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Roberts Drafted To MLS

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

J.T. Roberts is in the process of making his dreams come true.

Roberts, who finished his soccer career at Northern Kentucky University this past season, was drafted by the New England Revolution in the third round of the Major League Soccer draft.

"I always dreamed about it," he said. "I didn't think it would happen this fast."

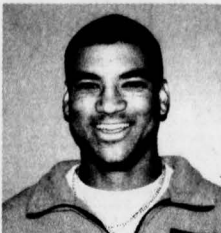
"I thought I could play at the next level, but I really didn't think it would be the MLS."

Roberts' journey will begin Feb. 16 when he will fly to New England and train with the U.S. National team and the Canadian National team. From there he will go to Florida to finish preparing for the season which starts at the end of March. Roberts hopes to be in San Jose, Calif., for the Revolution's first game of the season.

So, how does someone from NKU, an NCAA Division II school, get recognized by the best soccer league in the United States?

Play in front of the hundreds of scouts at the Umbro All-Star Classic in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., right before the draft. That's how.

"That basically was two days of training



J.T. Roberts

around there with All-Americans from around the nation," Roberts said.

"I talked to the head coach from the team that drafted me, and they just felt that I showed well down there," Roberts said. "They had a bunch of scouts down there looking at me, and felt I could move on to the next level."

"It's nice to know that others can see what we've seen," NKU athletic director Jane Meier said. "He's been one of the main reasons for our success at NKU."

Meier is talking about the two Great

Lakes Valley Conference championships the Norse won while Roberts played.

Although the scouts were impressed with Roberts before the All-Star game, he really convinced them in the game itself. Roberts dribbled through three defenders to score a goal in the game.

Despite his showing an offensive mentality on that play, Roberts said the scouts liked his team work.

He said NKU head coach John Toebben told him that what Roberts was doing differed from everyone else at the All-Star Classic, was to be unselfish and pass the ball. Roberts also said the scouts liked his ball control.

Roberts was the same way at NKU. After his sophomore year, Roberts was moved from forward to midfielder. This reduced his scoring opportunities. Meier said Roberts sacrificed his personal stats for the good of the team.

Despite this, Roberts finished his career ranked third in NKU history with 38 goals scored. He also ranks third in total points, which combines goals and assists, with 104 career points.

He was named to the All-GLVC team in each of his four years at NKU. He was named to the All-Region team in three of his four years.

When Roberts found out he was drafted, he was ecstatic.

"I found out Sunday morning. I was eating breakfast with the guy I was rooming with down in Ft. Lauderdale and we just saw a fax come in," Roberts said. "It was the MLS draft sheet and we were just looking through it and I saw my name was on it. I couldn't believe it. I thought it was a mistake at first."

Roberts faces tough competition with six other draftees and the other players on the team to make one of the 20 roster spots.

"They basically said 'just come ready to play and show us that you can move on to the next level,'" Roberts said.

If Roberts doesn't make the 20-man roster, he will likely be placed on an A-League team which is similar to a minor league team in baseball. Players can move back and forth between the parent club and the A-League team, Roberts said.

"I think I'll fit in fine, because I'm strong and I'm fast," Roberts said of his chances of making the roster. "Most of the people that play at that level are the same way."

Former NKU teammate and coach Ryan Schaeffer agreed that Roberts had those qualities, but he added that Roberts' character will also help him to succeed.

"I don't think he has an enemy in the world," Schaeffer said.

As a member of the Revolution, Roberts will get a chance to play with 1994 World Cup star Alexi Lalas.

"It's going to be overwhelming to just practice with him," Roberts said. "I'm sure, at first, I'll be starstruck—sitting there wanting autographs more than trying to play. It'll be a great time."

"This is a dream come true. I just hope I show up to play when I go up there. These are probably the best players in the world that I'll be practicing with and training with. The competition will be tremendous."

Schaeffer said he thinks Roberts is up to the challenge of playing at a higher level. He said he is good at playing up to his competition.

"I think J.T. can get to that level pretty quickly," Schaeffer said.

Roberts is one of a handful of athletes from NKU to make it to the professional ranks.

Meier said Chris Hook, a baseball player who has been with the major leagues and golfer Stan Bickle are the only other athletes to play at the highest level of their sport. She added that some other baseball players played professionally, but never made it to the major leagues.

Roberts hasn't signed a contract with the Revolution yet, but said that the minimum he would make is \$25,000. He added that there was no salary cap for the MLS, which is in its second year of existence.

Cheerleader Found Dead In Garage

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

A freak accident has claimed the life of a member of Northern Kentucky University's cheerleading squad.

Douglas A. Hils, 19, an undeclared freshman, died of carbon monoxide poisoning on Friday, in the garage of his Erlanger home.

"He was found unconscious in the garage... by his father and taken to St. Elizabeth South Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival," said Erlanger Police Dispatcher Bohl. "Two kids, I guess his brother and sister, were also taken to St. Elizabeth for observation. They were released." Bohl said they have ruled out suicide.

"His dad said he had grease on his hands from working on his car. He had grease on his clothing, so they believe it was just a 'kid being a kid,'" said Sandra Hasson, the lead cheerleading coach. "They just don't always think things through."

Hasson said the cheerleading team is still in a state of shock. "I think it will really hit them Wednesday when we go to the lay-out and Thursday when we go to the funeral," she said. "This is a great group of kids. They went

ahead and cheered, they decided to cheer Saturday night for Doug."

At Saturday's Homecoming basketball game, there was a moment of silence in remembrance of Hils. Cresta McKay, Hils' cheerleading partner made a poster with happy and funny pictures of Hils with the rest of the squad.

"He was a lot of fun," McKay said. "He really liked cheerleading. He always joked around."

Hasson said she has been numb since she found out about Hils' death. She keeps thinking about all the goofy things Hils has done. "Reality sets in and you think about it and it's hard to put it in perspective. He was a great kid. He was real quiet, he kind of liked to observe things. He seemed to just really enjoy life," Hasson said.

Dealing with their grief, Hasson said the cheerleaders have been talking about doing something in memory of Hils. They are setting up a scholarship in Hils' name for freshman cheerleaders. Donations can be made to the NKU Foundation-Cheerleading fund.

But nothing, Hasson says, can take away the pain everyone is feeling right now.

"I would give back the third place trophy and everything else to have him back," she said. "It's just hard."



FEEL THE BEAT: Mr. Otriga Khamisi and Ms. Sherah Khamisi, of the Khamisi African Dance Theatre perform at the Kick-off Celebration for Black History Month.

Black History Month Not Missing A Beat

By Pamela Boris
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with activities sponsored by various campus departments and organizations.

Activities ranging from lectures and discussions to films and tours give NKU students, staff, and faculty an opportunity to celebrate Black History Month.

On Friday, Feb. 14, NKU's Women's Center will host a male-female dialogue on interracial dating in UC 108 from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. "This seems to be an area that the students are really interested in," said Women's Center Coordinator Katherine Meyer.

"We host male-female dialogues about once a month in the spring and fall semesters. The dialogue on interracial dating has been very successful in the past."

In previous years, as many as 50-60 people have joined the dialogue. Also on the schedule of activities is African-American Storytelling, a 45-minute performance by Washington Productions.

"Washington Productions is a husband/wife team. They read, act, and sometimes sing their stories," said Student Activities Coordinator

May Chesnut.

"They came last year and the turnout was great. They did a really good job so we asked them back again."

The program will be held in the UC Theater on Friday, Feb. 21 at noon.

Heading up the final week of activities will be the Black Knowledge Bowl, sponsored by Residential Life and the Black Women's Organization.

The competition will consist of teams of four members each responding to general knowledge questions about black history.

"Anyone who is interested can sign up on the sheets provided at the desk in Norse Hall," said Debbie Morgett, area coordinator of Residential Life.

"This is something brand new for us. We're really excited about it."

Participation is open to all and there is no maximum number of teams. Morgett said.

"We've had a really good response so far. The people I've talked to seem very interested."

The Black Knowledge Bowl will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in Norse 117.

There are many other activities scheduled for the remainder of February. For a complete schedule, contact the Office of African-American Student Affairs in UC 352.

Full Scale Blitz On Coach Search

Finding a coach is next play in fielding football team

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

HELP WANTED: Head football coach for Northern Kentucky University.

Northern Kentucky University is beginning a non-scholarship NCAA Division II football program to begin play in the fall of 1999.

The head coach has responsibility for overall operation of the football program in accordance with university and NCAA regulations; the position is a full-time, 12-month appointment.

Required qualifications include successful football-coaching experience, effective interpersonal and communication skills, and a bachelor's degree.

The head coach must have a commitment to the philosophy of providing a competitive Division II football program that emphasizes the educational welfare of its student-athletes and strives for excellence within the university's mission. Development of community support for the program will be expected.

Students have given various responses as to what kind of coach they feel would serve NKU best.

Undeclared freshman Elea Mihou said, "Northern needs a coach that is cheap, good, (who's) played before, and has God on his side because he will need spiritual intervention when people start whipping his ass up,

man."

Senior marketing major Marlon McDaniel, said "None. I do not feel that it is really that important. There are other issues more pressing than a football team and hiring a coach, such as books and other resources for the library."

Undeclared freshman Maurice Hill said, "The best coach there is to offer. NKU needs more activities. We have a lot of athletic people on campus and football would be great for NKU."

The long and short of it is that the search has already begun to score a coach for the very first team NKU will field.

The Athletic Council's preferred qualifications include successful college-level coaching experience, proven abilities in recruiting and in the administration of a football program, a working knowledge of NCAA regulations and a master's degree.

The salary is \$45,000 with benefits. The university hopes to fill this position before July 1.

Screening applications will begin March 23 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

The preceding ad was taken directly from the actual ad that was placed by NKU and will show up in local newspapers on Feb. 9.

With all the excitement of a football team coming to NKU, one very important question has been left unanswered. Who will be the coach for the first Norse football team?

Athletic Director Jane Meier said that the athletic council will be responsible for choosing the committee that will be in charge of filling the head coach position.

"The committee will consist of both internal and external members of the university as well as a student athlete representative," Meier said.

Say Cheez



ALUM FUN: Alumni Jen Boyd and Tim Yacks gather for the annual Homecoming Alumni banquet. See Homecoming Events Page 3

NKU's Dream of A New Science Center May Soon Be A Reality

By Max Patten
Assistant News Editor

Predictions abound as to what the next millennium will bring: world peace, the apocalypse, the end of humanity.

One thing of interest to Northern Kentucky University students that may be here by the next millennium, is the new science building.

Approximately \$1.5 million of state funds has been appropriated for the design of the new science building. Construction funds are expected to be requested from the general assembly by 1998, although there is a possibility of a special session occurring before 1998. A special session would presumably have funding for the new science building on its agenda. Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh said.

Construction is planned to begin during August 1998 and to be completed by August 2000. It is

planned to hold the departments of biology, chemistry and physics/geology. It will contain 171,000 gross square feet of floor room including 60,000 square feet of lab space and 30,000 square feet of classroom space.

Construction will occur between parking lots C and D, spilling partially into parking lot D. The architects are OMNI architects from Lexington, Ky., in association with HOK of St. Louis, a national design firm. "We are excited about working with these two firms," Mary Paula Schuh said.

A feasibility study held in 1991 evaluated the condition of the present science building. This study determined the practicality of providing additional lab and classroom space for the sciences either in the existing facility or through an addition to the present building. It was recommended that the best course of action would be the construction of a new natural science building.

The costs were comparable, but choosing to construct a new building is a typical decision of other colleges and universities, Schuh said. Also, renovation would have been particularly difficult to implement given the location specific nature of lab courses.

The present science building is structurally sound but there are a number of factors that make it less than ideal for the natural science departments.

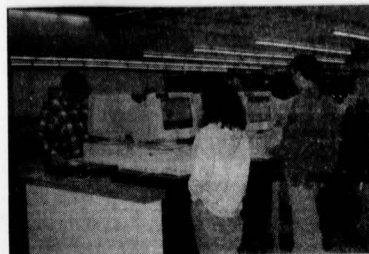
For one, it was not designed specifically as a natural science building. Built in 1974, it was the third building to be constructed on campus and accommodated not only the natural science department but also the art, business and education departments among others, said Carla Chance, vice president for administration.

Also, work is needed on the sprinkling system and the ventilation system. The present science building's air handlers cause vibra-

tions that disturb sensitive measurements performed in the labs. Adequate handicap accessibility is also needed. Another concern is the inability to accommodate the demands for science classes and labs.

Laboratory courses are filled before the end of registration and "if the laboratories are filled that means we're turning students away," said chemistry chairman William Oliver. Oliver said the new science building is "something we desperately need."

According to the capital project record, submitted for the construction of the new science building, enrollment has risen 47% since 1984. Since classrooms are full there is no flexibility to offer courses or add natural science sections that are required by the general studies curriculum. A new science building would benefit all students, not just those majoring in the natural sciences, said Carla.



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Log On: Students will have an easier time doing research in Steely Library thanks to all the new time-saving services being added.

Library Makes Research Easier With E-Mail

By Mimi Rook
Special Contributor

One of the first things a student at Northern Kentucky University learns is that good research is vital to well-written reports and essays.

Some of the most useful research tools students can use on campus are the reference librarians who sit at the reference desk each day. They want to answer students' questions and help them find the resources they need to write those papers.

Now, Steely Library is offering NKU students, staff, and faculty another useful method for answering reference desk questions—reference e-mail.

Allen Ellis, who is in charge of developing the library's reference collection, said one of the reasons he decided to offer this service was to, "...eliminate that ringing phone we can't get to...that was what really got me to thinking about this."

Because of Steely's budget headaches, the ratio of librarians available to help students is the lowest in the state, according to a 1996 library budget presentation.

It averages out by head count to about 772 students to one librarian.

Ellis says often, while a librarian is helping a student find materials out on the floor, there is no one available to answer the phone, or to help other students who must wait for assistance.

The e-mail service is not meant for complicated questions, such as developing research topics. That requires more time, thought, and often, an appointment.

Ellis views it instead as another way for students to get answers they need to simple questions such as whether or not a certain book or periodical is available at Steely, or to get a question answered about a quick fact or statistic.

Ellis said he has been working on this project for the last four or five months, after he saw other libraries offering the service. Students and faculty who type in the address "refdept@nku.edu," can access this service.

Ellis views the reference desk e-mail daily, and will refer questions to the appropriate staff member. Normally, users can expect an answer within a day of sending an e-mailed question.

Anthropology Student Works With National Geographic and Neanderthals

By Therese Wynn
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University junior anthropology major Don Miller will be shown on National Geographic's "Mystery of the Neanderthal" on March 23 at 7 p.m. on TBS, to demonstrate how Fallow deer were hunted in the Neanderthal period.

The segment that Miller appears in is about the recreation of hunting the Fallow deer for food.

"It was thought that Neanderthals hunted in groups and used an ambush attempt to capture meat," Miller said. "What we did was scare or force the animals into where other hunters would be."

"What I got out of the experience is a better understanding of what it may have been like being a Neanderthal hunter."

Miller, along with three other Northern Kentucky University graduates and former NKU anthropology professor

Christopher Bergman, were given the opportunity by National Geographic to travel to a private game farm located in upstate New York along the Hudson River.

A former colleague of Professor Bergman's from the University of Miami recommended that National Geographic contact him.

"We wanted to provide a visual backdrop related to Neanderthal people's hunting techniques for public education purposes," Bergman said.

"For students it was very good because it exposes them to working in the television media which is a different experience than working with anthropology colleagues."

Fallow deer are smaller than white-tailed deer and their antlers are two to three feet tall, with sharper points on the antlers. These deer are originally from Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East.

None of the deer were harmed during the demonstration.

Enjoy The Outdoors Now Without Skipping Class

By Michael Gibbs
Staff Reporter

The physical education department has developed new courses for students in the spring 1997 semester.

Classes this semester, which include "Outdoor Pursuits" and "Intermediate Skiing," are part of a new program to offer outdoor classes for students.

Professor Mary Kirk of the physical education department headed the new course curriculum.

"Finding instructors with experience and locating sites willing to work with students was the first priority," said Dr. Kirk.

Sue Roth, a part-time faculty member, was selected to teach the "Intermediate Skiing" class, which runs the first 10 weeks of the semester.

"The class is actually taught at Perfect North Slopes, which is nice because students are taught by instructors at their own pace,"

Roth said.

Roth has taught safety, first aid and life guard classes before this class.

The Outdoor Pursuits class, which runs the last 10 weeks of the semester, is taught by Melissa Eversole of campus recreation.

The focus is teaching students to plan for trips, and proper use of equipment, Eversole said.

In addition to personal experience, Eversole taught an outdoor program at a residential treatment center for children.

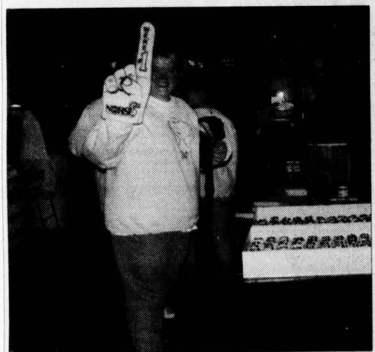
The class will plan one trip for the semester at either Red River Gorge or Hocking Hills.

The two classes are designed to integrate outdoor activities into the curriculum.

Although the classes are experimental, Kirk said student participation has been encouraging.

Next semester, Kirk will offer "Fly Fishing," "Canoeing" and "Introduction to Hiking and Camping."

Join Us!



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SIGN UP: Freshman Rebecca Fields checks out the goods at the Student Organization Rally. Student Organizations lined the lobby of the University Center Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to spread the word around about themselves and recruit new members.

Employee Evaluating System Receiving Its Own Evaluation

Employee Raises Will Be Based On Merit

By Lincoln S. Farish
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is ensuring hard-working staff are rewarded.

In 1995 the Salary Policy Review Task Force, headed by Martha Malloy, director of the Career Development Center, made a recommendation that the salary reviewing process be based primarily on merit.

A new committee to see through the recommendation has been appointed. The committee includes Margo Ferrante, director of personnel services; Kathy Dawn, printing services; Arden Geers, vice president for student affairs; Jerry McClafferty, superintendent

of custodial services; and Nancy Perry, director of alumni affairs.

As of present, employees receive a standard pay increase. This has led to many problems. If an employee does an adequate job and another one does an excellent job they can both receive the same pay increase.

Another factor the committee will be addressing is the issue of seniority. The committee will be looking at merit and performance, not only just how long a person has been employed here. Longevity will be considered a separate issue when looking at pay raises, Ferrante said.

Ferrante also said there will be training sessions for supervisors.

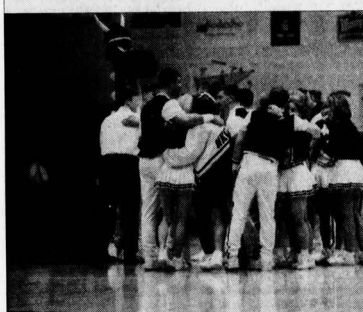
"Everyone obviously will have to

be trained so they know what to do, and employees will know what to expect. The supervisors will also have to be trained so when they are evaluating they know what the expectations are," Ferrante said.

Ferrante expects the training to begin in March and the new evaluating process to be in place by April.

The committee has hired consultant Beth Warren, president of Workworld's Human Resource Corporation to inform them of current trends in merit-based evaluation processes. Warren is coming to campus for the committee's two open meetings regarding the new system on Monday, Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Moment of Silence



In Mourning: Norse cheerleaders hold a moment of silence at the Men's Basketball Homecoming Game to remember their friend and teammate, Doug Hills, who passed away Saturday.

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Homecoming: A Week In Review

Dr. Judy Excites Crowd

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

"What should you never say to a man during sex?"
"What should you never say on a date?"
"I love to watch men eat. Is this normal?"

These were just three of the questions audience members asked radio sex therapist "Dr. Judy" Kuziansky when she appeared at Northern Kentucky University's Regents Hall last Monday to talk about a subject that makes many people uncomfortable—sex.

Accompanying "Dr. Judy" was her radio show co-host, Jagger. This was the first time Jagger had appeared with "Dr. Judy" at one of her programs.

"Dr. Judy" insisted on audience participation. Wearing orange boots that matched her orange hair, "Dr. Judy" and Jagger circled the audience and literally pulled people out of their seats and forced them to talk about what makes them uncomfortable.

Audience members who did not want to be singled out tried to act natural and relaxed so they wouldn't attract attention.

According to "Dr. Judy," Americans are much more uncomfortable talking about sex than people in many other countries.

As examples, "Dr. Judy" showed several sexually suggestive commercials and advertisements that were acceptable in other countries but would not be allowed in the United States.

"Dr. Judy" said, "We are really in elementary school when it comes to talking about sex."

Addressed during the program were topics such as safe sex, dating, masturbation, orgasms, and sexual fantasies. No question or subject was considered too embarrassing or explicit for discussion.

According to "Dr. Judy," talking is the most important thing. She said that when it comes to sex, everyone must become more comfortable talking about what they like and don't like.

"Dr. Judy" said that the people at NKU were very open and made her feel quite comfortable and that she had a

great time.

The audience of an estimated 500 was primarily made up of young people who seemed to really enjoy the program.

Rita Thomas, a junior English major said she was very excited to meet "Dr. Judy" and Jagger, saying she listened to them every night on the radio.

Junior music major Lori Hayes said she thought the program was down to earth and the language "Dr. Judy" used was "our talk."

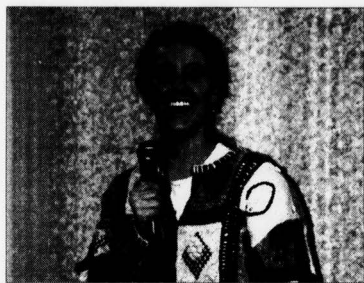
"Dr. Judy" also answered the question she said she hears most frequently: What is the average penis size? According to "Dr. Judy," the answer is about 5.1 to 5.5 inches. So now everyone can stop wondering.

The program lasted from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was sponsored by the Activities Programming Board and was a major Homecoming event.

After the program was over, "Dr. Judy" and Jagger signed autographs before leaving to broadcast live from Young Country 96.5 FM, the station that airs "Love Phones with Dr. Judy" locally.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
BLOWN AWAY: Dr. Judy says talking about sex can be uncomfortable, but students at NKU had no trouble coming up with discussion topics.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner
KISS: Karaoke winner Allison Schmidt belts *Kiss By The Artist* Formerly Known As Prince.

Greeks In Tune With Homecoming

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

If you were in the University Center last Wednesday night between 7:45 and 9 p.m., you may have been wondering what all the singing was about. It was "Greeking," the first annual traditional Greek Homecoming Sing-Off.

There was food, music, prizes, Karaoke and lots of laughs. The Karaoke was judged by The Northerner staff and Student Government Association, who were looking for good stage presentation and singing that could be heard over the original voices.

Delta Gamma President Allison Schmidt, senior history and secondary education major, won the Karaoke Sing-Off for singing Prince's "Kiss." Schmidt was the only Greek who had enough nerve to get on the stage alone.

"I started in the shower, and now it has escalated into something so much more," Schmidt said. "I keep it to anniversaries and special occasions."

"Grease" songs were the hit of the night. "Summer Nights" was sung twice, once by the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, and once by the Delta Gamma sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. It was one of only two songs sung by a fraternity. The

sororities were not afraid to get on stage.

"At first I was nervous. I wanted to get it all over with before everyone started showing up," said junior marketing major Amy Westerling, of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. "It was a lot of fun, we should do this every year. I just hope I did not embarrass myself too badly." Westerling got on stage six times to sing and dance with her sorority sisters.

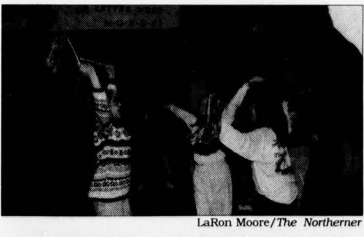
Before the singing started, the groups ate from a buffet full of food and drinks. Around 7:45 p.m. the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority started the singing off with the appropriate Cindy Lauper song, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

"It gives us the opportunity to be ourselves and act goofy, without worrying about being made fun of. We're all just here to have fun," sophomore information systems major, Jeanna Hoffmeister of Theta Phi Alpha said.

The singers had five Karaoke CDs with words to choose from, or if they were brave enough to try it without the words, they could sing to their own music.

"Functions like this give us a chance to show the rest of the campus we can come together as a Greek system, and not separate organizations," sophomore radio/television major Charity Wagner of Theta Phi Alpha, said.

Pep rally



LaRon Moore/The Northerner

The sold out game rocks



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

And The King is...



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
KING SANER: Matt Saner accepts congratulations from the runners-up in the King's Court.

Queen Regina



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
AND THE CROWN GOES TO: Regina Webb is crowned Queen of NKU's Homecoming 97.

Banquet Celebrates Distinguished NKU Alumni

By Carie E. Bauer
News Editor

Past and present faculty, staff and students of Northern Kentucky University came together on Friday to honor outstanding alumni.

The Alumni Banquet was held on Friday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn near the Greater Cincinnati International Airport.

The purpose of the dinner and awards ceremony is to honor outstanding alumni for their service and achievements.

Jennifer Bush Olano, president of the Alumni Council officiated. Interim President Jack Moreland also welcomed

the crowd, while Toni Sholar provided a relaxing atmosphere with piano music.

Fran Zaniello, director of University 101; Charlotte Neely, anthropology department; and W. Jack Grosse, professor emeritus, received the first award of the night. They were honored with the Strongest Influence Award.

Zaniello said in her acceptance speech that the Strongest Influence Award is the best award to win.

"This is really the award that is the nicest one to win. Those of us who work in the university, those of us who are in the classroom, who are advising and counseling students; let's face it, what we want is to influence people. To be recognized as a good influence, a strong influence, is a ter-

rific honor," Zaniello said.

Susan Nuxoll, an artist and missionary who has done service in war-torn Bosnia, and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1990, received the Young Alumni Award.

Distinguished Service Award honors went to Gregory P. Noll, a 1975 graduate and President of Provident Bank of Kentucky; and Anita F. McCormick, a 1976 graduate and the principal of Taylor Elementary School in Brooksville, Ky.

McCormick said that she owes her success to the people she met at NKU.

"When I came to Northern as a non-traditional student, I didn't know if I would be able to handle coming back to

school, having a young family, and be able to accomplish my goals. But at Northern I was made to feel welcome, and I was able to achieve my goals. I was afforded many opportunities to learn and to grow, and be able to serve. If anyone asks me what I think of NKU, I think it is among the best," McCormick said.

The Professional Achievement Award went to Sociology professor Joan Ferrante, Commander Terry McCreary, a 1978 graduate and Public Affairs Officer in the United States Navy, and Lt. Denise Schultz, a 1978 graduate and member of the Air Force.

Andra Ward, a 1986 graduate and president of the Khafre Ward Corporation, a professional consulting

firm, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Ward has traveled the country working with many charities and organizations. He served as a missionary in South Africa, is a founder of the Rho Gamma Chapter, is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and is the leader for an NKU Partnership Team, to name a few.

Lisa Washnock, a 1996 communications graduate said it was great to come back to NKU.

"It's really nice to come back to see people that I've worked with in the past and have been involved with. It's great to talk to professors that I've had in the past," Washnock said.

SPORTS

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Norse Win First Home Game In Nearly A Month

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team won their first home game since Jan. 11 by beating Kentucky Wesleyan College 86-69 on Saturday.

The Norse (9-5 GLVC, 12-9 overall) remain in fourth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The game was close early until the Norse went on a 16-0 run.

During that seven and a half minute span, NKU hit two big three-pointers and sophomore Shannon Smith scored six points.

"We came out and played hard," head coach Nancy Winstel said.

"And when you do that, you can live with mistakes, because I think good things are going to happen too."

The Panthers, led by senior Jarmia Smith, fought back to a five-point deficit.

Leading 32-27, the Norse finished their first half with two three-pointers from sophomore Shannon Roddy.

NKU shot 57.1 percent from three-point range in the first half, and led 38-29 at halftime.

The Norse started strong in the second half. Sophomores Julie Stanley and Katie Kelsey helped extend the lead to 12.

With 14 minutes remaining, NKU went on another big run.

Holding the Panthers scoreless for over five minutes, NKU extended its 12 point lead to 22.

The two teams traded scores for the rest of the game, and NKU finished the Panthers off 86-69.

Five NKU players scored in double-digits. Smith led the Norse with 19, followed by Stanley, Roddy and freshman Karla Wenzlick who each had 12, and junior Allison McCarthy with 10.

NKU will host Indianapolis, (5-8

GLVC, 9-11 overall), on Thursday.

Senior Dana Morningstar said that she would love to play on Thursday, but isn't too sure she'll be ready.

"That would only be a month...that's kind of pushing it," she said.

Morningstar has an appointment on Tuesday morning to have the cast on her left thumb removed.

"If there's any way that they're going to let her play, it'll happen," Winstel said. "Obviously, we're not going to play her if it's not a safe thing, but she's going crazy."

Kentucky Wesleyan (69)

Johnson 8-17 5-6 22, Smith 5-11 5-6 15, Bridgeman 4-4 2-2 10, Brewer 0-2 0-0 0, Lamford 0-6 0-0 0, Mercer 7-17 2-3 17, Vickery 0-1 0-0 0, Lewis 1-1 2-5 5, Abby 0-1 0-0 0, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0.

Northern Kentucky (86)

Stanley 5-7 3-12, Webb 3-5 2-4 8, Smith 6-9 7-9 19, Wenzlick 3-5 5-7 12, Kelsey 3-7 0-0 7, Fang 0-1 0-0 0, McCarthy 5-8 0-0 10, Penhorwood 0-0 0-1 0, Roddy 4-6 0-0 12, Kamrath 1-3 4-5 6.

Halftime — NKU 29, NKU 38. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — KWC 28

(Johnson, Smith 7), NKU 19 (Stanley, Webb 7). Assists — KWC 8 (Mercer, Thompson 2), NKU 21 (Kelsey 7). Total Fouls — KWC 23, NKU 19.

A — 876.

GLVC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Overall (GLVC)
Southern Indiana	20-1 (14-0)
SIU-Edwardsville	16-5 (11-3)
Bellarmine	15-6 (10-4)
Northern Kentucky	12-9 (9-5)
Saint Joseph's	10-11 (8-6)
UW-Parkside	10-11 (7-7)
Lewis	13-8 (5-7)
Indianapolis	9-12 (4-8)
IPFW	8-13 (4-8)
Kentucky Wesleyan	8-13 (4-8)
Quincy	8-13 (3-9)
UM-St. Louis	4-17 (1-11)

of five and are several games out of first place.

The Bellarmine Knights (9-4 GLVC, 14-6 overall) took sole possession of third place with the victory.

The Norse, powered by strong defense, jumped to a 6-0 lead early. The Knights regrouped, and started putting the ball in the hands of senior Molly Niehaus.

Niehaus, who won GLVC player of the week last week, scored the Knights first nine points, giving Bellarmine its first lead at 9-8.

NKU never led again.

Senior Webb A Star On, Off Hoops Court

By Becky Bergman
Assistant Features Editor

A Northern star has risen! Over the past few weeks, Regina Webb, a senior women's basketball player, has risen to the occasion and is taking advantage of the opportunity to shine on and off the court at Northern Kentucky University.

Webb was named Homecoming Queen at halftime of the men's game Saturday night.

Webb, who is a psychology major, has been playing basketball since the seventh grade. She was involved in numerous other sports at a young age, but found it to her advantage to play basketball because she was taller than many of the other girls.

Today, Webb is attending NKU on an academic scholarship. She said she chose NKU over other basketball scholarship offers because it created more options for the future. She also came to NKU because she was impressed with its unique campus.

"I like NKU because it is not too big or too small," she said.

When asked what her strongest contribution to the team was, Webb responded that it was her leadership. She said, "I try my best to work as hard and play as hard as I can."

Head coach Nancy Winstel agrees that Webb brings a tremendous amount of leadership to the team.

"Webb has been called upon this season to do an awful lot for us because of her youth."

Webb is one of two senior players on the team this year. Dana Morningstar, the other, is currently not able to play due to an injury that occurred during practice. This puts more pressure upon Webb to step up in scoring, Winstel said.

"She is stepping up in the best way she can. She is a very strong defensive player. She will do whatever I ask her to do, that is, what makes her so valuable to the team."



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

QUEEN ON HER COURT: Senior Regina Webb is closing out her career at NKU by being named Homecoming Queen. She leads the team in rebounding at 6.8 and blocked shots with 20.

Morningstar sees Webb as an intense player with a lot of desire. She said, "Everyone looks up to Regina as a senior, and they are looking to follow her lead."

Sophomore guard Katie Kelsey feels that Webb has stepped up tremendously. Kelsey said, "She's a hard-working, determined player who will do anything to see the team succeed."

She's also a "doer" Winstel said.

Many people sit and watch the world go by, but Regina is an active participant in life, she said. Winstel also feels that Regina is an high achiever. "She may be soft spoken, yet she has a determination about her which is a very admirable quality," she added.

Winstel concluded by saying that she has seen Webb mature tremendously as a person, as a student, and an athlete. She feels that when

Regina graduates she should be very proud of what she has accomplished at NKU.

In her free time Webb finds time to go to movies, shop and read. She also makes time to work with a 4-year-old autistic child named Anu. She became involved in this program through a flier hanging up at NKU and spends time working with this child two times a week.

After graduation Webb hopes to be accepted into graduate school. She is interested in becoming a child psychologist working within her own practice.

Regina feels that the experience of playing for a college basketball team has given her more confidence in school, work and life in general.

She said, "The discipline I have learned will carry over and help me in the rest of the challenges in my life."

The Regina Webb File

Position: Forward
Height: 5-foot-8
High School: Central Hower
Hometown: Akron, Ohio

	Pts./Avg.	Reb./Avg.
1993-94	9/9	7/7
1994-95	133/4.9	101/3.7
1995-96	236/8.7	146/5.4
1996-97		

Career Highs
Points: 27 vs. IPFW 1-20-97
Rebounds: 16 vs. Quincy 1-11-97

Honors
1994-96: Three time member of the NKU/Star Bank All-Academic Team.
1996: Named to the GLVC All-Academic Team

Knights Slay Dragons

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team lost to Bellarmine College 71-63 Thursday night at Regents Hall.

The loss was the third straight at home for the Norse, (8-5 GLVC, 11-9 overall).

After winning seven straight games between Dec. 21 and Jan. 18, NKU had its sights set on the GLVC lead.

Since then, they have lost three

of five and are several games out of first place.

The Bellarmine Knights (9-4 GLVC, 14-6 overall) took sole possession of third place with the victory.

The Norse, powered by strong defense, jumped to a 6-0 lead early. The Knights regrouped, and started putting the ball in the hands of senior Molly Niehaus.

Niehaus, who won GLVC player of the week last week, scored the Knights first nine points, giving Bellarmine its first lead at 9-8.

NKU never led again.

Niehaus led the Knights to a 36-25 halftime lead. Averaging 19.3 points per game, she scored 21 in only the first half.

Sophomore guard Julie Stanley led the Norse in the first half with eight points and five rebounds.

She and sophomore forward Shannon Smith accounted for over two-thirds of the Norse's first-half offensive production. Smith scored eight also.

The Norse started the second half quickly. They cut the 11-point half-time lead to six.

Niehaus left the game with an injury to her left ankle.

Stanley led the Norse with 10 rebounds and contributed 18 points, but NKU could not take advantage of Niehaus' absence.

The Knights scored 10 straight, and before the Norse could recover, they trailed 58-40.

NKU fought back from the free-throw line. Six straight free throws pulled the Norse once again to within six with less than five minutes remaining.

The Knights held on, and with four minutes remaining, Niehaus returned.

"When they got within six, I said, 'OK. Let me in,'" Niehaus said.

She scored only six second-half points, but their return sparked Bellarmine.

The Knights held on, and finished NKU off, 71-63.

Bellarmine (71)
Bonis 2-7 0-0 6, Carter 2-6 2-3 7, Niehaus 11-13 4-4 27, Sample 1-2 2-2 5, Siegel 1-8 2-3 5, Maupin 2-3 2-5 7, Conner 0-4 0-0 0, Taylor 0-4 0-0 0, L. Gonzalez 1-1 1-2 3, M. Gonzalez 4-5 3-3 11.

Northern Kentucky (63)

Webb 0-5 2-3 2, Smith 8-15 3-4 19, Senior 2-2 0-2 4, Stanley 7-14 2-4 18, Kelsey 4-9 1-2 13, Wenzlick 1-2 0-0 2, McCarthy 1-1 0-0 2, Penhorwood 0-2 0-0 0, Roddy 1-7 0-0 3, Kamrath 0-0 0-0 0.

Halftime — Bellarmine 36, NKU 25.

Fouled out — NKU Webb. Rebounds — Bellarmine 40 (Siegel 10), NKU 33 (Stanley 10). Assists — Bellarmine 21 (Sample, Siegel 5), NKU 17 (Kelsey 7). Total Fouls — Bellarmine 17, NKU 22.

A — 612.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

HEATING UP: Julie Stanley has increased her scoring average (8.6) since Dana Morningstar went down with an injury.

TO: Students of NKU
FROM: Office of the Dean
RE: Dean's Scholarship
Academic year 1997-98

Each year, Dean's Scholarships are awarded to recognize and honor outstanding academic accomplishments of students currently enrolled at NKU. Each scholarship will cover full in-state tuition for the academic year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Completion of no fewer than 60 credit hours.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5
3. A declared major at NKU.
4. Attendance in fall and spring semesters of the current academic year and completion of at least 18 credit hours over the two semesters.
5. Enrollment as a full-time student through out the fall and spring semester of the award year.
6. Students holding full-year tuition scholarships are not eligible.

Beginning February 24, 1997, application forms may be obtained from departmental offices. Students must submit applications to a faculty member of their major on or before March 29, 1997.

Awards will be announced at commencement on May 17, 1997.

Capacity Crowd Watches Norse Get Revenge

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

If you were one of the people who were turned away from Regents Hall on Saturday night, you have a right to be angry. The Northern Kentucky

University men's basketball team avenged its Jan. 2 loss to Kentucky Wesleyan College by beating the Panthers 79-73 in front of a sold out, frenzied home crowd.

"We give a lot of credit to the crowd, because if this was an empty gym, we couldn't do what

we do," senior Shannon Minor said.

The crowd was quieted early, though. The Panthers jumped out to a 9-0 lead, holding the Norse scoreless for over four minutes.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game," head coach Ken

Shields said. "I mean they really defend you."

NKU calmed down, and under the senior leadership of LaRon Moore, quickly cut the lead to four.

The Norse stayed close, and with just under 12 minutes remaining, went on a 10-2 run to give NKU a 22-20 lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

During the run, senior Paul Cluxton hit two free throws to extend his streak to 58. He hasn't missed a foul shot all season.

Cluxton needs to make only 18 more free throws to tie the NCAA Division II record.

He could also set the record for career accuracy from the free-throw line. Cluxton is 236-255 (92.5 percent) in his career. The current record is held by Kent Andrews of McNeese State, who made 252-275 (91.6 percent) from 1967-1969. A 250 made free throws minimum is required.

Junior Panther Andre Smith tied the game with just under seven minutes remaining.

The Norse, fueled by the intensity of sophomore Todd Clark, immediately began another run.

"I love playing in front of big crowds. I get real pumped and enthusiastic about it. It's my favorite time to play," Clark said.

Clark scored, stole the ball, and stepped to the top of the key to drain a three-pointer.

"There wasn't nothing that aggravated me more than losing to them down there," Clark said.

Clark, who averages 7.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per game, finished

with 12 points and 5 rebounds.

"When the crowd is behind us, we just try that much harder and the intensity is just that much greater," Minor said.

The Norse finished the half strong, and just before the buzzer, Cluxton hit a three-pointer from NBA range to put NKU ahead 42-31 at halftime.

NKU shot 60 percent from three-point range in the first half. At halftime, Matt Sauer and Ragina Webb were crowned 1997 NKU Homecoming King and Queen.

The Panthers fought hard in the second half, and were able to stay within striking distance. With under 12 minutes remaining, sophomore Kevin Listerman extended the NKU lead to 14.

The Panthers refused to give up, however. With eight minutes left, they trailed by only seven.

Clark and Cluxton pulled down key rebounds with less than two minutes to play, and NKU made 5-8 from the free-throw line in the closing minute to secure a 79-73 win.

Six players scored in double-digits for the Norse. Junior Cliff Clinton led all scorers with 17, followed by junior Andre Listerman with 14, and Clark with 12.

Cluxton, Moore, and Minor each added 10.

"That's really good to have six guys in double-figures like that, and two of those were off the bench in Todd Clark and Andy Listerman," Shields said.

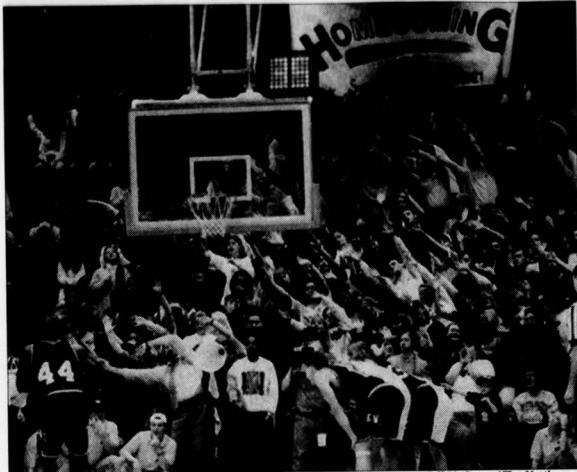
The Norse have won nine straight, and are 36-1 at home over the last three seasons.

They will get a chance to avenge their other season loss on Thursday when they play the University of Indianapolis, (13-1 GLVC, 20-1 overall), at Regents Hall.

"I don't think we can afford to be anything but ready," Shields said.

"If we win it, we're even. If we lose it, we're gonna fall another game back, and we can't afford for that to happen. This will be a great matchup with two good teams, and I expect a tremendous amount of electricity in this facility," Shields said.

Kentucky Wesleyan (73)
Calendar 4-9 3-5 10, Joster 6-9 3-5 16, Harris 1-2 2-2 4, Kemp 2-5 2-7, Conner 3-8 0-0 7, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, McDonald 1-2 0-0 3, Kishman 2-4 0-0 5, Critchlow 2-5 0-0 4, Manning 6-6 0-2 15.
Northern Kentucky (79)
Cluxton 3-9 2-2 10, Moore 3-8 4-7 10, Clinton 6-8 5-7 17, Minor 4-10 0-10 10, K. Listerman 5-3 3-3 6, Lane 0-2 0-0 0, A. Listerman 5-3 3-3 14, Clark 4-7 3-5 12.
Halftime — KWC 31, NKU 42. Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — KWC 27



LEAN ON ME: Fans lean in the end zone area as a Kentucky Wesleyan player attempts a free throw. Players credit the fans with the success of the team during their home winning streak.

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

Norse Shut Down Bellarmine's Mercer

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

In a night that saw the lights fail, the shot-clock fail and Steve Mercer fail, the only thing that seemed to be working at Regents Hall on Thursday was the Norse.

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team won its eighth straight Thursday when it beat Bellarmine College 78-58 at Regents Hall.

Before the game, head coach Ken Shields emphasized the importance of shutting down center Steve Mercer.

Mercer, who averages 16 points and 7.4 rebounds per game, managed only 11 points and pulled down four rebounds. In two meetings with NKU last season, Mercer scored 23 and 28, respectively.

The Norse started quickly, with senior forward LaRon Moore throwing down three slam dunks in the first five minutes of the game.

"I'll tell you what, the first half, we really passed the ball well," Shields said. "I mean that was a good show. Our guys delivered to the fans a great half of basketball."

Strong defense also helped

NKU pull ahead.

"We played good, and everything was coming to us—the press, the defense, the offense...everything," Moore said.

Moore led all scorers with 20 points.

NKU led by one at the 7:57 mark of the first half, but senior forward Paul Cluxton made two consecutive three-pointers to give the Norse a 10-point lead only moments later.

Cluxton was helped by the strong play of sophomore forward Todd Clark.

Clark collected five rebounds in the first half, while contributing seven points.

On Monday, Shields pulled Clark from the starting line-up for what he called inconsistent play.

"I was a little upset. I kind of wanted to show that I wasn't an inconsistent player," Clark said. "I never will be an inconsistent player," he said.

The Norse kept the pressure on. The Knights had 11 first-half turnovers.

"We're not a pressing team as such, but we have been doing more pressing," Shields said. "We just want to make sure we're ready when and if we have to go

to it more."

With the strength of its swarming defense, and the output of Moore, Cluxton and Clark, NKU built a 20-point halftime lead.

The second half saw more of the same. The Norse pushed their lead to 55-31.

The highlight of the second half came with 11:41 left when Cluxton hit two free throws.

Cluxton needs to make only 18 consecutive free throws to tie the NCAA Division II record.

He could also set the record for career accuracy from the free-throw line. Cluxton is 234 of 253 (92.5 percent) in his career. The current record is held by Kent Andrews of McNeese State, who made 252 of 275 (91.6 percent) from 1967-69. A 250-made-free-throw minimum is required to be considered.

With 9:16 left to play, a section of lights inside Regents Hall went out. After a brief delay, play was restored.

With 3:48 left, a shot-clock malfunction brought another delay.

The Knights could not delay the inevitable, however, and the Norse finished them off, 78-58.

Bellarmine (58)
Thomas 2-3 2-2 6, Moore 4-8 0-11, Mercer 4-10 3-5 11, Bistler 1-7 1-2

4-McGee 1-3 2-2 4, Gaines 2-3 2-2 7, Sivori 1-3 0-0 2, Schorr 0-0 0-0 0, Culhane 4-7 1-1 11, Wahl 1-3 0-0 2, Shahan 0-0 0-0 0.

Northern Kentucky (78)
Cluxton 6-12 2-2 17, Moore 7-13 6-7 26, Clinton 3-8 3-6 9, Minor 3-4 2-2 9, K. Listerman 0-0 0-0 0, Lane 3-5 0-0 7, Perdrix 0-1 0-0 0, A. Listerman 2-4 2-3 6, Clark 3-5 1-2 7, James 0-2 0-0 0, Vieth 0-1 0-0 0, Gibson 1-1 1-2 3.

Halftime — Bellarmine 24, NKU 44.
Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Bellarmine 22 (Mercer, Culhane 4), NKU 38 (Clinton 11). Assists — Bellarmine 9 (Bistler), NKU 18 (Minor 6). Total fouls — Bellarmine 17, NKU 14.

A — 1,533.

Men's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records
Overall (GLVC)	
Indianapolis	20-1 (13-1)
Northern Kentucky	22-2 (12-2)
Southern Indiana	18-3 (11-3)
Kentucky Wesleyan	16-7 (9-5)
Quincy	12-8 (9-5)
Bellarmine	13-8 (6-8)
Lewis	13-8 (6-8)
IPFW	11-10 (6-8)
W-Parkside	10-11 (5-9)
SIU-Edwardsville	9-12 (3-11)
Mo-St. Louis	6-15 (3-11)
St. Joseph's	3-18 (1-13)

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NKU Eyes Conference Title When Indianapolis Visits Regent's Hall

By Tony Bosch
Staff Reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team can move a step closer to winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference when they host University of Indianapolis at 7:45 p.m. Thursday.

Indianapolis, ranked no. 9 in the nation, is the only team besides Kentucky Wesleyan to defeat the Norse this season. Head coach Ken Shields said that there is more than revenge at stake when the Greyhounds (18-1, 11-1) enter Regents Hall to take on NKU (20-2, 10-2).

"If we have any aspirations to win the GLVC, this game is a must," Shields said.

Senior Shannon Minor agreed that the Norse cannot afford to lose.

"Every game is big because of the two losses we have," Minor said. "We didn't play very well at Indianapolis. This is going to be a great opportunity to defend our home court."

NKU has trailed Indianapolis in the conference standings for most of this season. They moved within one game of the Greyhounds when Wisconsin-Parkside defeated Indianapolis 63-45 last Saturday.

Indianapolis, led by head coach Royce Walman, has been quite a surprise this season in the GLVC.

"This is the first time we've been this successful," said Greyhound forward Terry McBride. "I don't think anyone expected us to be where we are right now."

Minor said he is also surprised at Indianapolis' season.

"It's unusual for a team to do so well even though they lost some key players," Minor said. "But

they still have a lot of big guys, like McBride, which we have to watch out for."

Shields said playing at home gives the Norse a substantial advantage when it comes to chasing the title.

"There are never any gives, but it sure is great to be able to play in Regents Hall."

Fans who attend Thursday's game will receive a coupon for a free hot dog and can of Surge, thanks to Ameristar and Kahn's. Assistant Athletic Director Keith Phillips said it is all part of a promotion known as "Winter Wiener Night."

Besides the free stuff, there will be a Surge-chugging contest, and a hot dog race," Phillips said. "It's going to be a great time, so hopefully there will be a big crowd."



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Dante Peaks With Action

By Amanda Tittle
Managing Editor

Passion and lava both boiling just below the surface combine to make Universal Pictures' "Dante's Peak" a non-stop ride to stress.

The movie, directed by Roger Donaldson, is centered around a dormant volcano named Dante's Peak located in the Northern Cascades and the small Washington town nestled at its base.

The movie opens in the Philippines at Mt. Pinatuba, where a small town is being evacuated, trying to outrun an erupting volcano. Amidst the townspeople are members of a U.S. Geological Survey team led by volcanologist Harry Dalton and his fiancée Marianne. Not all of the team survive the destruction.

Pierce Brosnan stars as Harry Dalton. Four years after the Mt. Pinatuba disaster, he finds himself in the small town of Dante's Peak. The town is celebrating

being named second most livable city in the United States.

Harry contacts the town's mayor, Rachel Wando, portrayed by Linda Hamilton. Rachel takes Harry up the mountain, with her two kids, Lauren and Graham, played by Jamie Renee Smith and Jeremy Foley, and her ex-mother-in-law Ruth, played by Elizabeth Hoffman, tagging along.

Expecting to find nothing to cause alarm, Harry becomes just that after finding dead animals and a well-done couple.

Personal conflict helps develop the story line so that "Dante's Peak" is not just another "Twister."

Harry is the only member of the USGS team, and the only person in the town who believes the signs indicate Dante's Peak is a ticking bomb. But, as Harry later tells Rachel, "I'm better at figuring out volcanoes than people and politics."

Rachel is a trying to balance the running of the town, the running of her deli/coffee shop, and the raising of her two children.

Through all of the tension and conflict that Harry causes amidst the town members, Harry and Rachel try to come to terms with a tension of their own.

The special effects and visual effects are not to be overlooked in this movie.

When lava flows through a wall, setting a cabin ablaze, it was done by a computer, much like when the rhinoceros crashes through the wall in "Jumanji." Most of the "close calls" the audience gets to live through are miracles of 3-D digital computer generated shots.

A spectacular visual effect comes when we see Rachel's face reflected in the truck's window, super-imposed over the mountain spewing ash hundreds of feet into the air in the background.

The ash which blankets the town was not actually ash. After trying several different materials, it was found that ground-up newspaper worked the best.

Excellent acting, spectacular effects and a panoramic view combine to heat things up at Dante's Peak, above and below the surface.



Photo By Ben Glass

THAR SHE BLOWS: Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton star in Universal Pictures' latest thriller, Dante's Peak.

Cholesterol Screening Offered To Students Through Health Center

By Michelle Levine
Features Editor

The no. 1 killer of American men and women according to the International Health Awareness Center is unhealthy blood cholesterol levels. They are one of the major risk factors for heart disease.

Cholesterol levels can be modified if they are high.

The Health Center at Northern Kentucky University is offering cholesterol screening to students, faculty and employees on Feb. 12.

This is the Health Center's fourth semester offering the program. Barbara Hoyle, a registered nurse at the Health Center said, "In the past more employees than students participated in the program, but student participation has gone up."

Hoyle said many younger people do not think they have to worry about cholesterol.

She said it is important for people to get checked once for a baseline, especially if heart disease is a genetic tendency.

Nurses at the Health Center will make appointments for clients, but Community Health Services, which is a branch of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, performs the screening.

Helen Wulfbeck, a clerk at Community Health Services said the program is beneficial because they can reach people at an

earlier age.

Hoyle said it is beneficial to the students because of the convenience and strong educational component which accompanies the testing.

Participants will have to fill out a 24-hour diet recall as well as a health history form. They will then meet with a nurse to go over their diet, and blood will be drawn.

There are two tests offered to participants.

One test is non-fasting and measures total cholesterol and high density lipoproteins.

A person's total cholesterol is taken to see how much of the fat-like substance is found in all of a person's body cells.

HDL, or "good cholesterol," carries cholesterol away from the artery walls to the liver, where it is removed from the bloodstream.

According to the International Health Awareness Center most attention should be given to the HDL, cholesterol level. The higher it is the better.

The second test is a total

lipid profile and fasting is required. A person's total cholesterol and HDL are taken. Low density lipoproteins and triglycerides are taken as well.

LDL, or "bad cholesterol," is what builds up within the walls of the arteries that lead to the heart, brain and legs.

Triglycerides are blood fats. They are sensitive and can change immediately. What a person ate for lunch

that day can effect the level.

To get an accurate reading of these, a person needs to have been on a low-fat diet for several days and fast 12 hours prior to the test.

According to The American Heart Association blood cholesterol should be below 200.

Unless there are other risk factors, the risk of a heart attack is low.

When it is between 200 and 239 a person has twice the risk of a heart attack. However, 40 percent of American adults are in this group.

Results from the program from the past three years shows 17 traditional students participated between the ages of 17 and 24.

Six students were above normal, five were borderline high, and one was high.

Twenty-seven non-traditional students 25 years or older participated. Nine were above normal, four were borderline high and five were high.

Participants in the clinic will be required to attend a 30-minute class with a nutritionist to obtain their results.

According to the International Health Awareness there are many things a person can do to bring down their cholesterol:

- *Reduce excess body fat
- *Drink alcohol in moderation
- *Don't smoke
- *Eat more fiber
- *Exercise
- *Limit dietary cholesterol intake
- *Limit saturated fat
- *Relax
- *Take medication if necessary

If a person discovers they have high cholesterol the nutritionist can help advise them on how they can modify it. To sign up call 572-5650 for an appointment. There is a \$5 fee and space is limited.

Crows Count To Two

By Justin Lynch
Music Critic

In the rut pop music occupies in the aftermath of grunge, the music industry scratches its collective head to the familiar tune of, "What next?"

Unfortunately, it is not the Counting Crows.

Their 1994 debut, *August and Everything After*, was a sonic oasis in the desert of ear-splitting "Rawk n' Row!" an instant classic collection of the rapture and melancholy of love and its hang-ups.

With its understated velvety textures and simple beautiful melodies, the Crows' debut gave

hope for a burgeoning collective of good songwriting bands without 2000b arrangements.

But I digress.

Trying to beat the sophomore jinx, the Crows turn up their amps and put away the acoustic guitars and inadvertently deliver the last thing pop music needs, more of the same.

In *Recovering the Satellites*, the songs blend together so seamlessly that by the middle of the CD, it's hard to tell them apart.

Lyrical, singer Adam Duritz is in the same state of mind as on *August*... still lonely and optimistically searching for something better.

The Counting Crows still have

at least a couple of great albums to put forth. Here's to hoping Adam and company find that something better. ***1/2

The Northernner, in conjunction with WRFN, will be offering a pick of the week song off the CD being reviewed.

This week's pick, off the new Counting Crows CD, is "A Long December." Listen for it all week on WRFN.

Rating System

- **** Generation-defining
- **** A cut above the rest
- *** Runs with the field
- ** Adequate
- * Trash

"In the past more employees than students participated in the program, but student participation has gone up."

-Barbara Hoyle

NKU Steps Into Aerobic Classes

By Tricia Dorman
Staff Reporter

The student body at Northern Kentucky University may be more fit than ever this spring.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni have the opportunity to take free aerobics classes on campus six days a week. In addition to a choice of eight different courses, participants can choose between step, hi/lo or water aerobics.

"Our classes are geared toward beginners but all levels can benefit," Program Coordinator Melissa Eversole said. "And the atmosphere is less intimidating than what you find in (fitness) clubs."

Two courses were added this spring to accommodate the growing demand for the aerobics program. "Our participation has doubled in all classes; this is one of the few Campus Recreation programs that has grown," Eversole said.

Although classes started on Jan. 20, those who missed registration for aerobics can still come to sessions as walk-ins. Eversole encourages people to come, and says they are always welcome.

Some of the benefits of taking aerobics on campus include convenience, the incentive program, and a new sound system.

"We've started an incentive program where we give participants a punch card and after they've attended 15 classes they get a free t-shirt," Eversole said. "Probably the biggest advantage is that we're one of the few universities that doesn't charge for aerobics," Eversole said. "Transfer students are always surprised by that."

Junior journalism major Sarah King takes the water aerobics class. "My physical therapist recommended water aerobics to me for upper body strengthening," King said. "I like water aerobics because it's easier than

regular aerobics and it doesn't wear you out as fast, but you get more resistance," King said.

Eversole said there hasn't been enough interest at the end of the semester to offer more courses, but there are plans for two summer courses, one at noon and another in the evening.

The courses are taught by students, alumni, faculty and staff who have participated in the program themselves. Pam Pfaff is the secretary for the psychology department and has taught aerobics at NKU for two years. "It's good to find an activity that you can stick with and in aerobics you're not in competition with anyone but yourself. The real benefits happen once you've made a life-long commitment," Pfaff said.

All the sessions are taught in the Albright Health Center either in the pool, the gymnasium room or the main activity area. For more information call 572-5197.

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Valentine's Day Every Day

The day romantics crave is on its way.

Candy is sold by the tons; flowers are sold by the bush. There isn't enough wax to make all the candles people need for their big, romantic candlelight dinners. People even buy negligees and bras loaded with hearts just because of February 14th. All to say 'I love you.'

Why? Because Valentine's Day is here and if you don't receive a box of chocolates, 'Be Mine' bras or a dozen red roses, then guess what? No one loves you!

Why is there a day, just one special "I love you so much... here is your candy and romantic dinner day" that we celebrate?

If there is a strong love you feel for someone, shouldn't that be shown everyday?

Not with flowers, not with chocolates, but it can be done... with words and actions.

Know why?

Saying 'I love you' and showing that you love them on a daily basis can be the most important thing you do for those you around you.

Everyday we all see the people we love, but one day they may not be there.

Life is short. Everyone needs to remember that.

In the past couple of weeks, Northern Kentucky University has lost a few people who have made this place special.

Doug Hills cheered for his school. Kathleen Harding walked around every single day with a smile on her face and said 'hi' to everybody. Nancy Boothe was the Norse's number 1 fan and worked hard to secure NKU's future.

And now they are gone.

Did Doug, Kathleen and Nancy hear 'I love you' once a year? Probably not, but let their deaths be a reminder for all of us.

Valentine's Day is just one day to let people know how you feel. There are, however, three hundred and sixty-four other days that these three words need to be said. This doesn't just mean romantic love, but love in general. Tell them how you feel.

It's not hard. Hugs work well. Kisses work better. But even a pat on the back is nice. Let them know you care. It's easy, see...

I love you



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Were SGA And Regents Informed

Dear Editor:

Well, once again I am glad to see democracy in action at NKU. I find it refreshing to see that The Board of Regents and our SGA representatives have taken ample time to survey a significant amount of students before making any hasty decisions; as to what we as students want to support through additional fees. Obviously with the exorbitant amount of data available to both the regents and the SGA they absolutely had to pass the \$20/semester fee and go ahead with plans for a football team at NKU.

I will throw my full support behind any measure that has the input of 2 percent of our 11,500 students. The other 11,250 students who were in no way, shape or form involved in this decision

shouldn't really matter any way. I am sure they have all the time in the world to attend every NKU athletic event, are all independently wealthy and could find no better use for their collective \$225,000 than to support a Football team.

However, I have a few other suggestions that I think will be equally as popular with NKU's population. First of all, at least 1,000 new employees should be hired to handle the thousands of people wanting to purchase season tickets as soon as they become available. Next, I believe we should fill the halls of the natural science building with old tires and tackling dummies. This way the football team will have an all encompassing practice facility to use year round. And the students obviously would be apposed to

any additional fees to modernize the facility for academic use; Football is much, much more important than having modern, safe facilities for the students. ...RIGHT????? Then, to save even more money we should allow the new team to weight train with the many ancient computers the chemistry students are currently using, if they can find them. And Finally, the spaciousness of Greaves Concert Hall and the Black Box Theatre would be perfect for indoor punting and special teams practice; of course the seats would have to be removed... but nothing worthwhile goes on in either place now anyway... does it??

R. David Turner
Junior, Chemistry Major

Students Pay For What They Want... Education

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading an article in the January 20 edition for The Northerner written by Production Editor, John Kirtley. Mr. Kirtley comments that the campus has the heart of Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz." Are you aware that the university has a 20-2 nationally ranked basketball team that has our "tin heart" beating in a frenzy? Were you so wrapped up with football that you missed the Norse defeat Southern Indiana in a packed Regents Hall?

You make this campus seem lifeless and barren. Did you forget about the variety of student organizations on campus? My schedule seems to be filled to capacity with things to do on this campus.

I am also appalled by his lack of respect here at Northern. I am honored to have been taught by many of the professors here and treasure the relationships I have made with these professors. I am glad to see the faculty of NKU stand up and voice their opinion for what they feel is right for our university. To state that the faculty is not the heart

and soul of the university depicts them as a cold-hearted beast with no viable interest in the university. Their speaking out belies just the opposite.

Also, Mr. Kirtley refers to Professor Clinton Hewan and Professor Thomas Zaniello as Mr. Hewan and Mr. Zaniello. Both of these dedicated faculty members put in many years of hard work to obtain the title of Professor and should be referred to as such.

whether you agree with their opinion or not. Please give these individuals the respect they deserve.

Mr. Kirtley goes on to say, "The best part about this football effort is students finally get to pay for something they really want." I am surprised by this statement. You see, I am already paying for something I really want, my education.

Richard Mann
OST Major

Children Of NKU Should Not Let Down Their Hair

To the Editor:

I have been a full-time faculty member of the NKU faculty for almost twenty years.

I have no computer in my office, no E-mail, no Internet access. I cannot Xerox necessary materials for my students, rely on adequate library holdings for student research projects, or count on available transportation for class field trips. Satellite computer labs are non-existent for students in mine and other related disciplines—and scarce throughout the campus as a whole.

I work in buildings with inadequate classroom space, decayed air-circulation equipment, and leaky ceilings. Parking space is inadequate for the number of personnel and students we now have (and we will soon lose 28 percent to make way for sports facilities).

Sadly, the number of qualified,

full-time faculty has not increased since I have been at NKU, although we now have double the number of students enrolled in the university.

Why has this been allowed to happen? Because, for years now, we have been told we have not had enough money for basics, much less extras, at NKU.

We, the children of Rapunzel, have toiled day and night to spin pure gold out of the straw we have been provided.

But now all is clear. There will be no miraculous rescue, no fairy-tale ending. Only fumbling football squads and rolling playing fields will appear where many of us have labored so faithfully, with so little, for so long.

We will have circuses—but not bread.

Sincerely,
Susan S. Kissel
Professor of English

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SEAN'S TV CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- Life With _____
 - Spinoff from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
 - To Pair; 1952 quiz show
 - Role on *Happy Days*
 - Pacino or Jolson
 - The ____ of Will Sonnet (1967-69)
 - Masteline (1983-84)
 - Carroll O'Connor role
 - No. of Disney dalmatians
 - to an old Roman
 - Cpl. Maxwell Klinger's portrayal
 - John of the '94 sitcom 704 Hauser
 - Road to ____; 1947
 - Crosby/Hopie movie
 - Machine wheel
 - Washington Redskins' stadium
 - Pronoun
 - Coolidge, for one
 - ____ If I Were Famous; '63
 - Eddie Constantine film
 - Portrayer of Mia on *Dave's World*
 - Greek letter
 - In the ____; 1987 Patrick Dempsey movie
 - ____ *Lux* (1991-92)
 - ____ Time; 1988 Tim Matheson sitcom
 - Caroline Ingalls; to Laura
 - Heavenly headwear
 - Series about one who works in a bookstore
- DOWN**
- ____ the Arrow; 1957
 - Rod Steiger film
 - Preminger's initials
 - Prego rival
 - The Yellow ____ (1983-84)
 - Monogram for Ozzie's wife
 - 1988 Martin Sheen movie
 - ____ Forgiven; 1986
 - Bess Armstrong sitcom
 - ____ for Your Life (1965-68)
 - Series for Ted Danson
 - Michael of *The Burning Zone*
 - Tom of *Dateline NBC*
 - Star of *Clueless*
 - Boston ____
 - Split
 - The ____ Event; 1979
 - Bertra Kranden film
 - Alice Kranden's hubby
 - Shields' role
 - Large birds
 - Refusal
 - Period
 - The ____ Adams Show (1963-64)
 - Continent; abbr.
 - Nancy McKoon's The ____
 - ____ for Your Life (1965-68)
 - Initials for producer Lear
 - ____ and Mom; short-lived '85 detective series

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HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

February 9 through February 15, 1997

**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**

Focus your attention on home and family. It is time to redecorate or add a few items to your residence to make it more homey.

**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**

Don't make any rash financial decisions. You may receive correspondence that will change your mind about something important.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Set some time aside to write down your goals. Next year at this time you will be amazed at your accomplishments.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**

A friend or sibling will play an important part in helping you with a difficult situation. You may find some answers in a popular book.

**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**

Just because someone tells you what you want to hear, that doesn't mean it is true. Open your eyes and see the world as it is.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**

If someone is taking advantage of you, make him stop. There is no reason to take abuse, verbal or otherwise.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

Sometimes you have to go with the flow, and it isn't always easy. Concentrate on making a list of priorities.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**

A legal agreement should be looked at carefully. Do not commit yourself to anything that makes you uneasy.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**

It's a pain, but you need to take the time to organize your life. This is the year to stop procrastinating.

**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**

Business will be busier than ever, and you should be prepared. Take health matters seriously and see a professional.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

Make yourself crystal clear when communicating in the workplace. Stay away from angry confrontations.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

Just when things look really bad, a situation will turn in your favor. Adapting to change isn't easy, but it is sometimes necessary.

Born this week:

- Feb. 9 - Mia Farrow, Carole King, Joe Post, Travis Tritt
Feb. 10 - Laura Dern, Robert Patrick
Feb. 11 - Jennifer Aniston, Brandy
Feb. 12 - Annette Bening, James Keane
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