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Coach, Former Player Embroiled In Controversy

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Even though the Lady Norse basketball season hasn't started, Coach Nancy Winstel has been dealing with recruitment for next year's basketball team. She also has been dealing with a pending legal battle against her because a former basketball player has filed a simple assault charge against her.

Fredricka Sussnar was planning on playing basketball her senior year, but she too has a pending legal problem. She is the former player accusing Winstel of pushing her after a practice.

Even though the incident happened last November, Sussnar waited six months to press charges because she didn't want to cause any trouble for herself while on the team and playing for Winstel.

"There is a power balance," Sussnar said. She said a coach can make you miserable or ride you and, "You can't talk back to them and you can't complain to them."

Donald McKenzie, spokesperson for NKU's Department of Public Safety confirmed that Sussnar filed an assault report on April 28, 1997.

Jane Meier, in a position statement, said an internal investigation had taken place in November after the incident and the matter was closed when Winstel and Sussnar met together and verbally apologized to each other.

But the day after Spring Break, Winstel told Sussnar that she wasn't welcome back on the team. Sussnar said Winstel told her she didn't know what it was like being a team

player. After that, she said she was haunted by the attack and knew she had to do something about it and could do something about it. Because she is not longer on the team, she said she felt as if the pressure of keeping quiet was off her.

"I have nothing to lose. I am no longer a member of the team," she said. "I am letting people know what happened to me was unfair, unwarranted and unprofessional. By my pressing charges, maybe she won't do this to any of the other players."

Winstel referred all questions to Jane Meier.

Being pushed by her coach, Sussnar said was the scariest thing that has ever happened to her.

"I started crying hysterically. I couldn't believe it happened," she said.

Sussnar planned on playing varsity basketball and graduating with her friends next year, but her plans were irrevocably changed.

"It was my senior year. I think we would have had an incredible team," she said. "But I'll go on. I've been invited to play at another school."

Sussnar will no longer attend NKU after this semester. She was on scholarship, and that will end with the semester, as did her basketball career at NKU.

McKenzie said the statute of limitations for a simple assault charge, a misdemeanor, is one year.

"She's well within the guidelines for filing the report," McKenzie said. "We explained that to her as a misdemeanor and since she's the victim, she has to file it [the report] herself." Sussnar has to file the report with the Campbell County Court House before the matter is pursued in the criminal courts, he said. As of press time, Sussnar nor her lawyer have filed the report.

Meier said should anything come of the case, an evaluation process, handled under university policy will go into affect.



Nancy Winstel

Mondo Smarty Goes To Professor Of The Year

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief
By Margie Wise
Staff Reporter

When Northern Kentucky University handed the Outstanding Professor Award for 1997, no one had Smarties to throw to this year's recipient, Dr. Russell Proctor. It was a complete surprise to him and to the people around him that he won the award.

But one of his communication theories classes made up for the lack of smarties by throwing them to him in class the next day.

Smarties is a trademark for Proctor. He tosses them, sometimes throws them to students who share a "smart" idea with the class.

"I was probably the only student who turned them down," said Travis Turner, a senior communication major. "I don't want one unless it's the mondo."

Proctor, a professor in the communication department, is the recipient of the Northern Kentucky University's Outstanding professor award for 1997.

The award is given annually by former faculty winners.

Proctor said having the award given to him by his peers is part of what makes the award so important to him.

"To me it's the highest honor a faculty member can receive to be recognized by one's own academic community far exceeds any regional or national honor," said Proctor.

Pam Proctor, the wife of Proctor,

said when he first heard he just broke down not only because of winning the award but because he was with his students and colleagues when he was told.

"It was very meaningful to him. He's on top of the world," she said. "He's so happy, he's walking on air."

His passion for both the subject he teaches and desire to help students grasp the subject is why Pam Proctor said he won the award. "He really loves his students," she said.

However, Proctor said he also gives credit to his students.

"There is no such thing as an outstanding professor with out outstanding students. The award belongs to them as well," he said.

Kathy Blomer, who has taken eight classes from Proctor, the most ever by one student said he deserves the



award because, "He changes lives. He is the absolute strongest influence in my life."

This is Proctor's sixth year at NKU. He is the adviser of the speech communication club and is involved in Norse Leadership Society.

He said this is an indication to him to keep going. That something is going right. Toss that man a smartie, NKU says he deserves it.

Partnership Program Tops Moreland's List

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

When Jack Moreland, Superintendent of Dayton schools came to Northern Kentucky University to be interim president for one year, he had a steep hill to climb. He knew that going in. He set out to accomplish a few things, and he said he did just that.

What he is most proud of is his Partnerships program which he started at the beginning of the year.

"The thing I am most proud... the Partnership, clearly is the one thing that I think can have lasting results here," he said. "Not so much so in terms of the reports that were generated but as a side effect of that, we have so many relationships created between the community and the people in the community. People that never knew each other before now know and understand the kind of problems we have here. Not only problems, problems and things we are really proud of."

Dr. James Votruba, incoming president told Moreland he was looking forward to the Partnerships and believes it will be a tremendous help to him in the infancy of his presidency.

Aside from his pet project,



President Jack Moreland

Moreland is happy to see technology being updated at a rapid rate. Something he said he needed to accomplish just to get NKU up to par with the rest of the technological world.

"Computers are coming in as we speak," he said.

One hundred fifty computers have been installed, another 100 have been ordered and another 150 are going to be ordered and all in place before June 30, he said.

"The purchase is not the tough part. The training, getting people up to speed is the next phase," he said. "I won't be able to work on that but it is the next step."

The most controversial issue Moreland said he caused was the introduction of the idea of football and the Enhanced Athletic fee proposal.

"It's still a little controversial, but it will work itself out," he said.

Moreland leaves his position June 30, but insists NKU won't be far from his mind. He said if he goes into some type of political job, he will have the capacity to help NKU out in a more direct way.

"I'd be in a position to know what was needed," he said.

Graduation Is Upon Northern

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

Hats off to this year's seniors who are about to become college graduates in May.

Northern Kentucky University will hold its annual spring commencement ceremonies on May 17 in Regents Hall.

The ceremonies will begin at 9:00 a.m. with The College of Arts and Sciences, 2:00 p.m. for The College of Professional Studies, and end with Chase Law School at 4:00 p.m.

Interim President Jack Moreland will preside over this spring's commencement, but newly selected President, Dr. James Votruba will take over the fall commencement.

There will be a reception following each graduating class for the graduates and their guests in the University Center.

Those of you who will be graduating, good luck and so long.

But for those who will be next year as seniors, remember to graduate you must turn in your graduating applications by the deadline dates.

Those dates are April 15 and/or October 15, depending on which semester you should graduate.

Adee Speaks at Forum

Stonewall Director brings message of diversity to campus

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University's Young Democrats and student organization, G.L.O.B.A.L., Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual and Allies, co-sponsored a forum on gay marriage featuring Michael Adee on April 30th, in Norse Commons, Rm. 117 at 7:00.

Adee is the executive director of Stonewall Cincinnati, a gay rights and human rights organization.

The forum was an open discussion where all opinions were welcome. There was also a television to everyone could watch the hour-long "Ellen" coming out special.

"Ellen coming out, the G.L.O.B.A.L. people coming out, and so are the Young Democrats. Cool, what a night," Adee said.

"And the rest of you are just because of you are here, either because of curiosity, interest and support."

Adee discussed many topics around same-sex marriages. The forum was very open with many audience members participating in discussions of heterosexual privileges, homophobia, prejudice and discrimination, lesbian and gay people and their families, and the issues around gay marriages.

Adee talked about the legal, moral, ethical, cultural, religious, and personal aspects of same-sex marriages.

"I think events like this offer people unlike me, who aren't out, or are afraid to come out, the support and the guts to make a phone call to get support, so they won't end up being a statistic like so many others," G.L.O.B.A.L. co-chair Vince Lemaster, a junior sociology major, said.

According to Adee, being a homosexual is a life or death matter.

"One out of three reported suicides among teens are related to gay and lesbian youth struggling with sexual identity. Less than

one percent of the suicide prevention programs mention homosexuality in therapy.

"So you've got the largest factor linked to suicide and the most tiny part of prevention."

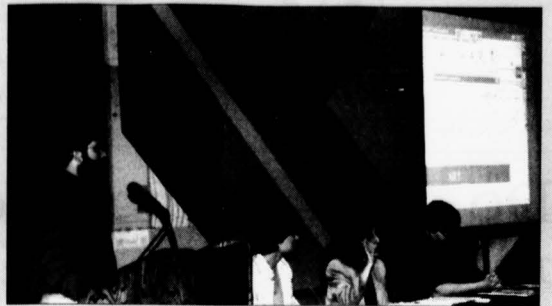
"The idea of this forum was to bring people together with different viewpoints, and giving them a place to discuss them openly," Young Democrats vice-president Heather Schrader, a junior political science major, said.

"It gave young adults a place to speak their mind. There was a good turnout, so it shows there are people out there, and there are people who will listen," Schrader said.

The forum was the last of a three part series offered by the Young Democrats.

The first was a discussion about "Ebonics," co-sponsored with the Black United Students organization. The second was "RU 486 Or Not?," and featured Debbie Jackson, from Cincinnati Women's Services, and was co-sponsored with the Women's Studies Group on campus.

A Chat Around The Ballroom



INTERNET SPEAK: Penny Summers, professor of Communications, answers an audience member's question at the "Pornography On The Internet" forum, held Wed. April 30th at noon in the University Center ballroom, while panel members Joan Ferrante, sociology; Sara Sidebottom, legal counsel; and moderator Roger Adams, reference librarian; look on.

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Banquet Helps The Hungry

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

There are more than 840 million people who suffer from hunger world wide. Northern Kentucky University's Social Work class and club sponsored "Food For Thought" Hunger Banquet on April 24 to help alleviate the hunger of those here in our community. Approximately 50 guests showed up and many other donations were sent in.

"Each year the senior class chooses a project and we just decided on a fundraising event," Student Coordinator, Shannen Risher said.

The event was entirely put together by the senior social work class and the social work club.

"This project is important for the class to be a leader in the

social work field, they should be applauded for their efforts along with advisor, Patricia Knox. More people should get involved," Dr. Edwin Barnes of the Allied Health, Human Services, and Social Work Department said.

The banquet itself was quite unique in its make-up. It was designed to seat people by a colored ticket which unknowing put you in one of the three social classes. Then each table was served a dinner based on the economic standing of that class.

The purpose of the set up was to impress on those in attendance that many in this area do face a hunger problem.

"It is nice to raise the money but it is even better to actually help others. It has definitely been a learning experience and we are happy with the results."

Risher said.

At last count the exact amount raised was still being counted as donations continued to come in from local businesses and individuals.

"I think we were definitely surprised at how well we did. We weren't sure if we had a handle on everything but it turned out very nicely for us all," senior social work major, Rachelle Henry said.

All proceeds will be divided among Covington's Parish Kitchen and the Rosedale area flood victims in Latonia.

"The Parish kitchen is extremely grateful to NKU's social work class for sponsoring this dinner. It has been a privilege to work with them to alleviate hunger in our own community," Molly Navin, the Director of the Parish Kitchen said.

Meeting Calls For Student Papers

By Therese Wynn
Staff Reporter

Calling for Anthropology and Sociology majors, The Kentucky Annual Meeting of Sociologists and Anthropologists will be held on Oct. 10th and 11th.

"The purpose of this meeting is to get Anthropologists and Sociologists from around the state

to present their research and discuss issues of mutual interest," Mary Carol Hopkins, professor of anthropology said.

Hopkins has been involved for four years in the organization. The contest is a good opportunity for students to get their research recognized.

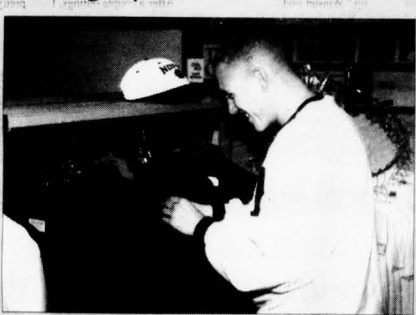
In the past, Hopkins has submitted papers and sponsored stu-

dents for the research paper contest. The awards for the research paper contest are only given to students.

In the past, several Northern Kentucky University students have placed in the contest.

For more information about the conference, contact: Mary Carol Hopkins on campus at (606) 572-5255

Gearing Up For Graduation



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GRADUATION GARB: Senior education major, and NKU Basketball player, Shannon Minor, looks over the graduation goods in the Bookstore.

Graduating seniors can order their gowns, caps and announcements for the May 17th ceremony in Regents Hall.

Recycling Not A Money Maker For NKU

By Therese Wynn
Staff Reporter

With all of the paper, cardboard, and aluminum Northern Kentucky University recycles, you would think a large amount of revenue would come back into the university.

But NKU loses money by recycling.

Carol Crowley, assistant to the director of physical plant said, "We do receive money back, but it depends on the market. Overall it is not a money making business and we do lose money. The number of labor hours put into this are not off set by the number of dollars we get back."

"The money that NKU get back is deposited into the university's general fund," Crowley said. "It is not money-marked for any particular reason, but it is used for what they deem necessary."

According to NKU's annual recycling report for January 1 through December 31, 1996 the University recycled 5,455 pounds of aluminum, 105,489 pounds of paper, and 34,784 pounds of cardboard.

NKU's recycling program started in 1992 in organized fashion. The physical plant set up recycling points and devoted staffing to perform recycling as their regular duties.

Prior to NKU's recycling pro-

gram, Student Government Association was doing its own recycling program.

But it was ended in 1993 due to lack of manpower.

Marlene Gerding is student government chair of grievance and affirmative action. "SGA had to give it up because a full-time student was needed to empty the cans everyday. The papers had to be

separated," Gerding said.

"You also had to have a vehicle or dolly to move the barrels around."

"We tried to split the work detail up, but you had to coordinate class schedules with work schedule and it required too much commitment."

"We didn't have many senators to commit that much time," Gerding said.

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Kichler Sets New Pitching Standard

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University senior pitcher Mike Kichler broke the school record for career wins with a 6-0 victory over Kentucky State last Wednesday.

Friendship Field was anything but friendly to the visiting Thoroughbreds.

The Norse, 26-19, (11-12 GLVC), sent 11 men to the plate in the bottom of the first inning, scoring six runs on six hits.

Freshman Jeremy Collins went 2-for-2 in the first inning, adding one RBI.

The Thoroughbreds committed four errors in the first inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, senior pitcher Scott Phair, pinch-hitting for junior Mike Pitzer, hit a bouncer that struck Thoroughbred pitcher Travis Harley in the head, knocking him from the game.

After a brief delay, the game was forfeited because Kentucky State had only brought nine players on the road trip.

The Norse won the second game of

the double-header by forfeit.

In the end, Kichler's record-breaking 29th win was his easiest.

"This is definitely up there with the easiest wins I've ever had," Kichler said.

"I feel kind of bad. I wish I hadn't have gotten it this way, but a win's a win," he said.

The win moved Kichler, who is now 9-4 this season and 30-12 for his career, past Russ Kerdoloff (1975-79) as NKU's all-time winningest pitcher.

Kichler also holds NKU records for career strikeouts with 249 and for innings pitched with 277.3 in his career.

"I don't think it's sunk in yet," he said.

NKU head coach Bill Aker said Kichler is the ideal baseball player.

"He does what you ask and doesn't ask for much in return. He's a class act," Aker said.

Kichler has won his last three games, and is 6-0 in his last six decisions.

This season, Kichler has struck out 84 batters, compared to only 14 walks.



KICHLER RECORDS A WIN: Pitcher Mike Kichler set the school record for career wins against Kentucky State last Wednesday.

For his career, Kichler has struck out 249 batters and walked 45. He strikes out nearly one batter every inning, but only allows a walk once every six innings.

Aker said that Kichler is sometimes overlooked by scouts because he doesn't throw the ball as hard as some of the other pitchers in the

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rotation.

"He might give up some hits, but he gets them out," Aker said.

"I just go out there and do my job," Kichler said.

On Sunday, Kichler pitched a 4-0 complete-game shutout against the University of Indianapolis in his last game at NKU.

Lady's Soccer Kicks Off

By Kevin Goheen
Northerner Contributor

Northern Kentucky University's plan to upgrade its athletic programs has taken its first step. Last Friday, the university chose St. Ursula High School head coach Bob Sheehan to start its new women's soccer program.

Sheehan compiled a 195-48-28 record in 13 years at the Cincinnati school. In the last six seasons his teams have lost only eight times, winning state championships in 1991 and 1993.

"I'm thankful to get this opportunity to coach at Northern Kentucky University, and we are looking forward to building a very successful program at this level," Sheehan said through a press release announcing his hiring.

NKU athletic director Jane Meier said Sheehan's record and local connections were a deciding factor in his hiring. Sheehan's ability to recruit players will be essential for a successful first year.

He will meet with members of the club team within the next cou-

ple of weeks to discuss the future of soccer at NKU, Meier said. There were 13 players on the club team last year and Meier said she expects for Sheehan to give all eligible members an opportunity to make the new squad next year.

"I think he'll be very sympathetic to what the girls have done," Meier said.

The new team will have 20-25 members on it and play a 19-game schedule. It will play all Great Lakes Valley Conference teams but will not be eligible for the conference tournament because three of the games will be played after the tournament is completed.

The team will be eligible for the NCAA tournament.

Bringing the women's team into varsity status means it will need to share facilities with the already-existing men's team. Meier said solving the problem of a new practice field will be a must over the summer.

"One field won't be able to stand the beating of two teams playing and practicing on it," Meier said.

Lady Norse Sign Key Recruits, Look To Future

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel says her team is poised to make a run at the NCAA Tournament next season.

The Norse, who finished last season at 17-10, have signed two promising recruits to help lead them there.

Barberton High School senior Jessica Jensen and Mt. Notre Dame senior Michele Tuchfarber have both signed to play at NKU next season.

And Winstel expects both to contribute. Jensen, a 6-foot, 140 pound

forward who signed with NKU last November, averaged over 14 points per game in high school.

She also pulled down over six rebounds per game.

"The thing I like about her is she's real competitive," NKU head basketball coach Nancy Winstel said.

Winstel said that Jensen has a quick shot, and is a good rebounder.

"She'll help to offset the loss of Dana and Gina," she said.

The Norse will have to replace Regina Webb, who led the Norse last season.

Jensen was a multi-sport star at Barberton, and Winstel said that once Jensen begins focusing on only basketball, she'll get better.

Tuchfarber, a 5-foot-8, 150 pound guard averaged 16.5 points, 11 rebounds and 7.4 assists at Mt. Notre Dame, leading the Cougars to the Girls Greater Cincinnati League Championship her junior and senior seasons.

She was named to the Third Team All-Ohio, as well as the First Team All-GGLC her junior and senior seasons.

She was also named to the Southwest District First Team both years.

During her senior season, Tuchfarber recorded five triple-doubles.

"She's a workhorse," Winstel said.

"She's very sound fundamentally, and she really wants to compete," she said.

"And she's a good rebounder too. We want to shift our focus back to defensive rebounding next season."

Despite several Division I offers, Winstel said, Tuchfarber wanted to stay close to home.

Winstel said that Tuchfarber is very team-oriented and is she expects Tuchfarber to fit in well

with the Norse.

The two should help to take some of the pressure off of NKU's returning veteran junior class, Winstel said.

Juniors Katie Kelsey, Shannon Roddy, Kris Kamrath, Shannon Smith and Julie Stanley will all be returning to the Norse next season.

"We're gonna miss Dana and Gina, but we have other players that are going to step

up," Winstel said.

Winstel said that Stanley would play a major role next season.

"Julie had the best year of anyone on our team, and she's gonna be big next year too," Winstel said.

The Norse also have two seniors returning in Alison McCarthy and Kelly Penhorwood.

"I'm ready to see Alison and Kelly step up. They want that challenge," Winstel said.

The number one goal of the Norse next season, Winstel said, is to beat Great Lakes Valley Conference rival University of Southern Indiana.

USI, which won the NCAA Division II national championship last season, finished 20-0 in the GLVC last season.

The Screaming Eagles lost only one senior last season, but that was all-world LeAnn Freeland, who dominated the GLVC.

"Every team in the GLVC wants to compete with USI," Winstel said.

With Freeland gone, that shouldn't be quite as difficult next season.

"We have no really great players," Winstel said, "but many good players."

"Last year we got off to a really poor start. We've been a bad November and December team, and a pretty good January and February team."

"We don't know what kind of team we are in March. We want to find out."

Major League Scouts Like Lefty Wiggins

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University junior left-hander Scott Wiggins is getting used to pitching with a gun to his head.

The Norse hurler, who throws an 89 mile-per-hour fastball, has been staring down the barrel of major league scouts' radar guns all season.

"It's been going on for a while. After a couple outings, I was pretty nervous about it," Wiggins said.

"There's two sides to it. I'm excited about it on one level, and

it's a great honor to be looked at like that, but on the other hand, there's a nervewrecking side to it."

"The calls all the time, which is great, but I'm nervous every time I'm on the phone," he said.

Though Wiggins hasn't won a game since his no-hitter against Concord College in March, scouts continue to show interest.

Wiggins said that scouts don't pay nearly as much attention to the final outcome of the game as they do to what a pitcher can do with the ball.

"It's not the outcome of the game that's important to them, they want to know what I can improve on."

"Basically, what they're looking at is the way I throw, and what I can do. They see the potential and go with that," he said.

"He's pitching to better himself for next year, and there's pressure when you have 10 or 12 people watching him," head coach Bill Aker said.

"He wants to do as well as he can, and he's doing well enough to impress them, I think," Aker said.

Wiggins said that when his parents describe the scouts as his "cheering section."

"I thought that I'd get looked at, but not like this. I thought a couple of scouts would come out to take a look at me and think I'm pretty decent, but so far, it's been unbelievable."

Wiggins said he expects to visit several major league pitching camps after this season.

"You've got almost a whole month until the draft, so they're probably gonna want to look at me."

"I'm left-handed, tall, have a nice build and I throw hard. I guess that's why they're interested," Wiggins said.

"That, and the fact that my ball moves all over the place. They love the fact that my ball has a lot of motion to it."



Scott Wiggins

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NKU Was Only Place For An Outstanding Senior

By Margie Wise
Staff Reporter

Alice Landwehr, a graduating English major, said the excitement of graduation didn't hit her until she started preparing the announcements last weekend.

Landwehr was this year's recipient of the William Byron Award. Landwehr said the award goes to the most outstanding graduating English major.

Besides the Byron Award, some of Landwehr's other achievements include being the editor of Sigma Tau Delta's literary magazine *The Pentangle*. Landwehr is also part of Northern Kentucky University's Presidential Ambassadors, has given several speeches on Native American literature, and presentations and poetry readings. She is also on the national Dean's List.

Landwehr attributes her accomplishments to the fact that she chose to come to Northern Kentucky University.

"There are things I accomplished here,

that I wouldn't have accomplished anywhere else," Landwehr said.

Landwehr also gives a lot of credit to her family and friends. She said they supported her and helped her a great deal.

However, it is Landwehr's friends who say that she has greatly affected them.

"What I will most remember about Alice is her long showers, sharing the bathroom with her, making chalk outlines of her on the hall floor, her magical art of unobtrusive intrusiveness and the genuine bond of sisterhood we share," said April Kinman, a junior English major.

Andy Johnson, an English graduate student said, "Her tenacious research and insightful editorial skills are inspirational and she's a great friend."

"It's the way I feel about anyone who leaves me," junior art/theater major Suzanne Fleming said. "That's part of life. I know that she's got to move on with her life, and I'm happy for her. Since we're such good friends I know we'll keep in touch."

Landwehr gives credit to her professors as well.

"I think the professors here gave me the chance to do my best. For example, Dr. Wallace introduced me to Henry James... and since then I'm determined to study his works in graduate school."

Apparently, at least one of her professors agrees.

Professor Robert Wallace of NKU's English department said, "Alice is an outstanding student. As a thinker and a writer, as a person of intellect and feeling, as someone 'On whom nothing is lost' (Henry James). She registers things, makes them her own, and then most generously shares them with others."

"She has gotten as much from her education, and given as much in return, as any student I have ever known."

Landwehr said she hopes to attend graduate school at the University of Arizona, where she will work on a doctorate degree in Native American literature.



THUMBS UP: Alice Landwehr is a graduating English major at NKU and was recognized as the most outstanding graduating senior The William Byron Award.



Becky's Summer Recommendations

Party at the Park- every other Wednesday at Sawyer Point 5pm-8pm
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John Mellenkamp- June 24 at Riverbend
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Bettie Serveert Exudes Mood

By Jason Gargano
Staff Reporter

Dutch quintet Bettie Serveert broke into the music scene in 1993 with their Matador Records release *Palomine* and continue to rise to the top of the business.

On their third album, *Dust Bunnies*, they once again perfect their noisy folk rock sound, but this time out they combine the energy of *Palomine* with the moodier textures of 1995's *Lamprey*. For the most part, the results are spectacular.

Bettie Serveert successfully mixes swirling guitars and emotive vocals into a wonderful batch of pop songs

that will stick with you long after you turn them off. Songs like "Misery Galore" and "Co-Coward" are as rousing as previous Bettie highlights like "Tomboy" and "Ray, Ray, Rain." On "What Friends," I defy you to keep from banging along on your steering wheel to guitarist Peter Visser's start-stop riffing.

Vocalist Carol van Dijk comes off like a cross between Liz Phair and Chrissie Hynde, one moment serene and friendly, the next assertive and sexy. Although she doesn't have Phair's lyrical wit, she has the voice Liz lacks.

Aided in the studio this time by hotshot knob turner Bryce

Goggin (Pavement, Spacehog, Lemonheads), you can see his influence. Many of the songs flow with a more spontaneous feel than in the past. Sometimes it sounds as if you walked into van Dijk's living room during a late night jam.

Bettie Serveert are not ultra clever or extraordinary, nor will they overly impress technically, but what they do have is an ability to connect. Bettie has a charming everyday quality and at their best few bands are as moving.

On "Rudder" van Dijk sings, "everybody loves a band that sells."

In a perfect world this band would be at the top of the charts. ****

NKU Secret Of Her Success

By Tricia Shawn Dorman
Staff Reporter

Gwen Steffen credits Northern Kentucky University as the foundation of her success.

"NKU gave me an excellent preparation for graduate school," Steffen said. "I work with students from all over the U.S. and I'm very confident in my background."

Steffen graduated from NKU in spring 1995 with a degree in biology and as the recipient of Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Research as

an undergraduate.

Steffen is currently in her fourth semester of study at the Ross University - School of Veterinary Medicine on St. Kitts Island in the West Indies.

"I'll be on the island for seven semesters and then I'll do my practical work in the states for three semesters," Steffen said.

Steffen said that the education she received at NKU was superior

but that the facilities left something to be desired.

"I can't believe NKU is focusing on a football team when there is such a great need for a

science building," she said. "Our science programs are great but we really need the facilities to back it up."

"I advise students to get as much practical experience as possible. What you learn in class and involvement in student organizations is only the beginning of your preparation. Nothing prepares you like working in the real world."

Steffen will graduate in August 1999 at the United Nations Building in New York. "What can I say? It's great. I'm doing well," Steffen said.

I love and I'm doing it in the tropics," Steffen said.

Big Plans For Senior Graduate

By Therese Wynn
Staff Reporter

Melissa Cox, a 21-year-old applied cultural studies major is one outstanding senior that will graduate this May.

Cox has attended Northern Kentucky University for four years and was originally an education major.

"I went through the catalog and crossed out everything that seemed horrible and applied cultural studies was what was left," Cox said.

"I got into the program and really loved it."

Cox has received the Outstanding Senior Award in applied culture studies and the German FLES Methods award.

"After graduating I plan to attend the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati for a master's (degree) in education and I would like to teach social studies and German," Cox said.

"I've wanted to be a teacher since I was a child."

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JUST GOT CREAMED: Far left- A group of NKU students pose for a group shot after getting a whipped cream pie in the face. Above: Alan Schmidt (far left) and Greg Mecher (far right) are on the giving end of the pan. Near

right- Angie Freeman sports a new look after participating in the Rights Of Spring Pie Throwing Contest.

Makin' The Play

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OUTTA MY WAY! Right- NKU guard Demond Lane dribbles while Dana Morningstar tries to maneuver to get it herself. Men's Coach Ken Shields watches on.



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WE WON! Left- Players gathered around **WHO IS THIS** after the wheelchair basketball game for Rites Of Spring. Final Score: Men-19/Women-18.

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It's Time To Fly

The school year will officially end on Friday.

What a long way most of us have come since we first stepped foot onto Northern Kentucky University's campus. I would venture to say that almost everyone has changed in some way. (I know that is a profound statement.)

Some for the good, some for the better.

Those who are graduating will walk out of graduation ceremonies into a new phase of their lives. For some, it will be the most exciting time of their life... looking for a job, applying all the knowledge accumulated over the time spent at NKU. It's time to show off the 'stuff' each of the professors instilled into their brain.

For others, it is so scary... leaving an institution that has been a umbrella shielding out the real world and real world responsibilities.

I'm not saying school is easy, but there is a safety net being a student and not having to be a part of the 'real world,' in the sense of employment and life in general. Having school as an option is quite appealing. The biggest worry is whether or not the paper due will be turned in on time or which party to go to during the free weekend. Sleeping until class starts (and for some, during class) was a luxury.

That is all changing. From finding the right job to actually performing the job is the next phase... except for those who chose the grad/law school route.

But NKU will never be the same. The faces the faculty and staff are used to seeing either in class or walking around on campus will change.

Being one of the many graduating students who will never take another class from Dr. Russell Proctor is a hard concept to swallow. I will never earn a smarty for one of my great, intellectual comments or a funny impersonation of the much-loved, highly respected, animated teacher.

For me, that is the hardest part of leaving... never again having my favorite professors teach me.

Jobs will come and go, but the memories of my time spent at NKU will always be looked upon as one of the most influential times of my life.

It is time now to work on making our dreams become a reality.

We should be comforted in knowing that those beloved professors we left behind can't wait to see us again, only this time to catch up on how our dreams are coming true.

I know it hurts to say good-bye, but it's time for us to fly.

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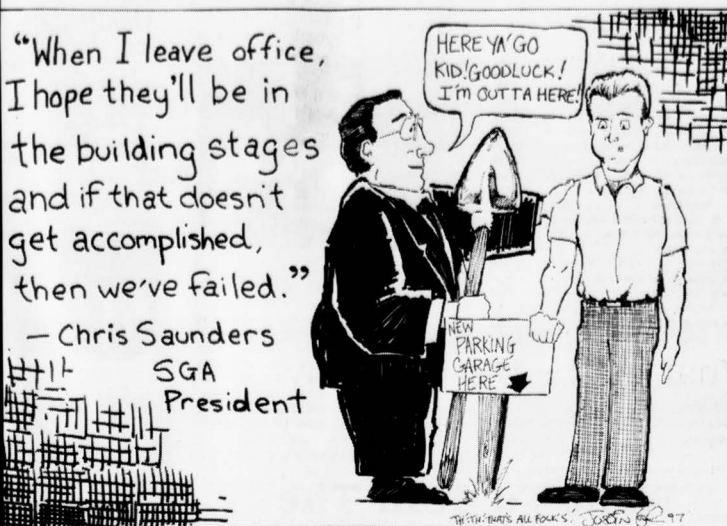
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— Chris Saunders

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Let's Get Some Proper Representation

Anna Weaver
Staff Photographer

Ellen's gay. We all know it. It's all over magazines and T.V. We hear about Ellen now about as much as we hear about O.J. and JonBenet Ramsey. Why are we freaking out?

Last Wednesday's show wasn't just about a woman coming out. It was about a woman being honest with herself.

And she did it with a bang. Ellen's coming out show was as funny and tasteful as ever. But I have one big problem - What's the big deal?

Ellen's show wasn't the first time we have seen a gay person on a Primetime show.

"Roseanne" has a gay character. So does "ER", "Melrose Place" and "In the City." Actually, I probably don't watch enough T.V. to know all the gay characters.

I've heard the complaint over and over that parents are worried about their kids seeing "Ellen" and deciding to be gay because of it.

For one, most people that are gay don't decide to be gay. They are born that way.

After watching "Ellen" I'm pretty confident that heterosexual kids will stay that way.

One of the contributing factors towards teen suicide is confusion about their sexual identity. If one of these confused kids sees "Ellen" and realizes that it's okay to be gay and tell 26 million people, then Ellen has succeeded in saving a life.

Some parents aren't comfortable letting their kids watch Ellen because of all the sexual innuendoes.

Ellen was a saint on Wednesday night compared to sexual activity that takes place on shows like "NYPD Blue" and "Beverly Hills 90210." I can't count on my fingers how many people Brandon has slept with. And I can't remember ever seeing him with a condom. This is a disservice to kids, not a woman being honest.

Ellen coming out in front of 26 million people was something that needed to be done. America has got to get over our fear of diversity, and by having a lesbian on primetime, we're taking steps in doing that.

We need more African Americans, Asian Americans,

Hispanic Americans, and gay people on T.V. We're kidding ourselves if we think only white heterosexual people should be allowed a place on primetime. That doesn't represent America. Diversity represents America.

If Ellen wants to be gay, and she wants to tell the whole world, I'm 100% behind her. I would let my kids watch "Ellen" because it's a good, honest, funny show. There's so much violence and sex on T.V. right now that I'd rather have my kid watching Ellen than most of the other garbage that's on T.V. Kids also need to learn that not everybody in the world is exactly like them. They need to know that's a good thing.

If you watched Ellen last Thursday night, I think you'll

agree it's one of the funniest shows she's ever done. Her handling of coming out was done tastefully and it was absolutely hilarious. She announced she was gay over a PA in an airport.

Because T.V. is a big part of our lives, and we need to have positive role models. We need to have a correct portrayal of a lesbian woman on T.V. and who better to do that than Ellen. Instead of sleazy portrayals of gay people on Jerry Springer, we need an honest, funny woman like Ellen.

Like I said before, the show was about honesty, not about sexual preference. If we can look into the life of a lesbian woman, and at the same time keep our sense of humor, maybe we can learn to fear less and accept more.

Correction

In the April 30 edition of The Northerner in the story called "WIC Is About Alliances" the president of Women in Communications was misidentified as Devitt Duncan. Her name is Dotti Duncan.

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To the Northerner:

Our family wishes to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire Northern Kentucky University community - administration, faculty, staff, and students.

After our recent automobile accident, many people expressed their concern and support for us, beginning the night of the accident, and continuing through this hectic period of final exams. We have received gifts, cards, prayers, food, shelter, clothing, car rides, child care, hospital visits, classes covered, books carried, and many other expressions of concern and well wishes.

When our family was separated by injuries and sent to different hospitals, it was comforting to know that our department chair went to be with our son, another colleague went to our daughter, and other friends checked on each spouse. Being from Maryland and Minnesota, we have no

relatives in the local area, but we found we have a large extended "family" here at Northern Kentucky University that came to our support.

Even after his surgery, my son continued to have daily hospital visits and well wishers, including students from the Math and Computer Science Club, walkers from the Women's Walk for Women's Athletics, Coach Winstrel and members of the women's basketball team, and Coach Shields and members of the men's basketball team.

We are all fortunate to have survived the accident and to be recuperating from our injuries. We are also fortunate to be at a university that we have supported for many years, that has shown it supports us as well.

Sincerely,

The McCarty Family
Beth (McMillan), Phil, Curtis, and Annemarie

Trading Places With The Top Dog

By Chris Specht
Northerner Contributor

Nobody accused Jack Moreland of being an inactive president. After spending a few hours in his shoes, I can see why.

When I was chosen in the Presidential Ambassadors' annual "Trading Places" contest, I pictured sitting back in swivel chair, my feet up on big oak desk, my hands resting behind my head, while, eight floors below, the other peons of NKU scurried about, worrying about finals and other trivial matters.

That dream shattered when Mr. Moreland's secretary presented me with a schedule of meetings.

My first order of business was meeting with the president himself and have him go over some things.

The big issue these days is the special session going on in Frankfort that will determine how far Governor Patton will get with his plan to overhaul the way higher education is funded in Kentucky.

As an interim interim president, I didn't think to take many notes. It was all very dry to me, funding formulas, incentive pools, etc., etc. I could tell it was important, though, when Mr. Moreland laid a 137 page synopsis on my desk.

Mr. Moreland also gave a review of his year as president. He spoke proudly of the amount of changes he made in that year.

The inevitable football issue came up again. He noted that when the idea first surfaced, few people on campus thought it would pass.

The fact that it did seemed to prove something about his ability to leave his mark on NKU.

I didn't have much time to ponder this. I was reminded by my secretary of my first appointment.



President Jack Moreland and student Chris Specht spend lunch during trading places day.

Arden Geers, assistant vice president for student affairs, was waiting down the hall.

Geers gave me an overview of what her office does and all the other offices under

its control (too many to name).

A half hour later I met with Carla Chance, vice president of administrative affairs.

She, too, is gearing up for the special session in Frankfort.

She reminded me that anyone from the community (students included) is welcome to speak at a forum during the session.

She had me considering it, even though I failed Speech 101 last semester.

Next I had a brief meeting with campus legal counsel Sara Sidebottom.

It still echoes somewhere in the darker recesses of my brain.

Assistant to the Vice President Mary Ryan was very nice, but that's about all I remember about her (except that she'd been at NKU for over 20 years).

Ron Ellis, director of university relations, gave me an update of the movie *Jimmy Crack Corn* (<and I don't care>, for which NKU students served as production assistants last year.

Finally, Assistant Vice President for University Development Susan Grover tried to hit me up for a donation to my favorite college.

My shift ended with lunch in the presidential dining room, where Mr. Moreland and I traded places for the last time.

I returned to the life of a student fully realizing those immortal words of another president.

Only after standing on the highest mountain can one know what it's like to walk through the darkest valley.

Peace!

What Is The Big Deal Anyway?

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

So, Ellen is gay. Why do we care? Everybody needs to just relax and understand everyone is different.

I learned that when I was in kindergarten. I have met a lot of people in my 22 years, and I have to admit, I didn't like them all. But, I don't hold that against them. Just because someone is gay doesn't mean they are any less of a person.

I went to the Young Democrats and G.L.O.B.A.L., gay, lesbian or bisexual and allies, forum on gay marriages. I went because I was covering the story for *The Northerner*, but I really enjoyed myself. Michael Adece, executive director of Stonewall, a gay right and human rights organization, was the speaker. Adece brought up many points about being gay

that I, as a heterosexual, take for granted.

Gay and lesbians cannot be legally married, so their partner can't come see them in the hospital if they are in critical condition for example.

They can't adopt a child as a couple. If they want to adopt, only one person becomes the legal guardian. Who says who can raise a child better? There are perfectly straight couples raising children in abusive household, I guess that's okay because they are heterosexual. That's sad.

Someone also brought up the Bible, and how it says homosexuality is wrong. Adece made me realize that the Bible is full of negative scriptures. There are scriptures about rape, prostitution, masturbation, and anti-feminism. There are scriptures about men offering their daughters for the sexual pleasures of

men, and he went on and on with very good examples.

I learned a lot, and the forum really opened my eyes to many issues I never thought of. I would like to thank the Young Democrats and G.L.O.B.A.L. for having the forum, and inviting Michael Adece as the speaker. He was great.

And to all of you who didn't attend, you missed out. And to those of you who are think homosexuality is wrong, you need to open your eyes. There is nothing in this world that isn't the way we wish it to be, but that is just a part of life.

For those of you who are homosexual, don't be ashamed. And please realize there are other people like you, and they are willing to support you.

It's time for everyone to grow-up and quit make a big deal about something that has nothing to do with you.

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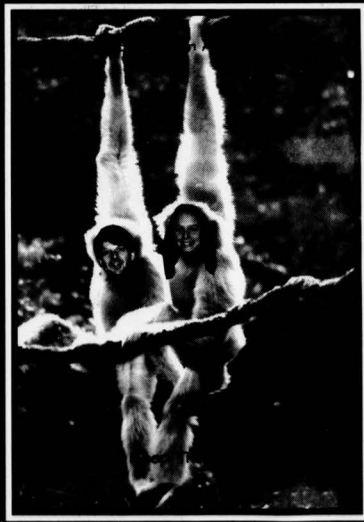
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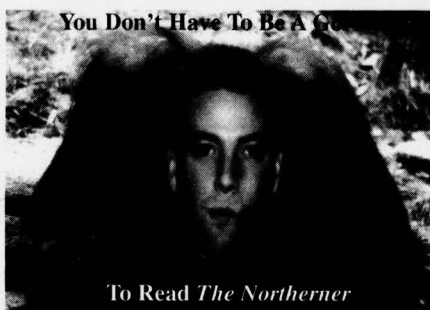
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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

It won't be easy, but keep your temper when family members try your patience. Be adventurous and get out and have some fun.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Your comments about a sensitive subject could be the cause of a major dispute. This is one time when you definitely need to have your facts straight.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Get out and socialize. Gemini shouldn't stay cooped up too long. Burn off anxious energy with a healthy dose of exercise.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Be careful with gossiping, especially around the office. An artistic endeavor goes much better than you imagined.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Before making certain commitments, it is important to take your loved ones' needs into consideration.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

You must stand up for what you believe, but you also need to let things go once you've said your piece. Holding grudges is not healthy.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Stop doubting yourself and get on with life. Insecurities do nothing but hold you back from your true potential as a human being.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

There are some changes ahead, possibly in the workplace or home. It is a time of going with the flow and adapting as you go.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Laughter gets the adrenaline pumping and oxygen to the brain, so when things get tough, start giggling. You'll feel better and work more efficiently.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Compromise is the name of the game at home and work. A bullheaded, stubborn approach will only hinder your progress.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Make time to relax with friends. A spontaneous weekend trip could prove to be some of the most fun you've had in years.



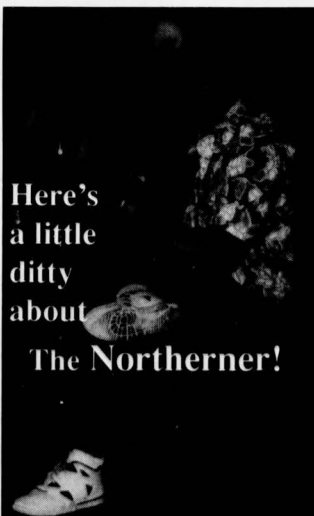
Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Involve others in your project and consider their fresh ideas. Don't let pride ruin your chance at happiness.

Born this week:

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| May 4 - Randy Travis, Pia Zadora | May 7 - Michael E. Knight |
| May 5 - Lance Armstrong, Cathy Nuccio, Michael Palin | May 8 - Melissa Gilbert |
| May 6 - George Clooney, Bob Seger, Lou Singer, Marc Wonnighof | May 9 - Candice Bergen, James L. Brooks, Billy Joel |
| | May 10 - Jim Abrahams, Bono |

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