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Construction To Begin On Softball Fields

By Angie Webster
Assistant News Editor

Construction will begin this summer on a new softball field at Northern Kentucky University. Currently the athletes practice and compete on the campus recreation field (located near the residential halls) and at off campus fields such as Softball City in Taylor Mill and Riverstar on Kellogg Avenue.

Practices are held daily at the health center, the gym and they have even resorted to practicing in the parking lot.

Athletes say that the fields they resort to are inadequate. The campus

recreation field is lacking many needed facilities such as bathrooms and water fountains.

Another problem with the field is poor drainage. Because of the water-logged field the team can not have a home game until it dries, which won't be until April. Last season only five out of 56 games were played at home.

Coach Mary Biernann said that having a new field with better drainage will double or even triple the amount of home games. "The new field will be made of brick dust rather than the clay that is used at the recreation field and this will help keep it dry," said Biernann.

Another inadequacy is the size of

the field. Team members said they need a smaller field with adequate dimensions for fast pitch softball.

The new field will be located on Kenton Drive by Lot G. Building the field will mean demolishing one of the buildings occupied by the Department of Public Safety and removing the trailers that used to house the ceramics classes.

Construction of the field will total \$500,000 and funding will be provided by student fees accompanied by borrowed money, a master lease and possible donations. As far as any opposition to the construction of the field, team captain Jessica Roland said, "Students that know about the

conditions of the field will support it."

Supporters of the field such as Athletics Director Jane Meier say that they've known for a long time that a new field was needed. "I think we have a first class team that do the best with what they have," Meier said. Meier also said that having a new field will help the program psychologically as well as physically.

Members of the team are elated about the field. "I am excited about it," said Roland. "The intramural field is in no way sufficient." Teammate Reagan Larbes agrees with Roland. "It's pretty awesome! Sharing the intramural field has limited the amount of home games. It is also hard

to get support when people don't even know where the field is."

"We need a first rate field that both athletes and community can enjoy," said Meier.

The field is due to be completed by January of 1999. Plans are also being made for a new men and women's soccer field. Coach Biernann said that building the softball field has been a long time coming. "Not having an adequate field has hurt our program because of the amount of practice we need."

"The field will improve our chances of attracting people" said Meier, "but the bottom line is still to win."

The softball field will include:

- Skinned area of dirt, topsoil, red brick dust, with water permeable liner under brickdust to assist drainage
- Grass outfield with a brickdust or crushed limestone as the warning track
- Bull pen pitching areas
- Battling Cage
- Equipment storage area
- Seating capacity—200



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

Victoria Dickerson, art history major takes advantage of the unseasonably warm weather. Temperatures rose to almost 70 Thursday.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

Michelle Riegler takes up the spring-time tradition of hanging our by the D.W. Griffith statue Thursday.

NKU Student Nominated For State CPE Board

Staff Report

Northern Kentucky University has an opportunity for student representation on a state-wide level.

The Council on Postsecondary Education has one voting student member on the board, who is selected from a Kentucky college and nominated by the Board of Student Body Presidents. The current student member of CPE, Renita Edwards from the University of Louisville, has resigned.

BSBP will present to CPE three nominees for the board. After the candidates are nominated, there will be an interview process. Then a recommendation will be made to CPE by Gov. Paul Patton and the student member is then appointed. BSBP has nominated one NKU student, Greg Meecher, Vice President for External Affairs in Student Government Association. The other two nominees are from Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for the students of Northern Kentucky to have a voice," Meecher said of his nomination. "But I would not only be for Northern Kentucky, I'd be for all students of Kentucky. I think I'd be good for the position," he said.

SGA President Chris Saunders said he is hopeful that a student representative will be chosen for the March 9 CPE meeting. "A student can hopefully have an important voice on this committee," he said.

The last NKU representative on CPE was former SGA President Jamie Ramsey in 1995-1996.

"Northern was very fortunate to have Jamie as a representative. Hopefully Greg will be able to accomplish the things that Jamie has, if he is chosen," Saunders said.

PRELUDE TO SPRING

'Colors' Conference Envisions Diversity

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

"Colors of Leadership: A Vision of Achievement," a conference designed to build leadership skills among the student population to prepare them for the global world of work, was sponsored by Northern Kentucky University's Office of African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services.

According to Rose Morgan, assistant dean of African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services at NKU, "One of the purposes of the conference was to address what we perceived as segregation on the campus. That student organizations are moving toward addressing issues but they're not dealing with all student issues."

Morgan said that the Office of

African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services started out having these leadership conferences for African American students. "This is our fourth year of actually putting on the conference," she said.

Morgan said her vision in going to the Women's Center and the International Student Affairs was to deal not just with the leadership issues of African Americans on a predominantly white campus, but to bring all students who are considered minorities together and begin to talk about those issues.

"Our hope is that students will begin to sit down and talk about some of those issues affecting them, look at who their leaders are in student organizations, pay attention to whether these organizations are only working on their own agendas and not working on the issues of all students, and then preparing them to be ready to deal with all different groups of stu-

dents," Morgan said.

"That's where diversity comes into play. Because when they become leaders out in the real world, the people they'll be responsible for are not all going to look like them. We've got to move from the campus to the global world," Morgan said.

"Before we can have diversity, we must know how to deal with people of different colors and different races. So I'm basically asking the campus community to put your energy where your mouth is. I'm tired of people talking about diversity. I want to see some action behind it. If you really want to see diversity on this campus, then you need to prepare yourself to deal with diversity and then take it out into the real world."

The conference's keynote speakers included Ray Davis, executive director of the Washington, D.C. Student Coalition Against Racism.

"This conference focused on achievement in race relations, a vision of achievement," Davis said. "That's what I tried to do in my talk. It's easy to talk about what we disagree on and what we fail to do. What we need to emphasize more is the things that people have done successfully. How have people gotten along? How have people learned to work together. What successes have we had in race relations?"

According to senior social work major Felicia Shields who attended the conference, "The speakers were talking about real life issues and how to go about using them in today's world. They're trying to prepare today's leaders for tomorrow. They're dealing with not only today's present problems, but also those of the future."

According to Morgan, approximately 150 people were signed up to attend the conference.

Woman Blacks Out, Damages Five Cars

By Kelly Sudzina
News Editor

"It was the freakiest thing I've ever heard of," said Nancy Roth.

Roth, a Northern Kentucky University alumna, was driving home from an eye appointment and I got kinda sick while I was driving," Roth said.

Roth had gone to get an eye exam where she was given eye drops. She left her doctor's office and was driving south on University Dr. when she felt

like she was going to pass out, so she turned in to the circle outside the Business-Education-Psychology building, said Fred Otto, Director of Department of Public Safety.

She lost consciousness after she turned in to BEP circle. "I blacked out and that's when the car went off on its own," Roth said.

Once she was in BEP circle, she was driving the wrong way in a one-way zone. The vehicle ran off the road and up an embankment, hitting a small post, and going over the median and into Lot J still heading in the wrong direction, the report said.

Roth's car collided with three

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High School Graduation Tougher Than NKU

By Kelly Sudzina
News Editor

More students have to take developmental classes at Northern Kentucky University than the average of students placed in developmental classes at other schools.

A committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools self-study was put together to observe entry-level student performance and recommend the appropriate kind of developmental studies work if needed to ensure that student's success.

"The committee's charge is to assist the developmental services faculty and staff in more effectively achieving the university's goal of ensuring success for under-prepared students," said the report the committee issued.

The word "developmental" is coming to replace "remedial," because remedial indi-

cates that a student is repeating what was taught before and this is not always the case. The term developmental refers to promoting growth at all levels of learning, the report said.

"Developmental education" describes the process colleges use to help address the needs of at-risk students. "Developmental programs have two major goals: to improve students' learning and to increase their persistence in college," the report said.

The average number of students placed in developmental courses at other schools was 37 percent in English, 44 percent in mathematics and 27 percent in reading. NKU's number of students whose ACT score indicated a need for developmental courses or placement testing was 52 percent in English, 65 percent in mathematics and 36 percent in reading according to the report.

Also NKU's entrance requirements, or Pre-College curriculum requirements, are lower than the requirements for high school graduation. PCC is what NKU requires to admit someone as a regular student, said Paul Ellis, director of the Learning Assistance Program.

Part of the reason NKU's PCC requirement is too low is that Kentucky has changed its high school graduation requirements within the last year. This has put it in conflict with the PCC. To graduate, high school students have to take four English classes, three mathematics classes, three science classes and three social studies classes. But to get admitted to NKU, high school students only need to take four English classes, three mathematics classes, two science classes and two social studies classes.

This creates some confusion for high school students, said Prince Brown, the chair of the committee. Ellis said the PCC requirements for NKU will be changed very soon to end the confusion.

Other problems with developmental

courses are too few courses to accommodate the number of students who need them, inadequate contact with local high schools, the current perception that developmental classes tarnish the overall quality of the education students receive, the lack of internal organization structure with oversight responsibility and the lack of an advising manual.

The committee studied these problems for two years and compared NKU to other schools. "We focused a lot on getting a lot of information about our school, and we did a survey where we got information from 25 other colleges," Brown said.

Recommendations have been proposed by the committee to improve developmental instruction at NKU. These include:

- developing a comprehensive evaluation plan for all developmental services and activities
- developing a training manual that will be the basis of regular training for everyone involved in academic advising
- encouraging the state of Kentucky to

match its Pre-College Curriculum with the recently changed High School Graduation Requirements (which match ACT core curriculum)

• establishing a University College that would assume full responsibility for all incoming freshmen

• creating and staffing a senior level position that would be responsible for developmental services activities

• establishing a working relationship with its local high schools to better insure student success at the university level

• awarding partial credit for developmental courses

• offering a two-year Liberal Arts Degree

"It [the report] really goes to the university community, and of course it will be included in the report to SACS. Now, what comes of it is still the decision to be made by the people who run the campus," Brown said.

Brown said: "I feel that the university is committed to doing the very best we can for each student we admit. That really is our challenge."

Repairing Part-Time Faculty

By Kelly Sudzina
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University has the highest rate of reliance on part-time instruction among Kentucky regional universities, according to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools self-study committee on part-time reliance. One of the four committees of the SACS self-study has been devoted to NKU's problem with part-time reliance and they presented their recommendations in a meeting on Feb. 10.

"The committee came together nearly two years ago looking at the part-time reliance situation as a very simple one. The more we looked into it, the more complicated we discovered it was," said Assistant Provost Paul Reichardt, the chair of that committee.

"The problem right now is we're finding out afterwards what our part-time reliance is. We should know before a given semester what the rate is to not be surprised and plan accordingly," Reichardt said.

The problem has only gotten

worse over the past ten years. "The data for the period Fall 1991—Fall 1995 indicates a trend toward increasing reliance on part-time instruction," the report said.

The rate of part-time instruction has increased to a point that it has out-paced increases in student enrollment. "This fact must be read in the context of evidence indicating a decline in the number of permanent full-time faculty over the past five years," the report said.

But this is not only NKU's problem. It is a national trend. "It is apparent that the NKU part-time reliance pattern follows a national trend of increasing dependence on part-time instruction," the report said.

The report said there is no single cause of part-time reliance at NKU and because of this there is no simple solution to the problem. The committee has proposed a variety of recommendations that, if implemented, should clear up the issue. These recommendations include:

- monitoring the rate of part-time faculty reliance
- revising departmental goals to

more than 30 percent of classes offered taught by part-time faculty

• adding 11 full-time faculty positions to lower full-time enrolled students to full-time faculty ratio

• adding a category of part-time instructor that includes professional and experts

• exploring sharing the cost of full-time positions with other institutions in the Cincinnati area

• providing incentives such as: better salaries, access to health-care coverage, more office space, increased secretarial support and access to instructional equipment and technology

President James Votruba said, "We will always draw heavily on part-time faculty to complement our full-time people."

But he said: "Their numbers must be in healthy alignment with the full-time numbers and we must ensure that they receive a reasonable salary for their work. In addition, we must invest in their professional development and take steps to make them a fully integrated part of our campus."

NKU Vax Free, Simple To Use

By Jennifer Kohl
Staff Reporter

What do American Online, Netscape Navigator and CompuServe all have in common?

They each come with a monthly subscription fee.

Why pay the high prices when NKU provides a similar service for free? Students who become VAX account members have access to e-mail, the internet and the ability create their own web pages.

The mainframe of NKU is a VMS-based AXF, or more commonly referred to as the VAX. VAX accounts are available, free of charge to any of NKU's community members. A Computer Usage Request form can be obtained in the Applied Science and Technology Building, Room 370, to start an account.

After the request is processed, the username can be obtained by calling 572-6337.

Members can connect to the VAX system on or off campus. On campus, there are computers in the library, a lab in Natural Science, and in AST, Room 370.

From off campus, any PC or MAC can connect to the service with a connect phone number (572-6339) through Windows or ClarisWorks.

With an account, members have e-mail services. Members can "chat" with other members online at the same time, and e-mail can be sent to other internet subscribers as well.

"I use my VAX services to communicate with my professors and other students in my classes," said Melanie Warner, a senior art major.

Jessica Griffin, undeclared freshman, also uses her VAX account to

communicate with friends who go to different schools. "Even though I also subscribe to American Online, I find my NKU account useful when I am not near a graphics browser like Netscape," said Gary Johnston, associate professor of music.

"I use my account for e-mail, web pages and VAXphone," Johnston added. The phone program is used to have a conversation with someone else currently logged on to the system.

Many students take advantage of the service by creating their own web page. Web pages are used for various reasons, some for personal use, others for research.

Jennifer Durn, junior psychology major, is a member of the honors program. She is currently working on her honors thesis, a project on road rage and relating elements.

"I am using the web space provided by NKU to conduct my research," Durn said. "In less than six months, I have received over 2,500 results from the survey on my web page." Her website is www.nku.edu/~durnj.

Jason Kerr, graphic design major, says he uses his web page to display his artwork. "I also use my VAX account to e-mail my parents and brother," Kerr said.

A lot of professors use their web pages to display their syllabus. This is a way they can provide study links and make it easier for their students to contact them via the web.

Gary Johnston's web page displays a collection of his favorite links and to other webpages, for example. It provides music appreciation class materials. Johnston wrote the Music Department's web page that contains the music and pictures of music faculty, concert information and student performing group information. That site is www.nku.edu/~music.

Johnston said, "We have had many requests about the music department through our web page."

There are several spots on NKU's homepage (www.nku.edu) that walk you through the process of creating a page.

The Office of Academic Computing provides general computing assistance to over 600 personnel and 1,000 machines in the academic areas of NKU, according to its website at oac.nku.edu.

The OAC office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to assist. The office also has training available. For information on this, contact www.nku.edu/~oac/seminars.html.

Internet forums are being held every other week on Fridays, 1-2 p.m. in Steely Library, Room 204A. On March 13, the topic will be Developing a Web Page, the second part of a lecture from Feb. 27.

More information about these forums and about creating an NKU web page, you can contact Jack O'Gorman, electronic reference services librarian, at 572-6909. His site is www.nku.edu/~ogorman.

ACCIDENT: NO INJURIES REPORTED

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parked cars which set off a domino effect. One of the cars pushed into a car behind it and then that car pushed into another car behind that for a total of six cars involved, including the driver's car, according to the report.

Sophomore Darren Caldwell was in the computer lab when the accident happened.

"I came out about two minutes after it happened and I noticed my car was not where it was supposed to be," he said. Like the others, his car was totaled and had to be towed. "The whole back end was squished in," he said.

"The car was totaled. The rental car was just totaled," Roth said. "I was in a car accident

caused by somebody else and my car was in the shop and I was in a rental," she said.

Roth regained consciousness while being helped out of her car. She had bruises on her face and knees from the wreck. "When the air bag was deployed it broke my glasses and bruised my face," Roth said.

Roth was treated at the scene by Cold Springs life squad and transported to St. Luke East Hospital, the report said. Roth was found to have no injuries and was released.

Although no one was seriously hurt in the accident, there was extensive damage to the cars involved. Five of the cars were towed away, only one was drivable.

Yoko Becker was teaching Japanese language school to fourth graders in BEP when her car was hit. "Mine is the only one that is still working out of all five. The others were all wrecked," she said.

"I live by myself and I don't have transportation right now," said Keiko Koyano, a senior at NKU whose car was also hit. Koyano said the accident could have been prevented. "If you don't feel right to drive, you should wait," she said.

Roth said she feels bad about the accident, but is glad nobody was injured.

She said: "It could've been a lot worse. I'm just glad there was no bodily injury. Cars we can fix, but people we can't."

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NKU Tidbits What You Don't Know

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

Northern Kentucky University.
Quick, what did you just think of?

Nothing?
Well here are some interesting facts about NKU that you'll never be asked in a rugged game of "Trivial Pursuit."

•Including Chase College of Law, there were a total of 72 faculty members when Northern Kentucky State College (now NKU) opened in 1972.

One of the faculty members asked when seeing the campus for the first time, "This is a college building? It looks more like a factory."

•In 1976 there was heated controversy over a campus sculpture. And no, it was not the "Way Down East" sculpture.

Donald Judd's minimalist aluminum box, located in the plaza, was created by the artist to symbolize the university's plainness.

•What do former President Gerald Ford, Lynrd Skynyrd, David Crosby, Linda Rondstadt,

Jane Goodall, Kurt Vonnegut and Maya Angelou have in common? All have performed or spoken at NKU.

•Over 20,000 people received degrees from NKU in its first 25 years.

•The perpetually non-working fountain outside the Natural Science Center is titled "The Dust Devil" and was dedicated to the university in 1973. So far no controversy has been reported.

•In 1978 building temperatures at NKU were set at 65 degrees, half the light bulbs were removed from hallways, and students were encouraged to use the stairs due to the fuel shortages in the country.

•In 1983 NKU was the fourth largest employer in Northern Kentucky with 915 people on the payroll.

So the next time NKU becomes the center of your conversation (yeah, this happens often), be sure to amaze your friends with these little tidbits of knowledge.



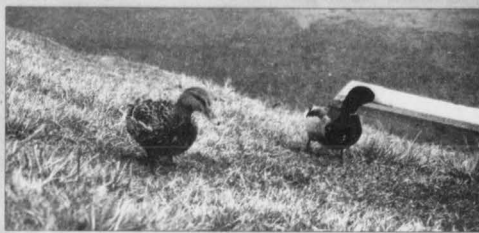
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Graphic design majors PJ Sauer and Christi Doerhoefer work diligently by the lake-side. Lake Inferior shoreline was a hot-spot for students during last week's taste of spring.

TWO'S COMPANY

Suzanne Fleming/
The Northerner

These two ducks are regular visitors to Lake Inferior no matter what the weather is like. They especially enjoyed the spring temperatures provided to NKU by El Nino.



A Student's Opinion On Symphonic Winds

By Angie Webster
Assistant News Editor

On April 28 Northern Kentucky University's Symphonic Winds Ensemble will be off to Gifu, Japan to give a special concert, but from what I was exposed to at their concert Friday, Feb. 27, this surprises me.

Don't get me wrong, for the most part I thought the music was played exceptionally well and the selection of music was varied, but it could have been presented in a much more professional way.

In all honesty it just about put

me to sleep and apparently I wasn't the only one, members of the ensemble looked as if they were dozing off as well.

Many times throughout the concert members of the ensemble were yawning excessively.

One french horn player yawned and stretched every time he had a break from his music.

Also, whenever this horn player's break was excruciatingly long, he would rest his elbow on his lap and place his head in his hand.

I'm no expert on music etiquette, but for a college level ensemble that is being honored in Japan, I think they have a

great deal to work on.

Let me put it this way, the concert was so boring that I had time to notice that one player had on

polka-dotted socks, when he should have had on solid black ones like the rest of his group.

The percussionists played well, but evidently they really liked to talk.

If the ensemble didn't think enough of themselves to at least act like they were enjoying their own music, how can they expect

the people in the audience to appreciate them, especially a Japanese audience.

I was disappointed because although they presented themselves in a very unprofessional manner, they did play extremely well.

It was just their lack of professional

attitudes that turned me off. They played five pieces that were all very different. One piece was by composer Bernstein

and was entitled "Slava" meaning holy and glory.

Bassoon player Kristen Clark said, "Slava was my favorite because it was so much fun." She was right, it had a very upbeat sound.

Another song that was very interesting was called "Ghost Train" by composer Whitacre.

Before the piece Dunevant told the audience to pay attention to the cricket sounds, whistling, bells and horns that they would hear.

I was impressed at how much the instruments reflected sounds of trains.

Even though this hour long

concert seemed like seven hours, some audience members did enjoy it.

"I really enjoyed myself and especially liked 'Ghost Train,'" said music major Danielle Norton.

Ensemble member Kristen Clark added that "being in the ensemble is great because it teaches your playing ability."

The ensemble practices three days a week from 2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. and consists mainly of NKU students with some faculty.

While their stage appearance left something to be desired the potential for a quality performance was there.

Campus Calendar

Thurs, March 5 -

• Choral Invitational
- Greaves Hall 7:30 p.m.

• Ethnics: A linguistic Legacy of Africa

- 1:40 p.m. UC Theater

Fri, March 6 -

• A night of Simple Elegance
- 7 p.m. UC Ballroom
• Reforming Brazil in the 21st Century
- 11 a.m. LA 209

Weds, March 11 -

• Real World - Boston's Jason and Montana at NKU!
- Noon UC Theater

Thurs, March 12 -

• Mid-life Crisis Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Cold Spring Counseling Center
• Brass choir
- Greaves Hall 8 p.m.
• Yoga class
- 12:10 p.m. Health Center

Fri, March 13 -

• Gift Wind Symphony, guest artists from Japan
- Greaves Hall 2 p.m.

• Stones From the River by Ursula Hegi

- 7:30 p.m. Women Writing For (A) change bookstore, for more info. call (513)272-1171

Fri, March 13 - Sun, March 15 -

• A Search For Mary

- Grailville, Loveland OH, for more info. call (513) 683-2340

A Casino Experience

By Julie Futscher
Staff Reporter

Are you tired of the same old clubs filled with the same old people week after week?

Are you tired of paying outrageous drink prices to get drunk, make a fool of yourself and if you're lucky, end the night with a few numbers from people you probably won't remember in the morning?

Although I just turned twenty-one this past Sunday, I decided I wanted to spend my birthday a different way. I didn't want to go to a club and be surrounded by sweaty drunk strangers.

I wanted to spend my special day with my parents. What better place to go than to the River Boat Casino.

I must admit my parents are avid gamblers who are regulars at the Casinos. I myself was a virgin. What did I have to lose other than money? At least getting lucky meant a cash prize, not a wadded up number on a napkin.

The drive there didn't take long, straight past the airport for about 25 minutes.

Upon entering Indiana, I began to question where the money-making facility might be located. Was it set between the corn fields or placed behind some hard working farmer's barn?

My guess wasn't very far off. Only about three miles before the boat sat a farm with hogs the size of people.

The road to the Casino was nearby. It was a small two lane road which probably had not been traveled by three cars a day, prior to the arrival of the Casino.

The Grand Victoria seemed to appear out of nowhere. It's no Vegas Casino, but to me it was still a beautiful structure.

When you first enter the facility you must buy your ticket to board

the boat. With ticket in hand, you can stroll around the lobby which is filled with entertainment.

Little restaurants shaped like villages are located throughout. For male viewing pleasure, the waitresses are all dressed in skimpy little outfits, wearing high heels and showing lots of cleavage.

A live band was playing to entertain passengers.

After entering the boat I was in shock. Flashing lights and sirens indicated someone had won big on the slot machines. I just had to give it a try.

Choosing a machine was no problem, because there were three floors full of them. Putting in dollar after dollar, I pulled the lever, anticipating the moment when my siren sounded and I was the center of attention.

Before long I had spent twenty dollars and had nothing to show for it. There were card tables set up with several other games, but I wasn't brave enough to attempt them.

I stuck to the slots, and finally my stroke of luck brought me a jack-pot of eighty bucks. It may not seem like a lot to any big time gambler, but it was enough to brighten my day.

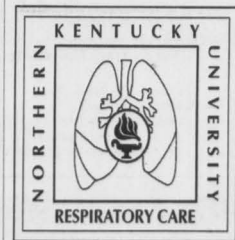
The captain announced the boat had docked and I exited the boat with my winnings in hand.

I hadn't even realized the boat had left the shore and I commented to my parents on how fast time flies when you are hoping to become rich quick.

My gambling boat experience was a good one and I will be sure to go back.

There is a wide variety of people on the boat, not just the same old faces you see in the night clubs.

So if you feel the desire to try something new this weekend, go for it, and good luck! Just don't make it a habit.



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You Know What Really Pisses Me Off?

Cole's Pit

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The Darker Side of Sports

They say it is good to let all of your frustrations out and not keep them bottled up.

So I've decided to do that this week. To go along with all of the bigger things I've gripped about over the last year, there have been a ton of little things that get under my skin.

Sometimes, when the little things add up, they can be just as annoying as the big things. So let's hope that after I get this all out, Cole's Pit might not be so negative from now on.

Why "Regents Hall"?

Why is our gym called Regents Hall? Is it just to kiss the Board of Regents' butts?

Regents Hall just sounds a little stuffy. Don't get me wrong. Stuffy fits perfectly with the rest of the university. Stuffy is the theme of NKU.

But I think someone could come up with something better than Regents Hall. My idea: The Dragon's Lair.

Ahhh Shut Up

Fans are great, don't get me wrong. But those fans that just don't shut up get pretty annoying.

You know the ones-

"Hey ref, three seconds. Three seconds. Hey ref, three seconds. Three seconds." or "Come on. That's a moving screen. They're running moving screens. Come on ref, are you blind. Moving screen."

I'm all for crowd support. There's nothing I love more than to hear Regents Hall (The Dragon's Lair) rocking.

But no matter how loud 2,000 people can get, I always seem to hear a few fans griping about those second calls and illegal screens.

Chill out. Be loud, but unless you're wearing the stripes, don't make the calls.

Where's Our Sense Of History?

Granted, NKU doesn't have the richest tradition in the world. It takes time for a school to build a history.

But all Regents Hall has to show for the last 30 years are a bunch of cheap, hand-sewn banners that look like they were made in the Child Development Center and a couple of tombstones honoring last season's men's basketball team.

Try to find a tribute to Brady Jackson (1971-75), NKU's all-time leading scorer.

No signs of Derek Fields (1985-89), the man who some have called the greatest player in school history.

I understand that NKU doesn't have a lot of money. But hey, we've named our gym after the Board of Regents, so why don't they kick in a little cash to help decorate it?

NKU Rrrrrrradiooooo Network Has anyone listened to a broadcast of NKU basketball on WTSJ (am 1050) lately?

John Kirtley and Denny Wright do an overall good job, but what is up with Kirtley's insistence on stretching out the word radio for about five seconds?

Kirtley said that it was just something different. He said that he was looking for something to make him stand out.

Keep looking John.

Well, that's all I'm going to get off my chest today. There's more. Trust me, there's more.

But I'll digress.

Underdog Norse March Into NCAA Tournament

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The preseason is over.

It's March. The 48 top NCAA Division II programs in the nation have survived the four-month regular season marathon and are ready for the NCAA Tournament.

Among them, as has become customary, are the Norse of Northern Kentucky University.

Much to the surprise of its many critics, the NKU men's basketball team has received its fourth straight tournament berth.

"The hay is in the barn as far as what we are going to do now," NKU head coach Ken Shields said.

Shields emphasized the importance of rest, crisp practices and discipline during the postseason.

He said that his team does have an advantage over some of the other teams in the Great Lakes Regional because they have tournament experience.

"We're used to playing before big crowds and on TV," he added.

Big crowds are common at the Owensboro Sportscenter, where each of the Regional games will be played. The Sportscenter seats over 5,000.

The Norse will play Ferris State University in the first round at 9 p.m. (Eastern) on Thursday night.

FSU (21-11) earned a trip to the tournament by upsetting Michigan Tech University to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

Following the pairings announcement on Sunday night, Shields said that NKU was prepared for Ferris State. He said that assistant coach Pat Ryan had traveled to Michigan to see two of FSU's wins over the weekend.

Ryan's report? Shields said that the Bulldogs play with a style similar to that of Lewis University.

Junior forward Ray Waits leads the Bulldogs with 19.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. Senior forward Day Smith, who is questionable for Thursday's matchup with NKU due to a medium knee sprain, averages 18.5 points and 8.1 points per contest.

"They seem to be pretty athletic, but they're certainly beatable," Shields said. "I feel confident we can beat them."

NKU freshman guard Brian Lawhon, who averaged 11.9 points per game during the regular season, agreed with Shields.

"This is a team of destiny," Lawhon said.

When asked if he thought NKU could advance to the Elite Eight,

Lawhon replied, "I know we will."

Along with hitting a team-leading 63 three-pointers, Lawhon also led the GLVC in both three-point percentage (46.3) and free-throw percentage (86.7).

Lawhon said that being successful in the postseason would depend on NKU's ability to limit mistakes.

"Basically, we've just got to prepare like any other time," he said. "But we really can't afford any mistakes now."

NKU junior forward Todd Clark

said that he is confident the Norse can beat Ferris State.

"This team may be good, but it has been proven and we know that we play in the best conference in the country," Clark said.

"Nobody is better than the teams that we've seen, and nobody is better than we are," he added.

Clark said that NKU is in the best possible position it could be in right now.

"I think we've got the right attitude. When people don't think you're as

good, that's when you really want to play well," Clark said.

Shields said that the Ferris State game will be a "practice session with more meaning."

Shields said that his team cannot overlook the FSU Bulldogs, however. "You've got to take care of A before you can take care of B," he said.

"B," if the Norse get past FSU, will be the University of Southern Indiana at 9 p.m. on Friday night.

USI locked up the No. 2 seed in the regional tournament and a bye in the

first round by beating NKU 79-78 on Friday in the semi-finals of the inaugural GLVC Tournament.

If the Norse defeat the USI Screaming Eagles, they will meet the winner of the second round game between Kentucky Wesleyan College and either Michigan Tech or Lewis University.

As for the prospect of playing KWC in Owensboro again, Shields said, "It's going to take a tremendous effort, but I certainly think we can beat them if it gets to that point."

NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament

Thursday March 5	Friday March 6	Saturday March 7
#4 Michigan Tech University	#1 Kentucky Wesleyan College	
#5 Lewis University		
#3 Northern Kentucky University	All Games At Owensboro, Ky.	
#6 Ferris State University	#2 University Of Southern Indiana	
7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
	9 p.m.	
		Great Lakes Region Champion

Kentucky Wesleyan College	University of Southern Indiana	NKU
Location: Owensboro, Ky. Mascot: Panther Regular Season: 24-2 (16-2 GLVC) GLVC Tourney: Champions 1997-98 Record vs. NKU: 1-1	Location: Evansville, Ind. Mascot: Screaming Eagles Regular Season: 24-4 (14-4 GLVC) GLVC Tourney: Runner Up 1997-98 Record vs. NKU: 1-1	Location: Highland Heights, Ky. Mascot: Norse Regular Season: 21-5 (15-3 GLVC) GLVC Tourney: Semi-Finals Record vs. Regional Field:
Michigan Tech University	Lewis University	Ferris State University
Location: Houghton, Mich. Mascot: Huskies Regular Season: 18-8 (10-6 GLIAC) GLIAC Tourney: Runner Up 1997-98 Record vs. NKU: Did not play	Location: Romeoville, Ill. Flyers: Flyers Regular Season: 19-7 (13-5 GLVC) GLVC Tourney: Eliminated in first round. 1997-98 Record vs. NKU: 1-1	Location: Big Rapids, Mich. Mascot: Bulldogs Regular Season: 18-11 (19-8 GLIAC) GLIAC Tourney: Champions 1997-98 Record vs. NKU: DNP

Winstel Records Career Win No. 300

By Tony Bosch
Assistant Sports Editor

NKU women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel not only reached her 300th career victory last Tuesday night by defeating Bellarmine College 80-73 in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, she also kept her opposing coach, Charlie Just, from accomplishing the same feat.

"It was a little known fact that Charlie Just was also going for his 300th win," Winstel said after her.

Instead, Just, who will begin coaching the Bellarmine men's program next season, finished his career as women's head coach with 299 wins.

Junior forward Shannon Smith led the Norse to victory, finishing with 23 points.

Freshman Michele Tuchfarber also contributed with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Winstel said her team has continued to win without relying on a star performer this season.

"We are so team-oriented," said Winstel. "We don't have one player who always steps it up."

Much of her success over the past 15 years, Winstel said, can be attributed to the great assistant coaching staff which surrounds her.

"I've never taken a shot or ran a sprint," said Winstel. "I have always had outstanding assistant coaches. They should be congratulated."

For a team that struggled in the GLVC this season, Winstel said her landmark victory should not be considered a highlight.

"I don't think we've really had a highlight this season," said Winstel. "The win was important because it brings recognition to the NKU program."



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WINSTEL JOINS 300 CLUB: NKU women's basketball head coach Nancy Winstel recorded career victory number 300 last Tuesday against Bellarmine College.

See related story on Page 6

N * O * R * S * E Unit Ready For War

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team has taken on the appearance of a M*A*S*H unit this year. The long, grueling regular season has left the team bruised nearly beyond recognition.

But when the dust settled at Bellarmine College last Saturday, after NKU's final regular-season game, the Norse appeared ready to take on any challenge.

Through all of the adversity the team has faced this season, starting with the departure of Paul Cluxton, LaRon Moore and Shannon Minor, continuing through the suspension of Todd Clark and the recurring dislocation of Scott Marston's elbow; and including Cliff Clinton's inflamed lymph node, the Norse finished the regular season 21-5.

They say what- ever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. If that's the case, the team should have superhuman strength by now.

"Because of everything we've had to work through this year, that brings about a better degree of conditioning," said NKU head coach Ken Shields. "Once you get into the postseason the Adrenaline starts to kick in and you just go from there," he added.

Overcoming adversity is nothing new to this team.

"When you think about it," NKU freshman Brian Lawhon said, "we've never had a full squad, ever. Maybe for Southern Indiana and for part of [SIU] Edwardsville, but that's all," he added.

NKU junior forward Todd Clark said that adversity can have a positive effect on a team.

"It just makes you work harder and want to win more," he said. "Injuries make things a little tougher, but they make you tougher too," Clark said.

"Injuries make things a little tougher, but they make you tougher too."

-Todd Clark



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Patient's Address Regenes Hall	
City Highland Heights	State Ky
Zip 41099	
PRESENT ILLNESS	
Severe ankle sprains (2), left elbow dislocations (4), severe inflammation of the knees, inflamed lymph node below right arm, minor cuts and bruises, 2nd degree floor burn. Healthy heart; ego unharmed.	
PRESCRIPTION	
Hard work and determination. Continue to persevere. Take two Great Lakes Regional games and call me when you get to Louisville, Ky., for the Elite Eight.	

Out Of Bounds



By Tony Bosch
Assistant Sports Editor

In an attempt to halt the rash of injuries which has left his hobbling team depleted, Northern Kentucky University men's basketball coach Ken Shields will have his players placed in a giant plastic bubble until the NCAA Tournament begins.

Not really, but a team like the Norse who are subject to freak accidents and strange illnesses could probably benefit from staying in a germ-free, protective environment.

But since the bubble is not an option, NKU will nonchalantly continue to do what it has done all season: overcome adversity.

As tournament time nears, NKU's biggest foes are swollen lymph nodes, dislocated elbows and gimpy ankles.

But just like any other opponent, the Norse will not be intimidated by their latest battle. Shields has cultivated a confidence in his squad which will propel them over any obstacle which blocks their way to the Elite Eight.

Last year's stellar seniors, LaRon Moore, Paul Cluxton and Shannon Minor, have been

replaced by a regiment of inspiring troops who have the audacity and determination to steal the spotlight when battle wounds deplete the NKU force.

Witnessing the Norse in action is similar to watching an episode of "Seinfeld." You tune in expecting a great performance from the regulars, only to be equally amazed by the impressive supporting characters.

For example, Todd Clark has stepped it up since Cliff Clinton's arm ailments returned, scoring and rebounding in double figures on a nightly basis.

When Scott Marston was sidelined by a left elbow which relocates more than the Ceramics Department, sharpshooters Brian Lawhon and Andy Listerman took over the attack from the outside.

Throw in the defensive prowess of Kevin Listerman and Craig Conley, and the Norse have enough. Beating the Panthers on their own stomping grounds should not be the daunting task it once might have been. With every agonizing injury, the Norse have learned to adapt.

Like that annoying Chumbawumba song, the Norse get knocked down, but they get up again.

No one, not even the mighty Panthers from Kentucky Wesleyan, is going to keep them down.

Title IX Plague Spreading Among NCAA Programs

Cole's Pit



By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The Darker Side of Sports

A plague has besieged college athletics.

It is called Title IX, and it is a reality around the nation. Title IX has become a dirty word at every campus in America.

To those of you who don't know, Title IX is an NCAA regulation that requires all of its member institutions to provide equal opportunities to all men and women student athletes.

And if the rules don't change soon, bad things will happen.

Already the effects have been felt. When schools in Iowa are forced to cut wrestling programs, that's a good indication there's a problem.

The University of Cincinnati is trying to find out a way to deal with Title IX also. The school is considering dropping its track team because of it.

Truth is, I'm sick and tired of hearing about Title IX.

It is good in theory, but I think it is being abused. The long arm of the NCAA law has a firm choke hold on the neck of college athletics.

Instead of promoting growth in athletic programs, most often it leads to a form of downsizing.

Instead of adding more women's programs, schools are cutting men's sports. Who does that really help? No one.

And despite the adding of women's soccer at NKU, the school is still not in compliance with Title

IX. That is because the ratio of female students to male students is, by the rule, supposed to equal the ratio of female athletes to male athletes.

Who is to say that 60 percent of all female NKU students are interested in playing sports? Or that only 40 percent of NKU male students want to play?

What happens if, for instance, no female students were interested in competing in college athletics? Should the school then offer no male sports?

Is that what the NCAA means by

equal opportunity? Basically, all that Title IX has ensured is an equal opportunity for all athletic departments to get screwed.

A blanket policy like that is ridiculous. The NCAA has to wake up and realize that sports are geared by popular culture and society, towards men.

Requiring colleges to provide more opportunities to females than males is therefore not logical.

Equal opportunity. That's what Title IX is about. And equal opportunity is a great thing.

How does forcing an athletic

department to be 60 percent female and 40 percent male promote equality?

I'm all for gender equity, but Title IX has gone way too far.

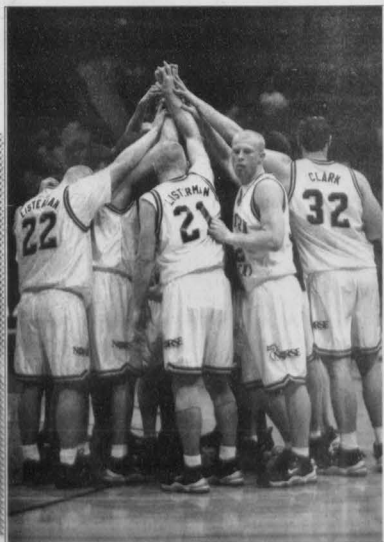
Colleges around the country are constantly being threatened with Title IX litigation.

"If your field has white lines then my field, I'm suing."

Pretty soon, people are going to start threatening to sue because attendance at men's sporting events is higher than attendance at women's sporting events.

Get over it.

NKU Hopes Tourney Changes Luck



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SMITH DRIVEN: NKU junior center Shannon Smith scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds against USI Friday, but it was not enough.

Norse Hope NCAA Success Overcomes Owensboro Jinx

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

If you look on a map, you will notice that no major interstate runs through it.

However, for the NKU men's basketball team, the road to a third consecutive national title game runs right through Owensboro, Ky.

Owensboro, the third largest city in the state, is home to Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The Panthers, by winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference, have earned the right to host the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional tournament.

Owensboro has not been kind to the Norse.

In the last 10 years, NKU's record is 0-11 in Owensboro, including a loss to KWC this year.

That begs the question, why does NKU have problems in Owensboro?

"A big part of it is that Kentucky Wesleyan is one of the most successful teams in Division II basketball history," NKU head coach

Ken Shields said. "They have a large following of retired and semi-retired people that fill the arena."

The Owensboro Sports Center seats over 5,000 people.

With each school only getting a few hundred tickets, the majority of seats will be held by Kentucky Wesleyan fans.

That may pose problems. "Kentucky Wesleyan is having a great year, and they smell another championship," Shields said.

"I was starting to feel bad about our record down there when I found out that [Southern Indiana

head coach] Bruce Pearl was 1-7 at Owensboro," Shields said.

"He's the winningest basketball coach in America and 25 percent of his losses have been down there."

In contrast to NKU's record at Owensboro, for the last three years the Norse are 9-3 in NCAA Tournament play, reaching the championship game twice.

In addition to that, there has never been a GLVC tournament prior to this season. So, NKU has never played in the GLVC tournament.

The one edge NKU does have is

experience.

The Norse have been in NCAA Tournament play each of the last three years. Kentucky Wesleyan, despite homecourt advantage, has no one on their team with NCAA experience.

"Hopefully, that will play to our advantage," Shields said.

Will the Norse play good in Owensboro, because they're good in post season tournaments? Or will the Norse play bad in the tournament, because they haven't won in Owensboro?

Only time, and a few basketball games, will tell.

STAR(S) OF THE WEEK



Name: Todd Clark
Sport: Men's Basketball
Accomplishment: Clark scored 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds against USI on Saturday. He recorded 10 points and eight rebounds against Indy on Monday.

NKU Loses Game...And Tourney Bye



Jeff McCurry / The Northerner

STRIKE A POSE: NKU freshman guard Craig Conley has become an integral part of NKU's offensive attack, consistently pouring in over 20 points a night.

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

It could have been junior forward Scott Marston's dislocated left elbow. It may have been Southern Indiana's Wayne Houston, who popped in 20 points.

Maybe it was because the long, grueling season has left NKU a tired basketball team struggling to play defense.

But when the Norse lost to the Screaming Eagles of USI on Friday 79-78 in the semi-finals of the first annual Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, NKU had to wonder if it wasn't just the Owensboro Sportscenter.

The team is 0-11 at Owensboro under head coach Ken Shields.

The loss bumped NKU to the No. 3 spot in the Great Lakes Region, which means that the Norse will have to play three games, all at Owensboro, in the NCAA Regional Tournament in order to advance to the Elite Eight for the third straight year.

NKU led 36-32 at halftime, but could not stop USI's senior forward Wayne

Houston during the second half. Houston scored 16 of his 20 points after halftime.

Senior USI guard Jeremy Pearson added 16 and Leighton Nash scored 12 points in 16 minutes.

NKU freshman Craig Conley and junior Todd Clark each scored 24 points for the Norse.

Conley shot 70 percent from the field, including four-for-four from three-point range.

Clark, who led the Norse with nine rebounds, shot three-for-five from three-point range.

Junior guard Kevin Listerman recorded eight assists and scored 10 points for the Norse and senior center Cliff Clinton contributed 11 points.

In the closing seconds, NKU freshman guard Brian Lawhon brought the Norse to within three with eight seconds remaining.

Conley then called a time out, unaware that his team had none remaining.

A technical foul was called against NKU, and USI sophomore guard Kevin Herdes made one free throw to push the lead to 79-75.

Clark hit a three-pointer at the buzzer for NKU, but it was not enough and the Norse lost by one.

Eight times during the last three seasons NKU has walked away with a one-point loss. In fact, over half of the team's last 14 defeats during that time have been by only one, including four of six losses this season.

The Screaming Eagles went on to play the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers in the championship game of the inaugural GLVC Tournament.

The Panthers defeated Southern Indiana 84-71 to ensure the right to host the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

The Norse will travel to Owensboro, Ky., this week in hopes of snapping their 11-game losing streak at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

Shields has said on several occasions this season that his team will win at Owensboro this year.

As fate would have it, the team will have one final opportunity to prove him right.

Bulldogs To Meet NKU

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The thing about conference tournaments in college basketball is every team has one last chance to salvage their season and go to the NCAA Tournament.

Ferris State University, located in Big Rapids, Mich., is a prime example. After starting the season 14-5, the Bulldogs lost six of their last 10 games en route to an 18-11 record.

When the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Tournament began, however, the playing field was level.

The No. 6 seed Bulldogs surprised Northwood University (19-8 overall, 12-6 GLIAC) in the first round 71-55.

In the second round, FSU defeated Ashland University (18-10 overall, 9-8 GLIAC) 92-81.

In the GLIAC Championship, the Bulldogs met No. 1 seed Michigan Tech (20-8 overall, 12-6 GLIAC).

Ferris State, led by 6-6 junior forward Ray Waits, upset the Huskies 71-62 to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Waits earned Most Valuable Player honors for the GLIAC Tournament.

The next challenge for the Bulldogs will be the Norse of Northern Kentucky University on Thursday at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

NKU (22-6) enters the NCAA Tournament on the heels of a 79-78 loss to the University of Southern Indiana in the semi-finals of the first ever Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

The Norse have played in each of the last two NCAA Division II national championship games, losing to Fort Hayes State two years ago and losing at the buzzer to Cal State Bakersfield last season.

The Bulldogs have only faced NKU once—a 57-48 loss in 1984.

Waits and his teammates have established momentum and feel

they are capable of defeating the Norse.

Waits averaged 19.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game during the regular season. He also shot 59.7 percent from the field, led the team with 80 assists and contributed 59 steals.

The Bulldogs hope to get 6-4 senior forward Day Smith back from a medium knee sprain. Smith missed most of the GLIAC Tournament.

He averaged 18.5 points and 8.1 rebounds per game during the regular season. He shot 63.4 percent from the field. Smith also dished off 77 assists and led the Bulldogs with 41 blocked shots and 69 steals.

Zarie Phillips, FSU's 6-1 starting point guard, averaged 13.5 points for the Bulldogs. He recorded 71 assists and 41 steals.

The winner of the FSU/NKU matchup will face No. 2 seed Southern Indiana on Friday.

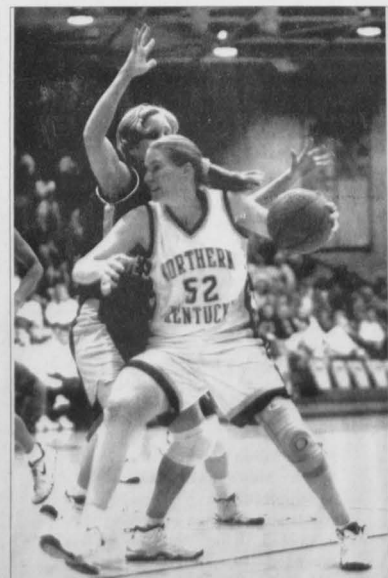
The Bulldogs have never beaten Southern Indiana (26-5).



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THREE AMIGOS: The hard-working, diving for loose balls, throwing caution to the wind style of Kevin and Andy Listerman and now Brian Lawhon has revolutionized NKU basketball.

NKU's Disappointing Season Ends



Jeff McCurry / The Northerner

1-2-3 WIN: The Norse will need three wins at Owensboro to advance to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The NKU women's basketball team's season ended on Friday night when the Norse lost to Southern Indiana University 71-66.

The loss eliminated NKU from the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, and in turn, ended any hopes of an NCAA Tournament berth.

The Norse received big contributions from senior Shannon Smith and freshman Michele Tuchfarber in the losing effort.

Smith recorded game-highs in points and rebounds, with 19 and eight. She shot 60 percent from the field.

Tuchfarber also shot 60 percent from the field, including two-of-three from three-point range, and scored 15 points.

Norse senior Alison McCarthy contributed eight points and eight rebounds in the final game of her career.

The rest of the team shot only 33 percent from the field for a total of 24 points.

Senior forward Eileen Weber led Southern Indiana with 13 points and senior guard Darci Redenbaugh added 10.

The Norse advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Bellarmine College on Tuesday.

This season marks the fourth straight year that NKU has not

earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The four-year drought is the longest span in team history without earning a bid.

The Norse, who lose little to graduation this year, now must look towards next season for a tournament berth.

NKU (66)

Stanley 2-5 2-3 6, Jensen 2-6 2-2 6, Smith 6-10 7-10 19, Tuchfarber 3-5 7-8 15, Kelsey 2-7 0-4 4, Garner 2-4 0-0 5, McCarthy 3-8 2-3 8, Roddy 1-2 0-2 2, McRae 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 21-50 21-28 66.

SOUTHERN INDIANA (71)

Redenbaugh 4-7 2-5 10, Weber 5-13 3-4 13, Tepoul 3-8 0-0 6, Nance 0-0 2-2 2, Seitz 2-5 2-4 6, Prewett 0-2 0-0 0, Caccello 2-4 0-4 0, Donner 2-6 4-5 9, Gatling 2-4 2-2 6, Harris 3-7 2-2 8, DeShazer 2-2 3-4 7. Totals 25-58 20-28 71.

Halftime—Southern Indiana, 31-27. Three-point goals—NKU 3-12 (Stanley 0-3, Jensen 0-1, Smith 0-1, Tuchfarber 2-3, Kelsey 0-2, Garner 1-1, Roddy 0-1), Southern Indiana 1-10 (Redenbaugh 0-3, Weber 0-2, Caccello 0-1, Donner 1-4). Fouled out—None. Fouls—NKU 22, Southern Indiana 25. Rebounds—NKU 38 (McCarthy, Smith 8), Southern Indiana 30 (Redenbaugh 6). Assists—NKU 14 (Tuchfarber, Kelsey 4), Southern Indiana 13 (Seitz 3). Technical fouls—None. Records—NKU 18-10, Southern Indiana 26-1.

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Young Norse Ready To Play Ball



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SWING BATTER: NKU senior center fielder Mike Pitzer will be called upon to supply senior leadership to a relatively young Norse team this season.

By Wade Greene
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University's baseball team will need its young pitching staff to step up in order to overcome the loss of four top pitchers.

The Norse enter the 1998 season without Randy Hamilton and Scott Wiggins who opted for the major league draft after last season.

Assistant Coach Jeff Hetzer said, "It hurts the team to lose two top pitchers like that in the draft, but it helps the team get exposure."

The pitching staff also lost its ace, Mike Kichler, who led the team with nine wins in 1997. He also led the GLVC with a 3.06 ERA in 82.3 innings pitched.

Bill Aker, head baseball coach said, "Kichler wasn't only a big loss to our team because of his pitching, he was just a great kid."

"He was the kind of pitcher who could keep you in a ball game. We knew we wouldn't be blown out with him on the mound," Aker added.

The team will look to junior right hander Jason Keipert to fill some of the void left by Kichler.

"Keipert has been around," said Aker. "His brother played here and he should be ready to step up this season."

Keipert said he needs to cut down on his walks and strike out more batters.

"I think I walked just as many batters as I struck out last season," Keipert said.

He said the team goal this season is to

make the GLVC tournament. The top four teams out of each division advance to the conference tournament.

"I think this team has the right attitude to go to the tournament this season," Keipert said.

"Baseball is 90 percent mental and 10 percent talent."

Last season, reliever Kirk Ashcraft finished third in the GLVC with five saves before graduating. The team looks to junior college transfer Dave Tucker to fill his spot.

"Tucker has a good curve ball and he seems to know when to throw the right pitches," Aker said.

Tucker said, "I have a good fast ball and I have a good curve ball, it doesn't matter (what I throw)."

The pitching staff isn't the only part of the team to take some blows. The team has also lost its top three hitters from last season.

First baseman Mark Emerson led the team with a .387 batting average. The team also lost Jeremy Collins and Matt Baker who batted .385 and .370 respectively.

Aker said losing three hitters the caliber of these guys is a big loss to the team.

Collins had academic problems that kept him from returning.

"Losing Collins was a bad break because he was a freshman," Aker said.

"We will miss the way he could swing the bat."

Mike Pitzer will play center field. Aker said he hopes Pitzer can step up this season and lead the team. "Pitzer is

a great player," said Aker, "we just have to find a way to light a fire under him."

"Losing the big hitters (Emerson, Collins and Baker) will hurt us, but I have a good feeling about this team," Pitzer said.

"We have some younger guys I think will step up," he added.

The baseball team will be tested by its youth in 1998. Only 14 players are returning from last year's team.

Half the team is made up of freshmen and sophomores and the team only has three seniors.

Aker said the team needs for the young players to step up in order for the team to be successful.

He said many of the juniors are going to get to play regularly and this is the year they have to play.

The GLVC, one of the toughest conferences in the nation, is a tough challenge for such a young team, Aker said.

"Much of our team is an unknown quantity," Aker said. "We'll just have to see how they do."

The GLVC's southern division was led by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1997. SIUE is ranked No. 3 in the USA Today top 25 this season.

The University of Southern Indiana finished 1997 strong with 10 wins and is ranked No. 21 in the USA Today poll.

"The GLVC is a tough conference, we'll have to learn as we go," Aker said.

Lewis University heads up the northern division and is ranked No. 11 in the USA Today poll.

Attitude Key For Keipert

By Jennifer Turnau
Executive Editor

What do you get when you cross an enthusiastic, experienced pitcher and a team carrying a nothing-to-lose attitude?

NKU baseball head coach Bill Aker hopes it adds up to a winning season.

If junior pitcher Jason Keipert has any say, the Northern Kentucky University baseball team will reach the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament this season.

"The tournament is our goal. We haven't made it both of the years I've been here," Keipert said.

Keipert, a graduate of St. Henry High School and a resident of Erlanger, KY, pitched in two games last season and has set out to make a name for himself this year.

The team is looking to Keipert to fill the spikes of NKU's all-time winningest pitcher, Mike Keipert, who graduated last season.

"If I could model my style after anyone, it would be Kichler," Keipert said.

The challenge Keipert faces of replacing Kichler isn't the only hurdle the right-handed pitcher needs to clear this season.

NKU also lost lefties Randy Hamilton and Scott Wiggins to the major league draft at the end of last season.

Keipert doesn't feel that he has to live up to the legacy of past pitchers. "I was such good friends with both of (them) that I don't feel that I am here to compete with them," he said.

Aker said that Keipert has a whole new role of his own to fill.

"He's a junior, and since we lost a lot of pitchers last year to graduation and the majors, I think he will step up to the front and have a

great season—it's his turn," Aker said.

Keipert looks to Aker for support both on and off the field.

"He's like my second dad, he'd do anything for his players—plus it's obvious how experienced he is about the game," Keipert said.

Last season, Keipert walked nearly as many batters as he struck out. This year, his goal is to give six or seven strong innings per game, cutting down on his

walks. "I need to keep the heat up so we can win," Keipert said.

One factor contributing to the hopes of a winning season is enthusiasm.

Keipert believes that having a young team and a coach with a new attitude has given the team a positive outlook for the season.

"The coach's attitude has changed. Everyone gets along great. There are no bad apples. It's exciting to see what's going to happen," Keipert said.

The team is currently picked to finish No. 11 out of 12 teams in the GLVC. Keipert said the team is out to prove the critics wrong by winning 30-35 games this season.

"I think we can accomplish more than what they think," he said.

Aker thinks the Norse may be overlooked this year because the team is composed of many young players.

"I think we can sneak up on some teams. The positive attitude is contagious," Aker said.

Keipert's long-term goal for the season is to use his maturity as a pitcher to his advantage, both on and off the mound.

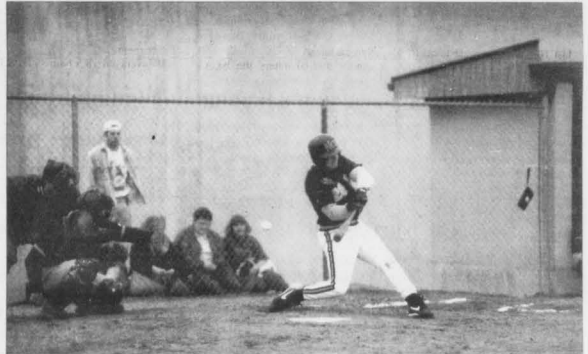
"I want to be a positive influence on the young guys this year. I think my maturity can help them," he said.

Keipert believes that the team has a long road ahead of them, but their attitude may take them as far as they want to go.

"No one expects us to do anything, we have a nothing-to-lose attitude," he said.



Jason Keipert



Jeff McCarry / The Northerner

STRIKE ONE: NKU junior outfielder Ken Williams is one of 13 juniors on the baseball team this season.

1998 NKU Baseball Roster

Name	Position	Class	Hometown
Brian Poe	Outfield	Fr.	Florence, Ky.
Ryan Ponatoski	Shortstop	So.	Louisville, Ky.
Shaun Fausz	Pitcher	Fr.	Bellevue, Ky.
Joey Hacker	Pitcher/Catcher	Jr.	Florence, Ky.
Justin Upper	2nd/3rd Base	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio
Scott Berryman	Catcher/1st Base	Jr.	Kokomo, Ind.
Michael Tudor	Catcher	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Jeff McWharther	Outfield	Fr.	Campton, Ky.
Greg Leurck	2nd Base	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Tim Grooms	Pitcher	Fr.	Peebles, Ohio
Jamie Ramsey	3rd Base	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Jason Stauffer	Pitcher	Jr.	Bainbridge, Ohio
Terry McGrew	Outfield	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
Ryan Berryman	Pitcher	Sr.	Kokomo, Ind.
John Reynolds	Center Field	Fr.	Fl. Thomas, Ky.
Josh Barone	3rd Base	So.	Pikeville, Ky.
Kevin Harvill	2nd Base/Shortstop	Fr.	Sherman, Ill.
Kevin McElfresh	Right Field	Fr.	Covington, Ky.
Bryan Wharton	1st Base	Fr.	Athens, Ohio
Kenny Eads	Catcher	Fr.	Erlanger, Ky.
Ken Williams	Outfield	Jr.	Loveland, Ohio
Jeff Rosenwald	Right Field	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Steve Carnevale	Outfield	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
David Tucker	Pitcher	Jr.	Independence, Ky.
Billy Dennis	Outfield	Jr.	Independence, Ky.
Andy Cox	Pitcher	Fr.	Norwood, Ohio
Shaun Brown	Infield	Fr.	Erlanger, Ky.
Dan Bowen	Pitcher	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Steve Rump	Pitcher	Jr.	Taylor Mill, Ky.
Jason Keipert	Pitcher	Jr.	Erlanger, Ky.
Jason Huebner	Pitcher	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio

Head Coach: Bill Aker

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Hetzer, Bill Grieme, Jeff Enneking and Kent Stearman

1998 NKU Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed.	March 11	Sinclair C.C.	1 p.m.
Sat.	March 21	Indianapolis*	noon
Sun.	March 22	IPFW*	noon
Wed.	March 25	West Virginia University	1 p.m.
Fri.	March 27	Lindsey Wilson College	1 p.m.
Sat.	March 28	Southern Indiana*	1 p.m.
Sun.	March 29	Southern Indiana*	noon
Tues.	March 31	Ohio Valley College	2 p.m.
Wed.	April 1	Bellarmine College	1 p.m.
Sat-Sun	April 4-5	at Missouri-St. Louis*	12 p.m.
Mon.	April 6	at Sinclair C.C.	1 p.m.
Fri.	April 10	at Lewis University*	12 p.m.
Sat.	April 11	at Quincy University*	12 p.m.
Tues.	April 14	Xavier University	3 p.m.
Wed.	April 15	at Bellarmine College*	1 p.m.
Sat.	April 18	at SIU-Edwardsville*	noon
Sun.	April 19	at SIU-Edwardsville*	noon
Mon.	April 20	at Ohio Valley College	1 p.m.
Wed.	April 22	Thomas More College	1 p.m.
Sat.	April 25	Kentucky Wesleyan*	noon
Sun.	April 26	Kentucky Wesleyan*	noon
Sat.	May 2	at Wisconsin-Parkside*	noon
Sun.	May 3	at Saint Joseph's College*	noon
Fri-Sun	May 8-10	GLVC Conference Tournament	noon

*Great Lakes Valley Conference
HOME GAMES IN BOLD

All About Attitude

By Gabrielle Dion
Editor In Chief

If you give an inch, they will take a mile.

In a letter to the editor this week, a student by the name of Aaron Hirst writes about how the university should more properly sanction the students who break laws on campus.

I would heartily agree with his claims. A university should not be held to a lower standard than the "real world." Time and time again, in universities all over the country, students seem to take advantage of the fact that they will not receive as great of punishment by the campus Department of Public Safety as they would by a "real cop." We often use the term "slap on the wrists" to describe the action taken by DPS when these minor offenses are committed.

The use of drugs and alcohol on campus, fights and vandalism are just a few of the common "slaps on the wrists" that students receive at Northern Kentucky University and at schools around the country. But I do applaud DPS for trying to help the problem. I know that they usually have all the buildings and dorms patrolled thoroughly, and that they are involved when fights break out. They can't do more than the university and the state of Kentucky will let them do, so I'm not going to place the blame on them. But is there something more that can be done?

Yes. It's time for an attitude adjustment. I think it's the attitude of these students who commit campus crimes that needs to change. They need to realize that they are in college now—it's time to GROW UP. The high school thrill of "getting away with something" should be gone by now. The thrill of boasting that you "got busted" should

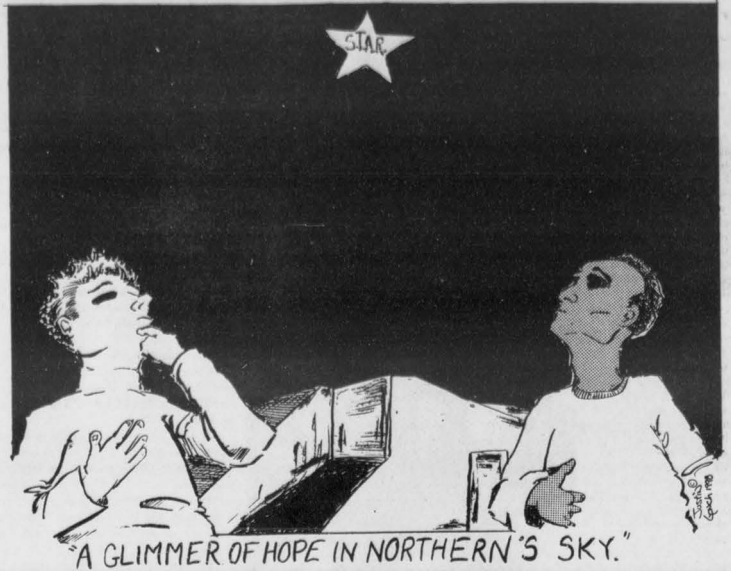
also be gone. Again, this is college—GROW UP.

Yes, kids, there is a reason why you can't have drugs on campus. Yes, kids, you should have to face the consequences when you get into a fight (it's called assault, and it's illegal—maybe when you take a class in law you will figure that out). GROW UP.

One particular example of this childish attitude that irks me is the way the game room in the University Center is treated. Last year, several members of Student Government Association fought very hard to keep a game room when Delta came in. A great deal of money, time and effort was spent by the university in renovating the TV Lounge so that students could have a place to play pool, ping-pong and video games. And how do some students repay the university? By trashing the game room. There is garbage all over the floor most days, plus big gashes and holes in the walls. Whatever happened to the ethic of treating the outside world the same way as you would treat your home? I think I learned that in kindergarten. A message to whoever it is that is doing this to the game room: Learn to use the trash cans, and don't take out your frustrations with your game of pool on the walls. Someone has to pay for that—just thought I'd let you know.

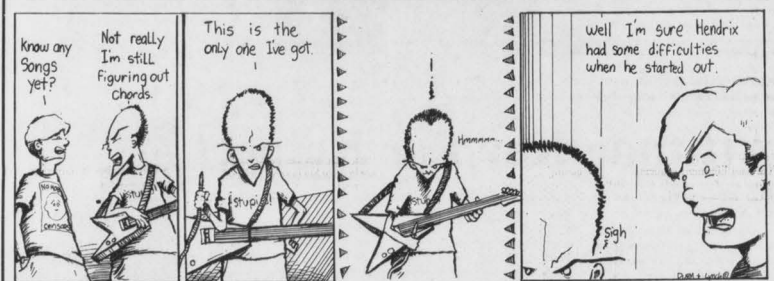
And that's just the beginning. Maybe it's time for the students who care about the campus to start a "GROW UP" campaign. It would be a campaign to inform those students that even though they can get away with whatever it is they are doing wrong, that it's stupid and childish of them to be doing it in the first place.

If you give them an inch, they will take a mile. So just tell them to GROW UP.



Hey U.

by Lynch and Durm



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NORTH POLL

WHAT COULD NKU DO TO GET YOU TO SUPPORT ATHLETICS?

By Suzanne Fleming

Katie Limle
Theatre
Cincinnati



"Advertise the games more. I love soccer and I'd love to watch the games."

Don Bodie
Theatre
Hendersonville, NC



"Make NKU a campus more conducive to student involvement and sell alcohol at the games."

Greg Given
Computer Science
Cincinnati



"Advertise. I don't see sports advertised on the bulletin boards as much as the other student activities."



Fatima Jamil
Psychology
Cincinnati

"Sponsor different functions that we could go to such as festivals and pep rallies."



Heather Burns
Theatre
Crestwood

"I appreciate athletics, but I'm dedicated to the theatre department. As long as my own field keeps me busy I can't offer more support."



Seka Jones
Undeclared
Louisville

"I think they're doing a great job, especially the basketball team. I think we should be able to show our student ID's to get in to games instead reserving tickets."

Zero Tolerance

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to call for the expulsion of the "male student" who allegedly assaulted Elisa Grubbs on Tuesday, February 10. I do not know Ms. Grubbs and therefore have no personal interest in this matter. However, if the intention of this university is to create a safe and sound learning environment, then it must employ a zero tolerance policy regarding violent acts on campus.

Time and time again we have seen an extremely soft administration allowing ridiculous acts to go with just a slap on the wrists. Ridiculous acts such as students caught with alcohol. "The [alcohol] was poured out," read the DPS reports. Then in a drunken stupor some student throws a brick through a DPS vehicle. The fact of the matter is purely logical, basically probabilistic. If the penalty does not exceed the reward then it is worth the risk.

In other words, if it costs me one 12 pack of beer the one improbable time that you catch me it is worth trying again because it is so highly improbable that you caught me in the first place. Thus through my fine understanding of the laws of probability and human nature I will attempt to bring beer on campus ad infinitum because in the end the reward will be much greater than the risk.

Now, we have consistently been informed by The Northerner of the many abuses of the rules of this university, and yet they occur repeatedly. Is it possible to completely eliminate violations of the rules in any governance? Of course not. However, it is completely possible to drastically reduce the probability that the violation would incur given the relative value of the penalty for committing the violation. I would wager that the murder rate would rise dramatically if the penalty wasn't at least life imprisonment.

Now the fate of this poor girl's alleged attacker lies in the fate of some district prosecutor. I don't

mind saying that I have very little faith that amidst the stack of major cases sitting in this prosecutor's lap he would choose to fool with the petty bruises on Ms. Grubbs' arms. Granted, I know nothing of the prosecutor's responsibility to Ms. Grubbs. However, I know very well what every law abiding person on this campus feels the responsibility of this university is to us. That is to say, this university can take immediate action to eliminate persons who display a propensity toward violence, and they should! Otherwise, it can be reasoned that pushing people down over a parking space is just fine behavior. Given the implied probability that the penalty for breaking the rule is slight, I have no impending sense of responsibility to place the rule in the forefront of my rationale.

I am not asking that this university push for the prosecution of every violator to the fullest extent of the law. What I am asking is that they get rid of the people who are simply unconcerned with the rules of the school, the rights of the individual, the laws of the state of Kentucky and the laws of our great nation. Expel, suspend or place on probation anyone who can not conduct themselves within the parameters set forth by this university. It is a simple initiative rich with innovative thought. In this time of increased accessibility to a college education and with more of the masses attending college than ever before, can we really afford to take a wait-and-see stance on crime? In this time of increased campus crime across the country, can we really afford to simply fall below the national average? Do we, the faculty, staff and students, not instill the level of integrity this college now enjoys, and will continue to enjoy as we make or break our opportunities to grow and influence the world around us? Draw the line. Draw it now. Be the leader, NKU, not the victim.

Aaron Hirst

An Issue Of Race

Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "Elliot Visits NKU." As I read that article, I saw a couple of things that I felt needed to be addressed. The writer, Margie Wise, said "...According to Elliot, African American Christians have to deal with racism in their own religion. When a black Christian child goes to church they are typically kneeling before a white Christ." The article went further to express that if Mary and Joseph were from the Middle East, then they would have had to have dark skin. I agree with that statement. I believe firmly that Jesus' mother was not a Caucasian woman. However, that is not the case.

My issue with this article concerns the quote. I do not mean to disrespect anyone with what I am about to say. I feel that Ms. Wise and/or Ms. Elliot are in error if they really feel this way. First, how can a white person speak as an authority on what a black person has to deal with in church? Second, in order for me to kneel before a "white" Christ, that would signify that there is also "some other" Christ. People, God's kingdom is not divided. People are deceived due to poor and/or lack of understanding. The color of Christ's skin when He walked this Earth is not important. What's important are the things He did while here and still does in and through the lives of His people. When I kneel before Him, it is not because of His color but in honor of the God of my salvation.

It is time for people to stop making color out of everything. God cannot and will not be limited to skin color—He is greater than all of that. He is not a color, but a spirit and can be worshiped not in color but in spirit and truth. Thank you,

Marlon McDaniel

Simple Ways To Be Considerate Of Others

To the Editor,

After seeing the letter by Stacy Ridgway in the February 18th issue of The Northerner about Disabled services at NKU, I had some thoughts that I would like to share on the matter.

I am a non-disabled student at NKU. I would like to talk about the certain attitudes that some non-disabled students take towards the handicapped accessible doors at our school.

On more than one occasion I have observed students who are able to walk and move about freely with no

other obstructions, kicking the handicapped buttons to open the doors for themselves. This causes the doors to work improperly, making them open very slowly, or stop working completely. Disabled students and faculty have to use these doors everyday to get around.

I think that it is a sign of pure laziness for an able person to kick the buttons. How much effort does it take to open a door if you are able to do so?

Some students at NKU just take for granted the fact that they can walk and are able to open a door and go right

through to get to class. People usually don't kick the buttons out of disrespect it is something that they do without thinking about it.

I am writing this letter to ask students that do kick the buttons to please stop and think about the effects that these actions have on other people.

It is a simple thing that you can do to help some people out that have a hard enough time as it is.

Thank you,
Suzanne Ramey

Can We Get On With Things? One Student's View

To the Editor,

I've got something that has been picking at my mind. This thing would be the fuss about the Red Grooms' sculpture. "Way Down East". Get over it people. It's not a racist statue. I've never seen the Ku Klux Klan have a rally outside the Fine Arts Building. It's art, people, get over it. What do I see in it?

Well, I've never been an art person, but it's a neat little sculpture with many bright colors. Just because it is a portrayal of a D.W. Griffith's movie, it gives no one the right to say it's racist. Sure I know D.W. Griffith directed "Birth of a Nation", but it's part of American history. I don't approve of the content in "Birth of a Nation" but it happened and let's not deny it.

Come down to Earth people and look at the situation. There's even

a task force to deal with the sculpture.

Has anyone ever seen P.C.U.? The movie takes place in a nice little college and everyone there wants to free Nelson Mandela (if you've seen it, that's funny) or save the whales and basically whine about anything and everything. In the movie it's portrayed as a joke and I think of that every time I hear something about the Red Grooms sculpture. You can't do anything without someone finding something offensive about it. It's called life, deal with it.

Let's all come out of our perfect little worlds and smell the flowers. They smell like pollution, dirty rotten air. That's the realism. That's life. Let's give the entire thing up. It's been going on for a long time now and I really am getting offended whenever anyone mentions the situation. Can I

protest the protesters? I want to see a task force that is assembled to shut all the "save the whales" people up.

I say leave the statue where it is. Where else would all the art students hang out during the summer? That's life. Who cares? I don't.

Give it a rest and whine about something else. But I guess I'm not being P.C. about it and that's bad. How about this. We have a campus wide vote. We vote for the statue to stay or to go.

If it's voted out, it's voted out. If not, give it a rest.

I close in the words of the great Carl Brown. "That's my own damn opinion. If you don't like it sue me, just don't call me P.C."

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Jason, 24
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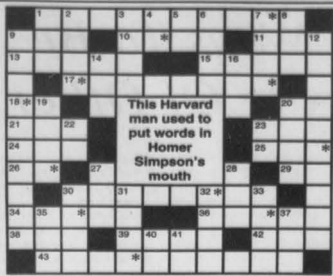


Montana, 22
New York, NY

"For six months I lived in a proverbial fishbowl in Boston, having my life taped as one of the seven cast members of Real World VI: Boston."

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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.

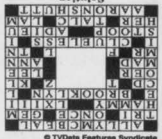
ACROSS

1. Series for Callista Flockhart (2)
2. Prefix for cursed or color
3. ... a Hero; 1987 Jeff Lester series
4. A ... of a Jam; 1943 Three Stooges film
5. Like a showoff
6. Regis Philbin's age
7. ... South
8. Music store purchase, familiarity
9. Loggins' initials
10. ... banner yet wavy ...
11. Bruce or Spike
12. Sue ... Nivers; role on The Mary Tyler Moore Show
13. Abbr. in the title of Mark Curry's series
14. Grand Ole Opry locale; abbr.
15. Rachel Blanchard's series
16. Bardot's farewell
17. Diana ... True Story; 1993 TV movie
18. Powdery stuff
19. On the ... feeling
20. Chicago Hope role (2)

DOWN

1. Ex-coach Parseghian
2. Arm
3. Holmes and ...; 1976 John Schuck sitcom
4. Jessica Lange's state of birth; abbr.
5. Lauren Lane's role on The Nanny
6. Sarah MacKenzie's portrayal on JAG

7. Opposed to, Clamptett-style
8. Fragrant accessory
9. 1991-96 police drama series (2)
10. Lance Henriksen's series
11. Actor on The A-Team (2)
12. Bottom file drawer
13. John (1988-92)
14. Role on Loe & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman
15. Rocky or Yellow Brick; abbr.
16. Born in East ...; 1987 Cheech Marin film
17. Role on Alice
18. Dangerous drug, for short
19. Mr. Dithers' wife in the comic strip Blondie
20. Pair; 1952 quiz show
21. Dawn I Die; 1939 James Cagney movie
22. Sediment
23. Star of Tom Verica's series
24. My Dust; 1976 Ron Howard film
25. Once ... Eagle (1976-77)
26. Stahl's monogram
27. ... of Brian



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Stop depending on others to get the job done. Your fear of failure may keep you from making an amazing discovery about yourself.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
There are new and exciting opportunities on the horizon. Eat healthy food and exercise. You need to be at the top of your game.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You may be making some changes to your home. Attend to the small details and everything will work in your favor.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
It is time to turn over a new leaf. You have many talents and should use them to do some good in your life.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
If you are in an uncomfortable relationship, it may be time to do something about it. There will be news about an important event in your life.



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Life may appear to be at a standstill, but it is important for you to plan for the future. Wait for the right time to pursue your dreams.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
There will be news of a birth or a new idea for a business. Offer your help and cooperation to someone in need.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
If you begin keeping a dream journal, you will discover important insights. Clear the air with loved ones.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You may be involved in some type of competition that is beginning to wear thin. Be firm when making your needs and desires known.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Being irritable and depressed only makes everything worse. Is it possible that too much ego might be involved?



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Someone who opposes you is causing a great deal of trouble. Take time to tie up any loose ends that are still dangling.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Patience is incredibly important right now. If you rush into something without checking the facts, you could lose everything.

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March 1 - Tim Daly, Ron Howard
March 2 - Lon Read
March 3 - Jackie Joyner-Kersey,
Miranda Richardson
March 4 - Chastity Bono, Paula Patton

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