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Ky. enrollment record high Students see value in higher ed.

BY SUE WRIGHT

FRANKFORT, KY. — According to statistics released last Tuesday, Feb. 14, by the Council on Higher Education, 152,565 students enrolled in public and independent colleges and universities in Kentucky, resulting in a record high fall enrollment for the state.

In the university sector, Morehead State University had the highest change of 13.7 percent. Enrollment jumped from 6,490 in the Fall of 1987 to 7,379 in the Fall of 1988.

NKU was the third-highest in change in this sector, with a 5.3 percent change. NKU enrollment was 9,020 in the Fall of 1987 compared to 9,497 in the Fall of 1988.

In the community college sector, Hopkinsville jumped 30.00 percent. Their Fall 1987 enrollment was 1,341 compared to 1,743 in the Fall of 1988.

Enrollment jumps have raised serious questions in administrators' minds concerning how well universities and colleges are prepared — size and staff wise — to handle an increase of students.

"The growth is good news that everyone wants to have," Ken Walker, Deputy Director for Finance for the Council of Higher Education, said. "Of course there are problems with it, but those can be overcome."

Of the headcount enrollment, 131,293 were enrolled in the eight public universities and the University of Kentucky's system of

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Club Coca-Cola and the USA Tour hit campus last Saturday. See photos page 7.

Alcohol Awareness Week is Feb. 27 - March 3

BY HOLLY JO KOONS NEWS EDITOR

"Student Government is attempting to educate NKU students on the dangers of alcohol abuse," said Scott Kappas, president of SG.

Alcohoi Awareness Week will be presented by SG during the week of Monday, Feb. 27, through Friday, March 3. Alcohol Awareness Week is a project taken on each semester by SG. This is the fifth year for Alcohol Awareness Week, said Scott Kappas.

Kappas pointed out that the importance of Alcohol Awareness Week was to inform the students of the dangers involved with drinking and driving.

"We realize that we can't stop students from drinking, but we want to stress the importance of drinking responsibly," said Kappas.

SG has been preparing for Alcohol Awareness Week from the start of the spring 89 semester. After weeks of work and dedication, SG has planned a full agenda for Alcohol Awareness Week. The grand kickoff has been set for noon Monday, Feb. 27.

Highlights of Alcohol Awareness Week will consist of a halloon release, a visit by the Bengals, a trivia quiz show, a tricycle race, and a special presentation by Jerry Springer

Two of the events, the balloon release and the tricycle race, will offer students a chance to get directly involved in the events of Alcohol Awareness Week. The balloon release, being held on Monday, Feb. 27, will begin with inviting both faculty and students to place messages of memorial in the balloons that will be released at noon later that same day. The message can be written in the UC lobby early that morning. Meanwhile, guesses may be made as to the number of balloons being released. The winner will be announced after the balloon release and SG will award the winner with \$25.

Additionally, the tricycle race scheduled for Thursday will simulate the effects of drinking on one's driving ability. Different handicaps will be designed to simulate the hazards of drinking and driving.

Kappas feels the events will go as planned but does say that the schedule is still tentative. He went on to say that changes may be made later this week.

SG takes great pride in Alcohol Awareness Week and feels it will have a positive outcome if the NKU students are willing to come out and get involved. SG encourages everyone to participate.

Turn to page 2 for a complete schedule of Alcohol Awareness week.



IN THE WATER: Steve Adams swims toward \$2,000 in donations. See page 6 for details.

Report shows outcomes assessment not mandated by SACS

BY SHEILA VILVENS MANAGING EDITOR

SACS did not mandate, but suggested that NKU initiate outcomes assessments and outcomes assessment is an ineffective tool for measuring a student's knowledge, according to a report conducted by the NKU History faculty.

The report, completed Jan. 12 of this year, states that "SACS recommended (mandated) that we clearly define our education results and how we achieve them but only suggested (not mandated) outcomes assessment as a possible tool to this end."

The history department is disturbed by NKU's move towards outcomes assessment, according to the report. They are also disturbed by the fact NKU has committed itself to outcomes assessment "before the administration consulted widely with faculty

and students."

To research outcomes assessment, as applied to the history/social studies program, the history faculty took a look at James Madison University, which has successfully implemented outcomes assessment.

James Madison University seniors were required to take outcomes assessment and the results showed the students were indeed learning what they were supposed to. According to the NKU history departments report the above mentioned university claimed that outcomes assessment helped them realize how diversified their department is.

In showing the other side of the coin, the NKU history faculty reports that the Bradley Commission on History in Schools sighted outcomes assessment as a trend that should not be followed.

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Alcohol abuse and college

Student problems include poor grades

BY TRACI L. HELM STAFF WRITER

Today, most students consider drinking to be a normal and respectable part of college life. Because alcohol is common and accepted among students, many forget about the serious effects of alcohol for the student on campus and also for the entire college.

Alcohol is probably the oldest drug in the world; evidence proves that beer and berry wine were used at least by 6400 B.C. and probably even earlier. Alcohol has been used in religious ceremonies, feasts and celebrations and as a medicine for thousands of years. People long ago recognized the power of alcoholic beverages: Its spirit changed feelings and behavior.

Today, alcohol has a somewhat contradictory role in society. It has been associated with good times and cheerfulness, but it also is associated with escape and general self-destructiveness. Unfortunately, alcohol abuse is also becoming a large part of campus life at many colleges.

Alcohol abuse is any drinking that results in problems, harm to the drinker or others, or damage to property. As a result of common alcohol abuse, a significant number of students get into some sort of trouble - from academic problems to serious automobile accidents. Surveys indicate that about 25 percent of all students become intoxicated at least once a month.

Students who abuse alcohol suffer in many ways, one of which is poor grades. This is often the result of slowed thinking, poor concentration, frequent absence from classes, etc. A cycle of failure and escape into use of alcohol can set in.

Poor health is another problem students may face when alcohol abuse takes over. Alcohol weakens the body, which can set the stage for illnesses that may affect class attendance, performance and participation in other activites.

When alcohol lessens inhibitions, a person may say or do something he or she will later regret. The abuser often will alienate friends and instructors, and may be unwelcome at social gatherings and events.

Other common results of alcohol abuse include falls, cuts and bruises. Also, automobile accidents, one of the most common causes of death for young people, may

Sooner or later, alcohol abuse can hurt the quality of life for everyone on campus. All students lose when alcohol-related destruction strikes campus facilities. Repair costs add to tuition fees, and lack of replacement can mean learning without valuable equipment. This may seriously affect the quality of education.

Large-scale disruptions by alcohol abusers can lead to the elimination of concerts, sports events, etc. It may even lead to tighter security and campus restrictions. This results in a limited social life for everyone.

Misuse of alcohol contributes to more fights, arguments, and other possible violence on campus. The school image suffers when alcohol abuse becomes a serious campus problem. Relations with the community and even the search for funding may adversely be affected.

Students who abuse alcohol face the same problems as other alcohol abusers do, aside from campus life. This may include drinking and driving, trouble with the law, drinking and drugs, and family problems.

A serious alcohol problem can develop quickly, especially to students who are under academic stress or want to be just one of the crowd

There may be a problem if you or someone you know:

-drinks to cope with the pressures of school life or to escape from problems.

-drinks often to the point of intoxication. -goes to class or work while intoxicated. is injured seriously enough for medical attention because of alcohol abuse. -gets into trouble with the law as a result

of drinking.

-drinks more and more to achieve the same

-denies possibility of a drinking problem. -shows frequent moodiness, irritation and anger without apparent cause.

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'The day I died

BY HOLLY JO KOONS NEWS EDITOR

In preparation for Alcohol Awareness Week, The Northerner would like to share this revised excerpt taken from the organization, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

"Agony claws at my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here I felt very much alone, I was overwhelmed with a sudden grief and I expected to find sympathy.

'I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly mangled as mine. I was given a number and placed in a category. The category was called 'Alcohol-related Traffic

"The day I died was an ordinary day at college. How I wish I had went home that weekend! But I wanted to be cool and go to a big bash being held off-campus. I remember giving mom some excuse about needing to concentrate my time and energy on studying for my mid-term exam that was scheduled on Monday. Mom said she understood and I really did need to study this weekend.

"This wasn't the first party I'd been to this semester and it wasn't the first party I'd left with having a few too many beers. It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off - going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying the feeling I was having. I enjoyed the freedom of being in college. I loved having my own car. I liked taking chances.

'The last thing I remember was passing a semi who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a deafening crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

'Suddenly, I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a paramedic. My body was mangled. I was saturated with my own blood. Pieces of jagged glass covered my face and arms. Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, wait! Don't pull that sheet over my head! I can't be dead! I'm only 19. I've got a hot date with the neat girl I met at the party tonight. I'm supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life! I haven't lived yet. I can't

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Alcohol Awareness Week

The following is a tentative schedule:

Monday, Feb. 27

9 a.m.-11a.m. - Memorial balloon guess in UC lobby (\$25 prize).

12 p.m. - Balloon release from UC plaza (winner of balloon guess announced). 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Theta Phi Alpha will sponsor an Alcohol Awareness

Tuesday, Feb. 28

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Bengal players will be in UC lobby.

12:20 p.m.-1:30 p.m. - Alcohol

Awareness presentation in UC theater. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Delta Zeta will sponsor an Alcohol Awareness booth.

Wednesday, March 1

12 p.m.- 1 p.m. - Alcohol trivia quiz show in UC lobby.

11:30 а.т.-1:30 р.т. — Таи Карра Ерsilon will sponsor an Alcohol Awareness

Thursday, March 2

12 p.m.-12:30 p.m. - Alpha Tau Omega tricycle race in UC lobby.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. - Jerry Springer speaks on Alcohol Awareness in UC theater (sponsored by ATO).

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Non-alcoholic bar (free drinks!).

Friday, March 3 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Stage One will sponsor an Alcohol Awareness booth.

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Coalition for Social Concerns will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. in the University Center cafeteria in the corner closest to the Administration Building.

Movie Fest will take place on Friday, Feb. 24 at the Newman Center.

The Norse Leadership Society will have a Managing Lunch Session on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in UC 108. The subject to be discussed will be Group Decision Making. These sessions are designed to help improve your student organization. Bring your lunch and they will provide the soft drinks.

Study in Europe with K.I.E.S. Opportunities for students to take a summer term under NKU auspices in Paris, Madrid, Florence, Munich, Bregenz, This may be done with student loans. If interested come and talk with the NKU coordinator Gayle Sheard on Friday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Landrum 523. If you can't make it and want information call 572-5622 or



BY SHEILA VILVENS

A contagious computer virus called Scores invaded the NKU campus in the middle of January, but it appears to wiped out now, according to William Lunceford, manager of User Support Academic Computing.

Scores, a virus program that attaches itself to software applications and is transmitted from computer to software, was discovered in the academic computing area. Lunceford said that the lab is virus free now. Apple writes a program that stops the virus.

"Not to say it won't appear again," said Lunceford. Out of 100 disks checked for Scores virus, only six were infected.

According to Lunceford, only the Macintosh computers were affected by the virus, which firsts attacks the clipboard and scrapbook and destroys them.

The effected areas were academic computing, the art department and student services. The virus is most likely where there is a lot of access to the computers, said Lunceford.

"A very demented person wrote this program," said Lunceford.

Lunceford said he is not sure of who brought the virus on campus and probably won't ever know. It would be easier to track down the program's creator.

Lunceford said, there are two ways to prevent the spread of a virus to the users software; lock the original disk, and make back-up copies.

Scores is the first virus to hit the NKU campus and according to Lunceford it probably won't be the last. There have already been signs of another virus, but it has not been identified as of yet. Lunceford said that it may just be an aftermath of Scores.

Lunceford said that Scores was probably brought in on a disk with sounds on it.

If any students think their disks are infected, then they can have the disks checked in the Academic Computing Center on the fifth floor of the Academic Center.

Nominate an 'Outstanding Woman'

BY HOLLY JO KOONS

Nominations for the Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 24.

These awards recognize women who have "followed their convictions with actions, who have worked for community and family through public deeds and private acts of selflessness, who have fought for social justice, advanced the status of women or otherwise improved the world around them through their compassion, their strength, their courage and their skill."

Professional women as well as women who do not hold paying jobs are eligible.

Nominations should be accompanied by a brief letter specifying why the nominee deserves this recognition and the full name, address and telephone number of the nominee and the nominator.

Nominations should be mailed to: Awards Committee, The Women's Center, NKU, Highland Heights, KY 41076.

The winners will be honored at an awards luncheon on Thursday, March 23 at NKU.

This activity is held in conjunction with National Women's History Month in March and sponsored by the Women's Week Committee of NKU and *The Kentucky Post*.

For more information, call Katherine Meyer at 572-6497.

Free colloquium presented by prof of the year

BY HOLLY JO KOONS NEWS EDITOR

"Pathos on the Path to Greatness" is a topic of a free colloquium to be presented by Dr. James Ramage on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m., in the University Center Theater.

Ramage, a professor of history at NKU, was honored as the 1987-88 professor of the year at NKU. Ramage has been with NKU since 1972. He is a 1965 graduate of Murray State University. Ramage earned his master's from Murray State in 1968 and continued on with his studies, receiving his doctorate from the University of Kentucky in 1972.

Ramage pointed out that presenting the colloquium is one of the last duties associated with being chosen as professor of the year. "It's an honor being asked to give the colloquium," Ramage said. He added that the colloquium is a tradition at NKU.

Ramage said that faculty, students, and the public community are all invited to attend the colloquium. "I've even invited a few of my friends to attend," said Ramage. The colloquium is free and a reception will follow the program.

Ramage would not divulge too much of what he plans to speak on, but he did say that the basic idea behind his presentation would be that great leaders are able to identify with their followers because of their own experiences. He pointed out that most great leaders have had very uncommon experiences in their past that has helped them to identify with others.

Reading ways from Australia

BY SUSAN JEFFERIES NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Janet Miller, a professor in the education department, learned a great deal about current reading techniques and issues after attending the Twelfth World Congress on Reading in Australia last summer.

Miller shared her experiences in Australia and New Zealand at last Wednesday's lunch seminar.

The conference was held in Surfers Paradise, which is about 30 miles south of Brisbane, Australia. It was attended by reading instructors from all over the world. There were about 1,300 Australians, 1,000 Americans and about 200 others from other parts of the world.

Miller said there were over 400 speakers at the conference who spoke on various topics concerning reading instruction. Some of the seminar topics were cultural literacy, whole language and literature.

Whole language, said Miller, is a natural language approach that is taught in Australia and New Zealand. Teachers there use trade books, childrens writing, and library books to teach children how to read rather than using standard text books.

Some people in Australia, said Miller, feel that the country is becoming too Americanized. They are also concerned that their children are loosing their ties to Australia and they are trying to build up their

sense of identity in school by letting them read things about the country and the Aborigines, a tribe that came to Australia about 25,000 years ago and still exist there.

Miller also mentioned that the teachers in Australia are much freer than the teachers in America. For example, they are freer to make choices about which books their students read. The publishers in Australia also don't have as much control over what students read.

In Australia, students go to school 190 days a year, a little longer than we do. Children enter school at the age of five and they can enter on a quarterly basis, which means they don't have to wait a whole year after they turn five. Primary and secondary school is similar to the United States except that students are sent to boarding school once they enter the seventh grade. College is free to anyone who passes the requirements.

In New Zealand, where Miller chose to spend a week after attending the conference in Australia, the teaching methods are much the same as in Australia. The schools use early intervention techniques to determine the students who have problems reading and to determine at what level they read at. Books at different difficulty levels are placed in browsing boxes where students can find books for their individual level of reading.

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Lamb suffocated on fraternity's porch

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Less than two weeks after a rooster was killed during a University of Washington fraternity stunt, greek hijinks have claimed another animal's life, this time a Michigan State University lamb.

The three-month-old lamb died Jan. 18 after it was stolen from the MSU sheep barn by Sigma Chi members, tied to the fraternity's porch and left alone, according to *The State News*, the MSU student newspaper.

"They tied it to the porch and the animal got excited and jumped off the porch," said George Good, MSU's sheep barn manager. "Whoever tied it (used) a slip knot, and the longer the lamb struggled, the tighter the knot got until it suffocated."

Good said such pranks occur three or four times a year during rush and initiation at fraternities and sororities.

"These pranks look fine and dandy," Good said. "And my blood pressure has stayed pretty low until this point.

"We usually find them in a sorority shower or a dorm room and things turn out fine. This time they didn't."

Doug Olson, Sigma Chi vice president, said fraternities often pull such pranks, but without such results.

"It has happened in the past and I hope this will put an end to it," Olson said. "This is not condoned. It's a sick joke to play."

University of Washington officials, mean-

while, still are investigating allegations that two Delta Upsilon members threw a rooster from a classroom balcony during a human sexuality class. The bird was killed by the fall.

Pranksters have thrown birds into the class during past semesters as well, but witnesses say the rooster was killed because it was thrown backwards and couldn't use its wings.

"To the best of my knowledge, the DUs are not responsible for what happened, but we are looking into the incident," Delta Upsilon President Brian Cropper said. "I have checked around and have not found anything out."

But fraternity insiders told *The Daily*, Washington's student newspaper, that Cropper was involved and that their house had a tradition of releasing roosters into classrooms during "Hell Week."

"We are just sick of the whole thing," said one DU member who requested anonymity. "When I heard about what happended I felt that it had gone too far."

Mike Walsh, another DU member, said his house does keep roosters during "Hell Week."

"But they are just for the pledges to take care of," he added.

"The activity definitely is not a housecondoned activity," Walsh said of the rooster's death. "I cannot believe that anybody would intentionally try to kill an animal just for a joke."

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No one is safe

Northern Kentucky University is considered safe.

Safe from what one might ask? We are tucked away into our little section of Northern Kentucky where not too much crime occurs and not to many incidents of violence are reported. We are the lucky ones we tell ourselves.

The fact of it is with violence on the rise, college students, especially women must take precautionary measures to avoid crime. Don't walk to your car alone, they tell us. Keep your car doors locked. Be careful, everyone says.

But what happens when violence occurs when nobody can prevent it at the time?

That is when people suffer. Just because people attend a small, conservative, fairly quiet university, does not mean crimes won't occur there.

Universities all over the country are discovering they are not free from the terror of crime entering their carefree lives. Take the University of Illinois for example. At 3:45 a.m. students who were living in an off campus house were awakened when an intruder kicked in a deadbolted door and broke open a student's locked bedroom door. The man was attempting to rape the girl when another student heard him break in and ran after him with a baseball bat. The girl was lucky. She was not raped, thanks to her helper.

But the attack left severe psychological scars that she will carry for life. The girl left school three weeks later and she reported to have become withdrawn from life.

The fact university officials are concerned with, that no matter how many precautionary measures are taken (like a deadbolted door and a locked bedroom door) and nomatter how safe parking lots and hallways are made, the threat is there and it's not going to go away. Women, their entire lives will have to live in fear of rape because of others.

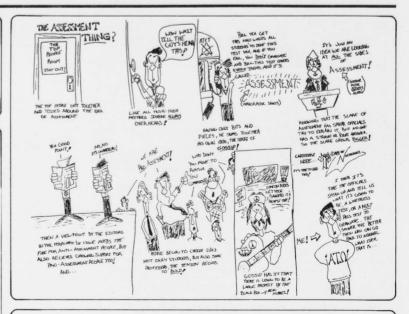
Universities should not be blamed for accidents — but many have — if the campus is made safe. Will the day get so bad that every student will have to have a picture i.d., carry identification and have a memorized computer number to enter anywhere, just so the university is kept safe? We should hope not, but you never know.

Illinos reported that they have beefed up security and have increased efforts to ease the danger of crime and attacks. But they reported that assults have continued to rise. In 1983 they reported seven assults. In 1987, they reported 26. Many feel that an increase in crime is increased because that's the way it is. If someone is going to commit a rape, they are going to do it.

Students at other universities have held rallies and marches in the name of attacks. Students participated at Brown, Marquette, Millersville State, Duke, Mankato State, Yale and Northwest University, in marches and rallies that denounced attacks against women. Campuses like Michigan State University and the University of California at Santa Barbara have reported a number of what they call "dismaying and frightening" sex crimes. Even though security has been increased, the crimes still occur.

Hopefully someday people will be able to walk without being attacked, raped or even brutally abused. But we will not see it in our day.

Right now, all this reading about rape on campus has us scared. Almost terrified. It's 11:30 at night and our cars are in close lots. But no lot seems close after reading this. We think We'll call DPS and ask them to watch us walk out to our car. And we won't even feel stupid, or like a baby about it.



Electronic entertainment needs help

Taking a break from studying the other night, I sat on my girlfriend's couch and ogled her entertainment center. Choices, choices. What was it going to be tonight — network TV, cable, the VCR or the Nintendo Game?

As I fumbled through the unlabeled video tapes, I pondered the reliance many Americans have on electronic entertainment. Then, I reached the conclusion how empty this type of entertainment often is.

Whoever called television the "vast wasteland" knew

However, there are some channels with shows on them. But how many times can one watch *Happy Days*, *Gomer Pyle* or *Dick Van Dyke* without becoming bored? To save us from this boredom, the cable companies

are kind enough to offer movie channels for, as they say, just pennies a day. Since a viewer can only stomach "The Red Ninja Warrior v. Rambo" so many times, I think I'll save my pennies.

Thomas Mullikin

what he was talking about. It wasn't long ago when we were being teased, after an extended period of rotten shows, with quality programs such as *Hill Street Blues* and *St. Elsewhere*. Finally, the viewers were being offered programs that one could admit to watching.

But something has happened. Now the three major networks serve up programs of crime-fighting priests and haunted, moonlighting nurses. Please! If these programs are reflective of Americans' tastes, God help us.

To save us from this juvenile, simple-minded programms, subscribers spend anywhere from \$14 to \$40 a month for cable. And, while the number of channels has increased, cable, too, has it's flaws; the main one being that it has yet to live up to it's advance billing. I remembering at my mother's side when cable was first offered in this area and the salesman telling us about the widerange of programming we would receive. I'm still waiting. Several stops along the cable selector and all one sees is the redundant message informing the viewer that the channel is reserved for future use. Will the future ever come?

The video cassette recorder may be the most useless piece of equipment. It has two functions; taping programs and playing video rentals. Since most of network and cable TV isn't worth watching the first time, it definitely isn't worth taping and watching over and over.

Movie rentals are proof that it will take a long time, assuming you purchased a quality VCR, to get out of your VCR what you put into it. Two or three good movies are released on video cassette monthly. All subsequent trips to the video store are spent trying to decide which mediocre movie to watch. Leaving the store with a lukewarm choice is a common occurrence.

The Nintendo game is an interesting piece of work. The basic system retails for about \$100 and all additions range from \$35 to \$70. The parents shell out the money, the children are happy and Japan gets rich off the game. It would be interesting to know how much time Japanese children spend playing the game as compared to American children (recent scholastic test scores of the two groups may provide the answer).

So, what will be the next electronic, entertainment innovation? Needless to say, I'll purchase it no matter what it is. It's inevitable. Hopefully, however, the next time I'm faced with entertaining myself, I'll choose a book.

Readers' Views

No sarcasm intended

To the Editors, Mr. Jason Dunn, and anyone else who was offended by my letter of February 8:

I assure you that my original letter to the Northerner was intended solely as satire. I have opposed outcomes assessment at Northern since it was announced and I serve as Assistant-Coordinator of Students for the Preservation of Education, the only student initiated anti-assessment group on campus.

Mr. Dunn called the opinions expressed in my letter "close-minded ultra-conservative (and) McCarthyistic". I agree. Think about the things I said in my original letter; they were ugly. Assessment is, potentially, very, very ugly.

The response of Mr. Dunn and others who voiced their concern about assessment to me, was what I had hoped for. Somebody had finally gotten angry over the subject of assessment. Keep angry. Fight assessment.

> Sincerely (not sarcastically this time), Wylie Jones

'Golden' advice given Reader feels 'Golden Girls' are disappointing

To the editors:

In response to the Golden Girl who feels cheated of support by the athletic director: Get with the program, Pam, and take a good look at what's been happening! The Norsemen are winning with a new coach and tougher schedule, the women's team is among the best, attendance to the games is encouraging, and the cheerleading squad puts out more energy than the fans know what to do with. And what of the Golden Girls? Every half-time show I've witnessed has been an extreme disappointment. The Golden Girls look as though they themselves suffer from a lack of interest in performing, and I can't blame them a bit. The routines seem unrehearsed, and the music sounds terrible. The combination of a lousy sound system and twenty-five year old songs is enough to drive even the most ardent supporter out of the stands. Pam, we're hiding in the restrooms to avoid having to sit through such a display, especially after witnessing the excitement of the ballteams. Yes, it's pretty sad, but dying things usually

Joseph R. Nagle

Reader feels assessment letter was 'stupid'

To the editors:

In response to Wylie Jones' comments on assessment which appeared in last weeks' Northerner.

First of all, assessment is meant to help students, not weed out the ones who have opinions that are different (or as Mr. Jones would say "subversive").

Secondly, what is Mr. Jones' definition of a moral, ethical nation? Does anyone know of any country in the last 50 years that did not consider itself a moral, ethical nation.

Thirdly, supposedly assessment in its

ultimate form would make this country more efficient. How could limiting the ideas to those that are acceptable to those in power make this country more efficient? Anyone ever read 1984.

The sample question was the most stupid thing I have ever seen printed in the Northerner. It belonged in a Monty Python

Assessment fortunately would not be everything a few self-appointed philophers would want.

Neal Stambaugh

Northerner receives praise for article about adult students

To the editors:

As advisor to Adult Students Together, I want to thank you for the excellent interview which you gave to the president of AST, John Twaddell. We certainly appreciate the coverage at this crucial time in the development of the organization. It was thorough and will help many non-traditional students find their way to us and thus to each other.

I am inviting you to attend one of our organizational meetings to be held this coming week. They are:

Thursday, Feb. 23 at 5:15 p.m. in U.C. 303 or Friday, Feb. 24 at 12 p.m. in U.C.

We would appreciate any reporting the Northerner might want to do on this event. Thank vou again.

> Nancy Parsley Academic Advisor

Elementary School thankful for visit to Northerner offices

To the editors:

Thank you for your participation on Feb. 8 with the school group from Visalia Elementary. The students had a wonderful visit and I appreciate the time you spent with them explaining your roles here at the university.

The group picture you took was a wonderful idea. I have taken liberty of mailing a few copies of the Northerner to the school. I thought they would be impressed to see themselves on the front page.

> Thanks again, Brenda Jenkins

The Comp Column

This week's guest columnist is David L.

In Eugene Ionesco's play, The Bald Soprano, a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Martin come to visit a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They arrive together, but in the course of their dialogue we discover that they are apparently total strangers. However, as their scene progresses, they realize that they frequently ride on the same train together, in the same compartment, live on the same street, in the same house, sleep in the same bed, and have a daughter named Alice. Alice, by the way, has one white eve and one red eve

Thus, they conclude that they are married and as might be expected, they are delighted. Shortly thereafter, however, the Smith's maid, Mary come down to the audience and explains that the Martin's are sadly deluded since Alice, the daughter, is in fact two little girls. The difference is that one Alice has a white right eye, while the other has a white left eye.

The Bald Soprano is one of the funniest plays ever written. Yet, it is also one of the saddest. It was written shortly after World War II, a time when many Europeans felt that life had lost all meaning and that faith - of any kind - was a delusion.

Ionesco, in writing The Bald Soprano, reflects that bitterness in the sense that his characters talk to each other, but do not understand each other. His play signaled the beginning of a movement known as The Theatre of the Absurd; a movement dedicated to the proposition that all communication, and all human aspiration, was pointless.

But, Ionesco was really offering more than his critics thought. He was offering a vision of humanity that, absurd as it was, also presented people with an opportunity to laugh. The play was ridiculous, people were ridiculous, life was ridiculous. Taken another way, everything we do, if reduced sufficiently, is at least laughable.

I guess that message was, in a way, the beginning of recovery for post-war Europe. And, it's something I try to remember as well. With a sense of the ridiculous, with the ability to laugh at ourselves and our troubles, there is always hope.

Government should realize 'inconsistency' in Roe v. Wade

The Supreme Court has on occassion participated in what Henry James might have called the science of beating the sense out of words.

Robert Morris

Later this year, the public's myopic emotional debate of the Court's Roe v. Wade abortion ruling will find itself back in Washington, trying once again to find lucidity in one of the most incoherent judicial decisions in the Court's history.

The reason that abortion-on-demand advocates should be concerned that Roe v. Wade will be overturned is not that the Court is viewing abortion with a conservative slant, but that the Court may be coming to its senses over the ambiguity and inconsistancy of its jurisprudence.

In the 16 years since the ruling, the courts have not been able to agree on the specifics of the 1973 decision which bases its logic to abortion on vague directives such as "potential life," "viability," and "the capability of meaningful life.

The result has been a semantic train wreck that produces conflicting legal decisions and further exasperates the schism of public opinion.

The Court's original mandate claimed that a woman had absolute sovereignty over her body. The rights of the fetus (often

refered to by the common folk as a baby) do not exist. However, some courts have ruled that the fetus is a "viable" form of human life by taking control of a pregnant woman's body when the behavior of the mother (drug abuse) threatens the health of the "poten-

Since the begining of this decade, lower courts have continued to offer alternative reasoning that refuses to bow to the will of the Supreme Court's confusing edict.

If, according to the Supreme Court and abortion proponents, a baby in the womb does not share the same rights as a child outside the womb, what is to explain a 1983 California court decision where a former sheriff's deputy was convicted of murder after he inadvertently shot the fetus of a pregnant woman who was involved in a drug raid?

In 1981, a Georgia court ruled that an unwilling woman had to undergo a caesarean section for the health of her fetus.

Additionally, Maryland courts have held that a fetus has the right to inherit property if conceived before the death of the person from whom the property will be inherited.

The pro-choice argument builds its logic on the tenuous foundation of Roe v. Wade. a decision that cannot adequately define the legal status of a fetus, and that arbitrarily decided that "meaningful life" begins in the third trimester. There is no empirical ra-

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Features



WHAT LAP WAS THAT? Steve Adams, left, listens as Scott Gusweiler informs him he has just completed his 1,000 lap in his swimathon.

Swimmer turns laps into bucks

BY SUE WRIGHT EDITOR

After many jeered in his face, exclaimed he was crazy or vowed there was no way he could do it, Steve Adams made the NKU body, his fraternity and the American Diabetes Association, collectively, \$2,000 richer by swimming 12 hours in the Albright Health Center pool.

Adams said he realized the pain and pressure that was before him. But, he arrived well prepared when he entered the water at 10:30 a.m. last Wednesday, Feb. 2.

He coated his body coated in Vaseline to prevent his skin from drying out, he wore goggles to protect his eyes and he drank a mixture of water, orange juice and salt, to keep his energy up — these were just a few of the measures taken to aid him in his swim.

At 10:30 that night, it was accomplished. He had completed 1838 laps, which equaled 27.8 miles and is an average of 157.17 laps per hour — all for the sake of raising money to help others.

"People said it was impossible, but this is something I feel really good about," he said. "The people who supported me and cheered me on really motivated me. That kept me going."

Adams, 23, who is a graduate from the University of Kentucky, said he has been swimming all of his life. He is a second-year law student at Chase. He swims over a mile almost everyday. He is the Marshal (Recruiter) of the law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta.

He said he thought having a "swimathon" would be a great fundraiser. So he collected a committee of 28 people and proceeded to call members of the Greater Gincinnati and Northern Kentucky



OUT OF WATER: Adams is a second-year law student at Chase and Marshal to Phi Kappa Alha, who likes to help others.

Bar Directories to get sponsors for his 12 hour splash in the water.

The sponsors could give so much money per lap, or donate a lump sum toward the swimathon.

"The comments we got were really interesting," he said. "But I thought 'what the heck." This fundraiser would generate some curisoity, and would raise some interest on campus."

Ådams said after explaining to one judge in the community about the swimathon, the judge said, 'I bet you don't do it.' Adams said he fired right with 'Well, if you don't think I can do it, why don't you sponsor me?'

"He now owes me \$27.00," Adams said with a revengeful laugh. "As we got more sponsors and the dollar signs started comming up all over the place, I started to feel more pressure, but also excitement. I told myself 'Just do the best you can.'

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Women and their dreams

Activities planned to celebrate and unite

BY SHEILA REED WATERS STAFF WRITER

The theme for Women's Week to be held March 19-24 at NKU will be "We Still Have a Dream."

The upcoming Women's Week activities will be sponsored by NKU's Women's Center.

Katherine Meyer, coordinator of NKU Memen's Center, has three goals for this week. First, she hopes to induce "greater awareness of women's contributions to NKU, by faculty and staff, and to the world." She hopes Women's Week will bring about an awareness of the talent we have on campus.

Second, Meyer said she hopes this will "bring together women on campus to build support systems between faculty and students to cross some of the current barriers."

Finally, Meyer said, "The week will bring women together and celebrate their lives."

On March 19, Women's Week will begin with a play entitled "Steel Magnolias" at the

Women's Week at NKU

Playhouse in the Park. This is a play about mothers and daughters set in a beauty parlor. After the play, a reception will be held at the Playhouse. Tickets to the play can be purchased in advance in the Women's Center. Admission rates are \$5 for students and \$8.50 for faculty and staff.

On March 20, a panel will be held at noon dealing with the topic of sexual harassment in the classrooms. This will be sponsored by Kamilla Mazanec, a professor at Chase College of Law. A film entitled *You* are the Game will be shown, and a \$1 lunch will be offered afterwards.

At 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Room 506 of the Landrum building on this day, a film entitled Girls Apart will be shown. This will be sponsored by NKU's Sociology Department. From 4 to 6:30 p.m., a film called Women Leaders in Education will be sponsored by Dr. Iris Tiedt, chair of the Department of Education. Tea will be served.

On March 22 at 8 p.m., Sarah Weddington, an attorney, will speak about women in the law.

An awards luncheon will be held on March 23. An award will be presented to one NKU student, or group of students, and 5 outstanding women in Northern Kentucky. The awards will be based upon community work, compassion, cooperation, and other personal characteristics. The cost of the luncheon will be \$6.50 per person.

On March 24, Beth Perkins, a member of NKU's Philosophy Department, will give a speech on the philosophy of language. A film entitled *Pricks and Chicks* will be shown.

All activities during Women's Week will be free and open to all NKU students and faculty, except for the few aforementioned costs.

The specific locations of various activities previously mentioned can be obtained from the Women's Center.

For more information, contact the Women's Center at 572-6497 in the Albright Health Center, Room 206.



An unidentified art buff views a wood sculpture in the Third Floor Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Center. The sculpture was just a part of Doug Groneck's Graduating Senior Art Exhibit, held Friday, Feb. 17.

NKU to experience Black History this month

NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

In honor of Black History Month, the Black United Students Organization will sponser a Black Gospel Festival on Feb. 25, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center.

The Gospel Festival will be supported by talented gospel groups from Kentucky and Ohio. Scheduled to appear on the program

- *University of Kentucky Gospel Singers
- *Eastern Kentucky University Gospel Singers
- *Xavier University Gospel Singers
- *University of Cincinnati Gospel Singers
- *Oak Grove Baptist Church Choir
- *Prosperity Singers *Alumna, Mrs. Sheila Carlisle

What does the Gospel Festival offer to the University? For one thing, it offers the chance for students and faculty to experience black culture first-hand and become active participants. Secondly, it offers a chance for cultural experience to be enriched.

Gospel music reflects the very soul and life of black people. Hopefully, the desire to experience and witness black culture first-hand will be enough to stimulate and motivate a great deal of Northern's student and faculty to share in this joyous and enlightening experience. This will truly be history for each and every one there.

The Afro-American Studies Program and the History and Geography Department will present four programs during Black History Month which will focus on different aspects of the African-American struggle for freedom. The first program on Thursday.

Enrich your cultural experience......

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Feb. 23, focuses on black college students' contribution to the civil rights struggle. This will be a video production of Part III of the

Eyes on the Prize series called Ain't Scared of Your Jails. For the second program the movie, Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker will be shown on Monday, Feb. 27. The third program focuses on some aspects of black soldiers during the Civil War. This will be a slide-lecture presentation by Dr. Michael C.C. Adams, professor of history, entitled, The Black Soldier in Charleston and the Sea Islands. Dr. Adam's presentation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Finally, on Wednesday, March 1, black nationalism will be the focal point with the showing of Malcolm X Speaks.

Each program will be held at 12:30 p.m. in room 110, Landrum and will be followed by a discussion.

For further information, contact Dr. Michael Washington, 572-6483 or 5464.

Ben-Gal describes 'heavy emotion' felt at Superbowl NKU student now faces life in a concrete jungle

BY MARILYNN ANDERSON STAFF WRITER BY TOM HANDORF FEATURES EDITOR

Twenty-year-old Kelly Traylor used to stalk through the steamy confines of Riverfront Stadium's "jungle", but now she's just tackling classes at NKU. Traylor is a Bengals cheerleader.

The Ben-Gals provide support for the Bengals and their fans during all home games, but last year was not an ordinary year. It was a championship season, and Traylor was part of it.

Last month, Traylor and the Ben-Gals got the thrill of a lifetime as they flew to Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium to cheer the Bengals onto victory in Super Bowl XXIII. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way. The Bengals fell to San Francisco 20-16 in the closing seconds.

The 34 ticks of the clock that kept the Bengals from a Super Bowl victory were packed with heavy emotions. "I prayed," said Traylor, "I thought, 'we have come so far,' and deep inside me I thought we could pull it off." The tears that threatened to fall were held back until she reached the locker room. That's when they spilled. "It was a very emotional time," she said.

Traylor acknowledged the loss was especially tough for the cheerleaders because it was the first time all season they had been on the sidelines and witnessed a defeat. "They lost," said Traylor, "but they played a good game. Being part of Super Bowl XXIII was the experience of a

lifetime."

One of the highlights of the Super Bowl for Traylor was the chance to catch a glimpse of famous celebrities. She saw such stars as Cheech and Chong, Christie Brinkley, and the owner of the losing Bud Bowl team, partying canine Spuds Mackenzie. She was photographed in a squad picture with Billy Joel, who sang the National Anthem.

Being a Ben-Gal isn't always glamorous; Traylor has to abide by certain rules. Dating the players is forbidden; there are two practices each week totalling seven hours; and there is a game weight check. If her weight is unacceptable, that particular Ben-Gal is ineligible for the next week's game.

Traylor also finds the lack of media coverage upsets her. She feels the Ben-Gals don't get the proper respect and recognition they deserve. "Its kind of frustrating not to be acknowledged," Traylor explains. "We work very hard, and there is a certain amount of pressure."

Since football season is over, Traylor is spending a lot of her time on her studies. She is pursuing a communications degree that, hopefully, will lead to a news anchor position. Her favorite local new anchor is Jerry Springer because of his thought-provoking commentaries. "They make you stop and think," she said.

One of Traylor's favorite hobbies is partipating in various beauty pageants. "I have been in pageants all my life," said Traylor. At age four, Traylor won Campbell County's "Alexandria Fair Princess". Just last year she added another win, the Spiral Pageant at the Jim Beam Sweepstakes.

NKU catches Club Coca-Cola



Janine Marangoni/The Northerner



Janine Marangoni/The Norther

CLUB COCA—COLA TRAVELS TO NKU: Students, faculty and staff arrived at Northern on Saturday, Feb. 18, to hear the hottest dance hits, experience the latest in special effects, view a giant video screen and hear one of the most explosive sound systems anywhere at "Club Coca-Cola" held in the University Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the Activities Programming Board and Student Activities, people danced the night away unti 1 a.m., with proceeds going toward Special Olympics.

Speech team 'impressive'

Talent brings home 6 trophies in tourney

BY TOM HANDORF

There's no debating that the speech team is having an excellent season. Just ask professor Steve Brooks.

The NKU speech team coach has led his team to an impressive showing at a recent Georgetown (Ky.) College speech tournament in which NKU picked up six trophies, placing fifth overall out of 11 teams.

Brooks points out the reason the team is doing so well is because of the talented students he has performing on the team. Their main strength lies in their individual category performances. dramatic interpretation. She is having an awesome "rookie" season.

Another member contributing to the team's trophy count is junior Mike Chance, a political science major. Mike turned in a fifth place finish in persuasive speaking, one spot behind teammate Deeley.

Brooks explained that everyone has the opportunity to join the speech team. Most members are found either by speech team members or by the speech professors who pick out students they feel have great speaking presence.

In the upcoming months, the team will be very busy participating in major speech tourneys. The "All Kentucky Tournament",



Michelle Deeley

which will be held at Berea College Feb. 24 and 25, will give the team an opportunity to brush up on their skills before the National Tournament.

The National Tournament will be held in the Louis March 23-26. To qualify for this, individual team members must pick up one or more trophies in other tournaments. Brooks expects five members of the team to participate in the national tourney.



Three members of the seven member

team picked up trophies and accolades at the

recent tourney. Ted Weil, a junior com-

munications major, brought back two trophies, placing first in dramatic interpreta-

had an impressive tourney, also. She plac-

ed fourth in persuasive speaking, fifth in

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Freshman speech major Michelle Deeley

Steve Brooks

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Free activities provided for campus by Women's Center

BY SHEILA REED WATERS

The Women's Center on campus is offering a variety of weekly activities to NKU students and faculty throughout the spring semester.

Katherine Meyer, co-ordinator of NKU Women's Center, believes these activities are enjoyable and productive in bringing women together.

The Women's Center is currently offering four different activities per week.

On Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon, a session entitled "Food for Thought" meets. This group investigates women's body images and food issues

On Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m., a Women's Week committee meets. This group focuses on planning and discussing ideas for NKU's Women's Week, to be held March 19-24. New members are always welcome to attend these meetings.

On Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., a

peer support group meets. This group is open to female students of any age. This group was originally started by women aged 25 and older who felt they needed support in fulfilling their responsibilities at school, work, and home

On Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m., a group entitled "T.G.I.F. Video Viewers" gets together. The T.G.I.F. in the title represents "Thank Goodness I'm Female." In these sessions, videos pertaining to women's issues are shown.

A video entitled Man Oh Man will be shown on February 24. This will examine the topic of male sensitivity.

The video Growing Up Female will be shown on March 3. This will deal with "the experience of being raised as a female in today's culture," according to Meyer.

All activities are free and open to NKU students and faculty.

For more information, contact the Women's Center at 572-6497 in the Albright Health Center, Room 206.

Nikki Giovanni.....

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- Students holding full-year tuition scholarships are not eligible.

Beginning March 1, 1989, applications may be obtained from department offices. Students must submit applications to a faculty member of their academic major on or before MARCH 31, 1989. Awards will be announced on MAY 13, 1989.

'Bocephus' leads crowd to boot-stompin fun at Lexington's Rupp Arena

BY MICHAEL WRIGHT BUSINESS MANAGER BY DARRIN C. KERBY GUEST ALUMNIST

LEXINGTON, KY.—Hank "Bocephus" Williams Jr. showed the Kentucky Wildcats how to bring a Rupp Arena crowd to its feet on Saturday, Feb. 4, for the first time this season.

Hank's Wild Streak tour also featured strong warm-up performances from Tanya Tucker and Steve Earle.

The hour trek down south was well worth the trip to see Bochepus flex his musical talents. On "Born to Boogie," Hank played a short drum solo and later jammed on the bass mitter.

He also performed blistering versions of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Give Me Three Steps."

Hank hushed the crowd with a solo acoustic montage that featured "A Country Boy Can Survive."

Hank's strongest cut off the Wild Streak set was a butt-kickin' rendition of "If The South Woulds Won "

The show ended with a unique video that featured rare footage of Hank Williams Sr. and Hank Jr. dubbed in to sing a special song with his father and country music legend.

Hank showed the Kentucky crowd why he earned his multiple Entertainer of the Year awards.

Tanya Tucker captivated the audience with a powerful performance of her 1972 hit "Delta Dawn."

Steve Earle kicked things off with a rockin' set that promoted his new album, Copperhead Road.

After the boot-stompin' title cut, Earle followed with another sure hit song off the new album titled "Snake Oil."

Earle's encore featured the song that went to Number One on the Country/Western chart and launched his music career, "Guitar Town."

Without a doubt, the four-hour concert extravaganza was well worth the \$18.75 ticket price and the trek to Lexington.

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style whenever his muscle started tightening When his arms began to hurt he used a kick board and concentrated on using his legs.

"When it got to about 6 p.m. I knew I could do it," he said "It was just a matter of hangin' in there."

After it was all over Adams said he was very sore, especially in his lower back, triceps and shoulders. But, he managed to make it to Perkins for a celebration snack consisting of an omelette and pancakes — just to prove the saying that men are never too tired to be hungry, of course!

The next day he claimed he felt fine and resumed his schedule at Northern.

Adams said there were other swimmers who raised money that day also, and they swam for sponsors of made up of friendsand family. They were: Tom Raisbeck, Stan Sims, Bo Wagner, Keith McMain and Craig Kendrick. He added that even though they swam less laps, their imput was just as important — as well as everyone else that helped — because it was a team effort

"It gives, me as well as the whole fraternity, a terrific feeling and sense of accomplishment," he said. "Thanks."

Apparently the student body discovered what it was all about as well. Students who had never met Adams, cheered him on. Others stood around and watched in support. Students even went as far to call others to report what was occuring.

"The support that I had was terrific," he said. "When you have good people and good feelings behind you, it makes for a great feeling inside."

So let's get past the nice comments about the money raised and the support Adams received. Let's hear about the 12 hours of pain and exhaustion.

"The first 3-4 hours I felt comfortable and relaxed," he said. "But after that the pain started setting in. The hardest time was between 4-7 because that was about the half way mark. I kept asking 'How much laps, how much time?' Being only half way finished didn't sound very far."

Adams said he changed his swimming

Nikki Giovanni

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USA students among poorest achievers

BY BARB BOLENDER STAFF WRITER

American students will continue to be among the poorest achievers in the world in mathematics unless changes in the standards for teaching math in this country are implemented, said Dr. Charles Thompson, a professor of education at the University of Louisville.

Thompson is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and was on the committee that drafted the new standards. He met with Northern Kentucky teachers Monday at NKU to discuss the standards and to open a Northern Kentucky chapter of the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Thompson said most students have a bad attitude about math, and current teaching methods may promote this attitude. Children should realize that math can be fun, intriguing, and powerful, he said.

There are several reasons why the new standards were created:

- Dissatisfaction with U.S. test scores compared with other countries.
- Steadily decreasing enrollment in college math courses
- Last year, only 800 doctorates were awarded in mathematics in the U.S.
- Less than half of the 800 doctorates awarded were earned by U.S. citizens.
- Colleges are saying that students come to college unprepared for math.

Employers are saying that college graduates are inadequately prepared for

The standards committee had two tasks: to realize what it means to be math illiterate in a technological society, and to decide what math to teach from kindergarten through twelfth grade, how to teach it and how to evaluate it.

The committee met for four weeks in the summer of 1987 and for two weeks in the summer of 1988 and came up with the following standards:

- Complex computation should be eliminated. Once the basics are mastered, anything tedious should be done with a calculator.
- No fraction computation should be done before grade five. Most should be done in grades seven and eight.
- If students are not computationally proficient in high school, they should be allowed to use a calculator and continue learning higher math concepts.
- Basic facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division should be mastered in third and fourth grades
- All aspects of math learning including problem-solving and reasoning should be evaluated.

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Students there are taught whole reading techniques and are encouraged to read books that other children wrote and had

Children start school at the age five if they want to. Since they are always getting more students for this reason, children spend the first few years of school in the same classroom and then are moved to rooms with older students as younger children come in.

Miller said, "Students in Australia and New Zealand are very aware of the rest of the world and I think they are much more globally oriented than we are.

Miller added that students in New Zealand go to school 200 days a year.

Besides going to the conference and visiting a school in New Zealand, Miller had a chance to learn much about the culture and history of each country and see some tourist attractions within the countries.

Miller said she found her two-week trip to be very interesting and worthwhile.

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"In short, historians pro and con assessment agree that its primary purpose is political," states the report. "The most distinguished members of our discipline fear that outcomes assessmenet has an inevitable tendency to diminish quality."

According to the report, Jacques Barzun, Columbia University historian and internationally-acclaimed cultural critic said in a New York Times interview that standardized testing is a major evil in American education and that outcomes assessment of graduating seniors is useless. They test nothing but passive-recognition knowledge, not active usable knowledge.

A panel discussion, reported in the history departments report on outcomes assessment, by the American Association of University Professors at the Conference on the Role of the States in Improving Educa-

tion, sponsored by the Education Commission of the States, concluded that "If we are serious about improving the undergraduate curriculum we can best achieve it by providing faculty the support they need to teach effectively.

The history department's report makes suggestions on tools for assessing students in the history department.

One such tool would be that a student's GPA be the measure of a student's knowledge. The history department would also require that seniors take a three hour course titled Historical Documents.

Also, faculty and administration assessments should be continued.

The report suggests that the money being spent on the general outcomes assessment would best be spent for decreasing the size of classes, especially the introductory history courses, by hiring more faculty.

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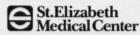
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tionale for the third trimester ruling. Why not the first or second trimester, or only after the fetus has proved it's a determined little "potential life" by making it out of the womb?

Current jurisprudence concerning abortion indicates that a fetus has the right to legal representation, health, and property, but not the right to be born.

It is time for the Court to beat some sense into its words.

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14 community colleges. There were 21,272 enrolled in the 21 independent colleges and universities.

The Fall 1988 enrollment numbers reflect a 5 percent increase over the 1987 Fall enrollment of 145,321.

Walker said from the findings the council concludes more people believe education is of sincere value and are willing to receive higher education degrees. He said enrollment has been increasing at the college and university level every year since 1985. This

is attributed not only to students entering upon completiton of high school, but nontraditional students as well.

"People have finally realized the low level of schooling in the state of Kentucky," he said. "They really do see the value of a higher education."

Walker said the council believes enrollment increases can also be attributed to the action taken in 1985 when they developed their strategic plan.

"This plan got lots of publicity in a time

when needed," he said. "The recognition was there."

The debate whether increasing enrollment is a good thing or not, Walker said, has two sides, like any other issue. He said more students mean more money in tuition, but that revenue is only a small part of the sum needed to cover a total operating expense.

He added that universities and colleges will have to deal with overcrowding, but measures and plans should be put into action now for future use.

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be dead

"Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, 'Yes, he is our son.'

"The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and my high school friends walk toward my casket. They passed by, one by one and looked at me with tears in their eyes. My closest buddy was crying and my high school sweatheart touchemy hand and sobbed as she walked away.

"Please, somebody, anybody, wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see mom and dad like this. My grandparents must be so ashamed. My brother and sister are like zombies. They just walk in a daze. No one can believe this, and I can't believe it.

"Please, don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. I'll never drink again. All I want is one more chance. Please, I'm only 19."

ALCOHOL from page 2

-Has physical complaints such as fatigue, weight change, etc.

-shows poor performance in academic work.

-frequently misses classes or work.

—relies on alcohol to relieve tensions or pain.

Alcohol abuse may involve short-term or long-term counseling. Fortunately, there are places on campus to go for help.

Student advisors or campus clergy can offer personal support. Also, the Health Center provides counseling, medical care and referral to other trained professionals

and agencies who can help.

Other sources of help in the community include the local medical society, Alcoholics Annonymous, The Public Health Department, mental health centers, private physicians and hospital treatment centers.

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Sports

Norsemen lose to Ashland College

BY DON OWEN

The NKU Norsemen suffered a devastating Great Lakes Valley Conference loss Saturday night (Feb. 18), 80-77, to Ashland College at Regent's Hall.

With the loss, the Norsemen fell to 16-8, 7-6 in the conference, dashing any postseason tournament hopes they may have had before the game vanished into defeat.

Free-throw shooting, again, was Northern's downfall, as the Norse connected on only nine of 21 free throws (42.9 percent). NKU actually shot better from three-point range (8-15, 53 percent) than from the line. For the season, Northern is shooting 62 percent from the line as a team.

Northern gave every indication to begin the game it would repeat an earlier 95-80 defeat of the Eagles. NKU jumped out to a quick 10-3 lead over Ashland with three minutes elapsed.

Following an Ashland timeout, however, the Norse became lethargic and the Eagles took a 19-18 lead on LaBron Gladden's 15-foot jumper.

Northern stormed back and grabbed a 42-34 lead at the half. Derek Fields, Terry Hariston and Chris Wall each scored 10 points in the first period to lead the Norsemen. Northern also shot a 57 percent from the field in the first half, while Ashland could only manage 36 percent from the field.

The Norsemen appeared to take command of the game early in the second half as Trece Davis scored six of NKU's first eight points to open a 50-40 lead. The lead was at 56-45 with just over 15 minutes left on a Hairston bucket.

Jamel Smith rallied the Eagles, scoring straight poonts to bring Ashland within five points, 56-51. Smith continued to torment the Norsemen inside, where he slammed through vicious dunks or powered his way for easy layups. The Eagles continued to hang close to NKU until the 7:32 mark, Terry Weigand hit two free throws to give Ashland its first lead of the second half, 69-68.

Another basket by Weigand gave the Eagles a 71-68 advantage, but Fields sounterted with a three-point goal from the top of the key to tie it at 71 with 6:52 left.

NKU regained the lead on a steal and basket by Davis with just over five minutes left. Hairston added another bucket, Northern's last, with 2:31 left to give the Norsemen a 77-73 bulge

Smith bulled his way through for a layup with just over a minute to play, bringing Ashland to within two points, 77-75. The teams then traded turnovers and missed free throws before the Eagles hit a free throw to make the score 77-76. Northern.

Following a missed shot, the Eagles rebounded and milked the clock before Gary Watkins, who had not scored from the field previously in the game, drove for an uncontested layup with sevens seconds remaining to give Ashland the win.

Wall paced the Norsemn with 18 points, while Hairston added 17 points and nine rebounds. The key to Ashland's victory was their containemtn of All-America candidate Fields, who was held to 13 points, and more importantly, only three in the entire first half.

Fields put the ball up only 12 times the entire game, despite playing 37 minutes.

Another factor was the play of the Ashland bench, which outscored NKU's 33-17. LaBron Gladden scored 21 off the pine to spark the Eagles.

NKU wins two at KSU

BY JAMES J. LIDINGTON SPORTS EDITOR

The NKU Lady Norse ran their record to 16-6 with a 70-56 thrashing of non-conference opponent Kentucky State Wednesday (Feb. 15) at Frankfort.

The Lady Norse, who had won 23 of 26 previous meetings with the Thorobrettes, hoped to avoid an upset at the hands of Ky. State, who had improved from a 4-23 1988 and had defeated Central State 81-80 last week.

Coach Nancy Winstel's club got just what the doctor ordered in 24 points from Cindy Schlarman and 27 points from Linda Honigford.

Schlarman took control of the boards early in the game, pulling down 13 'bounds to lead all players. She also shot 11-17 from the field.

Honigford, who appears to be back from a midseason arm fracture, was a nearly perfect 13-14 from the floor against Ky. State, adding four rebounds and three blocked shots in 34 minutes of playing time.

Guard Natalie Ochs also played an important role for NKU, collecting 16 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out six assists.

Starting sophomores Holly Cauffman and Christie Freppon combined for 14 points for NKU.

KSU starting guard Pat Holland went one better than her season average, scoring 22 points and handing out seven assists for the Thorobrettes.

Bridget Canales was also a force for KSU with 15 points, nine rebounds and five assists in 40 minutes on the court.

Northern ran out to a 39-29 lead at the half, thanks in part to 46-percent shooting. They improved in the second half, shooting 58 percent for an average of 51 percent at game's end.

KSU struggled in the opening period, shooting 41 percent, and dropping to 38 percent in the the second half.

Norse beat non-GLVC foe in barn-burner

BY JAMES J. LIDINGTON SPORTS EDITOR

The NKU Norsemen pulled their regular season record to 16-7 with a Loyola-Marymount-esque 122-111 win over nonconference foe Kentucky State Wednesday (Feb. 15) at Frankfort.

Derek Fields, who set career-high marks of 33 and 35 points the previous two weeks, set another career mark, scoring 39 points in 37 minutes of play.

Fields also dished out a game-high 11 assists and grabbed seven rebounds.

He was followed by teammate Chris Wall, who scored 24 points and nabbed 12 rebounds. Wall shot 7-16 from the field and was 10-13 from the foul line.

Terry Hairston was the game's leading rebounder with 13. Hairston also collected 20 points by game's end.

The Thorobreds, despite having lost their last 17 consecutive ballgames, hung in there with NKU. They out scored Northern in the second half, 66-60, making the game a closer one than it was at times.

Andre Reeves scored three times as many points as his average (eight points a game), netting 24 points and snaring 11 total rebounds. Reeves shot 10-21 from the field and led the game with eight offensive rebounds.

He was followed by teammate Michael Shoulders, who also nearly doubled his 12-points per game average by scoring 22 total points. Shoulders was a nearly perfect 11-12 from the field, and grabbed eight rebounds and dished out six assists.

Guard Charleston Bowles scored 21 points and had fgive assists, along with 3-8 three-point shooting.

Daryl Royster closed out the doublefigure scoring for KSU, netting 19 point and

Women beat Ashland

BY DON OWEN STAFF WRITER

The NKU Lady Norse improved their record to 17-6, 9-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 70-56 triumph over Ashland Saturday (Feb. 18) night at Regent's Hall.

Cindy Schlarman led the Lady Norse with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Linda Honigford added 15 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots.

NKU was in control throughout the game, soasting to a 37-26 halftime lead. Honigford and Schlarman each scored 10 points in the first half, as the Lady Norse pounded Ashland on the boards, 26-16. Northern also shot 9-13 from the line in the first half, compared with 1-3 by Ashland.

NKU was never challenged in the second period, as they built a lead of 20 points. Northern crushed the Lady Eagles on the offensive galss, consistently getting second and third shots in close.

Ashland was led in scoring by Vickie Schmitz, with 14 points. Kim Durden added 13 and nine rebounds for Ashland, who was outrebounded by the Lady Norse, 43-31.

Natalie Ochs joined Schlarman and Honigford in double figures with 13 points. The Northern bench provided plenty of support, outscoring the Ashland Bench 20-10. Amy Middleton contributed eight points off the pine in 11 minutes of play, while Val Gaerke chipped in 16 points in 14 minutes.

Northern shot 43 percent from the field for the game, compared with 41 percent for Ashland. Northern attempted 67 shots on the night, 12 more than Ashland took, a result of a 20-10 NKU advantage on the offensive boards.

shooting 8-16 from the floor. He added four rebounds and five assists.

The Thorobreds were a miserable 11-27 from the free-throw line against NKU, along with a slightly better 46-99 (47 percent) from the field.

They hit five of 13 three-point attempts as a team and outscored Northern's bench 32-27.

NKU was 39-50 from the line for 78 percent. They also were 38-74 (51 percent) from the floor and converted four of nine from three-point range. Northern outrebounded KSU 60-46.

Fred Outlaw, a nine-point per game

starter for KSU scored only six points in 28 minutes on the floor. Teammate Nicholas Scott, who averages just over four points a contest, scored three points, but added nine assists in running the KSU offense.

The Thorobreds, who will become members of the Great Lakes Valley conference next season for basketball, fell to 4-19 on the year under head coach Al Gorden.

The Norsemen, who go 15-13 in their series with KSU, stood in a third-place tie with I.P. -Ft. Wayne as of press time.

Teams make Q games

NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

Three intramural athletic teams will represent Northern in the Q102 Winter Games Feb. 25 at Regent's Hall: Gold Govers, Women's volleyball; Court mar-*shalls, Co-rec volleyball; Jammin II, Men's

The teams qualified for the Winter Games by winning mini tournaments held this past weekend at Northern.

Jammin II was led through the qualifying tournament by Jim DeMoisey, who scored 11 points in the semifinals against Hoops and 10 points in Jammin II's 42-35 win over Under Six Foot.

Here are the rest of Campus Recreation's current results:

Campus Rec. **Basketball**

Week ending

Feb. 19

Men's

Q102 Qualifier

Saturday, Feb. 18

Hoops 31, ADG 20 Psychedelic Chickens 54, Big Strong Guys 40

Jammin II 47, Hoops 19 Under Six Foot 36, Psychedelic Chickens

Jammin II 42, Under Six Foot 35

Regular Season

Saturday, Feb. 18

MDS 44, Padders 43 Hot Shots 73, Amazing Flying Panzeca **Brothers 32**

Big Strong Guys 66, Hoops 58 Lawyers, Guns, Money 66, Tall Boys 34 MDS 60, Destroyers 41 Faculty Follies 2, Hot Shots 0 Lawyers, Guns, Money 66, Big Strong Faculty Follies 46, MDS 38

Sunday, Feb. 19

Obleeo's 61, Under Six Foot 49 No Names 2, Almost Average 0 The Norse Stars 75, AllStars 65 Hoosiers 86, The Swat Team 52 Jammin II 90, The Boys 54 LaTONIA Lakers 70, TBA II 59 Wart Hogs from Hell 2, The Other Team

All Stars 64, Under Six Foot 60 Bulltowski's 61, LAKAJ:Lover of Power

Front Runners 75, Pikes Peaked 63 Thrashers 86, Charlatons of Dunk 67 Sunbucs 48, Stroh's 46 Linneman Funeral Home 70, Big Rock Club 55

Beavers 116, Crusaders 64 Harvard Med. School 56, Yawho's 42 Delta Force 81, Pike B 36 Run-n-Gun Alumni 42, Scumdawgs 36 69'ers 2, Employees 0 Ripped and Torn 58, Hot Shots 55 Dawg Pak 76, Garbage Men 69 Flintstones 92, Free Chicken and Beer

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Women's

Final Standings

Volleyball

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Wild Ones Gold Glovers 4

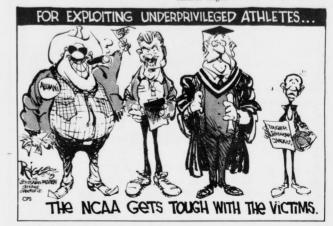
Women's

Ball Busters d. Glovs 15-10, 15-9,

Ball Busters d. Athletic Angels 15-0, 15-0, 15-0. Gold Glovers d. Glovs 15-9, 15-0, 15-10.

Final Standings

Gold Glovers	17-1
Ball Busters	12-6
Glovs	6-12
Athletic Angels	1-17





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MATH from page 10

The NCTM has five major goals for students in mathematics

The first is math as problem solving. This should be a way to approach all math content. Students should be able to develop and use strategies such as charts, tables, graphs and looking for patterns. Content in textbooks should come from everyday situations, and word problems should be placed throughout the chapters, not just in the back.

The second goal is math as communication. Students should learn to represent math in many forms. They should reflect and clarify their thinking, and talk more in the classroom. Students should relate everyday language to math language and symbols. Finally, they should appreciate the power and economy of math notation.

The third area is math reasoning. Students should be able to draw logical conclusions and justify their thinking. For example, why does seven plus five equal twelve? Here are some answers that students

- Because five plus five equals ten, and ten plus two equals twelve. This is an example of regrouping the numbers.

Because six plus one equals seven, six minus one equals five, six plus six equals twelve, so five plus seven must equal twelve. This is an example of shifting the numbers. - Because twelve minus five equals seven,

so five plus seven equals twelve. This student was able to relate addition and subtraction. Students should be able to make and test conjectures in this way.

The fourth goal is mathematical connections. Students should understand how to use math in other curricula areas. They should be able to relate various representations of concepts and procedures to one another. For example, they should understand how algebra and geometry are related.

The final goal is for students to recognize the impact of technology. Content must change to de-emphasize computational proficiency and emphasize estimation and conceptual development and problem-solving. Teaching methods must change to be more suited to content.

The impediments to change include:

- Testing
- Textbooks
 - Teacher's preparation and attitudes
- Parental expectations
- Money to implement changes

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