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Snowy, icy weather taking its toll

by Tony Nienaber
Managing Editor

A winter snow storm forced the cancellation of classes at Northern Kentucky University for the first time since the blizzard of 1978.

The recommendation to close came from John Connor, director of Public Safety, who remained in constant contact with state and local police concerning road conditions throughout the storm, which lasted from last Tuesday morning through Wednesday.

"If the roads are passable, we will stay open," Connor said. "But ice began to form, making driving almost impossible."

The ultimate decision to cancel classes Tuesday evening and Wednesday and delay Thursday classes came from Dr. Gene Scholes, NKU vice president.

Not everybody was able to enjoy the time off, however.

"Our roads and grounds crew worked through the night Tuesday, all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning clearing the streets and sidewalks," said

Bob Barnes, director of Physical Plant. "We had a number of [snow]plows going at all times."

The storm, which buried most of the tristate area, is just another reason Barnes calls this "the worst stretch of winter" in the five years he has been at NKU.

"The consistency and long duration of the snows have kept our employees very busy," Barnes said.

The Department of Public Safety is also experiencing an increased workload due to the snows.

According to police reports, there have been 12 automobile accidents on campus this year, 10 of which were weather-related.

"A number of accidents involve young drivers who are inexperienced driving in the snow," said DPS Lt. Don McKenzie.

There have also been 117 motorist assist requests, which can be anything from a battery jump to unlocking a frozen door.

These motorist assist numbers remain relatively constant each year, McKenzie said.



Malcolm Wilson photo

Last week's snowstorm spelled trouble for many area business'. However, there were unique attempts at getting rid of the white stuff.

'Bread for the world' pushing for local support

by Kathleen Bryant
Staff Writer

The NKU chapter of the national organization "Bread for the World" will sponsor a letter-writing drive to influence passage of a congressional bill, the Africa Recovery and Relief Act, which would appropriate \$1 billion in food and medical aid to the starving in Africa this year. The drive is part of a national organizational effort to focus on hunger in Ethiopia and the rest of Africa.

A booth will be set up in the University Center lobby Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to distribute paper, envelopes, stamps and sample letters free of charge.

"The intent of BFTW is to write let-

ters to legislators to influence their voting on hunger-related issues," said the Rev. Anne Eason, Methodist Campus Minister.

She said the bill, if passed, would not involve a tax increase, but would utilize existing funds through government agencies such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The campaign is sponsored by Bread for the World and the Newman Center and coordinated by Eason and Father Louis Schmidt.

Schmidt said the purpose of the campaign "is to raise consciousness that there is hunger in 80 percent of the world."

Dr. Vernon Hicks, a chemistry professor and member of BFTW, said "This is a way to help those in need. If people will get together, we can do a great deal

to influence the government."

Hicks said the bill aims at the underlying causes of hunger-inadequate farming techniques and restrictive government policies. He said government control of grain prices forces farmers to grow export crops to make money. Increasing population and climate changes are added problems, he said.

Hicks said Congress will vote on the bill this spring.

"Congressman Gene Snyder had a poor record of supporting BFTW causes, but voted for it last spring," he said.

BFTW also lobbies for domestic relief programs to aid the poor, such as WIC (Women, Infants and Children food support) and food stamps, said Kathy Miller, a student member. Miller, a pre-

med student and counselor at the Brighton Center in Newport, said, "I can't believe how much money we spend on bombs, and people are starving to death, some right here in this area."

Miller, 24, said people are dying every day, and the problem needs to be addressed. "I wanted to do something concrete," she said. "Sending \$25 to CARE just wasn't enough."

Carolyn Dellario, a junior psychology major and member of BFTW, said she feels the letters are effective. She said each letter is worth 500 votes to a Congressman. She said our legislators "need to be informed of how we want them to vote."

Dellario, 21, said about 10 to 15 people currently are involved in the Bread for the World organization.

Numerous programs offer financial aid to students

by Linda Nesbitt
Staff Writer

Finding the money to finance a college education can be a real burden for many students. Northern has a number of financial aid programs available to students who qualify for assistance.

Figures developed by the Office of Financial Aid indicate that in the 1983-84 school year, 2,843 students were awarded some type of financial aid — a grant, loan, job or scholarship. Many received a package of one or more forms of assistance.

Grants, which do not have to be repaid, are awarded by the federal government and the state. The federal Pell Grant, ranging from \$200 to \$1,200 a year, was Northern's largest category of financial aid in 1983-84, with 1,300 recipients. Students determined to have exceptional need can qualify for a Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) or a Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority State Grant (KHEAA).

The Guaranteed Student Loan is a second major form of financial aid awarded, totaling 1,200 in the 1983-84 school year. These loans are made by participating lending institutions and do not have to be repaid until the after the student leaves school.

National Direct Student Loans are low-interest loans similar to the GSL. Plus Loans, awarded by the KHEAA, assist the GSL program but repayment begins within 60 days of issuance. A Nursing Student Loan is available to two-year nursing program students. Emergency Student Loans are short-term loans made by the university and designed to ease students' immediate financial difficulty.

In the 1983-84 school year, 824 NKU students worked for the university in the Federal Work-Study or Institutional Work-Study programs. Students work from 10 to 20 hours a week, earning \$3.35 an hour, and receive a paycheck every two weeks, said Financial Aid Director Robert Sprague.

Veterans or dependents of disabled or deceased veterans can qualify for monthly benefits or tuition scholarships

under several Veterans Benefits programs. Details can be obtained from the Counselor for Veterans Affairs.

Scholarships, based on grades, class rank, extracurricular activities and/or athletic ability, provided assistance to 974 students during 1983-84. A number of scholarship programs are available to both graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled at Northern.

Financial Aid application forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, Administrative Center 416. The two basic forms are the College Scholarship Service Kentucky Financial Aid Form (KFAF) and the Northern Kentucky University Financial Aid Application. To apply for the 1985 fall semester or academic year, these forms must be submitted by April 1, 1985.

After submitting the applications, a student can be considered for: a Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, KHEAA grant, Work-Study, NDSL and NSL.

Financial need is determined by applying a formula established by the federal government, a "needs analysis" measuring your family's ability to contribute and your cost to attend school.



Randy Allen photo

Finding financial aid can be a burden for many students.

IRS may help collect faulty loans

College Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The government soon may resort to refusing to send federal income tax refunds to students who have defaulted on their financial aid loans.

The Department of Education is one of four federal agencies that recently asked the Internal Revenue Service to help it collect debts.

Former and current students owe the government approximately \$2.7 billion in overdue student loans.

The department supplements its own efforts to recover the money by hiring private collection agencies. But the agencies are getting payments in only about 15 percent of the cases referred to them.

The recovery rate will be dramatical-

ly higher with the IRS help, predicts Richard Hastings, the director of management services for the department's student financial assistance programs.

"Once people are aware that their taxes will be seized, people will say 'You're going to get me, so I'll come forward and start paying,'" agrees Dallas Martin, executive director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Hastings says about 82 percent of those in default on National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and Guaranteed Loans usually get federal income tax refunds.

"I expect we're going to be their biggest customer next year," Hastings says of our IRS program. "This is going to be an extremely effective tool for us,

and it will have a strong deterrent effect as well."

But Martin is not convinced the new strategy will produce a lot of money for the federal treasury, because many defaulters are disabled or unemployed.

Although default rates have leveled off or declined slightly in recent years, the dollar amount outstanding has jumped because more loans have been made.

About 10 percent of the loans are in default, and initial payment has been made in about seven percent of those cases. The average outstanding NDSL loan is \$1,000, Hastings says.

The Office of Management and Budget now is considering the Education Department's request to join the IRS collection program

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Have you ever had one of those weeks in which everything and its uncle goes wrong?

I had one of those weeks last week, and it put me in just the right frame of mind to write a things-I-hate-most column.

Now, before I start, I want to clarify one thing. I am not perfect. But neither are a lot of other people, so, what the heck? Here goes. Among the things I cannot stand...

Karen Merk

- Old men in huge cars who total my little Volkswagen (which obviously didn't have a prayer) and then say, "I guess I just didn't see you." And then don't even get cited by the nice policeman.

- People who do not believe my car could possibly be totaled

because I don't have a scratch on me. Do I have to be comatose or in a body cast to convince them?

- People who get paid 20-something grand a year to make mistakes like "the media is" on the cover of the university's *Alumni Magazine* and in a headline inside the same publication. People who don't know that "media" is a plural noun have absolutely no business working in a communications medium. And, by the way, it's *spatial*, not *spacial*. And just what is NKU's Tree of Knowledge?

- The same people, who, when confronted with the appalling grammatical error, say, "What mistake?" and then proceed to give a well-rehearsed defense of it.

- Teenage sex flicks. The recent proliferation of these monstrously bad excuses for art bring this pet peeve to mind. Not only do these horrors make young people appear

much worse than they are, but they also turn my stomach. And they're about as original as *The Cockroach that Ate Cincinnati*.

- Cold weather. 'Nuff said.

- People who scold me everytime I light a cigarette. I know smoking causes cancer, and yes, I will quit again.

- Health-crazed individuals (usually some of the same people who scold me for smoking) munching celery and tofu, who point out the dangers of artificial additives and preservatives just as I prepare to put a gooey Big Mac to my lips.

- Valentine's Day. I am convinced that Valentine's Day is the result of a plot by candy and greeting-card industries to destroy the self-esteem of the nation's dateless and boost

sales for themselves. And if the only time someone can be romantic is on Valentine's Day, he or she has a problem.

Now, for just a few of the things and people I have a soft spot in my heart for:

- Professors and department chairmen (they know who they are) who are willing to write nice letters of recommendation on short notice — without expecting the student to grovel. They're the best.

- Trivial Pursuit and Baby Boomer Trivial Pursuit. Thanks to a couple of my friends in Virginia, I am now a certified TP addict. And I love it...

- Warm weather. Saturday and Sunday made me yearn for the hot, humid, Frisbee-filled days of summer. How 'bout you?

Elliot's false impressions

To the editor:

What a wonderful day here at NKU — the sky is blue, the birds are singing, the students are two chapters ahead in all their classes, all the teachers love the students, and, of course, all is harmonious in this land of concrete. I can only speak from personal experience, but today in Lot A, some freshman gave me his spot, even though he was there first! I guess the handicapped sticker really works! Not only did I have no problem parking, but I met a friend on the plaza (yes, I do have them), and was nine minutes late for class. My teacher waited to start lecturing because he saw me on the plaza. After class, I went to eat lunch. The filet mignon was perfect, and my crisp green salad was a culinary delight. The waiter took my order for dessert, and in my opinion, you can't go wrong with the chocolate mousse.

I also had a night class, and not only did my part-time professor show up, but

he actually made sense. If you think that was great, he took me up to the watering hole on the hill and we discussed how many beverages it would cost me to attain a satisfactory mark.

When I got back to my car, I noticed I had a parking ticket on it. I promptly went to DPS, and they apologized for making a mistake; the officer clearly did not see my sticker.

I can't handle it anymore! Everything I have mentioned in this letter is a big, fat lie. DPS told me to pay the fine and shut up, my teacher did not show, the food stinks, and I pay money to go here! I guess my psychiatrist has a point — I am a glutton for punishment! All I can say is that since this letter is censored by the nature of the north Star being in the same constellation as the Big Dipper, I must say that NKU is the MIT of Newport (not to be confused with the Harvard of the Midwest).

Thomas Elliott

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I vote that SG abolish itself

The best resolution Student Government could come up with is a bill that would abolish itself. Stop laughing, I'm serious.

It's no secret that Keith McMain and his New Phase Deadheads haven't done any spectacular feats since the ill-fated Music Fest last fall. That is, unless you consider Student Savings Cards, Student Directories, the Book Exchange, and blood drives major events.

So, how about vacating the SG offices in the University Center and handing the rooms over to the *Northern Kentucky Cause* and *Collage*, both of which could use the space as a productive, useful area.

And the payroll for SG Execs could be done away with as well.

This move, in turn, would lower the student incidental fee, which means a drop in tuition, which means more money in my pocket and yours.

Hunter Hoffecker

This spring would be peaceful, also. No longer would we be tortured by hearing loud-mouthed candidates promising and babbling about doing this and that if elected into an SG office. No longer would our eyes hurt from viewing hundreds of obnoxious Vote-For-Me posters and banners polluting the concrete. No longer would students spend too much dinero to win an office in which to do nothing. Ah, peace in our time!

Okay. So what happens to the likes of Music Fest and other ac-

tivities that occur because NKU is equipped with a Student Government? How about those Greek people? Fraternities and sororities of all brands combine to make up that massive mess called SG anyway. So, if SG were abolished,

the members can go back to just being Greeks. And Greek people, as we all know, enjoy holding events and fun activities and stand out as all-around great folks in the community. Just think of how refreshing it

would be if a huge, successful Music Fest took place thanks to one or two frats and sororities merging for a common good. Or how about the Pikes running a book exchange or a DZ blood drive? Gee, the Greek people would be stampeding to be responsible for certain events because it would be great PR for them and they would also receive

proceeds from the event all for their Greek organization.

And since Greek people stand out as all-around great folks in the community, they would also get along with each other. Certainly, the quality of their events would outweigh the quantity.

Certainly the memberships would increase, also. Students who actively support particular events, i.e. a blood drive, would most likely become more interested and involved.

Sounds too good to be true, eh? Well, so does the idea of Student Government abolishing itself at next Monday's meeting.

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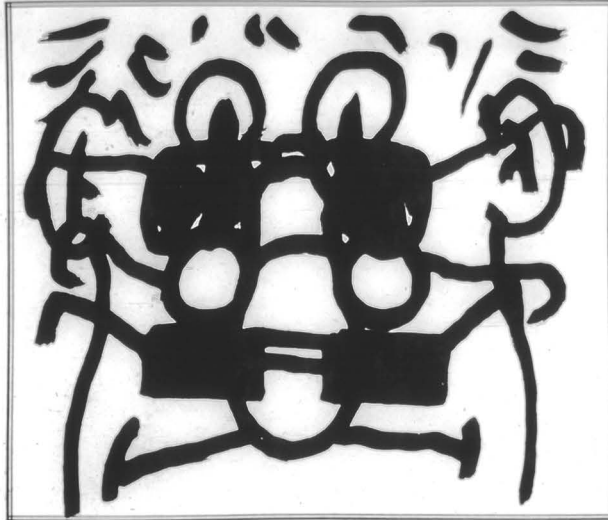
by Sonny O. Know
Northerner Optician

The sun shines bright on my old Kentucky snow — severely blinding me. So who do I call? SUNGLASSES!

If you're like me, it's not easy to purchase a pair of your own. This becomes a time when you discover who your friends are. True friends will sacrifice their eyesight for you and actually allow you to wear their sunglasses. Of course, this does pose a few problems.

The biggest problem is that of size: some of our heads aren't as large as our friends, and some of our noses just don't compare. On the other hand sometimes our heads can seem to be quite large, and we may compare our noses to Pinocchio.

Another problem is the style of the glasses. Sunglasses come in many shapes and various colors which express personality. For example, you must be careful who you see while wearing your little sister's Mickey Mouse glasses, grandma's shades with the pointed ends, or those awesome punk rock sunglasses.



When you are engaging in this friendly exchange, you must also beware of the social diseases which can be transmitted. The most common culprit is the dreaded Pink Eye. Another is the horrid Chafed Ear.

The ultimate dilemma, though, is receiving compliments. Do you have the right to accept a compliment on someone else's sunglasses?

The only truthful solution is to get to the bottom of the compliment. If, in fact, someone is complimenting you on the way you wear the sunglasses, you may graciously accept it. On the other hand, if the compliment is on the sunglasses themselves, you must admit you are unable or unwilling to purchase your own and you have the audacity to infringe on a friend's generosity.

You see, this "shady" situation can come about only when you are too cheap to buy a simple pair of sunglasses yourself. So the most simple and logical solution is to get up and buy yourself your own sun sensor eye wear. And in that case, this entire article is a ridiculous waste. So don't bother reading it.

Outstanding prof nominations now being accepted

by Amy Barlage
Staff Writer

Again this year, an NKU faculty member will be rewarded on commencement day for excellent service to the university and the community.

Nominations for eligible faculty are now being accepted for the fifth annual Outstanding Professor Award, which includes a \$1,000 grant from the NKU Foundation. To be nominated, the faculty member must meet certain qualifications.

All nominees must be on tenure track, with at least three years' full-time teaching at Northern. He or she must be currently teaching at least half-time. If he or she accepts the nomination, the professor must be present at commencement.

A packet of information regarding the nominee's achievements is also required. A letter from the department chairman, along with letters from two other faculty members must be submitted.

Evidence of excellence in classroom teaching must appear in the packet. Results of evaluations from students at the end of each semester are used in determining how effective an instructor is.

Extensive involvement in the community is also a consideration for nomination.

Selection of the outstanding professor will be based on how well the criteria in the packet are met.

The previous recipients of the Outstanding Professor Award will serve as the selection committee to choose the 1985 award-winner. These professors are Dr. Robert Wallace, Dr. Janet Johnson, Dr. Larry Giesmann and Dr. Steve Boyd.

Nominations may be made by any member of the NKU community. March 27 at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for all nominations. These should be turned in at the office of the Provost, Administrative Center 812.



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Drawings current exhibit

The Main Gallery in the Fine Arts building is currently hosting a show titled *Drawings*, a collection of recent works by Dale Leys.

Leys, a professor of art at Murray State, was on the NKU campus last week to give a slide presentation and to conduct a workshop for interested art students and faculty members. His slide presentation was a combination of his own work, those of his students, and outdoor slides taken when canoeing and camping with his family and friends.

He said that the outdoor landscape influences his work and that he often walks in the southern Kentucky wilderness looking for fossils, stones, pieces of wood, animal bones and any unusual or striking thing which he encounters. He brings these items back to his studio and uses the shapes and forms to set up an arrangement and then applies his technique to create an ideographic representation of both objects and personal events.

Leys gave a demonstration of his method which involves a number of materials. He uses pastels, graphite, spray fix, typewriter erasers, sanding papers, conte sticks and sturdy drawing paper.

With these materials he builds and models the colors and shadings to achieve a surface that looks polished and appears almost to have been printed by a machine.

He developed his technique by careful experimentation and said that he spends from 10 days on a small drawing to four months on a large work.

Leys is a graduate of the Layton School of Arts and has an MFA from the University of Minnesota. His show runs through March 4.

Sports shorts

After a halftime deficit of 13 points to Cincinnati, the Lady Norse basketball team staged a valiant comeback to within two points with 22 seconds to play.

NKU ultimately fell short, losing 78-74 Thursday night at Regents Hall. All-American Cheryl Cook paced UC with a fast break offense in the first half that Northern just couldn't handle.

"In the first half we let them (the Bearcats) get into their game," NKU coach Nancy Winstel said. "We became more aggressive in the second half and I felt like they didn't stop us at all."

Nancy Dickman led all scorers with 26 points, including her 1000th career point. Clare Lester and Pam King added 19 and 17 points respectively.

Central State outscored NKU men's basketball team 20-4 over a period of seven minutes in the second half handing Northern a 78-67 loss Saturday night.

Dan Fleming had 16 points for NKU and Willie Schlarman added 15 and Larry Hock chipped in with 10.

The loss was Northern's second of the week as they were defeated by Kentucky State 49-47 Wednesday.

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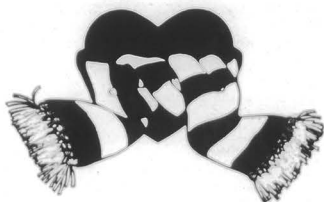
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Tuesday, February 19

- NKU Men's Basketball hosts Bethel at 7:30 p.m. at Regents Hall.
- Nightwriters meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the University Center.

Wednesday, February 20

- Baptist Student Union lunch encounter at noon in the BSU house, 514 Johns Hill road. Cost is \$1.
- BSU Bible study at 1:15 in the BSU house. Everyone is welcome.
- Wednesday Lunch Seminar at 1 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Topic: "Financial Planning Workshop for Faculty." Speakers: Julie Gerdson and Lynn Langmeyer and a panel of off-campus financial planners and consultants.
- Theta Phi Bake Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. in BEP.

Thursday, February 21

- Christian Student Fellowship invites you to a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the CSF Campus House on Johns Hill Road. For more information call 441-9619. Ask for Patty or Paula.
- Baptist Student Union Prayer and Share at 7:30 p.m. at the BSU house.

Friday, February 22

- BSU Bible study at noon in BEP
- 314. Movie Madness in the BSU house at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

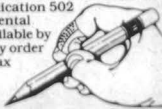
Sunday, February 24

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Pooky Bear was kidnapped!!! Alias "La Puge" or "Lexington Party Dude," TMC Student Government's mascot. If seen, contact Fridge and Lollipop.

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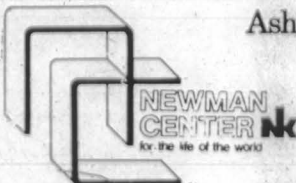
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