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Ground breaking set for new residence halls

Fall 1992 is expected completion

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NEWS EDITOR

The groundbreaking ceremonies for NKU's troubled dorm project will be held on June 20, at 9 a.m., next to the existing dorms on Campbell Drive.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson will not be in attendance but will be represented by Jack Foster, a cabinet member of the Health and Welfare cabinet in Frankfort.

In January, after Kentucky finance Secretary L. Rogers Wells awarded the NKU dorm contract to Graves/Turner Development Inc., of Lexington, controversy quickly swallowed the project, and the fall 1992 completion date seemed in jeopardy.

The other finalist Pulliam Investment Company of South Carolina claimed the decision was politically motivated, after published reports stated people associated with Graves/Turner donated \$58,000 to various political causes

supported by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

Later, it was confirmed that Graves/Turner received a copy of Pulliam's first bid before final bids were given to the finance cabinet in December.

Consequently, Wells disqualified them from further consideration on the project in February.

A federal grand jury was formed to investigate the dorm selection process.

In April, after a personal visit by Wells to NKU, state officials awarded Pulliam the project using its original proposal, which NKU officials preferred in the beginning.

The plan calls for Pulliam to lease the dorms to the university for 20 years, after which the school will take over the title.

Though the three-month controversy delayed dorm construction, the project is expected to be finished by the fall 1992 completion date.



NEW VICE PRESIDENT IS A FAMILIAR FACE - After a nationwide search, Dennis Taulbee has been selected as Vice President of Administrative Affairs. Taulbee will officially begin his new post July 1. He was formerly the Director of Budget and Planning at Northern. Northerner photo by Julie Venable.

University Center is focal point of campus activity

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NKU's University Center is the hub of most student-related activities and organizations on campus.

The building is located in the center of the campus between the Administrative Center and Nunn Hall. The University Center has three stories and a ground floor.

Ground Floor (Floor G)

Entrances are located on the main plaza, next to the Business, Education and Psychology (BEP) building on the lower level, and via tunnel from the second floor of the Administrative Center.

The first floor contains NKU's food service (PFM). The Norse Grille maintains regular weekday hours and is open to everyone. It offers a variety of grill and a la carte items.

The Game Room is located on the southeast side of the floor. It houses video games, game tables, pool tables and table tennis.

From left to right on the south wall are Graeters Ice Cream, a tunnel to the second floor of the Administrative Center

and NKU's Bookstore.

The Bookstore offers all the academic materials a student needs, including textbooks, paper supplies, novel selections and art and graphics supplies. One can also find Greek items, NKU clothes and book bags, cards, snacks, some specialty items and a copying machine.

On the southwest and northwest walls respectively are the elevator and stairs leading to the plaza level.

The campus post office and mail room are located in the corner by the stairs.

Plaza Level

Entrances are located throughout the main plaza and Administrative Center areas, as well as next to the BEP building and from Nunn Drive.

The entire west wing of the Plaza level is taken up by PFM's main cafeteria, NKU Mainstreet. It offers a wider variety of food items than the Grille and has a much larger seating capacity.

On the south end of the main lobby is the Information Booth. The booth is the center for campus information, communications and referral. Bus schedules, campus directories and maps,

the Student Handbook, campus organization brochures, student and faculty telephone directories, the Student Activities calendar and lost and found information can all be found here.

On the southwest side of the main lobby is a 285 seat theater which is used for everything from comedy shows to student workshops.

On the opposite side of the theater is an automatic teller machine which accepts Owl, Jeanie and Money Station cards. There is also a large student lounge with tables, sofas and a television area as well as several meeting rooms.

Second Floor

Directly above the cafeteria on the second floor is a large multi-purpose ballroom, which serves as everything from a reception area, to headquarters for the Student Government Book Exchange.

Above the Plaza level main lobby, there is another student lounge area with sofas, tables and a copying machine.

The west wing of the second floor contains a number of University offices in a U-shaped hallway: Suite 200 Projection Room, 201-203 Minority

Student Affairs, 205-207 WRFN, 208 Student Government, 209 *The Northerner*, 210-224 Student Activities, 230 Student Services and 232 a meeting room.

Minority Student Affairs is dedicated to improving and enhancing the cultural, academic and social experiences of minorities on campus.

WRFN is the student run radio station.

Student Government coordinates relations between students, faculty, staff and the administration. They provide representation for all student concerns and grievances.

The Northerner is the student run campus newspaper.

Student Activities is responsible for student I.D. cards, the Activities Programming Board, the social calendar, university center management, student organizations, directing services provided by Campus Services, the Information Center, Minority Affairs, lost and found, Rites of Spring, academic organizations, special interest groups, religious organizations, Greek organizations and homecoming.

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NKU student is crowned 1991 Mountain Laurel Queen



THE 1991 MOUNTAIN LAUREL QUEEN - NKU senior Paige Slawter is the first Northern Kentucky resident crowned queen of this festival. Photo courtesy of the Daily News, Pineville.

DIANE GOETZ EDITOR

After 60 years of competition, the Northern Kentucky area finally has a winner in the Mountain Laurel Festival Queen pageant.

Paige Slawter, a senior at NKU, was crowned May 25 during the festival.

This is the first time in the 60 year history of the pageant that a Northern Kentucky resident has reigned as queen, Slawter said.

Each Kentucky college can send a representative to compete in the pageant. Twenty-one girls competed this year.

Contestants were judged anonymously during the weekend. Slawter attended luncheons, dinners and special tea sessions.

"You never know who judged you," she said.

Judging was based on poise and beauty, Slawter said, but also on how well contestants represented their school.

Judges look at your activities, grade point average and future goals, Slawter added.

Slawter is a senior majoring in radio, television and film. Her activities include WNTV, Presidential Ambassadors, NKU cheerleader and the speech team.

She is expecting to graduate in December and begin working as a news reporter.

"You have to be involved in order to feel thankful to your university," Slawter said.

"I'm thankful to everyone who helped me and gave me the chance to compete in the festival," Slawter continued. "I want to thank everybody who gave me the opportunities others haven't received."

She credits much of her success to her family, especially her mom and brother, John, who escorted her during the pageant.

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Governor to select student representative

DIANE GOETZ
EDITOR

Members at a recent Board of Student Body Presidents meeting elected three names that were submitted to Gov. Wilkinson for consideration as student representative to the Council of Higher Education.

The meeting, held at NKU on June 1, consisted of the Student Government presidents from the eight state funded universities in the Commonwealth.

The universities include: Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Murray State University, Kentucky State University, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Morehead State University and NKU.

Each president can nominate someone for consideration. The Board submits three names to the Governor and he must select the representative.

Sheridan Martin, Mark Edward Waldrop and Doug Kemper were the names submitted to the Governor.

Martin, the current student representative, is a law student at Salmon P. Chase College of Law and is president of the Student Bar Association.

Waldrop is a third year medical student at the University of Louisville.

Kemper, a law student at the University of Louisville, worked in Washington, D.C. several years before beginning law school.

"The student representative is basically the liaison between the student regents at each university and the Council of Higher Education," according to Michelle Deeley, NKU student regent.

Gov. Wilkinson is expected to make his decision by mid-July.

BUS brings students together

DIANNE BELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Through association with the Black United Students Organization (B.U.S.), African-American students can identify with persons whose backgrounds and sensitivities are similar.

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Third Floor

The final floor of the University Center also contains several offices.

Advising, Counseling and Testing Center (room 366) provides counseling services for all students and is responsible for administering CLEP, LSAT, GRE tests and several other exams.

The Center provides crisis intervention and short-term counseling for students.

Additional responsibilities include adult student services, women's center services, vocational guidance and academic testing. All services are provided confidentially.

Residential Life Office (room 352) is responsible for managing affairs concerning student housing on campus.

The Dean of Students (room 346) is always available for students to come and discuss any problem they be having at NKU.

The Career Development Center (room 320) provides assistance in career planning, cooperative education and career placement for graduating students.

Student Development (room 336) can

direct a student to any service they need.

Student Health Services (room 300) employs a registered nurse from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This office can provide treatment for minor injuries and illnesses.

The nurse will also provide emergency care along with the Department of Public Safety and the local life squad when necessary.

Testing and screening are available for pregnancy, diabetes, blood pressure, vision and hearing. A family planning service is also provided. Handicapped or disabled students should provide a physician's note to the nurse in order to qualify for handicapped parking on campus.

The Northern Kentucky District Health Department also provides a confidential clinic in the office for diagnosing and treating sexually transmitted diseases.

For additional information concerning any of the offices in the University Center, students may refer to their Student Handbook printed by NKU and available at the Information Center.

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You are free. Finally free! Free to make your own rules, free to make your own destiny, free to fall flat on your sweet freshman face.

Harsh words? Maybe, but this is exactly what the majority of incoming freshmen need to hear when they embark on their first year in college.

Thousands of freshmen will start college this fall, full of energy and expectations; thousands of freshmen will flunk out of college this spring, at least be put on academic probation, or at the very least totally disappoint their parents.

Well, take it from everyone who has been there. Your parents are right. Your older brothers and sisters are right. Your professors are right. Heck, your grandma's right too. That's not to say you're not right about some things - like living life to the fullest. You're young, inexperienced, and whether you like it or not, experience makes for a lot of smart thinking. Just talk to any college sophomore (the ones who have made it through their freshman year). They already have plenty of hard won wisdom to share with all you incoming FRESH MEN AND WOMEN (as in brand new, young and tender).

The biggest lesson you can learn as a FRESH PERSON is that you definitely reap what you sow. Hard work means good grades. Sleeping all day means you can stay up the next night to party, but it also means a lot of D's and F's. Ultimately, this means you may not be able to stay in college as long as you would like; AND THIS MEANS THE END OF THE PARTY!

Advice, as you know, does grow on trees, and sometimes you see so many of these advice trees that you begin to tune them out. Here's your chance to sample

some choice, freshly picked pieces of advice.

Hopefully you can learn enough to keep your fresh head above water. Here it is, the top ten advice list for new comers to the college scene:

1) How to get where you're going. Get an advisor early on and get as acquainted with them as soon as possible. College is very different than high school, and it has a lot of quirky, hard to understand rules and requirements. A good advisor (a faculty member assigned to help you figure out what the heck you are going to do) is worth his or her weight in gold. It would be next to impossible to graduate on time without the guidance of an advisor. This is a big reason many students take five or six years to graduate - they muddle along, picking up classes here and there, never knowing what they need to take or when.

2) Where are you going in life? Try to decide as early as possible in which general direction you want to head with your education. It is hard as a freshman to be sure of what you want to be doing in four years, but try to narrow it down to at least a field. If you know you are interested in science, but aren't sure in which area you want to concentrate, try to focus on taking as many general science courses as possible, because there are many that are required in all science-related majors (including pre-med and nursing, etc.). Remember, your faculty advisor can be of great help with this kind of thing.

3) Important help along the way. The biggest mistake you can make in college is being afraid to communicate with your professors! They are not "out to get you" - in fact, the vast majority of

professors want you to succeed, and they are willing to go the extra mile to help you do so. Remember that teaching is their job, and their success is measured by your success. You are, in a way, their product, and people don't want to see the product of their hard work fail. Professors have been known to bend their hard, fast and necessary rules if you come to them honestly, sincerely, wanting to correct mistakes you have made in their class. They want to work with you. Go to their office during office hours, or make an appointment.

4) Get acquainted with deadlines. Every semester there are a series of dates that are deadlines - such as deadlines for dropping or withdrawing from a course. As the dates get further into the semester, the penalties for dropping become more severe. For example, if you wait until the last day to drop, you don't get a refund on tuition. But, you also don't get an F, you get a W, which stands for withdrawal, which is a heck of a lot better on your GPA than an F. It's much easier to make up.

5) You failed a class, what next? Be aware that you are only allowed to retake four failed classes (to improve your grade). This is called "exercising your repeat option," and you must, of course, fill out a form to do this (see the registrar's office). Remember, you only get three of them, so use them wisely!

6) Go to class - really! Maybe this should be higher on the list, because it is

very important. In fact, if you ask many college students what the biggest mistake in their Freshman year was, they would say "I skipped too many classes." DO NOT SKIP CLASS! A very wise professor at NKU tells every one of his classes on the first day of each semester - "showing up is 75% of the ball game." This advice is more true than you could ever imagine.

It may be tempting to skip - after all no one is going to come looking for you. But when it comes to finals time and you don't even know what day your final is on, much less what to study, you will begin to understand why going to class is so darn important. Maybe it takes getting a big fat "F" on your first report card for you to reflect - "Hey, you know, maybe, if I had gone to class, just maybe I wouldn't have flunked this course." Many professors even smile more favorably on students who show up every day and at least feign interest. Maybe that high C, one tenth of a percentage point from a B, will magically become a B.

7) Stay healthy. The "Freshman Fifteen" (the fifteen pounds many freshmen gain) is not a fantasy. Many,

many college students gain weight their freshman year. For many, at least five of those pounds can be attributed to massive beer consumption. The other ten pounds come from a variety of sources, including: 1) Inactivity. In other words, get off your lazy buns and move around. Regular physical activity can save you a

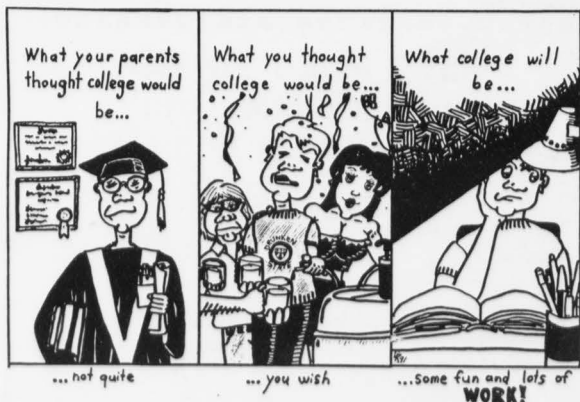
lot of grief and heartache when it comes time to put on your favorite jeans. 2) Over consumption of fatty, starchy, prepackaged foods. Freshmen who do study have been known to do so with one hand on the pencil, the other shoveling in from chips to mouth. This kind of coordination could be well spent in some form of exercise or sport. Check with the Health Center for information on intramural sports and exercise classes.

8) If you do drink, drink safely, don't drive. Although we all know that drinking alcohol is illegal for most freshmen, it is very unrealistic to believe that legality will make one bit of difference to a mob of over-energized, as of yet under-partied freshmen. If you do drink, don't overdo it - try to stay sober for class! Seriously, always remember that you don't have to drink to be cool, or to have a good time. And of course, if you do drink, be sure to have a designated driver along (who drinks nothing but Shirley Temples and Coke) or call a cab - it's definitely worth it.

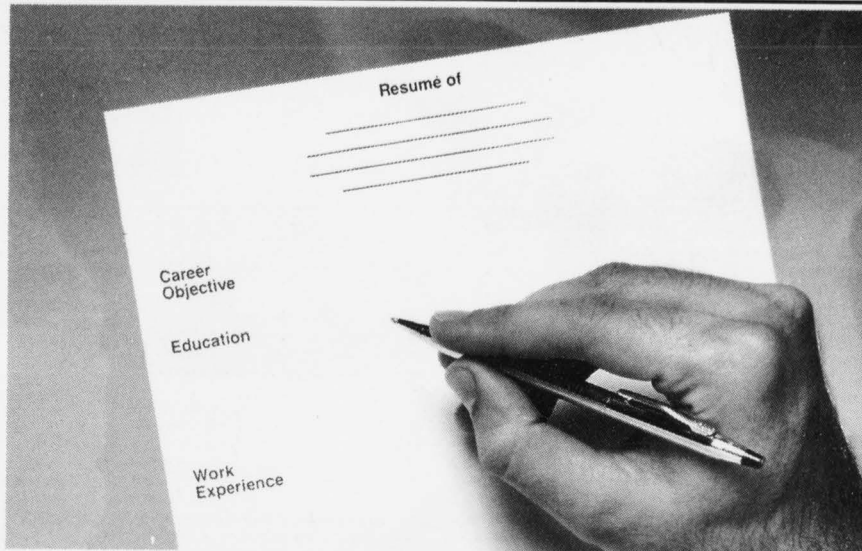
9) Always be yourself. Don't laugh, but peer pressure is a very real and hairy monster. A month after school starts, there is suddenly an onslaught of student clones of every age. It's great to be stylish and hip, but your personal tastes and even your own personal quirks are what makes you yourself, and are what makes you special. Confidence in who you are is what makes you friends, and ultimately what makes you successful. As the saying goes, "Believe in yourself, and others will believe in you."

10) Make as many friends as you can and take advantage of your new found freedom. Learning to live on your own (at least kind of) is a very important part of college. Part of living on your own is being mature enough to use your time and energy to the fullest potential. Someday, you probably want to get a great job, make good money, and move onto a new part of your life.

A college education gives you the knowledge and skills you need to make it in the world today. So party-hardy on the weekends (unless you have a paper due on Monday) and go to class every day. It's so easy and it really works. Take it from everyone who has been there.



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*In spite of the construction,
students continue to enjoy
life at NKU.*

Experience every aspect of college life

DIANE GOETZ
EDITOR

I'll never forget my first day of classes at NKU. I was a bubbly graduate of Oak Hills High School ready to go out and tackle the collegiate world. I was so excited it was probably the only time in five years that I was early for a class.

When I walked into my anthropology class, I was astounded to see an older woman probably in her mid to late 40's. Then, I glanced around the room and

noticed at least five other older students.

It was an amazing discovery for me. Prior to my college education, I was surrounded by those who were similar to myself. Most everyone in my high school was the same socio-economic class, age, race and from generally the same area.

College is definitely a new and different world for you as students to discover. NKU is a great place for students to discover this diversity.

Northern is unlike the universities depicted on the silver screen. It is nothing like what you saw in "Animal House."

It's nothing like the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University or Ohio State, where some of your friends may be attending.

Forty percent of our student body are non-traditional students. These are students 25 years or older. Many are

adults returning to or attending college for the first time after spending time in the workforce.

According to institutional research, 393 of NKU's 11,000 live in the dorms. This figure will increase when the new residence halls are completed, but the majority of students will continue to commute.

Ninety-seven percent of the students commute. This is a rather high figure.

NKU can be a learning experience in and out of the classroom. Every college can say this statement, but NKU has a diverse student body that makes it a different kind of campus.

This doesn't mean it's not fun here. There are lots of organizations for you to get involved. There are lots of scheduled activities for you to attend.

My advice to you is experience everything NKU has to offer. Attend the events various departments have planned for you. Become a part of your university.

Get involved in something. With more than 50 student organizations to choose from, something is just right for you.

It's not only a great way to meet new people, but you may even gain valuable experience that will assist you in the future.

My last piece of advice is get to know those people who may be different than you. Remember, you've all decided to come to NKU. That's just one thing in common. You may be surprised to find more.

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Dear Incoming Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Northern Kentucky University. I believe you will find the time you spend at this university to be an enjoyable and memorable time in your life.

As you begin your academic career at Northern, I hope you will take advantage of the many organizations on campus. These organizations can be instrumental in helping you make the transition from high school, another college, or the work force to NKU. With over 75 organizations to choose from, I'm sure you will find at least one that will be of interest to you.

"NKU Puts Students First" is a motto not only for the faculty, but Student Government as well. Student Government provides many services to NKU including book grant scholarships, escort services, student directory, book exchanges, and survival guides for incoming students, among many other projects. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to come by UC 208 and tell Student Government how you feel.

Please have an enjoyable summer and an even better fall semester.

Sincerely,
David A. Stringer
President
Student Government

A message from the NKU president

Dear Students,

Welcome to Northern Kentucky University! I hope this will be a year of challenge and growth as you embark on this new and exciting era of your life. Northern Kentucky University offers a multitude of opportunities to those who are about to venture forth into the collegiate world of inquiry and discovery. While you are fortunate to be taught by an outstanding faculty, I encourage each of you as student/explorer to take an active part in your own learning process. Above all, do not settle for less than your best effort.

Use these early days of your college experience to get acquainted with the student organizations and the support services that are available to you. These can be a major part of your educational experience. Pursue your interests and develop your skills in the various student organizations on campus. Your NKU Student Handbook has details about these groups. In addition, the Activities Programming Board fills the year with events that are culturally enriching as well as entertaining. Take a brief respite from your studies to enjoy these events. The Northerner is a good resource for keeping informed on these and other student activities.

Northern Kentucky University offers several support services to students with special needs. If you are a "non-traditional" student who has been away from academics for a while, there are support services just for you. If you are a student with economic need, a physical handicap, or first generation college status, there are support services just for you. If you are an international student, there are support services just for you. If you need career guidance, there is an office just for you. The list goes on and on. Avail yourself of these support services. They are provided because Northern Kentucky University is committed to helping you reach your educational goals and face the future with conviction and confidence.

Finally, I encourage each of you to broaden your perspective on the world through the classroom and by making community service a part of your college career and a part of your personal lifestyle. Albert Schweitzer has said that the only ones who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

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All students need to use the Health Center are their student i.d. and a photo i.d.

Included in the center's recreational facilities are: three basketball courts (also convertible to volleyball, badminton and tennis courts), six racquetball courts, a running track and a gymnastics room.

The weight room offers a wide variety of Nautilus machines to strengthen and condition the body. Instructors are on duty to demonstrate the proper technique and form in using the machines.

The weight room also has stationary

bikes and rowing machines for use.

The Health Center also has an indoor swimming pool with diving boards and lanes for swimming laps.

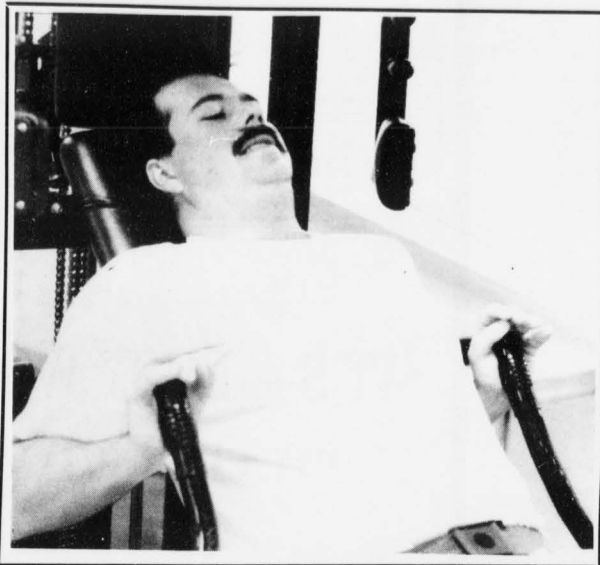
Basketballs, exercise machine pins and other equipment can be checked out from the equipment room located by the first floor entrance.

The Health Center is also home to the campus recreation department which conducts the intramural sports program.

The campus recreation department also organizes aquafitness and dance/aerobic classes.

"We are here to serve the students," said campus recreation director Steve Meier, "we have a lot to offer the student body and they should take advantage of us."

The Health Center also houses classrooms and laboratories for the university's nursing, radiologic technology, physical education and Army ROTC programs.



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HEALTH CENTER - John Moritz takes a break from his summer classes for a workout in the Nautilus room in the Health Center. Northerner photo by Julie Venable.

B.U.S. from page 3

Founded in 1977, B.U.S. was organized to bring together people who are interested in promoting black awareness on campus by using their intellect, talent, skills, and ideas to improve the campus environment.

B.U.S. also provides a forum for all students to develop and enjoy a meaningful place in the academic community.

The scheduled activities for the upcoming year are: canned food/clothing drive, study sessions and work shops, Diversity Panel Discussion, Black History Month activities, tutoring at Northern Kentucky Community Center, Gospel Festival, Talent/Style Show, Masquerade Ball and the Welcome Back Dance.

"Last year was considered a rebuilding year for our organization," said Jerome Bowles, B.U.S. president. "We are hoping to move toward greater heights this year and in the coming years."

"I would like to make it known that membership and events sponsored by the Black United Students are open to all NKU students and student organizations."

Intramurals Provide Competition For Students

SCOTT COOK
SPORTS EDITOR

If competition is your cup of tea then check out NKU's intramural sports program.

Intramural tournaments and leagues are offered in a variety of sports. The sports include: basketball, tennis, volleyball, racquetball, softball and soccer.

The intramural program gives students an organized arena to display their athletic talents.

The program is coordinated through the university's campus recreation department located in the Albright Health Center.

A calendar of intramural events can be obtained by stopping by the campus recreation office on the first floor of the Health Center (AH 129) or by calling 572-5197.

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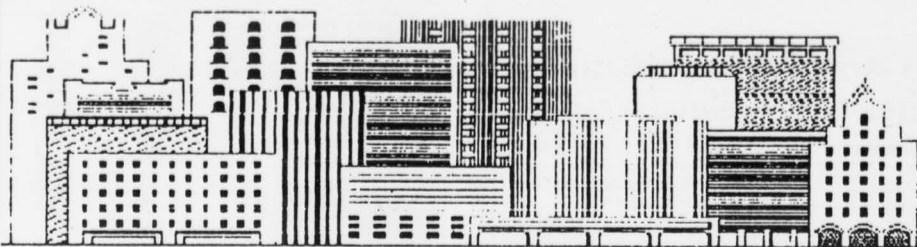
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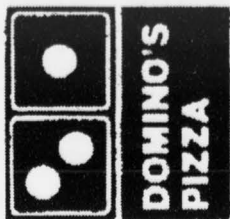
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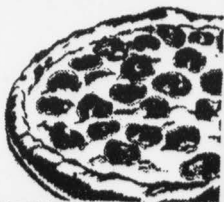
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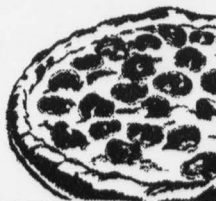
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