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Steely roof receiving repairs

Northerner staff report

Repairs, estimated at \$143,000, were recently initiated to fix the deteriorating flat roof of Steely Library, according to Gene Scholes, vice president for administration.

"We have had a leaky library roof for two years," Scholes said. "We've taken every measure we could take to provide temporary remedies...until the appropriate funds were acquired (to pay for repairs)."

Scholes added that water damage was minimal because of the temporary measures taken.

Hoge, Warr, and Zimmerman roofers are doing the repairs, which should be completed in early January, Scholes said.

The flat roofing, he noted, is being repaired as an emergency correction of a problem-not as part of the master plan for the library.



TIME FOR A FACE LIFT: Rick Faigle reaches for a mounting bracket to attach to the back of the library in preparation for removal of the old

SG proposes parking expansion

by Trina Ellis

Once again Student Government battles with the administration over the parking problem at NKU.

Students continue to receive parking tickets from the Department of Public Safety due to insufficient parking facilities

Rep-at-large Kevin Maines introduced a resolution Oct. 5 asking DPS to cease all citations. However tickets have continued to be given and the students are beginning to lose faith in Student

> SG's suggestion DPS's suggestion SG's original proposal

At SG's Nov. 2 meeting, less than a month after the adoption of the first resolution, a new proposal was presented. This proposal was co-sponsored by Kevin Maines and SG Rep. Rich Nielson, asking that the administration seriously look at expansion of the present parking facilities, specifically looking at expanding lot A from its present location all the way to Campbell Drive.

"It's time for a change now," said Nielson, "the administration is obsessed with a master plan which does not deal with the parking problem for about five years," adding that it isn't going to help the 9,000-plus students presently attending NKU.

"This request does have a price tag,"said SG Rep. Jeff Swoepe. "But we can't afford a \$6 million facelift right now." \$5-6 million is the estimated cost for the proposed parking garage which is not scheduled for construction until late 1992 or early 1993.

"We offered the administration a cheap way out," said Kevin Maines. "All we asked them to do was stop giving tickets to students. After all, they're not to blame for the lack of parking spaces available.

'Many of the meetings with administration officials that I've been part of will say that 'if it ain't broke, don't fix

"I believe that if it's broke, then it's time to fix it. If they don't stop giving tickets, then they have to expand the parking facilities.

Maines and Neilson will be meeting with Dan Drake, the director of NKU's physical plant to discuss the feasibility of the expansion and accurate estimates. Later this week, Maines and Frank Hicks, another SG representative, will be touring the university with plant officials and SG officers to observe the problem from a safety point of view.

Five buildings wrap up repairs

by Debbie Bertsch

Repairs on the red, slanted steel roofs of five buildings were completed last month at an estimated cost of \$229,000, said Gene Scholes, vice president for administration

The roofs repaired were those on the Landrum building, Natural Science building, Steely Library, University Center, and the Fine Arts building. These roofs, Scholes said, are made of corten steel, "a product that was supposed to rust naturally and therefore color in a reddish tint." But the steel rusted through and caused water leakage, Scholes said.

"Little pinholes developed and needed to be repaired," Scholes explained, adding that corten steel rusting is a state-wide

The roofs were not replaced, but were covered with a sealer to prevent leakage. "We think we'll get at least 10 years out of this roofing material," Scholes said.

Murphy Brothers, a roofing repair company, began repairs in early summer, Scholes said.

Money for the payment of all roofing repairs comes from a construction reserve account, according to Scholes. "(The money) does not come from funds that could be used for any purpose (other than construction)." Scholes said.

Northern displays da Vinci exhibit

by Rhonda Sheridan

Leonardo da Vinci was a genius whose name alone evoked awe and fascination for even the most common observer. His works of art are known to all and his inquisitive nature lives on as an inspiration to the open mind.

NKU will host an IBM-sponsored exhibit of working models based on da Vinci's engineering designs. The exhibit will be on display in the University Library Loggia from Nov. 5 through Dec. 2.

The IBM traveling exhibit of movable models is a reproduction of da Vinci's scientific and technological drawings.

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In search of the perfect provost

by Kelly Rolfes Staff writer

A new committee containing seven NKU faculty members has been formed to search for a provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at NKU, stated a faculty representative.

Tom Kearns, chair of the committee and associate professor and chairperson in the math department stated he, Robert Bussom, Dean of the business college, and John Sebree, student government president, were selected by University President Leon Boothe to the committee. The Faculty Senate selected the other four members which include: Linda Olasov—assistant professor of education; Nancy Martin—assistant professor of music; Bob Wallace—professor of English; Connie Widmer—professor of education and assistant chair/director of graduate studies.

"The next provost will greatly affect the reputation of the university, the quality of its programs and the environment in which we carry out our responsibilities as faculty members," stated the faculty representative. The provost is the chief academic officer of NKI providing academic leadership for the university.

The provost's duties include: academic planning, budgeting academic affairs and administrative duties regarding academic personnel decisions, stated the representative.

The provost must also evaluate programs and establish priorities toward achieving the missions and goals of the university, added the representative. This involves looking at community and state trends and needs and creating programs to meet those needs.

In addition, stated the representative, the college deans, including the University College dean, the associate provost and directors of academic support units all report to the provost.

Besides asking for faculty input, stated the representative, the committee has published an advertisement in various

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academic publications for the position. The advertisement states that the applicant must have a doctorate degree, university teaching experience, proven leadership abilities, three years experience in university academic administration, scholarly achievements and the ability to teach in some area within the university.

Interviews will be held in the spring

semester, opefully in late February or early March, stated the representative. Faculty will be given the opportunity to meet and evaluate the candidate which the committee will consider in their final decision. If the position is not filled by the specified time, interviews will be held after the accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visit, scheduled for the last week in March.

Classes offered to elderly Senior citizens celebrate Constitution

by Jean Bach Staff writer

NKU President Leon Boothe and several faculty members will participate in the fourth annual Elderhostel program being held Nov. 15-20.

Elderhostel is an international organization that offers senior citizens (60 years of age or older) a chance to attend classes on various hands-on activities. These classes are offered at various universities and college campuses around the world.

"The most popular classes are those dealing with crafts, current issues, history and religious programs," said Gary Eith, director of community services and coordinator of the event.

The theme of this year's program is the "Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution-Get Involved!"

President Boothe will be the special guest speaker and will discuss "Foreign Policy and the Constitution. The discussion will focus on early U.S. foreign policy and how it helped structure the colonies.

Fred Rhynhart, an associate professor of political science, will address the topic "Should we Increase or Decrease the President's Executive War Power?" This program will examine the War Powers Act and the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

James Ramage, professor of history, will speak on the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and assist in showing several historical films.

Some of the sessions will be held and lodging provided at Butler State Park, although some classes will be held on campus at NKU, according to Eith.

Cost for the program is \$205 which includes lodging, meals and tours of NKU and the northern Kentucky area.

With more than 50 people attending from 10-12 different states, this session of Elderhostel is already booked to capacity, but future programs are being planned.

Computer gives advice

by Troy May Staff writer

A self advising computer program known as "Expert System" is in production to assist Masters in Business Administration students at NKU according to Sudesh Duggal, professor business figures.

Duggal said that the system would assist the director of the MBA school and would provide more time for the director and the MBA student because they won't have to wait for the director to become available.

The first phase in operating the program is to enter personal information including undergraduate curriculum, Duggal said. The system then analyzes this data in order to advise precisely what courses are required for that patricular MBA student.

"The program will be like a professor advising—keeping track of what classes have been completed, what needs to be completed and informing the student of a difficult course load. These are just a few of the procedures," Duggal said.

He said the program will be continually updated with the most recent changes

in the curriculum or students' personal information. This will provide for more accurate advising.

When the program is completed it will be available on a floppy diskette which can be used on any MS-DOS compatible computer, Duggal said.

"An MBA student can obtain the program from the MBA director's office," Duggal said. "The student will be creating their own data base."

Duggal has applied for a grant, consisting of clerical help, from NKU in order to finish the program. A decision will be made at the end of this month; if approved, the final product should be available to the MBA students in the late summer. If the grant is disapproved the program will be completed at a later date.

Duggal said that he developed the MBA computer advising program first because it is a small unit. "Once it is developed it can be implemented at any level."

The program was suggested when problems aroused from a shortage in counselors, Duggal said, "When I was in a professional committee last year, I thought something of this nature could be developed."

Rock 'n' roll debate reveals racism/sexism

College Pross Service

It's only rock of roll, says best-selling author Allan Bloom, and he doesn't like it.

In fact, the University of Chicago professor blames rock—and other forms of popular culture—for closing the American mind.

Other educators, however, say Bloom's argument smacks of elitism, sexism and racism. "His shot at rock 'n' roll is ludicrous," said University of Oaklahoma English professor David Gross. "It's his mind that's closed."

Bloom's The closing of the American mind, a nationwide bestseller for more than 20 weeks, has sparked considerable debate about the role of higher education in American society. Bloom's book argues that higher education is failing because curricula no longer emphasize classical Western cultural studies.

Popular culture, Bloom writes, has made Americans intellectually lazy and inept.

Bloom describes a typical rock fan as "a pubescent child whose body throbs with orgasmic rhythms; whose feelings are made articulate in hymns (about) the joys of onanism or the killing of parents; whose ambition is to win fame and wealth in imitating the drag queen who makes the music."

The sentiment doesn't sit well in some places.

A sign in Bowling Green State University's (Ohio) popular culture department's office predicts "Allan Bloom will burn in hell."

Bloom would have "a small elite group of people define what is of value and ram it down people's throats," said Bowling

Green pop culture professor Jack Nachbar

Popular culture studies are offered at Bowling Green, said Nachbar, to help students understand their environment better. "We provide a means for students, a way to understand their environment better and to help them think critically."

Bloom also atacks academics for teaching "relativism," examining issues comparatively, without imposing absolute values. Young people view any idea as just as good as any other, Bloom argues. As a society, we should apply an absolute standard to all ideas, philosophies and teachings, he says.

"We see it (relativism) as a wonderful development," said Bowling Green's Nachbar. "When you disregard relativism you open yourself up to academic fascism."

"He puts down pluralism so easily," said Gross, who lectures on rock and roll lyrics at Oaklahoma. "He talks so easily about 'the truth.' But wisdom is not some self-contained platitude from Plato. It's ridiculous to say that everything you need to know about truth and wisdom is contained in a few books."

"Bloom assumes the achievements of white, male, western tradition are the only ones we need," Gross added. "That's racist in practice."

Nachbar agrees Bloom's arguments smack of racism and sexism, but points out that it's unintentional. His worship of Plato, Shakespeare and Beethoven, Nachbar said, reflects a "white, maledominated culture," not a conscious effort to exclude female and non-white male artists and philosphers.

Although Bloom decries popular culture as brain candy, Gross says rock,

popular movies and other media have value as culture and art. Rock and roll, like Dickens, has an appeal to the masses, but it can also engage the soul on very important issues."

"The majority of rock is mindless entertainment, but the best stuff can be engaging," Gross said.

"Bruce Springsteen—on every single album there's a raw energy there as well as an extremely thoughtful introspection," Gross asserted, citing songs such as "The River," "My Father's House," and "Darkness on the Edge of Town."

"That line from 'The River,' 'Is a dream a lie if it don't come true,' has direct connections to the work of Langston Hughes and Ecclesiastes," Gross asserted.

Nachbar said pop artists won't replace Beethoven and Plato as cultural icons, and it's "irrelevant to analyze them in such terms, like comparing oranges and apples." Gross, however, predicts Bob Dylan and the movie "Casablanca" will be viewed reverentially by future generations.

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Editorial A poem

Beware young poli-sci Camelot,
The bones in your closet might tattle,
How once at a party you blew pot,
And a career is dead before its first battle.
Thus was the fate of Judge Ginsburg,
(I wonder if he's a brother to Allen?)
Like the Titanic sank from an Iceberg,
His ambition for Supreme Court Judge had fallen.
T'was not a question of moral or ethic,
But a legal one at best.
For it seems that his college day schtick,
Wasn't much different than the rest.
Dear Nancy, what do we do next?

Now Gore and Babbitt have fessed up,
While Jackson swears he never.
Simon says he drank beer as a pup,
Still Ginsburg was not very clever.
It seems most people when asked didn't care,
And those who did really don't matter.
What a man does in his own lair,
Is hardly worth all the chatter.
Course it was ethics that killed Hart,
But it might also have been less.
His fate was sealed from the start,
Cause he was stupid and challenged the press.
Dear Nancy, I think they're all hexed.

So Ronnie you'd better act fast,
You're almost at the end of your term.
Two judges tried but neither would last,
And the wave's almost gone from Nancy's perm.
Hark! a shining white Knight appears on the glade,
But a judge named Kennedy?
"My God, he's weak," said a senior White House aide,
"At this rate we'll go through ten a day."
More damage is feared and hey, why not,
Congress will have to make extensive checks.
Kennedy and Wilkins are now all they've got,
And even their records may have specks.
Oh dear Nancy, I'm so perplexed.

The president adamently defended his nominee, As poor Ginsburg read his statement. The Office of Government Ethics made an inquiry, And thus came his abatement.

So remember young poli-sci Camelot, When closet bones begin to rattle, You won't have to have smoked pot a lot, Like a cowboy without his cattle, Your career will have come to an end. And all the time and effort you will have wasted, Despite any attempt to defend, All over the newspapers you will be pasted, Oh Nancy, I'm getting sick — Amen!



Taking things for granted

Being a working college student has many disadvantages, mainly having a lack of spare time.

Everyone needs everything done yesterday, and more and more needs to be done. When you finally graduate from school, you take on more responsibility and more work.

Things shouldn't have to be so rushed. You should be able to have time for your family and friends. Otherwise you end up taking people you care about for granted.

What happens to our time? It seems like you keep going and never get anything done.

Valerie Spurr

Remember being a teenager just going to school, having very little homework, no real work, and plenty of spare time?

Those were the good old days! We used most of this time with our friends in the neighborhood. That's when you have the opportunity to really get to know someone. You cherish those memories forever. What happened to all of those friends? As you get older you don't have the time to spend with them. You lose touch with people you care about, but don't even have the time to realize it.

It's ironic that you can be so close to someone for such a long time, and lose all contact with them. When you do see those old friends, you remember the old times, and know there will always be a special bond between you from growing up together.

These friendships are often taken for granted. As you get busier, you stop finding time for them. But when you lose a friend you realize how important the time you spend with them is. You keep thinking I should have called, just kept in touch.

You can't be forewarned, and don't realize things can, and do, happen. Many of us have lost someone close, and are left with memories and questions. Why dowe take our family and friends for granted? Why didn't I spend more time with him? Why did he have to die? Was I there for him when he needed me?

We are left with a feeling of emptiness and these questions. Why don't we do something about it? When you lose someone you were close to, you think about the loss of time spent with them. You've got to make time for your family and friends; they're all you have.

Recently, a friend of mine died. He was only 21. It really made me think of al! the memories, but I wish I could have spent more time with him. He was busy working, and I never found the time. His sudden death took me by surprise, and really made me think. I remember some fantastic times I spent with him and the other kids in the neighborhood.

You lose touch when you're older. People change, ege tousy, get out in the 'real' world, and make more friends. There is a bond between you and those you grow up with. You spend so much time with them as children, they become part of your family. They are different from the people you meet later in life.

All of my old friends from the neighborhood shared the same loss with me. Remembering the days I spent with Matt made me realize when we were kids, we had plenty of time to be together. Having less time shouldn't make you take your friends for granted.

Matt's death has been on my mind. It shouldn't take a tragedy to make you realize how special someone is to you. It shouldn't take a tragedy to realize old friends are very special.

I learned a lesson through Matt's deat!: "ind :ime for those who are special to you. When they're gone it's too late.

Readers' views

School spirit at Midnight

To the editor

The Norsemen and to thank all of the NKU students and tans who came to see our Midnight Madness practice. This was the largest turnout of students that I have seen for any of our

games. Also, thanks to Pam Cupp and Student Activities. Who says NKU doesn't have any school spirit?

> Sincerely, Mike Beitzel Basketball Coach

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Condoms not just for men

College Press Service

Women students reportedly are a lot more interested in the campus condom craze than men, various sources say.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Health Center, for example, has sold only 12 condoms since August, and all have been to women, said nurse Supervisor Ruth Hanon.

About 65 percent of all the condoms bought are purchased by women, added Margaret Whited Scarborough, of Denver's Westvend Corp., which makes condom vending machines.

When it comes to free condoms, however, the genders no longer discriminate.

The University of Minnesota gave away an estimated 3,000 free condoms at orientation in September, though freshman Eugene Mayer said as many as half the rubbers given away at his session were taken by women, too.

"That schocked me," Mayer said. "I thought it was just something for men."

At the University of British Columbia, "gladiators" threw an estimated 10,000 condoms from a truck outfitted to look like the Trojan Horse to campus passersby, who reportedly left none laying around.

Otherwise, however, shyness still seems to keep many students from taking advantage of campus condom machines or services.

Nebraska's Hanon "really didn't ex-

pect anyone to come in and ask for them" because it meant standing in a waiting room, and telling the receptionist what was wanted.

"Women," she said, "usually take the responsibility for sexual activity, whether it's birth control or keeping themselves safe. Women take AIDS more seriously than men."

Fifty-five percent of the people who use the University of Florida's Protection Connection—which delivers condoms to buyers' doors in plain brown bags—are women, reported Scott Bluestein, a partner in the business.

Still another Protection Connection, offering a similar service, has franchises on 10 campuses in Virginia, Texas and California.

Protek at the University of California at Davis delivers pamphlets about sexually communicable diseases along with condoms and contraceptive sponges, and has spawned franchises as far away as Purdue and Penn State.

Such services were frowned on just a short time ago.

In 1985, Harvard kicked a condomdelivery service called Spermbusters off campus because, officials said, it was "inappropriate." The private business, owned by two students, quickly dies.

In 1986, University of Texas administrators similarly kept a studentowned service off the Austin campus.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Movie exposes 'glamour' of drugs

by Sam Droganes

Editor's note: On a recent trip to St. Louis for a college journalists convention, some members of the staff were given an opportunity to preview the film Less Than Zero before its nation-wide release. Our sports editor, Sam Droganes, was one of those in attendance at the preview and the following is his report.

Less Than Zero, starring Andrew McCarthy, Jamie Gertz and Robert Downey, Jr. is at least appropriately titled. If I were assigning from one to five stars to this movie, its title is how many the movie would receive—less than zero.

McCarthy, who plays "Clay," a college freshman who returns to Beverly Hills for Christmas for the first time since beginning school in the east, performs solidly in a script written otherwise for moronic drug addicts.

Jamie Gertz plays "Blair," Clay's old high school girlfiend. She has appeared in Crossroads and Quicksilver, as well as the TV show Square Pegs.

Robert Downey, Jr. is Julian, Clay's best friend, whose stated life's ambition is to deal drugs.

With Clay as the only clean-cut, nondrug-using character in an all-drug atmosphere, the movie shifts from scene to scene without ever establishing so much as a theme, let alone a plot.



PARTY TIME: The crew from Less Than Zero (Andrew McCarthy, Robert Downey, Jr. and Jami Gertz) experienced the fast lane with cocaine exposing the glamour and horror of drugs.

Throughout the movie we are introduced to some sick characters, like Julian, whose god is drugs and whose temple of worship is any Los Angeles party. They seemingly worship daily. The constant drug abuse is simply overdone.

Is seems poor Julian, whom the au-

dience is supposed to have sympathy for, skipped Economics 101 in favor of Introduction to Cocaine 100 and thus missed the simple law of supply and demand. In six months he racked up a \$50,000 drug bill. His supplier is slightly upset (read: contemplating murder) with him.

So Clay rushes to the rescue, along with Blair, to save poor little Julian from the bad drug dealer, his lifestyle and his worst enemy, himself.

Exposing the purported glamour of drugs for the horrifying experience it is in reality is a great idea. What an extravagant a right?

The movie should have been a documentary: "Julian, Rice Crispie: The Life of a Cracklin' Fool."

Now, don't get me wrong, there are some good points to the movie. Like when Clay wins back Blair and they make out in the middle of a city street while a bunch of bikers file to either side of the car without disturbing them. It's not great stuff but you really must work to find some saving grace in this film.

The music is very good and includes selections by the Bangles and some tunes written by Paul Simon. But who goes to a movie just to listen to the music? Besides, the Christmas rap song just doesn't get it.

There are also a few taughs but it's a movie about drugs. As such it fails miserably to give the viewer anything. A good movie usually leaves me wanting more. This one had me thanking the projectionist it was over and evacuating the theater for fear they'd force me to see something like it again.

If this is what Hollywood has to offer, they may be headed for times worse than Wall Street. Less Than Zero certainly is.

Performer gives and shares talent with others Opera singer on campus to perform and teach students

by Sue Wright

Basso William de Valentine has electrified audiences worldwide with his voice—famous for its expressiveness and striking tone.

Students can see, hear, and learn from de Valentine—described as possessing a voice as "bright as gold and as smooth in texture as velvet"—when he comes to NKU on Nov. 12.

"This is a great experience for students because they will be able to hear him perform and also hear him talk about how he took charge of his career," Nancy Martin, professor and coordinator of de Valentine's activities at NKU, said.

De Valentine, a native of Galveston Texas, is a minority artist who has brought life to opera houses in Israel, Europe and America. Although not confronting much difficulty finding roles in areas like Germany—where opera singers are in high demand—de Valentine has overcome many stereotypic views concerning black men and the opera in the

United States.

His professional debut was in Milan, Italy, at the Teatro Nuovo, as Rodolfo in Cherubini's opera L'Osteria Portoghese.

His American debut was with the Cincinnati Summer Opera, as the First Nazarene in Richard Strauss's Salome.

De Valentine, who majored in music at Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles State College, has most recently taught at the University of the Pacific's Conservatory of Music, Stockton, California.

"It's great that he is a performer and a professor," Martin said. "He is an excellent role model, and he has so much talent to give and share with others."

Martin said that she had talked to de Valentine last week, at a reception at the Taft Museum. She said she was impressed with his interest about Northern and his enthusiasm to come here.

"He asked me about the talent we have here," Martin said. "He is very eager to come hear and work with students.

"It is good for the university to bring

someone of this reputation here," she

De Valentine's visit is in cooperation with the Robert Duncanson Artist-in Residence program at the Taft Museum and sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council through the Minority Outreach initiative program and by a grant from the Prudential Foundation of Newark, N.J.

The first activity on Nov. 12 will be a

free mini-concert in the Fine Arts Center Theatre at 10:50 a.m. A lecture and discussion on "Self-Management for Young Performers" immediately follows the concert and continues until 12:15 p.m. From 2-4 p.m., in The Fine Arts Center room 300, a workshop, "Vocal Techniques for Young Professional Singers" will be presented. De Valentine will work with students in voice training.

'Food Fast' raises issues

by Sue Wright Staff writer

If you have ever been stuck at school, and forgotten your lunch, you've probably gone home saying "I'm so hungry, I feel like I'm starving!"

This minute bout with hunger may seem devasting to us, but according to Fr. John Cahill of the Newman Center, the feeling of hunger occurs everyday, nonstop, for people who are less fortunate han we are.

To bring awareness to the problem, Cahill and the Newman Center are sponsoring 'Food Fast' on Thursday, Nov.19. Cahill will be signing up any interested student, faculty, or staff member on Nov. 11 and 12 in the University Center Lobby.

"This is a 24 hour fast from solid food," Cahill said. "We want to call to mind that there are starving people in the world,

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'Party school' has always been strict

College Press Service

Playboy Magazine's 1986 ranking of Mercer University—a Southern Baptist institution—as one of the country's best party schools last week led to a large student rally against what the students say is a struggle for control of the school.

An Atlanta businessman has tried to get the Georgia Baptist Convention to oust the school's board of trustees because they allegedly have let the campus stray from rigid disciplinary rules.

Mercer President Raleigh Kirby

Godsey called the takeover attempt "political fundamentalism."

Still, citing the Playboy article and other "dramatic evidence of filthy language, lewd photographs, heresies, student drunkenness and sexually explicit material," businessman and fundamentalist Baptist layman Lee Roberts sent an open letter to Baptist Pastors, Mercer faculty members and parents of Mercer students criticizing the campus.

Roberts asked to have Mercer placed in the hands of Georgia Baptist Covention, not the schools board of trustees. He accused Godsey of heresies which included questioning the deity of Jesus.

Last week, Mercer's 6,000 students rallied to support Godsey, who told them, "This University will not be taken over by anybody."

Roberts charges were "simply nonsense," Godsey said.

Karen Jacobs, editor of Mercer's student paper, said Roberts' allegations "cannot be substantiated."

"We are not a party school," added Holly McCorkle, a senior and student government vice president. "Mercer's always had rules. And it's always been etrict".

and we can make changes about it."

Cahill said he had discussed the idea about having the fast with students at Newman Center and they thought it was a good idea. Having the fast in November is very significant Cahill said, because this is a time when we as Americans are thinking about food.

"Having the fast on Nov.19, the Thursday before Thanksgiving, is very important because it reminds us of the overabundance of food we have." Cahill said. "This is the beginning of the holiday season, where there is so much emphasis on eating, while others may not be able to get any food."

Cahill said that we have not overcome the problems of starvation because we haven't developed a way to feed people. He said that starting small, with a fast like "Food Fast" can raise issues in people's minds about what can be done.

"We have to raise two questions," Cahill said. "Why are people hungry? Then when we have answered that we can start talking about what to do about it."

Cahill said that hunger is not a problem of scarcity, but a political problem.

He explained that in poor countries, even if food production is increased, the hungry never get fed. The extra food goes to the richer people who have access to it, not to the less fortunate who can't afford to buy anything.

"The extra food that a country produces may even end up going to extra food for us, in our supermarkets," Cahill said.

The United States has difficulty combating the problem also, Cahill said. Our money may address other issues, like strategic motives, that may not help the poor.

"We can really make changes if we want to," Cahill said. "We need to examine the food aid programs the United States has now so that people are enabled to learn how to feed themselves," he said.

Cahill added that a small fast like this can lead people to have a "heightened and deeper commitment to the problem." He said that so far, he had signed up students, faculty and staff and hoped to get a lot more involved.

Cahill, who has been at Northern since 1985, said this was the first time—that he knew of—that the university had done something like this. He added that he decided not to have money involved because of the newness of the project.

Cahill said that after the fast, if people want to make bigger changes in world hunger, they can attend "Bread for the World Meetings," a group that works on seeking legislative changes for the problem. Call the Newman Center at 781-3775 for more information.

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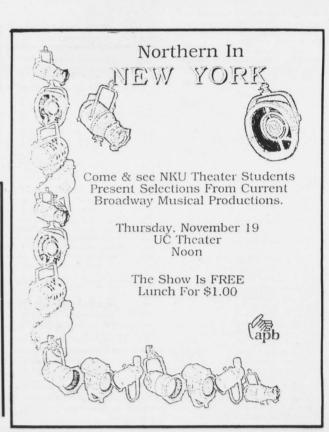
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Sports

Norse 'get the rhythm' in tenth straight win

by Sam Droganes

The NKU women's volleyball team last Wednesday (Nov. 4) defeated conference rival Bellarmine for their 10th straight victory, clinching a tie for the lead in the GLVC as teams head into Conference tournament play.

Playing at home the lady Norse downed the Belles 17-15, 15-3, 15-3 for their second victory over the 8-15 Louisville team. The team is now seeded second in the tournament that begins Nov. 17 at Indiana/Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

The opening of game one saw the Norse take a 4-0 lead on some fine offense, including a serving ace from sophomore Molly Messmer. The Belles eventually tied it at 8-8 and went ahead on the serving efforts of Alexandria, Ky. freshman Diane Weinel. The Bellarmine team gave the Norse all they could handle, taking a 12-9 lead before NKU coach Jane Meier used a very timely timeout to plan more effective strategy.

"We got a slow start," Meier said, commenting on the first game. "We hadn't played in a week and I knew...Bellarmine always plays tough early.

"They played well. They served better than we did, they passed better than we did, and that was the difference."

Soon after the Norse were looking at a 14-10 Bellarmine lead. But the Norse held true to form as they pulled their

'Gold Club' sponsors exhibition game

Northerner staff report

An exhibition basketball doubleheader is being sponsored by the NKU booster club, known as the "Gold Club." The Norsemen will take on an amateur team composed of former Kentucky college players, previously sponsored by

Marathon Oil. Kyle Macy, James Lee, Derrick Hord and Charles Hurt are former University of Kentucky players who are on the Charter roster. The team is sponsored by Charter of Kentucky hospitals and began play on October 31st.

Tickets are \$3 general admission for the doubleheader. NKU students will be admitted free with an ID and faculty with ID will be admitted for \$2.



SLAM: Prudi Downs, no. 24, goes for a spike against Bellarmine College Wednesday, (Nov. 4)

reserves and tightened up the lead. Freshman Ann Fishburn captured a point on her serving effort and added a spectacular diving save to help gain another.

The score went to 15-14 when NKU's

Jenny Huber tied it up. The Norse then recaptured the lead on a kill by senior Deb Holford, 16-15. The next serve was misplayed by Bellarmine and the lady Norse squeaked out a 17-15 victory in what was probably one of the most exciting opening games at home this year. "We had to get the rhythm going," said Meier. "One good thing is we didn't lose it."

Games two and three were a bit less exciting but more characteristic of the experienced Norsewomen. In game two they opened with a 1-0 deficit but stopped Bellarmine dead in their tracks rattling off 13 unanswered points.

Junior Jennifer Quast recorded a number of kills and helped shut down the opposing offense that had given the ladies so much trouble in the first game.

In game three the ladies apparently sensed a sweep as they again took an early lead. It got as close as 5-3 before Northern took over to win 15-3.

Huber now leads the GLVC in kills per game with 3.39 and is second in hitting percentage with a .337. Prudi Downs and Quast rank first and second respectively in the conference in blocks.

Results of the ladies performance this past weekend were unavailable at the time of this writing. Pending the outcome of those three contests against nationally-ranked Ferris State, IU/PU Ft. Wayne, and Grand Valley the Norse are 22-7 overall, 11-1 in the GLVC.

Tonight the ladies play in their final home game of the season. They take on the College of Mount St. Joseph, ranked 15th in the country two weeks ago with a 25-5 record.

Sports this week

١	Nov. 11	Volleyball Hosts College of Mount St. Joseph	7 p.m.
١	Nov. 14	Men's Basketball hosts Charter of Kentucky - Exhibition	TBA
١	Nov. 17	Volleyball in GLVC Championship (first round at I.U.)	TBA
	Nov. 20	Volleyball in GLVC Championship (at IU/PU)	TBA
	Nov. 20	Men's Basketball hosts Tiffin in NKU Lionsd tournament	TBA
	Nov. 21	Men's Cross Country in Division II Nationals (at Southern Ind.)	TBA
	Nov. 21	Women's Cross Country in Division II Nationals (at Southern Ind.)	TBA
	Nov. 21	Volleyball in GLVC Championship (at IU/PU)	TBA
	Nov. 24	Men's Basketball at Central State	TBA

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Non athletes receive drug testing

College Press Service

At least one school says it will start testing nonathletes for drugs and another is considering doing so, but observers don't expect many more colleges will force all their students to take drug tests.

To do so, said University of Hartford President Stephen J. Trachtenburg, would be a "troubling invasion of individual privacy. If we do go down that road, we should test college administrators as well, starting with the presidents."

More than 130 campuses now require students participating in varsity athletics to undergo tests to determine if they use cocaine, marijuana, heroin, steroids and other illegal drugs.

Athletic directors at Duke and Stansee Drugs, page 9

ford, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, have complained that such tests set a precedent allowing schools to force all students to prove they don't use illicit drugs.

In fact, at least one school now requires nonathletes to undergo drug testing, and another is considering doing so.

At Central Florida Community College, any of the 160 students who participate in activities "representative of

Calendar

The Leonardo da Vinci IBM Exhibit will be on display in the Steely Library Loggia, until December 2.

June Jordan is the featured speaker in the literature and language department's 1987 "Fall Lecture Series." Two free programs: "The Poet's Voice: Reading with Commentary" on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. in the University Center Theatre, and "On Women's Literature: A Talk with NKU Students" on Friday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. in Landrum, room 506.

The Museum of Anthropology is showing a series of films called "On Women in a Changing World" in room 426 of Nunn Hall, every Tuesday at 2:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. The films are free and open to the public.

On Friday, November 20, at 8 p.m. in the University Center Theatre, there will be an "Environmental Affair" meeting for those interested in local environment activism. Two movies will be shown and several regional environmental groups will provide information about their activities. Admission is free.

The "Short Wave Radio Club" will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. If interested in attending the meeting see Ms. Jentsch in Landrum 530 for details.

There will be a free choral concert on Thursday, Nov. 12, on the Main Stage of the Fine Arts Center.

There will be a free "Keyboard Kaleidoscope" concert Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3 p.m., on the Main Stage of the Fine Arts Center.

On Thursday, Nov. 22, Basso William de Valentine win oe in residence at NKU for a mini-concert at 10:50 a.m. with a lecture and discussion, "Singing: Managing Your Own Career" immediately following until 12:15 p.m. on the Main Stage of the Fine Arts Center. De Valentine will conduct a workshop "Vocal Techniques for Young Professional Singer" from 2 p.m. 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center room 300.

APB is having a children's film, Pete's Dragon, on Saturday, Nov. 14, in the University Center Theatre at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. the university"—such as theater, dance, music and cheerleading—may be selected to submit a urine sample to be tested for illegal drug use, said Dean of Student Development Bud Gilligan.

Gilligan said the school does not have a "particular problem with drug use. We want to prevent a problem."

"You're going to see more of this," Gilligan predicted. "Educators need to get involved, rather than sit back, and raise student levels of drug awareness."

The University of Arizona may require nursing students to submit to drug tests. A proposed policy would have students who exhibit "inappropriate" behavior take them.

But such policies are misguided, said Leo Goodman-Malmouth, president of Governors State University in Illinois and the American Association of University Administrators.

"It's an overreaction. If institutions have strong, clearly written policies with strong sanctions, They'll find that's more effective than testing. That's the way to handle it."

Trachtenburg agrees education is a more effective way to combat drug abuse, and less authoritarian: "A university's job is to educate, not police."

"In the end, we'll have more sucess with education than policing," Trachtenburg said. "Prohibition should have shown us a lesson about how far we should be willing to control substance abuse in a Democratic society."

It's not unreasonable to test athletes for drug use, especially steroids, to ensure "fair and clear competition," he added. Steroids—illegal drugs used to build strenth and bulk in athletes—give unfair advantage, while illegal drugs which can weaken performances give opponents an edge.

Two weeks ago, for instance, Baylor University suspended sophomore linebacker Gary Joe Kinne after he tested positive for steroid use.

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Ethics prof plagiarizes

Williams College has reprimanded a philosophy and ethics professor, of all people, for allegedly plagiarizing a magazine article

Rosemary Tong, a former Carnegie Foundation professor of the year, confessed she'd "inadvertantly" used paragraphs from a New Republic magazine book review in a speech she gave in September at Connecticut's Greenwich High School.

Tong voluntarily apologized to the school, and returned her honorarium. She also notified the dean of the Williams College faculty, who last week issued the school's first reprimand.

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Richard Hansen, general manager of the fine arts department at NKU, stated that NKU was the "only" university in the U.S. to host the collection at this time. He added that Tom Edwards, professor of aviation at NKU, and the aviation department are responsible for securing the exhibit from IBM.

The opening of the exhibit on Nov. 5 began with an enthusiastic lecture by da Vinci scholar Johnathan Reiss, chairman of art history at the University of Cincinnati.

Reiss stated that da Vinci was foremost a scientist and secondly a painter. He added that painting was an "avocation" for da Vinci. Reiss went on to explain that da Vinci should be most known for his contributions to medicine. As an early anatomist, da Vinci set the grounds for medical research and study. Reiss concluded his lecture by stating that da Vinci's insatiable desire to invent was a reflection of his ability to see into the future. da Vinci was "ahead of his time."

The hands on exhibit consists of 24 wooden and metal models that can be operated by visitors. The exhibits have many present day characteristics. The observer can only be impressed with da Vinci's ability to see far into the future, he was truly a genius of his time and today

"da Vinci was a contemporary of his time who designed for the problems of his day," said Reiss. Adding that many of the models were created to serve during wartime and resemble the likes of modern day automation and aviation.

Reiss added that da Vinci was inspired to serve his country and he achieved this by creating vehicles that would advance his country during war times. Many of the da Vinci inventions were tossed aside because they were "too advanced for their time." especially the aviation inventions, said Reiss

The helicopter model is a reflection on da Vinci's fascination with spiral forms, which often appears in nature and is the priciple behind the screw. da Vinci's helicopter takes the form of an airial screw, an example he attempted to duplicate from a child's toy brought into Europe from the Far East.

da Vinci lived from 1452 to 1519, and he has left his mark on astronomy, botany, geology, flight, and landscape. Best known for his "Mona Lisa" painting now on display in the Louvre in Paris, he mastered the art of scientific drawing and displayed a capacity for invention unequaled by his contemporaries.

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