

He said Governor-elect Paul Patton should see the need.

"We're going to make sure he sees it," Ramsey said.

Ramsey said he wants to see faculty, staff and students outside of SGA to help with getting support and fresh ideas for a science center.

Student Senator Jocelyn Sharp said she would like to see the science center approved. She also wants to see renova-

tions in the University Center.

Sharp, who joined SGA in mid-semester, has been working with the Department of Public Safety. She has also helped organize special activities such as Alcohol Awareness Week and AIDS Awareness Week.

"I want to be able to meet the needs of the students," she said.

Looking back on this semester, Ramsey said its biggest accomplishment was get-

ting the Student Senate more involved.

Ramsey said the members of the Senate are going out and getting input from students, faculty and staff about what needs to be looked at.

"They are finding things out," he said.

Because the SGA elections just happened last week, not many goals have been set, Ramsey said. Now that the elections

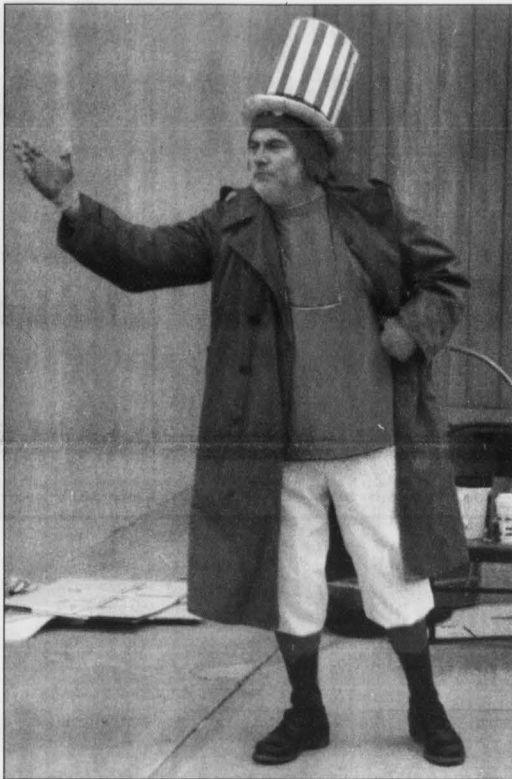
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SAY, 'UNCLE'

Jerry Davidson, who calls himself "Dr. Wuz," visited Northern Kentucky University to tell students about his beliefs on sending troops to Bosnia.

Davidson said Americans are against sending 20,000 troops to Bosnia. Because of this, he said he thinks it is criminal for President Bill Clinton and Congress to send people overseas without popular approval. To that end, he suggested that such a decision should be voted on by the American public in a conventional election or a telephone poll.

Jeff McCurry/
The Northerner



Condemned NKU Building Still Holding

By Gina Holt
News Editor

The building of the new Ceramics/Sculpture Facility has been delayed for more than two years and has still not broke ground.

The new Ceramics/Sculpture Facility is desperately needed, said Barbara Houghton, chairperson of the art department.

Ceramics classes are presently held in the three trailers located between parking Lot G and the DPS Training Center.

Houghton said the trailers are more than 25 years old and have been condemned but yet there are still classes being held there.

The wooden floors are rotting and there is no air conditioner or proper heat. The trailers are up on concrete blocks and the roof is about to crash, especially over the kilns, which is an oven to bake pottery.

Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh said that the trailers are definitely a health hazard. There is no ventilation and no way to get rid of the enormous amount of clay dust. In the new building it will be possible to hose down the floors to get rid of the dust but that is not possible now due to the rotting wood floors in the trailers.

"It is an inappropriate and non-functional environment for teaching ceramics and it is unsafe," Schuh said.

Associate Professor of Art and Ceramics Anna England said that she wrote a proposal in 1988 to the university requesting a new building for ceramic and sculpture classes. The \$1.5 million necessary to build and for equipment was

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Chase Faces Three-Day Accreditation Process

By Theresa Homan
Staff Writer

A question raised in earlier editions of *The Northerner* and in *The Paper Chase* concerning undergraduates in Nunn Hall will likely be addressed in a site evaluation this spring.

"The law school will be the subject of an intense three day inspection," said David C. Short, Chase Dean.

Law classes will be observed, and faculty, alumni and administrators interviewed as part of the process, Short said.

The Association of American Law Schools by-laws state "a member school should have priorities devoted exclusively to its use."

Undergraduate classes are scheduled daily in Nunn Hall, however.

Standards for accreditation, "There shall be adequate classrooms and seminar rooms to permit reasonable scheduling of all courses, and there shall be such additional rooms as may be necessary to adequately provide for all aspects of the law school's program," according to the American Bar Association.

The law students have the No. 1 priority for Nunn Hall.

"Scheduling of regular Chase law classes have priority in Nunn Hall," said Elaine Shafer, Chase records coordinator.

The problem arises when the law students need extra rooms for inner-school competitions or trial advocacy class programs. There is no space, Shafer said. They have to go to other buildings.

Who was Salmon P. Chase?

•Born in Cornish, N.H. on Jan. 13, 1808
•Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1826.

•Admitted to the bar in 1829

•Began legal practice in Cincinnati in 1830

•Appointed secretary of the treasury by Abraham Lincoln; Chase held the office from March 1861 to July 1864.

Appointed to chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1864.

•Presided at the impeachment trial of President Andrew Jackson.

•Sought to secure the nomination for presidency in 1856, 1860, 1868 and 1872.

•Was an active abolitionist

•Died in New York City on May 7, 1873.

•Pictured on the \$10,000 bill.

"Students are interviewed as part of the visit," Short said. Their concerns and comments about the school are considered in the evaluation.

Adequate space is "an obstacle" for students cited in *The Princeton Review*. The Best Law Schools, "... they (the students) complained about the overcrowding of the law building."

"The team will divide up areas to study," Short said.

If there is a concern, it will be identified, facts will be collected and an assessment will be made. A full report will be sent to Chase and NKU, and the college will be given time to respond to the report, Short said.

Salmon P. Chase College of Law Time Line

1893 — Founded as an education program of the Cincinnati and Hamilton YMCA to provide legal education for working people who wished to study law in the evening.

1900 — State of Ohio approved the law school. First Bachelor of Law degrees were awarded.

1943 — Renamed Salmon P. Chase School of Law

1951 — Separate Board of Regents given authority.

1954 — Received provisional accreditation approval from the American Bar Association

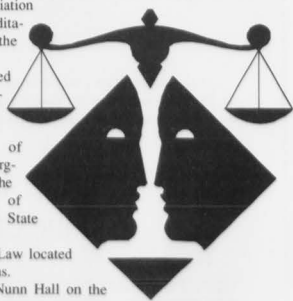
1959 — Full accreditation granted by the ABA

1968 — Incorporated as a private, independent educational institution.

1971 — Board of Trustees entered merger agreement with the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky State College.

1972 — College of Law located on Covington campus.

1982 — Moved to Nunn Hall on the Highland Heights Campus.



NEWS

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News Editor
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CERAMICS: When The Ceiling Comes Tumbling Down

From Page 1

she wrote a proposal in 1988 to the university requesting a new building for ceramic and sculpture classes. The \$1.5 million necessary to build and for equipment was approved by the state 2 1/2 years ago.

In May of 1993 architects Bennett, Barnette and Bagley were hired to design the new building within the budget, Schuh said.

The architects have designed the building over budget twice since 1993. They are presently putting the final touch on a third design. Once the design is finished the contract will be up for bid.

England said that she is very disappointed that the design has taken this long and because of the delay she is facing new problems.

She said that four years ago when she originally requested the money 1.5 million was enough to build the building and buy the necessary equipment.

One hundred fifty thousand of the 1.5 million was to be allocated for equipment but after the architects began design, it was necessary to take \$22,000 from equipment and put it towards the actual building itself. England said that the \$128,000 would of been enough money four years ago for equipment.

However, during the past four years equipment such as kilns has went up in price. Now they will be purchasing less and smaller equipment.

Another problem the delay has caused is the university has to spend money on improvements of the trailers since they are so dangerous, England said.

Part of the floor in one of the trailers has been replaced and Physical Plant employees will be fixing the roof very soon.

England said that she has not bought new equipment for several

years because she has been waiting until the new building is built. She said she does not know how much longer she can wait because during the past four years the equipment has gotten worse.

Nancy Vadgedes a junior art major with a ceramics emphasis, said that she feels that the university does not take ceramics as serious as they do other majors such as science majors.

"Ceramics is just as serious to us (ceramic students) as science is to science students," she said.

England said that there has been an increasing amount of interest in ceramic classes. The classes are getting too big for the small rooms.

Another problem is that there is no wheelchair access to the trailers, Houghton said. Wheelchair students who want to take ceramic classes have to take it in the DFS Training Center by themselves. If a ceramics class is required for their major they can be excused from taking it because of the lack of access. However, the new building will be wheelchair accessible.

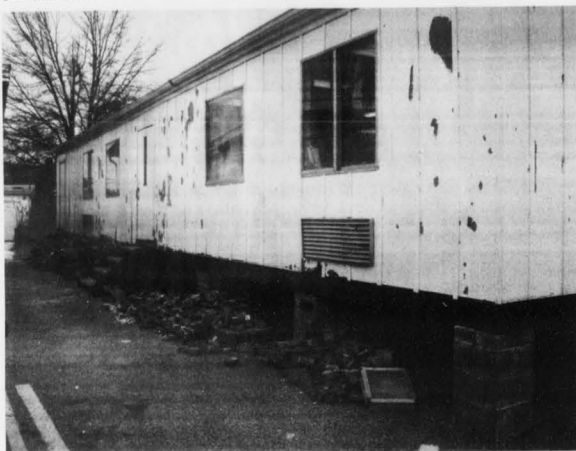
The new building will also include a special room for clay mixing and storage with an exhaust system, a glaze (glassy color material on ceramic) room, a hand building room for working with clay, a wheel room which will have built in shelving to hold students

projects, an advanced student studio, a wood studio, and a metal studio with welding equipment, Schuh said. The building will also have faculty offices, sink drains which have plastic traps to collect the clay and a room for the electric kilns.

The building will be 14,000 square feet and the construction of the building will hopefully start in the spring, she said.

England said she is really looking forward to a new building and better facilities.

"Even though we have a really poor facility, we have a great program and some great students," she said.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Students work on ceramics projects in trailers which have been considered a health hazard and condemned by the state. The trailer above is one example of three on campus next to parking Lot G.

Correction

The story on financial aid last week reported financial aid's office hours were from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those are the hours that personal counselors are available to students through the week. The Financial Aid office's regular hours are the following: Monday and Thursday 8:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

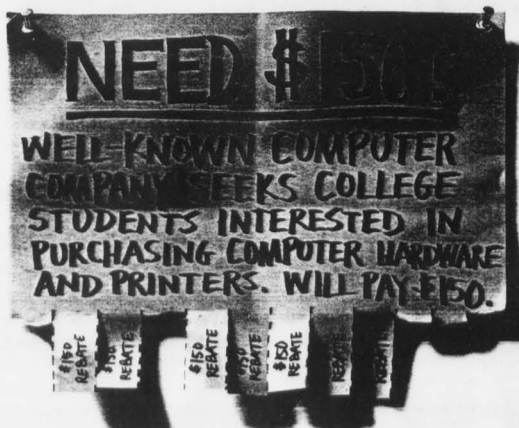


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ELECTIONS: Incumbants Hold Onto Power

From Page 1

Because the SGA elections just happened last week, not many goals have been set, Ramsey said. Now that the elections are over they will be able to work on setting goals, and begin to work towards them.

The election brought in four new student senators and one new member of the Judicial council.

The new senators are Mike Cefaratti, Renae Rossman, Cara Schmutte and Heather Huffman. Even though Holly Watson, Jocelyn Sharp and Theresa Hayden were SGA senators this semester, this was their first election since they were not appointed as senators until the mid-semester.

Julie Burtuleit is the new member of the Judicial council. There are still four spots open on the council at this time because no one else officially ran for this council. There were several write in votes for judicial council,

however, Ramsey said that he still has to make sure they meet all requirements to be a SGA member and see if they wish to be a member of SGA.

Some activities that SGA will help to plan next semester are Homecoming and a Black History Month kick-off reception, Ramsey said.

At this reception in February, students, faculty and staff will be able to listen to speakers and get a cheap lunch. They will also give out the Martin Luther King, Jr. Honorary Service Award.

Instead of holding a couple of gripe days during the semester, where students can voice their concerns, which Ramsey said haven't been successful, SGA will try to use E-mail. This will make everyday a gripe day and allow SGA to respond to problems, he said.

For now, students can call Ramsey's office or stop by with suggestions.

SGA Student Senators

Holly Watson	300
Theresa Hayden	268
Larry Wical	219
Matt Dietz	209
Chris Saunders	203
Mike Cefaratti	198
Allison Schmidt	195
Travis Turner	179
Renae Rossman	176
Jocelyn Sharp	173
Tim Yacks	144
Vicki Singer	136
Cara Schmutte	129
Marlene Gerding	126
Heather Huffman	115

Judicial Council

Julie Burtuleit	198
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Allen Singer, General Manager of WRFN introduces a new song to NKU students.

Campus Turning On Tunes

By Angela Vaughn
Staff Writer

Things are happening at WRFN. For the first time the student-run radio station can be heard in the bookstore. The station is also trying to get new equipment so they can expand into Woodcrest Apartments and Norse Hall.

WRFN began playing in the bookstore after someone operating a panel in the station accidentally turned the speakers on in the bookstore.

Bookstore personnel called around until the speakers could be turned off. Allen Singer, General Manager of WRFN, said after this incident the radio station requested permission to play in the bookstore and the bookstore agreed to let them. The cashiers in the bookstore requested that the speakers above them be turned off.

Jeannette Nalls, operations manager for the bookstore, said that WRFN has never played in there before because they hadn't asked. "This will be good P.R. with the students," she said. "It's O.K. if the students like it." She said her main concern is that not all students like WRFN's music. "Sometimes we play it, sometimes we don't," she said.

The station is also in the process of acquiring a new transmitter that will allow them to broadcast into Woodcrest Apartments and Norse Hall.

WRFN can already be heard in the older dorms. The station has been trying to get a new transmitter for four years.

Singer said the problem has been getting someone to commit to the project. A local company, Nor-Com Inc., is currently consulting on the project. They have already made

a proposal that WRFN rejected. "They planned to use WNTV so that students would turn on their T.V. to get the station," Singer said. "We didn't want to do that."

Money for the project isn't an issue right now. After WRFN accepts a proposal they will learn the estimated cost.

Ernest Britton, director of student programs, said the university does not have a budget specifically for this project. He said that after a proposal is accepted, the Student Media Office will decide whether to seek money through the University Development Office or come up with a pool of advertising dollars.

"Everyone I've talked to so far has certainly indicated that this would be beneficial to students, and we want to see it happen," he said.

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Speech Team Brings Home First Place

By Amanda Tittle
Production Assistant

Out of 11, nine members of the NKU speech team made it to the final rounds, which led to an overall first place for the speech team this past Saturday.

On December 2, the speech team traveled to Pennsylvania University to the WYRD Tournament. The entire team worked together to beat the other 15 schools and bring home the first place plaque.

Individually, all members of the team did well. Tony Chowning, the assistant forensics coach, said that all members contributed to the overall win by the speech team.

There were two new members at this competition, and both made it to the final round. Antreece Sims took third in poetry, and Marc Howard took sixth in informative.

Lisa Washnock took second in Pentath and Troy Bitter took third. Pentath is where a student must compete in both Interpretation and Speaking with a total of at least five events.

Gina Holt, took second behind Washnock in after dinner speaking (humorous speech). Julie Hood and

Bitter took sixth in DUO and Marty Higgle took third in impromptu storytelling and sixth in rhetorical criticism. Bitter and Washnock brought home several other plaques.

Some members of the team said that they felt they did better because they were doing it for Ernie Cunningham, who died in a car crash a few weeks earlier. The entire team, and coaches wore blue ribbons in memory of Cunningham.

Bitter said, "We generally do good at tournaments, but this tournament in particular we had more direction and focus because we did this in honor of Ernie."

Durell Hamm, the forensics coach, said, "I am very proud of the team. They worked very hard and obviously their hard work paid off."

Chowning said, during winter break, the team will be preparing for State Competition.

Chris Lawhead, an undeclared freshman, said, "With more team involvement, we should be a strong contender for the state championship."

"State will be tougher because there are going to be other schools that are really phenomenal. But I think we'll make our mark," Washnock said.

Evaluations Grade Class Satisfaction

By Jennifer Wilson
Staff Writer

With the end of the semester near, students are given the opportunity in most classes to evaluate the course. A proctor is appointed to hand out the evaluations, collect them, and return them to the appropriate office of the department when the evaluations are finished by the students.

Professors are required to leave the room while the evaluations are being completed.

Do students find these evaluations an effective source to evaluate the course, or do they see this as a time to play fill in the dot? Are students aware of the seriousness these evaluations are?

Sophomore Amy Reimer sees the evaluations as a chance to stress her viewpoints about the class and the professor.

"The evaluations are anonymous so

you can truthfully say how you feel," she said. "If I didn't like something about the class, I made sure to put it down. That's what these (evaluations) are for. They specifically ask what would you do to improve the quality of the course?"

She also said the evaluations are something she anticipates each semester. It gives students a chance to put in their two cents worth on what went on in the classroom, good or bad, she said.

Adjunct faculty member Felix Wintemitz said he wasn't quite aware of the purpose of the evaluations. He said he figured they were looked at to determine if he would be brought back next semester to teach at NKU.

Junior Pam Mitchell thinks the evaluations are a good idea.

"It not only gives the students to tell what they think, but it's good for the professors to see how their students feel," she said.

Financial Aid Snubs Nose At Students

Northern Kentucky University supposedly considers itself a student-friendly university with offices that puts its students first.

That's not the way it happens.

Students are often placed on lengthy holds when calling Financial Aid. It is not unusual to sit for five minutes waiting for some help.

On Dec. 6, a telephone message played through the early afternoon, around 2 p.m., on the Financial Aid office's answering machine announcing that students should come into the Financial Aid office to avoid a lengthy telephone hold.

What about students that want to avoid a lengthy drive? In reality, when a *Northerner* employee walked in for help, Financial Aid was having a Christmas Party and they weren't answering the phones. But, of course, they're here to help the students, faculty, and staff of NKU. That's definitely not what they are doing, however.

If a student decides to make the trek from class or home, which may be up to an hour away, he/she still may have to wait in a line that tends to fill the tiny Financial Aid office. Once the student has made it to the desk, if asked to put their name and social security number on a sheet of paper, watch out. The student may wait for up to an hour for a Financial Aid counselor to get to them. If Financial Aid is busy with a few people, and it's, say, an hour to close, the student may be forced to come back the following day.

No matter the size of the emergency, if Financial Aid is busy, the student will have to work around their schedule. But Financial Aid, being a key service of NKU, is here for the students. Yeah right.

Everyone Is To Blame For Racism

Professor Clinton G. Hewan:

I wish to comment on the article you submitted in the Nov. 29 issue of *The Northerner*. First, I would like to tell you that I am sorry you feel such a drastic hatred toward whites. You recently stated that "The reality is that white people are responsible for racism and its damaging effects on this nation." Whether you would like to believe it or not, everyone has racist tendencies. As something good lies within every human, so too does evil.

Next, concerning the O.J. Simpson trial, you first justify the verdict by defending and praising the court system. Only one paragraph later do you ridicule this same system by contemplating, "How many times in the history of this nation, recent or past has a white person guilty of murdering a black person, never seen the inside of a court house..." Apparently, you have the facts. What is the answer and where are your facts? In essence, you are admitting that there are indeed flaws in the U.S. court system. Do these flaws only benefit whites? I hope I'm not putting words into your mouth but I believe that you believe so.

You said that, "Mr. Simpson in reality got justice from a system that was not intended to accord him or any black person in this country jus-

tice." Are you announcing to the public that you see the United States of America as a country that does not allow any black person justice? Your comment is a stereotyping one and deserves to be announced as one. Speaking of stereotyping comments...

"Hatred is taught, and eradicating this kind of racial hatred can only be done by white people, you have a job to do rather than pretending that racism does not exist." It is easy to blame others, isn't it, Professor? We are all a part of Humanity and when you say that "you (meaning whites) have a job to do..." you're worsening relations yourself. Why not work together to "eradicate" racism, for it does not lie with one person, one race, one culture, but lies within each of us. The earth is a community and we all need to unify to make it better. We should not blame others for the past or present, but we must work for harmony and peace for the future.

This racial holocaust will only continue if people, such as yourself, continue to separate humanity. I am doing my part, not as a white person, but as a human being, to eliminate racism by critically commenting on an article written by someone who announces and tries to infect others with his racism.

Ryan Greis
Senior

Answers To Student Poll Undecipherable

Dear Editor

I do not consider the North Poll section of *The Northerner* a segment that should warrant feedback. It is, after all, a survey of the opinions to which we are all entitled. One of the recent columns, the one asking the "Do we need a new science building?" was different for two reasons: First, because I feel that the cross-section of opinions was unbalanced, and second because the views that were printed were in many cases so oblivious to the facts that they really didn't warrant the page space they were allotted.

What follows next is a point by point response to the comments of our (obviously scientifically literate and qualified) commentators...

"I think it should be that way to begin with. I think we need a new English building."

What that way it is you mean? Maybe this need (for a new English building) is real. Perhaps then, we could attract the number and caliber of linguists it would require to decode this opinion in the context of the question.

"No. I think the one they have is adequate and efficient."

It probably looks that way to people in other majors who show

up for their obligatory term or two to get that lecture and lab credit in the physical sciences. Let me assure you that this is an illusion perpetrated by the lab staff, who spend a good part of each week trying to find or restore enough equipment and space to meet the requirements of the assignment. Might I suggest you take Physics 211 next semester. Then you can sweat the error analysis after you've examined Archimedes' principle with the coffee cans and rubber hoses I epoxied together last week.

"No, because I think we need a Fine Arts Center. I think theater is one of Northern's assets."

Excuse me? Have you been asleep for the last three years? If I'm not mistaken, there's a large gray thing between the library and the University Center that has recently had a major addition and renovation. I won't argue about theater being a particular asset to NKU (it is) but that wasn't the question. Come to think of it, refer back to quote number one. Do I see a pattern developing here?

"It could use renovations."

Well... OK. That's a start.

"Absolutely without a doubt, the science building is really outdated."

Hold on a minute! What right do you have to voice an opinion about the science building? According to the lines under your picture, you're a senior chemistry major, and therefore have a vested interest in the science center. We must immediately discard your opinion as personally motivated and irrelevant. You couldn't possibly—after four years or so of struggling with outdated equipment and insufficient lab resources—have a reasonable opinion. I'm sorry. This one must have gotten in here by mistake...

"No. I'm not familiar with the science building. I like it as it is. It's easy to get around."

An editorial error? Were these actually the opinions of four different people? Let's see... "No." To the point, if not very revealing. "I'm not familiar with the science building."—Now this is the kind of commentator we need. We should send this person to Frankfort to lobby for us! Unfamiliarity with the subject (judging by four out of five previous opinions, and everybody knows statistics don't lie!) is evidently absolutely critical to the ability to form a sound judgment. "I like it as it is."—Yet you're not familiar with it? "It's easy to get around." Could you please eluci-

date? Do you mean it's easy to walk around on your way from Landrum to Nunn, or that it's easy to get through from the parking lot to the mall on rainy days? Oh, excuse me. I forgot these were the opinions of four separate people mistakenly attributed to one by the editors of the paper. The confusion is obviously all mine...

Well. Working through these quotes has been very good for me, if not for anyone else. I now see with absolute clarity that my starting premise was flawed. We just must not need a new science building when so many lucid and expert opinions can be found to the contrary. Now that this matter has finally been resolved, I should be able to sleep a lot better at night, and we can spend that thirty-five mil on a riverfront convention center. Maybe one day the American Chemical Society or the Society of Professional Engineers will have their annual there, and while they're in town they can stop by and tour our facilities, world renowned as they are for their adequacy, efficiency and ease of getting around...

Anthony L. Borchers
Senior, Physics

Library Can't Spare Staples For Students

Dear Editor

On Thursday last week, I copied a sample exam from the reference desk at Steely Library for one of my classes. I was several pages long. I requested to use the stapler at the desk to bind it

together. No dice! I was told it was against library policy. Undaunted, I asked if I could possibly have a small piece of Scotch tape to hold it together, figuring that possibly a half-inch or so might cost them less than a single staple. Strike two! The student at the desk said he

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A minute later, I picked up a fresh copy of *The Northerner* in the lobby. The front page article stated that even after \$9.1 million in state funds were spent on the library,

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Tom Lampke

North Poll

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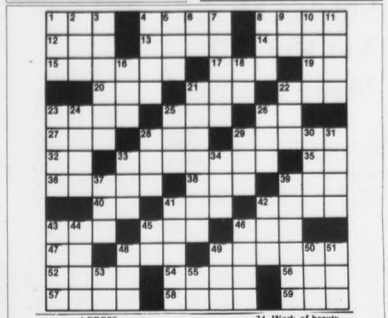
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Shields Might Not Have To Make Promises

Last season, when Coach Shields held his promise to his players to let them scalp him if NKU won the GLVC, the players promptly obliged and made their coach a curly look-alike from the Three Stooges. Wonder if Coach Shields has made any promises this season? Maybe, he doesn't have to.

Last season's loss to University of Southern Indiana in the Sweet 16 at Riverfront Coliseum has left a bad taste in his players' mouths and his team is responding early on this season as if the bad taste has turned to foam. The Norse are 4-0 which were all blowouts.

NKU, who beat USI twice in the regular season last year, has to prove once again they can win the GLVC, the best Division II basketball conference in the nation. Three teams finished in the top 10 last year. Yet, what has Coach Shields promised his team this season? Nothing yet.

Shields knows his team better than anyone. He knows if everyone stays healthy, happy and hungry his team will make a run like last season. He calls them "the three H's". So far this season everything has gone according to plan for Shields. Hunky-dory.

Of course the real test starts Dec. 7 when NKU plays Indianapolis at Indianapolis. A team that returns five starters from last year, including one of the best players in the GLVC, Perrell Lucas. The Isaiah Thomas-like guard who lit NKU up for 36 points last season has had a year to think about NKU winning the conference and he'll be out to prove his Greyhounds are for real.

After that game, the Norse travel to California and play quite possibly the best team on its schedule, Cal. State-Bakersfield. The two-time NCAA Division II champions of '92 and '94 return plenty of players and have the best newcomer in the nation, former UNLV star Kebu Stewart. So far, he is averaging 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Tough early competition, leads to mentally tough teams in the post season. Shields though isn't making any promises.

Right now the loss of Shaft Stevenson and Ryan Schrand, has hardly been noticed. Players such as Andre McClelland and Chuck Perry have been playing with different approaches. Both of them are playing hard and having fun.

Perry, every time he runs down the court is barking instructions, grabbing rebounds, posting up and scoring as if he were a new person.

McClelland has done the same. He has attacked the boards like a mad man. Not letting anyone close to him get the rebound. He snatched a career-high 15 the other night in a game he didn't even start.

Then there's Andy Listerman, who has filled in nicely as the back-up point guard. He is shooting with better confidence and finding the open man with fewer turnovers. He is playing with more maturity and that should increase his playing time as the season wears on.

Still, Shields makes no promises.

His starters LaRon Moore, Reggie Talbert, Paul Claxton, Jamie Pieratt and Shannon Minor are all playing with their new found attitudes. The new sentiment that says if you want our GLVC crown you better be willing to fight and claw your way through us. It's that attitude Shields wants his team to have and that is the response his team so far this season has shown.

But, there is something missing. Something that happened last year towards the end of the season, that hasn't happened so far this year. The attendance is down.

Where are the fans who roared the bandwagon as the Norse went on its march into March? Last season, Regents Hall was similar to a ghost town in the beginning of the season and by season's end, when NKU was on its 15-game winning streak fans had to be turned away.

Long lines of people waited patiently to see NKU play. The gymnasium rocked every time Moore dunked or Talbert swatted a shot into the stands. The crowd screamed "Three" every time Minor or Schrand canned the three-point shot.

This season has been a different story, the fans aren't showing up like Shields and his players had hoped. The players need the fans' enthusiasm. The players thrive on attention. Without it, why should they play so hard if it goes unnoticed. Maybe the players are doing it for Shields.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

SUPER SOPH: Sophomore forward Alison McCarthy had her biggest weekend in a Norse uniform. McCarthy (24) goes up for two of her 11 points in Friday's 66-65, loss to Grand Valley State. On Saturday McCarthy scored a career-high and team-high 18 points in an 82-80 double overtime win over Hillsdale.

NKU Wins In Double Overtime

By Brian Steffen
Sports Editor

Someone once said consolation games are boring. Well, they were wrong.

After losing on Friday, the Northern Kentucky University women's team bounced back and won, 82-80, in double overtime fashion over Hillsdale. The win ended a three game Norse losing streak.

"I was proud of them, they played hard," Head coach Nancy Winstel said. "We took a positive step tonight."

The Norse controlled the first half of the game and it looked to be headed to an easy victory.

NKU, which led at halftime 31-23, was riding the backs of its centers, senior Stephanie Jordan and freshman Shannon Smith. Both straddled in 20 points by halftime and together were able to hold Hillsdale's biggest scoring threat, junior Beth Hilbink to six points. Hilbink averages 22.8 points.

After a 15-6 run to start the second half, the Chargers took its first lead of the game at 38-37 with 13:47 left to play on two free throws by Brenna White. White was given the free throws after a technical foul was called against NKU assistant coach, Jim Wedie.

The Norse regrouped and were able to take the lead back when Freshman Katie Kelsey nailed a three pointer. Junior Dana

Morningstar added another basket and NKU had a five point lead, 43-38, with just less than 12 minutes in regulation.

The Chargers bolted back and retook the lead, 54-51, on a 3-point basket by Kelly Spielhauser.

Each team made runs, then answered them with another run. The lead changed hands seven times in the second half alone.

The Norse who were getting into foul trouble, lost both of their centers Jordan and Smith before the second half ended.

"I was proud of them, they played hard. We took a positive step tonight."

Coach Nancy Winstel

With a 65-63 Hillsdale lead and 10 seconds remaining, NKU had a last chance to either take the lead with 3-pointer or try for a game tying basket.

The Norse designed a play for junior Dana Morningstar to handle the ball. Morningstar

was to either find the open person under the basket or take the shot one on one. She opted to take the shot herself. Fortunately, for the

Norse, she took the shot, a running 17-footer from just past the foul line that found its way through the rim and sent the game into overtime.

"I knew we had to score," Morningstar said. "I knew I had to take it."

The first overtime started out well for the Norse as sophomore Alison McCarthy made a lay up after getting fouled. She made the free throw and NKU owned a 68-65 lead. McCarthy finished with a game-high and career-high 18 points.

"When Steph and Shannon got in foul trouble they did a good job of getting the ball to me," McCarthy said. "I took care of it from there."

The Chargers came back and went on a 7-2 run and took the lead 72-70. Again the Norse were left needing a basket with just seconds remaining. This time the Norse went with freshman Katie Kelsey who swished a 15-foot shot from the left corner and sent the game into its second overtime, 72-72.

In the second overtime, Hillsdale took the early lead 76-73, on two baskets by Hilbink. Hilbink finished with 29 points after a slow first half.

NKU answered with two straight baskets from junior Regina Webb and senior Shawna Daly to take a 77-76 lead.

After another basket by Hillsdale, NKU answered and never trailed again.

NKU Suffers Growing Pains

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team lost a heartbreaker on Friday night to the Grand Valley State Lakers.

The Norse lost 66-65 in the first round of the Perkins/NKU Classic at Regent's Hall. This is the first time they have lost in the first round of this tournament and failed to make it to the championship game. NKU had won eight of the 11 Perkins/NKU Classic's. The loss was the third in a row for the Norse.

The game started with neither team shooting well. After 2 1/2 scoreless minutes, Melissa Stahl hit a three from the corner for Grand Valley State.

From there they took a 9-0 lead over the next two minutes before the Norse finally got on the board with a three from freshman point guard Katie Kelsey.

NKU still couldn't get on track from there. The Lakers built their lead to 12 from there at 17-5.

The Norse chipped away at the lead by hitting their free throws. They hit 13 out of 15 in the first half and trailed by only one at halftime at 38-37.

NKU came out and did the exact opposite of what they did in the first half. Kelsey hit a three about 10 seconds into the half to give the team their first lead of the game.

They didn't stop there. Kelsey's three sparked a 14-0 run by the Norse that included seven straight points by sophomore forward Alison McCarthy. The run, which included several fast break baskets, gave

them a 51-38 lead.

Grand Valley State didn't score for the first time in the half until nearly five minutes had passed. Once they got the wake up call, they went on a run of their own. They went on a 12-2 run that got them within three points at 53-50.

"When we get ahead of a team we've got to keep going," junior guard/forward Dana Morningstar said. "We need to be more consistent on offense."

The Lakers took a 65-64 lead with about two minutes to go on a three from Mary Kaye Lutz that banked in off the glass.

NKU tied it on a free throw from Morningstar with 1:15 left. That's the way it stayed until Kristin Nobach hit one of two free throws with six seconds remaining.

Kelsey drove the lane, but lost the ball out of bounds as time ran out. The Norse hit only two of nine from the free throw line in the second half.

NKU continued to run the ball over. They had 28 turnovers in the loss. They turned the ball over 55 times in their first two losses.

"We had way too many turnovers and missed free throws at critical times," McCarthy said.

Morningstar led a balanced scoring attack with 14 points. McCarthy added 11 before she fouled out with 3:13 left in the game.

Senior center/forward Stephanie Jordan led the Norse with 11 rebounds and three steals to go with her seven points.

Nobach led Grand Valley State with 17 points. Louise Lodgberg added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team is preparing to play the University of Indianapolis Lady Greyhounds Thursday Dec. 7 in Indianapolis in the first Great Lakes Valley Conference game of the season.

The Lady Greyhounds are a strong team returning four starters from last year's 21-7 team. Indianapolis is 2-0 overall as of Nov. 25 and have outscored its opponents by a total of 158-128. NKU is 2-4. The Norse returned three starters from last year's 18-9 season.

Indianapolis is always a tough game for the Norse. Last year NKU split the series winning at home but losing at Indianapolis. The Lady Greyhounds returned Ann Hensley who NKU Coach Nancy Winstel said is a possible conference player of the year.

"You can't stop Ann," Winstel said. "All you can do is try to slow her down."

The Norse need to step it up on defense to beat the Lady Greyhounds.

"In order to win we have to play better defense and get rebounds," Winstel said. "On offense we have to take care of the ball and stop turning it over."

—Doug Kuhn

Up Next? Indianapolis

By Tim Johnson
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team prepare to face Perrell Lucas from the University of Indianapolis at Indianapolis on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The Norse beat the Greyhounds twice last year, but the margin of victory in both games was only three points.

NKU will have its hands full with senior guard Lucas. Last year Lucas averaged 21 points-per-game.

"Perrell is an All-American point-guard," NKU head

coach Ken Shields said. "He is a very special player and he is hard to defend."

UI head coach Royce Walman said: "NKU has great enthusiasm when they take the court. They are an all-around tough team to play. We had trouble with their big man (Reggie Talbert) inside. He is such a load."

Last year Talbert had a combined 12 points and 25 rebounds in the two games against Indianapolis.

The Greyhounds will be a strong test for NKU. The main key for the Norse is to try to control Lucas.



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POINTMAN: Junior point guard Shannon Minor (12) gets the duty of trying to stop Perrell Lucas.

California Trip Is Key Early Test For NKU

By Greg Weber
Staff Writer

Go West, young men. This popular saying holds true for the Northern Kentucky University's men's basketball team.

The Norse head west to sunny California to take on Cal. State-Bakersfield and Cal. State-Los Angeles, Dec. 18 and Dec. 20.

Cal. State-Bakersfield is a team that has averaged 25 wins in the past eight seasons and has been invited to NCAA post season play in each of those seasons. The Roadrunners return four starters from a 20-8 squad including the leading scorer and All-American guard Damon Smith.

Last season Smith averaged 13.0 points per game and 2.8 assists. This season the 6-foot senior guard is averaging 11.7 points per game and 5.5 assists per game. He will match up with 5'11 junior guard Shannon Minor. Minor has not missed a step from last season's playoff team, averaging 15.3

points per game and seven assists per game.

The leader of the 1995-96 CSUB team is Kebu Stewart. A transfer student from Division I UNLV, this junior big man is leading the team in scoring (27.0 points per game), free throw percentage (87 percent) and minutes played (30.3 per game). Stewart is being touted as the most nationally prominent recruit in school history. He is also considered by many magazines as the top new-come of the year in Division II.

Stewart will be battling Norse senior center Reggie Talbert. This 6'7 senior center is averaging nine points per game, 3.8 rebounds per game and six block shots in the first four games for NKU.

The real battle will be at forward with the 6'7 junior Michael Jackson and NKU's LaKron Moore and Jamie Pieratt. Jackson, for CSUB, is second on the team in scoring (22 points per game), first in blocks (8), first in rebounds (14 per game) and first in field goal percentage (69 percent). Moore is

leading the Norse in scoring (23.8 points per game), rebounds (8.3 per game) and also is a threat in 3-point land shooting at 63 percent. Pieratt is second on the team in scoring (17 points per game), third in assists (17) and first in steals (10).

The team matchups are also compatible. After four games, NKU is averaging 96.3 points per game compared to 104.3 for CSUB. Team defense for the Norse is only giving up 68.8 points per game, while CSUB is holding teams to 60 points per game.

After this game, the Norse head to Los Angeles to go against another talented team.

Both the Norse team and individual stars are more compatible than with CSUB. Like NKU, Cal State LA is coming off a berth in the NCAA playoffs last season. The Golden Eagles are going through what experts considered a rebuilding year. They have 11 new players on their roster coming from both high school and junior college.

Leading the way is a pair of 6'2 junior

guards, Simaine Stewart and Chris Ford. Both players are averaging 17 points per game which leads this young team. Stewart will match up with Minor, while Ford will go up against Norse guard Paul Cluxton. Cluxton is fourth on the Norse in minutes, seventh in scoring, first in free throw percentage and third in steals.

The big men for Cal State LA are senior twins, Lorenzo and Lavalle Ball. Of the two, Lorenzo is the most dominating. He is averaging 11.7 points per game, seven rebounds a game and seven blocks for the season.

After these three players, there is a drop-off of talent because of the inexperience of the newcomers.

The Golden Eagles are off to a 2-1 start, averaging 76.7 points and giving up 76 points. They are getting out-rebounded by their opponents while shooting 47 percent, as opposed to their opponents 43 percent.

These two games will be the only time this season NKU men's will face two playoff teams in back-to-back games. After this week long trip the Norse will return home on Dec. 28 against GLVC rival Lewis and Wisconsin-Parkside on Dec. 30.

NKU Men's Basketball Schedule Over Break

Monday, Dec. 18	at Cal. State-Bakersfield 10:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20	at Cal. State-Los Angeles 11:05 pm
Thursday, Dec. 28	Lewis 7:45 pm
Saturday, Dec. 30	Wisconsin-Parkside 3:15 pm

NKU Women's Basketball Schedule Over Break

Sunday, Dec. 17	Thomas More 1 pm
Thursday, Dec. 21	at IPFW 6 pm
Thursday, Dec. 28	Lewis 5:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 30	Wisconsin-Parkside 1 pm

NFL Holds Fans Hostage

Column
By John Kirtley
Staff Writer

The recent changes that the National Football League has experienced within the past couple of years, most recently the Cleveland Browns move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers move to Nashville, has exposed some gross truths concerning professional sports in the United States. Never in the almost infinite history of sport has the relationship between the participants and the fans been so terribly neglected until now.

It started with an eight month major league baseball strike that took the World Series with it. A National Hockey League player walk-out wiped out half of the professional hockey season and now the NFL has seen its most storied franchise, the Cleveland Browns, ripped from the hearts of the most loyal fans in its league.

These occurrences have taught us, the fans, a lesson that we should have known when we first bought a ticket to our favorite team's game. Professional sports is, always, was and always will be a business and we were fools ever to think otherwise. Loyalty just doesn't pay the bills any more in professional sports and it is time for the fans to either put up (the cash) or shut up.


The only way that professional sports exists is if the teams can sell tickets. If the NFL can sell out every one of its 15 games on a weekend then we will continue to see what has happened in Cleveland, Houston and Los Angeles. If we continue to flip on the T.V. set every October and watch the World Series, then players and owners will still fight over how much money they should get from advertising revenue. We'll still have strikes, we'll still have owner lock-outs and we'll still have franchises pack up and move at the drop of a dime (or 30-year rent free leases in some cases).

In the plight of Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell, one must consider what Modell would have turned down to stay in Cleveland. Baltimore was offering him a brand new 70,000 seat stadium, rent free for 30 years, with guaranteed sell-outs for the next 10 years. In addition to that, they also wrote Modell a \$50 million check on the spot. Who wouldn't take that offer and run? There is no question that Modell was classless, gutless, heartless, spineless and brainless when handling the situation with his fans in Cleveland, but the principle of the offer could not be turned down.

Fans must realize that the only voice they have is the dollar bill and as long as they keep shelling out the dough, professional sports will continue to fight over it even if it means moving out of town to get it.

I'll admit it. I spent \$260 on Bengal season tickets this year although owner Mike Brown as one foot out the door until the sales tax vote next March. When people ask me why I spent that kind of money on season tickets to, of all teams, the Bengals, I struggle to come up with an answer.

Most fans share that same feeling. Nobody knows why sports holds such importance in the grand scheme of things, because in actuality it doesn't. The only thing we know for sure is that there is a price tag on that feeling and as long as we keep paying for it, well, it's just like anything else you buy, it might not work when you bring it home.


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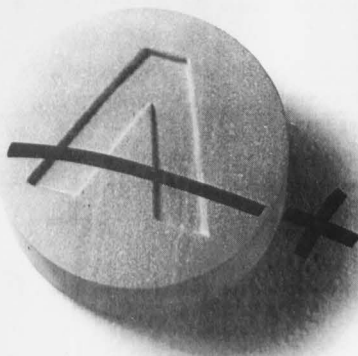
 

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



The Christmas media blitz has officially arrived.

Actually, Santa snuck in before the Eve of the Great Pumpkin, but who's counting days?

Jolly ole St. Nick led the first "Christmas" parade in downtown Cincinnati. That parade, by the way, was in October.

The spirit of the "true meaning" of Christmas sometimes dictates we adults bash commercialism. We self-righteously snub stores that swap witches and goblins for Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph at midnight on Oct. 31.

It's too early, we say. Maybe it's just that the older we get, the faster each year passes.

Kids don't mind the barrage of ads for Power Rangers and Barbie dolls. They rarely complain about Christmas decorations that pop up the day after Thanksgiving. They can even tolerate mall Santas, Polaroid cameras and all.

All kids love Christmas. Even college "kids."

"It's all good," said junior Jason Wells. "The decorations are really pretty."

Wells said that for his family, it's a day of rejoicing.

"It's wonderful because what we're celebrating is the birth of Christ," he said. "It's wonderful because of that. That's what it means to me."

Wells' family gets together on Christmas day and has dinner. Then they go to church and return home to exchange gifts.

"No one expects too much," he said. "Christmas is the best holiday."

According to a psychological study which appeared in

USA Today, lowering expectations is the most effective way of reducing Christmas stress. Tips for making the holidays a happy time include minimizing things to do, staying within a budget when buying gifts and remembering the true meaning of the season.

"Christmas to me is being thankful for family and friends," said senior Vicky Hohnroth. "Time is freed up to appreciate these people."

Hohnroth doesn't think Christmas is too commercial.

"Buying gifts are symbols that say we are thankful," she said. "Sometimes retailers do tend to take advantage."

Anthropological studies suggest that the reason people shop in a frenzy at Christmas is that we belong to a commodity culture.

Christmas. A time to celebrate the birth of Christ. A time to be with those you love. A time to shop? It's materialism versus spiritualism in today's society.

Money plays an important part in the purchase. The Christmas shopping ritual becomes a way meaningful relationships can emerge from impersonal objects.

What else is new?

So it's up to the retailers to provide this "meaningful" stuff. Meaningful sweaters, ties and bathrobes. And for those who really want to be mean-

ingful, big-screen TVs.

"The material aspect creates too much expectation," said sophomore Mike Lambert.

"It's too commercial."

Lambert enjoys the time off for the Christmas holidays. But it has definitely gone way past what the true meaning was, he said.

"I don't necessarily look forward to Christmas," he said. "In terms of enjoyment, it's a kid's holiday."

day."

Lambert's Christmas day is a quiet, simple one. His mom, brother and two sisters gather to exchange gifts and just be together.

"Everybody gets one gift per person," he said. "I get my annual socks and underwear - Christmas boxers."

"I'm realistic. But they might not be."

A 1993 research by Kim, Lowrey and Ones found five types of gift-givers, each with different strategies. The first group are providers, who try to satisfy the recipient's needs rather than their desires. (Definitely cause for lowered expectations on the receiving end.)

Compensators make up the second group. They try to make up for the loss in the recipient's life through gifts. (Sometimes guilt trips can reap big rewards.)

Then there are three groups of pleasers, a more frivolous and spontaneous bunch. This is by far the most popular group on Christmas morning.

Senior Susie Stiler could be considered a pleaser.

"I don't think Christmas is too commercial at all," she said. "I think Christmas decorations should go up right after Thanksgiving."

Stiler said she enjoys buying gifts and usually overpays.

But, hey, Christmas comes but once a year. Hope springs eternal at Christmas.

We are all about to embark on that hopeful and eternal search for the perfect gift. The one that has Grandma, or cousin Fred written all over it.

It's out there. So, on your mark, get set, go find it.

In Their Opinion **FAMOUS QUOTES**

"Christmas isn't really over until all the bills are paid."

-Burton Hillis

"There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas."

-Washington Irving

"I'll be spending a typical American Christmas. My tree is from Canada, the ornaments are from Hong Kong. The lights come from Japan - and the idea from Bethlehem."

-Clifton Feldman

"Bah Humbug."

-Ebenezer Scrooge

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Computer Rules Animated Film Future Disney's 'Toy Story' First Movie To Use Full Computer Animation

By Sean Townsley
Staff Writer

"Toy Story," the new computer animated movie from Disney, is a delight for people of all ages.

The toy characters in this movie really came alive and just about jumped off the screen.

The movie centered on the lives of toys owned by a little boy named Andy. His favorite toy was Woody, voiced by Tom Hanks, a cowboy doll who was also the sheriff of the other toys.

Now, there are some rules that all the toys

in this movie had to follow. They had to act lifeless in the presence of humans, but when humans were away, the toys did play.

There was also no rule that the toys had to act lifeless in the presence of animals, such as dogs and cats.

So with the rules known by all the toys, they prepared for Andy's last birthday at his present house. This was a tense time for the toys, as they could be replaced by a newer, better version.

The toy soldiers were "deployed" with a CB radio so they could report back to the toys in Andy's room what new toys he got for his birthday.

Rex, Andy's toy dinosaur, prayed for a plant-water. Mr. Potato Head, voiced by Don Rickles, wished, "Mrs. Potato Head, Mrs. Potato Head."

The new toy that Andy got was Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen. The funny thing about Buzz was that he thought he was a real space traveler.

None of the toys seemed to be bothered by the new toy. Woody even welcomed Buzz to Andy's room.

Woody started to notice that Andy was playing with Buzz more than with any other toy. This quickly made Woody the No. 2 toy in town.

When Woody and Buzz fell out of Andy's car, the adventure began.

This movie is another winner for Disney, whose computer animation changes the rules for future movies formerly considered cartoons. The detail of the characters and the background was amazing.

Adults will find that they are laughing at lines that their kids don't understand. This movie might even be more enjoyable for adults than kids.

Oh, by the way, Mr. Potato Head does get a Mrs. Potato Head.

This might just be the most creative movie of all time - well it just might.

Make Time For Lasting Memories

I was thinking of starting a club for procrastinators, but I kept putting it off. So, I decided to write an article about how much people procrastinate and what a serious problem it is, but I kept telling myself I'd do it later.

The end of the semester is quickly approaching and I've been hearing from everyone around me about how much work they have to do for classes, how many papers they have to write in the next week and how they are starting to panic over that final project they have had all semester to do.

I'll admit I'm one of the worst. Pressing assignments mean nothing to me when procrastination takes over.

When assigned a paper that I have about a month or more to work on, I sit down at my computer at about 10 p.m. the night before it is due. I begin to imagine my grand thesis. I am determined and nothing will stop me from finishing this well-written, articulate piece of prose in a few hours.

Then, I think to myself, "Boy, I sure could use something to drink while I'm dreaming up my A paper." So, I get myself a beverage and sit back down. I decide to play Solitaire (which, by the way, is a game created and loaded into my computer by Satan) while I'm thinking. Hours later, I have a revelation: Why am I starting this paper now? I have until 12:15 p.m. tomorrow to get this done. I'll just get up early tomorrow and work on it.

So, I play that stupid, mindless Solitaire game for the next few hours (just one more winning game and I'll have a positive score), and then I retire to bed.

But nothing short of nuclear war could get me out of bed when I'm still tired. If the red light to release the nuclear bomb was flashing, and all I had to do was get up and turn it off to save the universe, I'd roll over and say, "It can wait." The snooze button, by the way, is also another creation of Satan. Thus, the procrastinator in me wins yet another battle.

Most people, however, have better reasons to procrastinate than I do. But we all have our priorities.

Although most of the time my procrastination makes me mad at myself for goofing off while I could have gotten some work done, once in a while these moments in procrastination turn out to be my best memories.

One Thursday afternoon in early October, I was going to head back to school after lunch with my friends to do my homework for my 6:15 night class.

My friends were going to the park to play frisbee and they invited me to come along. I decided to go with them simply because it was a "nice day." At first, "nice" just referred to the weather, but as I look back I see that it also applied to the carefree attitude we shared on that afternoon.

It turned out to be the last nice day I can remember, and when it's cold and dreary outside, or I'm just depressed, I think back to that day and it makes me feel happy and warm. It was an afternoon spent the best way I can think of - hanging out and enjoying the last nice day with my friends. It was the most profound day that I've ever spent doing nothing in particular.

I went back to school that evening and hurriedly shopped together my assignment for class. Maybe I would have received a better grade if I had taken the time to do it right, but that would have left me no memories to keep me warm all winter.

I sure am glad I procrastinated. Sometimes, especially now that final exam pressure has set in, we lose track of what's really important. Putting time and effort into school work is important, but everyone needs to let that go once in a while and enjoy a nice day.

After all, it might be the last one this year.

Student, Night Club Bouncer Witness To Historic Event

By Wes Akers
Staff Writer

When the Berlin Wall came down he was there watching in a tank. He has had a white collar job at Proctor & Gamble and has been a bouncer at a biker bar. He was an all-city football player in high school and has played defensive end for Cincinnati's semi-pro football team. He speaks fluent German, has an associate degree from Cincinnati Technical College and is a Dean's List student at Northern Kentucky University.

He is senior Mike Giordano, a management information systems major who spends much of his day in computer labs studying the newest in computer software and technology.

He is preparing himself for a future job on the information highway that he said could be as exciting and interesting as his past employment experiences.

When Giordano is not behind a computer he is either pumping iron in a weight room or breaking up fights as a bouncer at an area night club.

"Mike is a very fair and modest guy, but when he rolls his sleeves out and lets his 20-inch biceps hang out you know he commands respect," said Kevin Swallow, a sophomore at NKU, who is a bouncer and works with the 6-foot-2, 250-pound Giordano.

Swallow said he compares Giordano to a computer because his military discipline and physique make him like a machine.

The machine, as Swallow calls him, bench presses 405 pounds, curls 225 pounds and squats 525 pounds.

Giordano said he started working out with weights when he was put on a power lifting team in the U.S. Army. He said when he was out in the field, away from the gym, he would keep in shape by doing exercises with 70 pound tank shells.

He enrolled in the Army after graduating from Cincinnati McNicholas High School in 1986. While in service he was a tank gunner stationed in Germany and France. His unit was

stationed along the Berlin Wall in 1989 when it came down.

"It was one big party," Giordano said. "People from East and West Germany came together and were yelling and cheering and thanking us, bringing us beer and bratwursts. It was great. I was right in the middle of a moment in history so I started taking as many pictures as I could."

Giordano also said of his time in Germany that he learned to speak German from a girlfriend he met there.

After finishing his service in 1990, he enrolled in Cincinnati Technical College, but was recalled to duty for training for Desert Storm. The war ended before the training was complete and he got discharged and went back to CTC and earned an associate degree in management information systems.

While at CTC he interned at P & G as a tape and computer operator.

In the spring of 1994 he enrolled at Northern Kentucky University to pursue a bachelor's degree in management information system.

While attending NKU he played semi-pro football for the Cincinnati Chargers until he suffered a knee injury. After classes he worked as a bouncer at five different bars in the area, including a biker bar in Mt. Carmel.

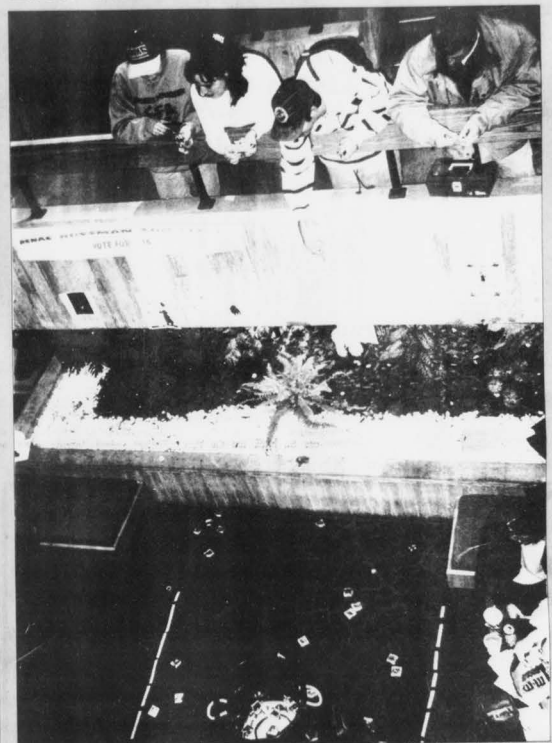
He said it was scary dealing with guys in motorcycle gangs. He explained that when a problem would arise you couldn't rough those guys up and throw them out because their whole gang could come after you.

He said another scary moment came when he was working as a bouncer at a nightclub in downtown Cincinnati. He and a couple of other bouncers escorted a rowdy patron out of the bar to his car when the guy suddenly turned around and came at them with a switchblade.

"We all tackled him and I braced his arm while another guy took the knife out of his hand," Giordano said. "Then the undercover cops came and took care of him."

Giordano laughed and said one of

Look Out Below!



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Jill Staubach, Theresa Hayden, Matt Spaulding and Johnny Gardiner (left to right) toss condoms over the balcony in the University Center in a game for Aids Awareness Week, sponsored by Drug and Alcohol Prevention Services, Student Government Association and Activities Programming Board. Gardiner, a sophomore musical theater major said, "I figure it's a light-hearted way of addressing a serious subject."

his most memorable moments was when he had to escort his brother Doug from a nightclub.

"He got too rowdy one night and just like the other patrons who get out of control I had to escort him out," he

said.

Giordano said he has been sucker punched many times and that one time he was punched in the nose and it bled so bad he thought it might have been broken. He said that kind of stuff is

part of the job. Most of the time it is a fun atmosphere and he is able to be social with the patrons.

"The best benefit of being a bouncer is all the good looking women who come up to talk to you," he said.

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'Fresh Horses' Smells, Lacks Originality, Average At Best

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

Garth Brooks
Fresh Horses ** (out of 5)

After two years of waiting for something new from Garth Brooks, it finally came. "Fresh Horses" was released after much publicity and advertising.

After listening to it, I wondered if maybe ole Garth should have taken a little longer.

The title of the first track says it all. "The Old Stuff." Too much of the album sounded like songs off his other albums.

Brooks has always been good at telling stories through song. This album is no exception, but when they are the same stories he told before with different words, they

lose their meaning.

There are two highlights on this album. "That Ol' Wind" and "Ireland" are about as good as any songs he has had in the past.

"That Ol' Wind" can be added to the list of Garth's great ballads, which include "The Dance," "If Tomorrow Never Comes," "Unanswered Prayers" and "The River."

The other highlight, "Ireland," strays a bit from traditional country, but that is nothing new for Garth.

Those two songs make the album worth the price. They are that good. Without them, it would be a waste.

There are a couple of other songs that are good, such as "The Beaches Of Cheyenne," "The Change" and "She's Every

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(out of 5)

Woman," but they aren't songs that make you want to go out and buy the album.

There are also songs that have no business being on an album that has Garth Brooks' name on it. They are "The Fever" and "It's Midnight Cinderella."

"Fresh Horses" would be a good album by most artists standards, but by the standards Garth has set for himself with his previous work, it is average at best.

Let's hope the wait for his next album is worthwhile.

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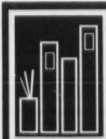
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