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Next Step For Football: The Vote

By Carle E. Bauer
News Editor

Proponents and opponents of the proposed NCAA Division II football team had their three minutes of fame at the two public forums held last week.

Faculty, staff and students were invited to attend the "Enhancing Intercollegiate Athletics at NKU" forums held in the University Center theater on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1-1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6-7:30 p.m. to share their comments regarding the NKU Football Committee's recommendations.

The recommendations are: women's soccer will be added, football will be added, more

women's sports will be added to meet Title IX Gender Equity laws, a students' sports fee will go into place, and private funds and donations will be needed to help cover costs.

People who wanted to speak their opinions had to sign up before entering and were asked to keep their statements limited to three minutes.

The forums were moderated by

Norleen Pomerantz, vice president of student affairs. The panel consisted of Interim President Jack Moreland; William

Erpenbeck, chair, NKU Football Committee; Jane Meier, director of intercollegiate athletics; Mary Kirk, chair, NKU Athletic Council; Tom Kearns, faculty athletic representative; and

Chris Saunders, student regent and

president of student government.

One issue most often brought up during the first forum was the fate of women's soccer at NKU.

Currently, the women are playing soccer in the form of a club team.

The women pay their own way, and are often turned down by other colleges to play because they are not recognized as a varsity women's soccer team, junior Jennifer Benjamin, speech major and vice president of the women's club team, said.

The women's club team also brought up concerns that the university is in violation of Title 9 concerning women's sports on campus.

"We don't want agreement, we want action. We put in a lot of work and we want some recognition," junior Ginger Riley, psychology major and President of the women's team, said.

President Moreland assured the students regardless of the fate of football at NKU, there will be a varsity women's soccer team in the fall.

Another issue on people's minds is the worry that the committee is putting priority on athletics over academics, citing the need for library books and a new science center.

Professor Jeffrey Williams, history and geography, gave the football report, a "C," and called it a "weak first draft."

Professor Tom Zaniello, director of the honors program, gave a "Top 10 List" of other ways to spend the money

to boost academics and Freshman Michelle Vires begged the committee to rethink their plans of adding football.

"We need financial help for academics. We have no books in our library. We have to go to the University of Cincinnati to get the books to read for our classes. Which is more important? Our studying, our books...or running fields?" Vires said.

Other complaints from attendants of the forum were that the report was inadequate, there are many unanswered questions, the costs are underestimated and fear that the committee's minds were already made up.

But just as there were opponents in the crowd, proponents of football came to show their support. Supporters cited student unity and school morale as

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Jennifer Benjamin



Clinton Howard

Young Democrats Rock D.C.

Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Volunteering their time with Senator Wendell Ford and the Clinton/Gore Campaign gave four Northern Kentucky University Students front row seats to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Glen McIntyre, Heather Schrader, Matt Barnes and Mark Roberts, officers of NKU's Young Democrats, spent Inaugural weekend hobnobbing with the rich and famous and sighting seeing in the nation's capital.

"Our group has worked closely with the campaign and Senator Wendell Ford," said Schrader, a junior international studies major.

Ford was the co-chair of the Inaugural Committee and Schrader said the Young Dems requested and received free tickets.

"Senator Ford was really gracious to us and gave us twenty tickets. He pulled us out before the first come, first serve lottery," she said. "We were really, really lucky. There were only 15,000 for the whole country. We had great seats...well, standing room."

Being part of the whole celebration was an experience Roberts said he will never forget.

"It was kind of an overwhelming experience," he said. "It makes you very proud to be an American. It reaffirms everything you've ever felt about the pride of being an American."

Each of the Young Democrats had a ticket to either the Tennessee Ball, which, according to Schrader, was the ball to attend or the 21st Century Youth Ball. Hootie and the Blowfish headlined the Tennessee Ball and LL Cool J, Sponge and Jewel played the Youth Ball.

"We were there," said Barnes, indicating the closeness he and McIntyre were to Hootie. "It was just awesome. We just walked around in awe. I felt like a little kid getting so excited watching all the limousines and walking down the red carpet into the ball."

Both President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore made appearances at both balls.

"When the President came out and said, 'I want you to know that the speech yesterday was dedicated to you. It was all about you...' it gave me the chills," said McIntyre.

Roberts said the most memorable time for him was when Jesse Jackson's daughter sang *Amazing Grace* and he looked up and the



Photo supplied by Mark Roberts

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE: Mark Roberts poses in front of the Capitol building the day after the Presidential Inauguration.

Photo by Matt Barnes

Hootie Ya Think Played The Ball?
Hootie and the Blowfish played the Tennessee Ball at the last Presidential Inauguration of the 20th Century.



Capitol Dome was there and turned right around and the Washington Monument was right behind him.

"That is something I will never forget," he said. "It totally reaffirmed every patriotic thought I have ever had. And to have Al Gore point to the crowd and say, 'You young people rock!'"

These four people took the long road to the White House. They spend hours upon hours dedicating their time to the Democratic party in Northern Kentucky. They volunteered

each time Clinton came into the area. They built the stage and worked crowd control when Clinton came to Cincinnati last fall. McIntyre, Barnes and Schrader have each met the President on several occasions; each time either shaking his hand or shaking his hand and chatting for a few minutes.

"We've had some pretty neat experiences all because we got involved," Schrader said. "We have a lot of very dedicated members who are willing to work really hard. They know who we are across Kentucky."

Marital and Family Therapy in New York.

"Dr. Judy" will appear in Regents Hall between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. with a question and answer portion including.

The program is being sponsored by the Activities Programming Board and is a major event during Homecoming.

Tickets are available in the Student Activities office and will be sold for \$5 for NKU students and \$10 for all others. For additional information call Mary Chesnut at 572-5146.

Radio Sex Therapist Dr. Judy is Coming

By Amanda Tittle
Managing Editor

Should it be talked about? Sure. Maybe it shouldn't be talked about. Nonsense.

"Dr. Judy" Kuziansky and her sidekick Jagger are coming to Northern Kentucky University to talk and answer questions about what they know best.

Sex.
"Dr. Judy" is a clinical psychologist who is noted as being an expert on everything from

trends and creativity to relationships and sexuality.

She explores all of these on the radio program she has hosted for the past twelve years. The program is aired locally on Young Country 96.5 FM. "Dr. Judy" has also made several appearances on news and talk shows.

"Dr. Judy" spent 10 years at the Columbia Medical Center and hospitals in the United States and abroad. She was also an adjunct professor at New York University and currently has a private practice at the Center for

By Carle E. Bauer
News Editor

Get your wallets out. Student Government met Monday to vote on several fees, in particular the "enhance athletics" student football fee.

Student Government voted unanimously to adopt the \$20 fee on the students' behalf.

Interim President Jack Moreland and Jane Meier, director of intercollegiate athletics both were present to represent the football committee. Bill Erpenbeck, chair of the committee could not be present. Committee member Fred Macke attended in his place.

Chair of the SGA Football Committee, Josh Sneed gave the recommendation on behalf of the committee that a \$20 student fee be instated. Sneed and the SGA committee amended the recommendation to include a clause that the fee would not be raised for at least four years.

"In reviewing the surveys, we found the majority of the students to be supportive of the fee," Sneed said.

Of the 250 surveys the committee collected, 65% supported the football fee, while 35% did not. 70% of those surveyed were traditional students, and 79% were full-time students living off-campus.

Based on these results, the Student Government members voted unanimously to pass the fee.

President Chris Saunders did not vote to remain impartial. Executive Vice President Tim Yacks said he did not have enough information to vote and felt it was a conflict of interest because he is an assistant coach in the athletic department. Vice-President of

SGA Passes Fee

External Affairs Felicia Shields also abstained because she did not see the surveys, or attend the forums and did not feel she knew what the students wanted. Twenty-nine members voted on the issue. No proxy votes were accepted.

Besides the football fee, the Student Government members also voted on a commencement fee, a library fee and the applied music lesson fee.

SGA members voted down the commencement fee, and voted unanimously to support the applied music lesson fee.

SGA members also voted to instate a \$10 library fee per semester

that would have no restrictions on how often or how much it could be raised. SGA senator Holly Watson suggested the vote be delayed until a survey of students was conducted.

Saunders replied, "I'd love to surveys on everything, but they're not the most accurate things we can do."

-Chris Saunders

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Although most of those who attended supported the football fee, some opponents were present.

Shields raised the question of the success of a non-scholarship team.

"If I was being recruited for my athletic ability, I would go somewhere with scholarships," Shields said.

Moreland responded saying, "We'll get students who won't be offered scholarships, but still have the athletic ability."

To comments from student Charles Griffin that the estimated costs are inaccurate, Moreland said he had total faith that the numbers given in the report are accurate.

The Board of Regents will vote today on the athletic enhancement fee.

Friend of NKU Passes On

Staff Report

A woman who devoted her life to the cause of developing Northern Kentucky University died Monday.

Nancy Janes Boothe, wife of retired president Leon Boothe, died in her home in Cincinnati of complications involved with multiple sclerosis.

Mr. and Mrs. Boothe came to Northern Kentucky in 1981 when Mr. Boothe was named president. He retired last June. Mrs. Boothe has served NKU in several ways during her husband's presidency.

Among her achievements were helping to establish the NKU Friends of the Fine Arts, serving as a member of the Wesley Foundation Board, serving as a chairperson of the NKU Women's Walk, and serving as the official hostess for NKU.

She has helped raise money for several NKU organizations, including the

Interfaith Center and women's athletic teams.

In 1993, the Board of Regents named her the first recipient of "The Nancy Janes Boothe Pervasive and Accomplishment Award," which is now presented each year.

In 1987, Mrs. Boothe helped create the "Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards," given to five women each year who demonstrate achievement and service in their profession and community.

Mrs. Boothe received the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* "Woman of the Year" award in 1990.

A scholarship was established in Mrs. Boothe's name last June.

Memorials can be made to the Nancy Janes Boothe Scholarship Fund or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A memorial service has been postponed until the end of February.

Communication Department and KET Hook Up

By Lincoln S. Farish
Staff Reporter

Good news has recently fallen into Northern Kentucky University's communication department's budget, in the form of a \$15,000 budget appropriation.

According to department chairman Steven Weiss, the communications department has set aside the money to purchase digital editing equipment and some digital cameras for KET and department programs.

"We already have a strong and creative staff. This equipment will just give us a boost in technology so that we will be competitive with the other major universities," David Thomson, broadcasting coordinator in the communications department, said.

Currently the communication stu-

dents do not have digital editing, and they need more cameras. The communication department has also been working with KET to get subjects about Northern Kentucky on KET's programs. If all goes well with the final proposal in mid-February, NKU will provide for KET short subjects, such as five-minute mini-documentaries.

An example, said Thomson "would be a short subject on the sculpture out front of the University Center by Red Grooms. Why is this sculpture in front of the University Center? How does this sculpture represent?"

Also, NKU would provide longer programs of a half-hour length. These would be on subjects such as "the Northern Kentucky Political Caucus and interpretations on the current political results," according to Thomson.

This request was generated by the communications department and has been very well supported by NKU staff. In regard to the partnership with KET, Thomson said, "We can avoid the current belief that is held by other parts of Kentucky, that we are just 'Ohio South.' With this greater exposure we can avoid being given the short end of the stick, as has been the rule in Frankfurt."

Michael K. Mimmis, coordinator of Television Production Services, agrees with Wei this proposal will give students a better shot at entry level positions upon graduation.

"This equipment is the industry standard, and grads will be expected to be able to use digital editing," Weiss said. "There are no other schools that I know of in the area that have digital editing, so if someone wants to learn on the industry

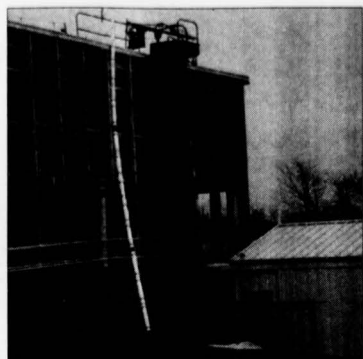
standard equipment they will have to come here.

"Our current equipment has to be augmented component by component, and some of this NKU has never been able to afford-it is donated."

The other advantage with digital editing equipment is that any corrections, either visual or sound can be made with a computer's assistance, rather than trying to match up the sound with the picture, or having to redo the entire sequence.

Mimmis also said, "I receive a tremendous amount of calls from studios and production houses asking for students to train their people, or even get a job running digital editing equipment. Right now I have to turn them away, but if this works out, students will also pick up extra money and get actual experience before they graduate."

Leak No Further



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BYE, BYE LEAKS: Covington campus is getting a much-needed new roof.

Covington Campus Gets Long Awaited New Roof

By Shannon Graham
Staff Reporter

The process of repairing the roof of Hanks Hall on the Covington campus of Northern Kentucky University is just beginning.

Weather had been the major factor in preventing work from beginning on the deteriorating roof, according to Alan New of the maintenance department.

"When the temperature drops below zero, and with the rain and snow we've had, it's been difficult to get started," New said.

The equipment that will be used to repair the roof has already been brought in, New said. The maintenance department is

planning to begin work as soon as possible on the drains inside Hanks Hall.

The roof, which has been steadily deteriorating, has been a headache for the university and maintenance department for several years.

"This is not a new problem," New said.

Students attending classes in Hanks Hall have grown accustomed to the conditions caused by the roof both inside and outside

"This is not a new problem."

—Alan New

the building. "It can be irritating, but you learn to live with it," English major Mary Adams said. The maintenance department will begin working on the roof, as long as the weather permits.

Self-Defense Delayed; More Funding Needed

By Gina Holt
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is taking a step to protect the women on campus from becoming victims.

NKU Department of Public Safety is in the process of implementing a new program titled "Rape Aggressive Defense."

RAD is designed to help women learn self-defense, DPS Sergeant Charlene Schweitzer said. It consists of methods that help women become more aware of the possible dangers that can develop.

The program is very physical, she said. Everyone will get a chance to practice self-defense with a partner.

The students of RAD will be taught how to injure the attacker so he can't chase the victim while she escapes the situation.

The course is a total of 12 hours, and will take place over four evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The first session is an orienta-

tion to the program. The second and third sessions will consist of physical training and at the fourth session the students will practice what they have learned.

The course will cost approximately \$15-20. However, once a student has completed the course they can take it again anywhere in the United States for free.

RAD is offered to NKU students, faculty and staff.

Schweitzer and DPS officer Kevin Matthews will be teaching the course.

Instructors attended a three-day instructor's course for 10 hours each day in Lexington, Ky.

The program was scheduled to start on Jan. 1 of this year. However, it has been delayed due to funding difficulties.

Schweitzer said she found someone to sponsor the funding of the equipment on Thursday but she is still searching for someone to sponsor the funding of the course manuals.

The program is now scheduled

to start at the end of February or beginning of March.

DPS Director Fred Otto said University of Louisville and University of Kentucky have already implemented RAD and have had great results, and he believes the same will happen at NKU.

Sandy Wenger, assistant coordinator of Growth Research Organization for Women out of the Women's Center said, "I personally will do everything in my power to let women know this is available."

She said it is very important that women feel safe and confident and know how to protect themselves from dangerous situations.

If a woman has already been a victim or just wants to talk, the Women's Center is open to her and is staffed with counselors who are willing to listen, Wenger said.

Schweitzer said she believes several people will be interested in taking the course and approximately 30 people have already

signed up.

Liz Dixon, senior speech communication major, said she would definitely take the course.

"I think it is important that we learn how to defend ourselves," she said. "Everyone always believes that it can't happen to them but it can, and we should be prepared for that. I believe all women should take advantage of this."

Student Activities coordinator Pam Taylor said she is not sure if she would be interested in RAD.

"I don't know if I would take the course or not," she said. "I've never felt unsafe or as if I was in a threatening situation."

"I think it is definitely worth encouraging students to do," Taylor said.

Otto said he is very excited about the program and believes it will be very beneficial for NKU and its students.

For more information about RAD or other safety programs call 572-6060 or 572-5500.

FOOTBALL: The Vote

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reasons why football would benefit NKU.

Chancellor Jamie Elton supports football as an opportunity for students who can't afford the bigger, more expensive schools. "I saw a lot of high school football players get the shaft because they couldn't get a scholarship. They could afford to come here. I think now is the time for it," Elton said.

Senior Michelle Ruby, social work major, came to show her support but said she still has reservations.

"I would personally like a guarantee that football will never put a burden on this university," Ruby said.

Harold Blocker, Highland Heights resident, pledged the community's support. Blocker said Coach Shields and the

nationally ranked men's basketball team are proof that a successful team can come out of NKU.

"The university has to grow not only to survive, but to prosper," Blocker said.

Committee Chair Bill Erpenbeck and Interim President Moreland took turns addressing the issues raised.

Concerning the costs given in the report, Erpenbeck said, "To address the student fee aspect of what it cost to have a football team, we did research those numbers thoroughly. And it is a fair assessment of the costs of football."

Addressing the academics vs. athletics issue, Erpenbeck said, "After basketball season, you want to continue that advertising and keep your name out there. And in turn, hopefully that will get more students in school, that will help get more alumni



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PARTY OF SEVEN: Sauriders, Kurt, Erpenbeck, Meier, Moreland, Kearns and Pomerantz listen as people voice their opinions.

involved, and in turn more alumni will kick money into all aspects of the school."

The only issue solved at the forum was the guaranteed addition of a varsity women's soccer team. So what's next in the continuing saga of football?

"We're going to vote on the football issue on Monday, Jan. 27 at 3:00. The Student Government

Football Committee will then make a recommendation either for or against it [student athletic fee]."

Student Government President Chris Saunders said.

The Student Government will then take their vote to the Board of Regents meeting today where the final decision on whether NKU is getting a football team will be made.

Sexual Harassment Case Closer To Settling

By Colin Copes
Northern Contributor

Legal teams for Northern Kentucky University and art professor Kevin Booher have entered the discovery phase of the legal action brought by Booher.

"There is a required exchange of information and witnesses," Sara Sidebottom said.

Sidebottom, the associate legal counsel for NKU, said after the discovery process is complete there will be a settlement conference to see if everything is

in order.

After the discovery process is completed either side can call for a summary judgment. In a summary judgment, if one side feels their case is strong enough they can call for a decision from the court without a trial.

The lawsuit brought by Booher last July alleges NKU's Board of Regents, along with 13 other co-defendants, violated his rights in a sexual harassment proceeding against him.

There has not yet been a trial date set.

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Reports

January 19 At 2:10 am units #113 and #104 went to Commonwealth Hall in response to the reference of an uncontrollable, intoxicated subject. At 2:35 a.m. it was reported that someone hit and knocked down a light post on the visitor's lot on University Drive. The owner was found at their residence with a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech and being unsteady on their feet. The owner was arrested for probable cause D.U.I. At noon a vehicle was observed travelling wrong way on a one way street. The operator was given a citation for disregarding a traffic control device.

January 20 At 5:34 pm unit 1112 was dispatched to Kentucky Hall lobby to meet with residential assistant Dean Sinclair in reference to found property. Upon arrival, Mr. Sinclair stated that he was in the process of cleaning and performing a room inspection in Kentucky Hall A wing room 304 when he found a marijuana smoking apparatus in a dresser drawer. There was no marijuana found inside the room after a thorough inspection. The person under whom the residence was registered no longer stayed there. Neither did they attend Northern Kentucky University. Only one person resided within the domicile and Unit 112 advised Mr. Sinclair to contact if the subject returned to campus for any reason.

January 21 At 12:15 pm a vehicle was observed ignoring posted one-way signs and proceeding to travel the wrong way down Campbell Drive. The operator was issued a state citation. At 4:38 pm, while on routine patrol, a officer observed a vehicle that was wanted for questioning by cold springs P.D. The vehicle was followed onto Nunn Drive and stopped in front of the Alumni Center. The Driver was ordered from the vehicle and handcuffed to insure the officers safety. It was reported that a white male subject driving the vehicle in question had exposed himself and taken polaroid photographs of his erect penis. The subject threw the photographs (a total of four) out of the van and drove from the parking lot.



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Campus About Students, Not Faculty



John Kirtley

The Board of Regents votes today on adding a football program to Northern Kentucky University's athletics department.

There's been an abundance of different groups of people with strikingly different views on the matter, and none more passionate than the NKU faculty's.

But can we please consider the argument of an NKU student for one moment?

I do not come from the tri-state area. I am a full-time, on-campus student from Youngstown, Oh., and I've had my share of questions about what I think about NKU. In answering, the first words out of my mouth are NKU is long on academics but short on student life.

Right now this campus has the heart of the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz." There is none. Football will be a rallying point for the entire campus.

Why must NKU be the way it is now? Why do we have 11,500 students with 11,500 reasons not to associate with NKU after class is over?

College life consists of two parts: academics and student life. The faculty forget the students who moved away from their homes and came to NKU for a new one.

Realize there are other parts to this university besides a library and a history department.

Part of the word "university" is "universe," the big picture. Not to bruise your egos Mr. Zaniello and Mr. Hewan, but you only see half the picture.

When your class is over you go home. Well, when my class is over I stay here. I don't go home. NKU is my home. Contrary to popular belief, real people live here. Real people sleep here. Real people have relationships here. It's our home and now we have a chance to make it better.

The most amazing part about the faculty's argument is its fear its budget will be cut. Well my budget is already being slashed at a rate of \$10,000 a year in out-of-state tuition and it's about to go up \$40.

If there's anybody who should be worried about getting the short end of the stick, it's the students paying the athletic fee and the 85 extra students paying tuition, room and board to play football for a university who's faculty doesn't want them here.

I'm getting hit up for another \$20 a semester and the faculty is worried about if they're getting screwed? Spare us NKU faculty, because we don't want to hear it.

The best part about this football effort is students finally get to pay for something they really want. When's the last time that was heard around a higher education institution campus?

The quality of education at NKU is the last thing the faculty need to worry about because that's the best part about this school. But for \$40,000 of tuition over four years, high school graduates want their school to make an extra effort. They want to feel like they never left their bedrooms and feel part of a family. Football begins to do that.

The Board of Regents will vote today and the football issue is going to win and win huge. Why? Because it's the will of the students.

Take notice NKU faculty. You're not the heart and soul of this university.

The students are and we want a football team.

Norse Roll Over Southern Indiana

96-79 win moves Norse into second place in GLVC

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

More than 2,000 people witnessed what head coach Ken Shields calls the biggest rivalry Northern Kentucky University has.

NKU handed the University of Southern Indiana, ranked 10th nationally in Division II, its second loss of the season Thursday night at

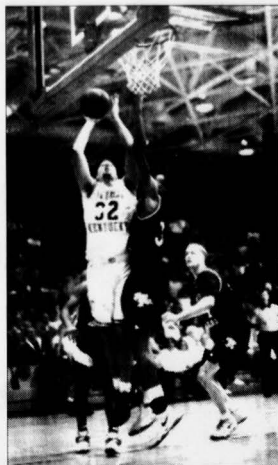
Regent's Hall, 96-79.

"We needed to beat a top team," senior Paul Cluxton said.

The win was the second in a row for the Norse over USI. The Norse defeated the Eagles 99-87 in the Great Lakes Regional Championship game last year to go to the Elite Eight.

The victory moved the Norse to 17-2 (7-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference). It also puts them in a tie for second in the GLVC with USI, 13-2 (7-2 GLVC).

USI jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but the Norse battled back with nine straight points to start a 26-4 run.

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The Northerner

CLARK PLAYS SUPERMAN:

Sophomore Todd Clark was introduced to NKU's rivalry with Southern Indiana on Thursday. He responded with 17 points. Eleven of them came in the second half. Clark has been a key contributor since being inserted in the Norse starting line-up.

Cluxton and sophomore Andy Listerman led the run with eight points each.

Senior LaRon Moore had 14 points by halftime. "It feels good that I could step up," Moore said.

Listerman, who came off the bench as part of Shields' new line-up, had 11 points in the first half. He finished with 16 for the game.

"I thought tonight was Andy's coming-out party," Shields said. "This was a big one for Andy."

The defense was keying on Cluxton in the game. Cluxton said USI was scouting at the NKU game against IPFW on Monday, Jan. 20, when he hit 10 three-pointers.

Cluxton still was able to hit two three-pointers in the first half on his way to eight points, but since he wasn't able to get many open shots, he passed the ball. He had seven assists in the first half.

Todd Clark was the story in the second half. He had 11 of his 17 points in the second half. Included in his second half scoring were baskets when the Eagles had cut the Norse lead to 10 and nine points, respectively.

Clark said he was looking for the ball when the game got tight.

"I love having the ball in those situations," he said.

"He's got a world of skills," Shields said. "Todd Clark has really found his niche."

Clark said he feels more confident since being in the starting line-up.

"Something makes me tick about starting," he said.

The nine-point margin, with 4:35 left in the game, was the closest the game ever got in the second half. "They're not going to quit," Shields said of USI's performance in the second half.

Norse Men Avoid Letdown

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team defeated the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 87-70 on Saturday at Regents Hall.

The victory, along with their win over the University of Southern Indiana, improved NKU's Great Lakes Valley Conference record to 8-2.

The Cougars of SIUE, (1-9 in the GLVC, 7-10 overall), entered the game hoping to end a seven game losing streak.

It was a close game throughout the first half.

The Norse threatened to pull away at the 14:34 mark in the first half, when junior Andy Listerman scored six straight points to give NKU a 15-9 lead.

"This is two straight good games for Andy and I'm so happy because he's given us exactly what we want him to give us," head coach Ken

Shields said.

The Norse extended its lead to nine points when junior Desmond Lane converted one of his three steals into a slam dunk.

The Cougars wouldn't allow NKU to pull away, though.

Led by juniors Tim Hallaway and Rusty Sames, who contributed a combined 17 of SIUE's 33 halftime points, the Cougars kept the game close.

With less than four minutes remaining in the first half, the Cougars took a 31-30 lead.

The Norse stayed calm—closing the first half with a 9-2 run, regaining the lead 39-33.

NKU began the second half with a 9-4 run.

The Cougars defense stepped up and helped keep the game close.

"They played us pretty tough," Shields said.

"It's hard to come back and really be real sharp after that emotional win we had the other night."

The Cougars kept within striking

distance for most of the second half, but with about ten minutes left, the Norse began to pull further away.

NKU took its largest lead of the game when senior Shannon Minor hit a 3-pointer to make it 75-53.

The Cougars made a time-sin late, but any comeback attempt was futile.

Minor, along with Listerman and junior Cliff Clinton, all scored double-digits in the second half.

Clinton led all scorers with 19, followed by Listerman, who contributed 18 off the bench.

"I'm a lot more comfortable coming off the bench. I'm a lot more relaxed," Listerman said.

"I think it has helped the team. I have a lot of responsibilities, because I don't know exactly who I'm going to go in for, so I have to concentrate that much more."

"When you come off the bench, it's not always easy...and sometimes it's hard to get into the flow," Shields said.

"That helps, just leading by example. The fellows see that this is what we have to do," Listerman said.



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I NEED A VACATION: Undeclared Freshman Ryan Deters won a trip to the Bahamas for hitting a three-quarters court shot.

"We all just came back and gutted it out," Cluxton said.

Moore finished with a game high 20 points. Junior Cliff Clinton and sophomore Kevin Listerman each pulled down seven rebounds to lead the Norse.

USI was led Johnny Moore who scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half.

The Norse shot 61 percent from the field (33-54), while holding USI to 44 percent (29-66).

Cluxton said the team's chemistry

is coming along.

Moore added that everyone on the team played hard and with confidence.

"Nobody wants to lose," Moore said.

Halftime provided more entertainment than people expected when 18-year-old freshman Ryan Deters hit a shot from the opposite free-throw line. The three-quarters court shot earned Deters, a Lexington native, a trip to the Bahamas.

Norse Get Oral Commitment From McNicholas' Sanders

Guard brings 26 point average to help replace senior guards

By Kevin Goheen
Northerner Contributor

Craig Sanders, a 6-foot-2, 185 pound guard from McNicholas High School in Cincinnati, has orally committed to attend Northern Kentucky University next year.

NCAA rules prohibit head coach Ken Shields from commenting on any recruit before an official letter of intent has been signed.

Sanders said he chose NKU over West Point, Siena, St. Michaels and Eastern Kentucky University because, "It's close to home."

"I like the environment there," Sanders added.

NKU will lose guards Shannon Minor, Paul Cluxton, and forward LaRon Moore to graduation after this season. Sanders could compete for playing time as a freshman with these departures.

Sanders said he feels he can step in right away and contribute with the graduation of Minor and Cluxton.

Sanders has scored over 1,500 points during high school and this year leads the Greater Cincinnati area in scoring at 26 points per game.

He will probably play at the shooting guard position, but McNicholas H.S. head coach Jerry Doerger said Sanders has good ball handling skills and is also capable of playing at the point.

"He has more than held his own against some of the best competition in the area," said Doerger. "He has improved greatly over the past two years both defensively and with his floor leadership."

Norse Men Take Out IPFW Women's 7 game win streak snapped

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Head coach Ken Shields' decision to move senior Paul Cluxton to the forward position has paid big dividends so far.

The Norse, 16-2 (6-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference) defeated Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, 84-71, on Monday, Jan. 20 in the postponed game from the previous Thursday.

IPFW fell to 10-5 (5-2 GLVC).

In the first two games he has played at forward this season, Cluxton has hit 15 of 20 attempts from three-point range. He hit 10-of-13 on his way to 32 points Monday against IPFW.

Senior guard Shannon Minor continued to take advantage of his starting role by scoring 14 points to go along with his eight assists and

four steals.

LaRon Moore led the Norse in rebounding with nine.

IPFW was led by Jason Werling with 16 points. Beau Ryder added 15 points and a team-leading seven rebounds.

WOMEN: The Norse women didn't enjoy the same success as the men did.


Despite a career performance from senior Regina Webb, the Norse lost 83-74 to IPFW.

Webb finished with a career high 27 points to go along with 12 rebounds and three steals.


The Norse held a six-point lead in the first half, but saw it slip away in the second half. They were outscored 51-36 in the second half.

The loss broke a seven-game winning streak for the Norse and leaves them with a 9-6 record (6-2 GLVC). IPFW improved to 7-7 (4-3 GLVC).

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Minor Enjoys Challenging Dual Role

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Shannon Minor has displayed a rare combination of scoring and passing in his four years on the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team.

Minor, a 5-foot-11 senior guard out of Colerain High School in Cincinnati, recently scored his 1,000th point and broke the school record for career assists.

Minor is part of the recruiting class that brought fellow seniors LaRon Moore and Paul Cluxton to NKU. This recruiting class has been the centerpiece of NKU's success the last three seasons.

Minor said he had offers to attend NCAA Division I schools, Boston University and Duquesne University.

"I wanted to stay close to home," he said, "and there was the incentive of building a program here, because they hadn't had good years."

Head coach Ken Shields said of Minor, "He's been a tremendous asset to our program. He's lived up to all our expectations."

Minor said without hesitation that the assist record is more significant to him than scoring 1,000 points.

"A goal of mine is to maybe have 500 assists," Minor said. He should have no trouble doing that.

He currently has 1,038 points and 462 assists.

The 1,038 points ranks 17th in NKU's history. When he recorded his 421st assist he

passed Craig Withoit who amassed 420 assists from 1989-93.

"I'm kind of uncommon in that I can pass and I can shoot, and that's what makes people a lot better when they have both aspects like that," he said. "That's what I feel like I have. I can be a threat scoring, or I can be a threat when I drive and pass. That's something unique, I think."

Derek Fields, who played for NKU from 1985-89, is the only other Norse player to finish his career with more than 1,000 points and 400 assists. He had 1,664 points and 409 assists.

"I want to make my teammates better," Minor said. "I try to be unselfish. I try to make the right play at the right time."

"If I've got a shot, I'm going to take it. If I have a good pass—you know, if Paul (Cluxton) is open and he's hitting—I'm going to keep throwing it to Paul."

Cluxton said he feels his job as a shooter is easier because of Minor. "He does all the work," Cluxton said. "He's the best passer I've ever played with."

"He's an all-around player with his quickness," senior teammate LaRon Moore said. Moore has been the recipient of many of Minor's assists in the form of alley-oops, which Moore routinely throws down for dunks.

"LaRon and I have been doing it now for three years," Minor said. "After you start getting used to somebody for so long—he even starts looking for it now."

"Now we're to the point where we can just

look each other in the eye, and look up and he'll know."

"I can see it in his eyes," Moore said. "It's automatic when it happens."

Minor has stepped up his play since being inserted in the starting line-up this season. He hasn't had less than seven assists in a game since the switch, even though he is playing as the shooting guard instead of at point guard.

"It's amazing how he continued with the assists playing the two-slot (shooting guard)," Shields said.

"Shannon's doing right now, what I asked Ryan Schrand to do late in his career," Shields said of Minor's moving from point guard to shooting guard.

"It doesn't really matter to me if I start, or if I come off the bench, because I'm playing the same amount of minutes," Minor said.

"If it's going to help us win more games, like it did last year, I'm willing to do whatever it takes."

"He's been willing to accept coming off the bench without complaining," Shields said, "and accepting any role we've asked him to carry out."

After he graduates, Minor said he would like to coach. He is a Physical Education major and a Health minor.

"I want to graduate and go on to coach either high school or college basketball," he said. He added that he would prefer to start at the high school level.

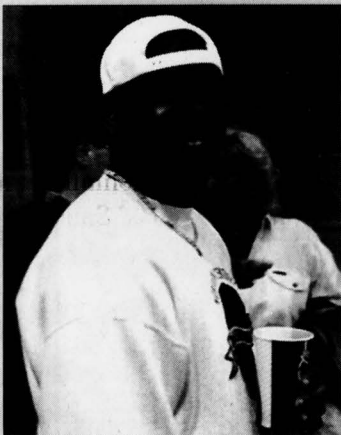
"I just want to teach and coach and just help people in high school like people helped me when I was in high school."



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NOT JUST A PASSING FANCY: Senior Shannon Minor has displayed the ability to score and to pass throughout his career at NKU. He recently broke the record for most assists in the school's history as well as eclipsing the 1,000 point mark.

Have A Coke And A Smile



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BACK IN TOWN: Chuck Perry, a member of the National Runner-up NKU basketball team last year, returned to watch the Norse defeat Southern Indiana 96-79 on Thursday.

Lady Norse Drop Third Straight Game

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team put up a strong fight Saturday, but fell short against Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 77-64 at Regents Hall.

The Norse had hoped to turn things around after a 99-73 loss at home to the University of Southern Indiana on Thursday.

NKU fell behind early when the Lady Cougars went on a 10-0 run to build a 29-19 lead.

The Norse, led by junior guard Kelly Penhorwood's 12 first half points, fought back to a 2 point half-time deficit at 34-32.

With her team trailing by 10 midway through the first half, senior Regina Webb stepped up to carry the Norse. Webb's 10 first half points nearly matched her season average of 10.9 points per game.

NKU started the second half very similar to the way they opened the game—slow.

Before Winstel could get her team settled down, they trailed 40-32.

SIUE tried to put the game out of

reach, but NKU wouldn't give up. They cut the lead to 43-40.

The Norse were one play away from making a run, it seemed.

"I thought the first five minutes of the second half was a very telling part," Winstel said.

"We came out and didn't execute in our half-court defense."

Whenever the momentum began to shift, the Cougars stepped up their defense, and reclaimed a

healthy lead.

Unable to shut down the Cougar offense, NKU was forced into a shootout.

The Cougars shot 71.4 percent in the second half, while the Norse shot only 44.8 percent.

After combining for 22 of NKU's 32 first half points, Webb and Penhorwood were shut down in the second half. They contributed only 4 points after halftime.

Sophomore Julie Stanley led the Norse with 9 second half points after going scoreless in the first half.

Stanley's contribution was too little too late, however.

The Norse were never able to pull close after cutting the Cougar lead to six with five minutes remaining.

"You have to take your hat off to Edwardsville, but we need to work on getting better," Winstel said.



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COMING ON STRONG: Junior Kelly Penhorwood has emerged as a scoring threat in the last two games. She had a career high 13 points against Southern Indiana to go with seven assists.

Women Can't Overcome Slow Start Vs. USI

18-0 run in first five minutes dooms Norse

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's defense held All-American LeAnn Freeland to 10 points on two of seven shooting from the field, but other people stepped up for the University of Southern Indiana.

Seventh-ranked USI easily defeated NKU, 99-73, in front of 888 people at Regent's Hall Thursday night. It was USI's 14th consecutive victory.

"They are the best team that we have played this year," Norse head coach Nancy Winstel said.

Things looked good for the Norse in the first minute of the game. Kris Kamrath blocked a shot by Freeland, and the Norse tied the score at two on a jumper by sophomore Shannon Roddy.

From there, USI took over and never eased up on the Norse. The

Screaming Eagles scored 18 unanswered points in less than four minutes.

USI ballooned the lead to 44-17 with 6:49 left in the first half, before the Norse mounted a late charge. They cut the lead to 20 at 52-32 by halftime.

Any hope the Norse had of following up the run in the second half was thwarted as the Eagles scored the first nine points in the second half.

The closest the Norse would get the rest of the way was 21.

Surprisingly, the Norse shot better from the field than USI did. NKU shot 53 percent while USI shot 49 percent. The difference was in three-pointers and free throws.

USI hit 11 of 22 treys while NKU hit just four of 15. The Eagles hit 28 of 35 free throws. The Norse only shot 18 and made 11.

Winstel credited USI's going to the free throw line so much with its

intensity in taking the ball to the basket.

"We did not match their intensity," Winstel said. "We've struggled all year with intensity."

Despite the loss, the Norse placed five players in double figures, but no one scored more than junior Kelly Penhorwood's 13. Penhorwood, who came off the bench, also led the Norse with seven assists.

NKU turned the ball over 24 times compared to 12 for USI. The Eagles also had 10 more steals than NKU.

USI was led by Eileen Weber's 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Norse fell to 9-7 (6-3 Great Lakes Valley Conference) with the loss. USI stands at 15-1 (9-0 GLVC).

The Norse miss senior Dana Morningstar, Winstel said. "We're getting a peek at what it's going to be like next year," she said.

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Theta Phi Alpha Sisters Make Community Warm



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: Eight Theta Phi Alpha sisters spent four days in Appalachia over Christmas break to deliver food and items to less fortunate people and build homes for them. From left, they are: Michelle Rapljen, Katy Meyer, Laryn Alcorn, Crystal Doering, Bethany Houlehan, Jennifer Wright, Talia Frye, Angie Daly.

Supplied by Theta Phi Alpha sorority

Sorority sisters spend holidays helping others

By Pamela Boris
Staff Reporter

A child wakes up on Christmas morning. She is cold. The space heater in the trailer's living room isn't enough to combat the cold air coming through the walls. She runs to the Christmas tree hoping that Santa remembered everything on her list this year.

Unfortunately, this scene plays itself out in the lives of countless numbers of families every Christmas.

But, thanks to eight members of Northern Kentucky University's Theta Phi Alpha

sorority, at least 250 families in Vanceburg, Ky., had a different story to tell last Christmas.

During the semester break, while many NKU students went home to celebrate the holidays, eight Theta Phi Alpha sisters spent a week in Vanceburg helping to distribute donated toys, clothing, and food to more than 250 local families.

According to junior elementary education major Bethany Houlehan, each of the eight sisters contributed 144 hours of work to "Project Merry Christmas," which collects and distributes donated items to needy families.

"We take a lot from the community," said freshman criminal justice major Talia Frye, "I knew [this project] would give a lot back."

In addition to "Project Merry Christmas," the sisters assisted

the construction company, "People Self-Help," with Theta Phi Alpha's national philanthropy Glenmary Home Missions, helping to build a new home and improve run-down housing for several families.

Adding siding to trailers and raising the frames for new homes isn't the way most people spend their vacations, but Frye said, "It was a great time. I had a lot of fun."

The sisters said they had so much fun, in fact, that they plan to do it again June 1997.

"We'll basically go down for a work week," Houlehan said. "And we're going to try to go again in December...with donations we collect here."

"The experience made me realize how lucky I am to have a home to come home to," Frye said.

"It was very different there."

Non-Traditional Students Become Entity

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

A new student organization is coming to Northern Kentucky University's campus. The Non-traditional Student Union, which plans to have a charter within the next few months, is an academic organization.

"We are starting a brand new, totally different entity. We may be non-traditional, but we set a standard of excellence by being as well-rounded as possible," Joe Kiefer, freshman human

services major, said. Kiefer is also on the Leadership Committee for the organization.

This semester there are 10,900 students enrolled, and about 40 percent of those students are non-traditional. A non-traditional student is considered anyone age 25 or older.

"We have a focus and know why we are here. Most non-traditional students have a full-time job, are leaving a job, or are parents. Some just want to make the transition from an okay life to a better life," Kiefer said.

"There is a lot to be learned outside of the classroom," said Dean of Students Bill Lamb. "Involvement in a group gives students the opportunity to connect with people they might not have had a chance to meet otherwise. Student organizations also offer the students the chance to get involved on campus."

"We are a very diverse group; there is a good mix. Some of our members have business backgrounds, some are secretaries, a few are moms and dads, some are well off and some are not so well off; everyone is welcome," Kiefer said.

"I think it is great to have a non-traditional student organization," Betty Mulkey, coordinator of student activities, said. "NKU has a large pool of students who would qualify. Student organizations provide leadership skills, time management skills, and offer a social network."

"We want to be a support system so non-traditional students can identify and feel plugged into campus. We have a fresh outlook; we're not old by any chance," Kiefer said.

In order to start an organization on

campus, a four-page packet must be filled out. There must be at least 12 members, a constitution, and a faculty/staff advisor.

Currently, there are 70 student organizations at NKU. New organizations are registered for the entire year, and there are usually around 90.

"Come and get plugged into something fresh where people can relate," Kiefer said.

If you have any questions or want more information, you can e-mail Kiefer at Kiefer@NKU.EDU.

New Fraternity Calling All Gentlemen

By Gabrielle Dion
Executive Editor

Some people talk about what it takes to get into a fraternity. The "gentlemen" of Phi Kappa Tau talk about what it takes to make one.

Two years ago, a recruitment representative from Phi Kappa Tau national fraternity came to Northern Kentucky University with the goal of starting a chapter. He sparked the interest of 12 men.

By Oct. 4, 1995, Phi Kappa Tau was colonized, meaning that they were now "associates" recognized by the national fraternity and could then take steps toward

forming their own rules and laws to become an official chapter.

For the past two years, the associates have been writing programs

"I want to recruit guys that meet our standards—the Phi Tau standards—we want to make it the gentleman's fraternity."

—Keith Fischer

had a lot of help from nationals but they want us to do by ourselves," he said. "We set our own standards. We have to follow national guidelines, but we can define our fraternity however we want to," he said.

Recruiting and rushing is very important to the associates. Keith Fischer is recruitment chair. "I want to recruit guys that meet our standards—the Phi Tau standards—we want to make it the

gentleman's fraternity," he said.

Even though the associates have a mission to get their charter by the end of spring or the beginning of next fall, they want to recruit responsible and motivated members who want to be involved, said vice president Gavin Ellis.

"Times like rush are tough for us," Cahill said. "We don't have the money or the manpower like the other more established fraternities so it makes it difficult to spread the word about the fraternity and to raise money."

Phi Kappa Tau raised money for the colony last semester by having a Christmas Party.

The fraternity is also active in community service. One project they did was raising money for their national philanthropy, which is "Hole in the Wall Gang" camp for children with blood diseases.

Members of Phi Kappa Tau feel that the decision to join and help build the fraternity has been a life-changing one.

Fischer tells of his experience. "Since I've joined my grades have



Supplied by Phi Kappa Tau fraternity

COME ON RIDE THAT TRAIN: Members of Phi Kappa Tau do the "Choo-Choo" at their Christmas Party in December. The fraternity is looking for more dedicated members. From left, they are: Damon Warner, Keith Fischer, Dan Reardon, Steve Cahill and Gavin Ellis.

triple and I've gotten off academic probation. I'm having the best time of my life," he said. Ellis agrees. "The cool thing about being a Phi Tau is if there wasn't Phi Kappa Tau at NKU we'd still be going out together

and having a good time. That's how good of friends we are," he said.

Any interested "gentlemen" can call Gavin Ellis at 572-7702 or Keith Fischer at 572-7535 for details.

SGA Lightens Load

By Becky Bergman
Assistant Features Editor

A symptom is a featherweight or paper-thin pocketbook. You know you've caught it when you begin referring to the term of fine dining as a trip to Taco Bell.

It even becomes a sort of challenge to see just how long you are able to keep the gauged exactly on "E" without spitting to a halt in the middle of traffic.

Anyone who has ever been a college student has experienced the money crunch of the starving college student: a time when college students find themselves scraping for cash in any possible way that they can in an attempt to get through school.

Fortunately, Northern Kentucky University's Student Government Association has come up with a way to help out students in need of money for school.

This semester, SGA awarded five students with \$100 book grants. Larry Wical, Tianna McKiness, Laura Garbutt, Julie Trauth, and Ardeania Jeffreys were the students selected from about 40 applicants.

These students were chosen not only for their grade point averages, but also because of their community and university involvement. Their financial income is also a factor that is considered in the decision.

The program originally began as a book exchange and is headed by Tim Yacks, the executive vice president of SGA this year.

He said that the book exchange seemed to be a lot of work with little return. A poster sale proved to be a successful replacement raising a total of \$500, with its main purpose being to help students in need of financial assistance.

The students were chosen by the Executive Council of Student Government who reviewed the submitted applications. Yacks said, "University and community involvement was very important in selecting the winners."

According to SGA President Chris Saunders, there have been more calls regarding the grants than ever before. He is very pleased with the success of the program and is happy that SGA has a chance to help students out in any way possible.

Larry Wical, a senior communication major, said he is very grateful and quite ecstatic about being chosen.

Wical said, "My parents are financing my education, along with the federal loans which I am responsible for paying back once I graduate. This grant has allowed me and my family to save \$100."

He also added, "It also gives me another point to brag about on my resume."

Wical said that he feels he was chosen for several reasons. "I believe I was chosen because of the variety of capacities I have served at NKU, in addition to my grade point average. Campus involvement has always been a priority to me."

Ardeania Jeffreys, a sophomore journalism major, said, "Winning was great!"

She feels that it was a very nice thing for SGA to do. Jeffreys said that putting herself through school, and paying for other expenses such as medication is hard to do. Every little bit helps, she said.

"It is nice to have a chance to win a scholarship where grades are not the only thing considered," said Julie Trauth, a senior psychology major.

Trauth, who is involved in SGA and several university committees, said that winning the grant is very helpful because her books were quite expensive this semester.

"Maybe with the help of this grant I won't have to work quite as much," she said.

Thanks to SGA, a few more students will have some extra cash to make paying for school a little easier.

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Accuracy Counts

When you vote for your student government president, you may not get the leader of your choice, but at least you know your vote counts- your voice was heard.

So when you vote for student government representatives, you expect to get just that- represented, right? Maybe, maybe not.

Over Christmas Break, Student Government formed a Football Committee to find out how the students of NKU really felt about the whole football issue. They created a survey consisting of 9 questions which could either be found on the SGA web page or at the information tables after each of the two open forums held last week. A few of the senators and Judiciary Council members even took the surveys to class to get responses.

Around 250 surveys were filled out. Of those 62 percent were female, 31 percent male. Traditional students filled out 70 percent of the surveys where as the non-traditionals only filled out 30 percent of them.

Based on this survey's results, the Football Committee proposed to the rest of the Student Government that since the "majority" of students polled would be supportive of a \$20 athletic fee, they should vote for football and the athletic fee.

Credit should be given to SGA for at least trying to find out what is on students' minds. After all, this football issue will affect each and every student on this campus.

But there is a slight problem... okay, a pretty big one. It could be argued that SGA did not conduct a valid survey. In order for them to get a random sampling of all NKU students, the student directory and a phone should have played a huge part.

To have an accurate survey, every student should have had a chance at being asked. A good way to do this would be to take the student directory, choose a number (let's say 33) and call every thirty-third person. We are talking about 364 phone calls, but it would have been a better representation of the students... just a bit more accurate.

Giving them to a few of their friends just doesn't cut it. The forums were not bursting with 11,000 students. And let's face it, how many have actually seen the SGA web page?

In the SGA meeting, after the survey results were mentioned and SGA voted 'yes' to football, because some brought up another fee. This was a \$10 library fee because some of the surveys suggested the library needed more funding too. A survey to make sure people really wanted a library fee was brought up and SGA President Chris Saunders said, "I'd love to do surveys on everything, but they're not the most accurate things we can do."

Hello?

If surveys are not the most accurate things that can be done, then the following questions could be asked. Which surveys are accurate and which are not? Is the football survey accurate? Then why can't the library fee survey be accurate. And the big question... how can SGA vote on the previous football survey if "surveys are not the most accurate things we can do?" Surveys can be accurate if done properly.

Being on Student Government should mean the time is taken to try and represent ALL students on campus, not just the ones who take the time to fill out the survey. Appreciation should be given to all SGA members for giving their time and efforts on behalf of students on campus. But when it comes to such momentous and important issues like football, extra effort should be taken so that all students are represented equally.

That's their job.

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Margie Wise
Columnist

This is my New Year's resolution. I'm staring it in the face. It's ugly. It's painfully frightening. It's my checkbook. I knew that I was going to have to deal with it sometime. By figuring out this complicated jumble of numbers, not only am I striking a blow for my independence, but am taking one more baby step forward for womankind.

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Wise, vow to take the time to write each check down in my checkbook before leaving the store. I promise to record dutifully every money machine withdrawal. I promise to actually use my laundry money for laundry.

I now realize all the money I so callously waste. I don't need a bagel on the way to class or a magazine while I wait in the checkout line.

I will keep shopping trips to a minimum. I will not buy a pair of boots and then worry about finding an outfit to go with them. I don't really need 30 of those cropped tees that were so "in" last summer. I will survive just fine without that CD that everyone has been raving about. I can exhibit self-control. I am a mature 20-year-old woman, and I am capable of making intelligent financial decisions... "Oh, Wow!! That jacket is incredible!"

Academics The Way To Attract Minorities

Dear Editor:

At the first "Public Forum" on the possibility of starting a football program at NKU, held on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Noelen Pomerantz, reading from a prepared text given to her prior to the start of the forum, noted among others that "attracting minorities" to NKU is a reason for proposing a football program to be started at this University. Let it be noted that I am deeply offended by this reprehensible and racist statement, as well as the lack of sensitivity exhibited by the leadership and members of the Northern Kentucky University Football Committee.

Here is a group of people- supposedly well meaning- so totally engrossed in their assumed superiority, that they, without the slightest thought as to the humanity of those who do not look like them, hand down for public acceptance a reason so demeaning. These are the types in insults and offensive behavior that people that are not white people on a never ending continuum. I am well aware of the hows of denial that will emanate from that truth, however, I will not be deterred from letting you confront your excesses.

When will such people begin to realize that the ease with which they are influenced by a willing acceptance of stereotypes is, in fact, hurting others? When will

this society and its nauseating practices, in belittling others, begin to recognize in their thought patterns and behavior, the very lack of humanity with which they falsely label others? When will such people come to realize that their inhumanity so often manifested in thought, word and deed, has so cruelly burdened others. African Americans, like other Americans, want their children to attend schools with strong academic programs that will stimulate their intellectual capabilities, and prepare them for meaningful service to their communities.

I hold the leadership of this Committee, the Committee as a whole, and the Administration at NKU (if not for their involvement, then for their silence) responsible for this insulting, insensitive and offensive remark. The administration accepted the committee's report without reacting to that reprehensible statement. This group owes an apology to those of us you classify as not part of the majority. If you possess that contempt of character, such an apology should not be long in coming. As I have stated before, creating an atmosphere of racial tolerance and understanding, as well as academic excellence, will attract African Americans, not football.

Clinton G. Hewan Ph.D.
Associate Professor,
Political Science

Support Football Now

Dear Editor:

Wednesday night I attended the forum for public comment about the future of athletics at NKU. My wife just graduated; I'm a sophomore and I have five children that will be attending this college.

I attended this forum as a skeptic, having spent 20 years in the military and educated in how the best laid plans can go wrong at times and the consequences they can bring. I left this forum informed and confident in Mr. Erpenbeck's report. Yet I also left with the feeling that the animosity displayed by those opposing this plan was frustration, not about football but, the community offer of 1.5M for athletics versus a library or science project.

There seem to be several perceptions that need to be corrected. First, there is no set date to field a football team. Mr. Erpenbeck's point that this can happen as early as 98-99 if the proper steps are taken from the report. Second, my first point refutes those who believe President Moreland is out to shine his "apple." Third, NKU is the only university in this area that does not have an athletic fee charged at tuition. If nothing else comes of this issue with the Regents, I sincerely hope that the \$20.00 a semester fee is approved for the Athletic Department. Fourth, community members have already committed their own money to this project. (Example: If your federal or state political leader fights to his last breath to have your tax dollars

NOT spent on a project in the state, yet it is passed, would you not then at least want him to fight to have the project brought to your community since you would be paying for it anyway?) Fifth, and I would guess most important, enrollment is down an average of 500 students a semester through the 90's. This amounts to approximately \$900,000 dollars that would have been there to improve academics. We must find things that will attract those students back to the university. Sixth, current NKU athletics WILL BE seriously addressed and brought up to par with chapter 9 requirements. Finally, current upgrades and planned projects in the area of academics ARE NOT dependent of this plan. They will proceed as planned.

Those are a few points that we would like to share. We're willing to invest over \$100,000 during the next decade and as investors, we ask that you read these points again and express support to the Regents for approval of the plan put forth by Mr. Erpenbeck and the Committee. The future students of NKU and those of us who will pay for it are as much at stake as current student enrollment. We'll make the investment, will you? Let's accept the communities gracious offer and work at using it to our advantage to improve education opportunities at NKU

Gene Brown
PSC Major

During A recent SGA meeting...

Okay, we've passed the athletic fee, the library fee, the dining card fee, the residence hall fee, the music fee and the technology fee... I'll open the floor for any more motions.

I propose a hot tub fee.

All in favor say 'aye'

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

I abstain

I propose a tanning bed fee.

I propose a Sauna fee.

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

I abetain!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

Aye!

How about an academic fee???

Huh??

Huh???

Huh??

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SEAN's TV CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Light of Chicago Hope
 8. Role on *The Cosby Show* (1984-92)
 9. Privy to (2)
 10. J.T.'s portrayal on *Step By Step* (2)
 14. Dirt
 15. One _____ Million; short-lived 1980 sitcom
 16. Showoff
 17. MIT, for one
 18. The _____ of Madeiran
 19. Claudel; 1931 Helen Hayes film
 20. Window's role on *Murder, She Wrote*
 21. 1949-56 Peggy Wood; Dick Van Patten series
 22. Joan of _____; 1948 Ingrid Bergman movie
 23. _____ Three Lives (1953-56)
 24. Actress on *The Golden Girls* (1985-92)
 25. Morrow or Damore
 26. Heed one's alarm clock
 27. DeLorenzo's role on *New York Undercover* (2)
 28. The _____ Hunter; 1978 Robert De Niro film
 29. Star of the recent *Hudson Street*
 30. Perfect _____
- DOWN**
1. Heston's role in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*
 2. 1979 Carol Burnett movie
 3. Eldard of Men Behaving Badly
 4. Yotfers of Family Ties (1982-89)
 5. Abbr. in a business name
 6. _____ Ark (1956-58)
 7. Chou _____; 1992 TV movie
 11. Mother of princes
 12. Our Own (1994-95)
 13. K-CO connection
 14. Roseanne, to Jackie
 15. The _____ Crack'd; 1980 Angela Lansbury film
 16. Dr. Solomon and family on *3rd Rock From the Sun*
 17. Like Oscar Madison (in Felix Unger's opinion)
 18. Fruity concoction
 19. _____ Burrows' Almanac; 1950 comedy/variety series
 20. Fox and others
 21. Military academy student
 22. Role on *Alice* (1976-85)
 23. Takes Two (1982-83)
 24. Initiative for the star of *In the Heat of the Night*
 25. Suffix for boss or moss
 26. Maiman's best abbr.

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January 26 through February 1, 1997

- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
Investigate new avenues for saving money. You have more options open to you than you realize. Choose wisely.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
Appreciate the many gifts you have been given in life. A meeting during which you share ideas with co-workers could prove quite fruitful.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Inner turmoil is often more destructive than the battles you fight in the outside world. Stop tearing yourself down and begin to build.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
You can speak your mind, but do it tactfully. Make certain your facts are straight and don't be surprised if things don't go quite as you imagine.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
A more loving atmosphere is needed at home, and it begins with you. Open your heart to those closest to you.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
You are juggling too many balls, and it is time to let a few go. The world won't come to an end if you just say no.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
You are looking for some kind of sign, and most likely it is already sitting in front of you. It is time to move on.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
Your world will be shaken up a bit, but you will survive. It's times like these that make you realize change really is inevitable.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
A little financial planning is needed to ensure a prosperous future. Make a list of things you procrastinated about and get them done this week.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
A wish will come true, but not quite the way you expected. A friend will ask you something and you need to think carefully before answering.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Life is moving at a faster pace than you are used to. There will be an opportunity to travel, possibly for business purposes.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
This is a great time to start those self-improvement projects, but take it one step at a time. You have the power.

Born this week:

- Jan. 26 - Scott Glenn, Wayne Gostoky, Gene Siskel
Jan. 27 - Mikhail Baryshnikov, Bridget Fonda, Mimi Rogers
Jan. 28 - Alan Alda, Elijah Wood
Jan. 29 - John Forsythe, Anne Jillian
Jan. 30 - Phil Collins, Charles Dutton
Jan. 31 - Suzanne Pleshette
Feb. 1 - Lisa Marie Presley

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