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Kentucky teachers need more money

RAY EGAN STAFF WRITER

With the educational program a major concern in the state of Kentucky, it is fair to address the subject of teacher's salaries.

Teacher's salaries were a major issue at the biweekly Legislative Caucus Meeting, held at Northern Kentucky University on March. 3.

Jeannine Winters, District Secretary of the Northern Kentucky Education Association and a teacher of 14 years at Beechgrove School in Kenton Country, argued that teachers salaries were below standard and something needed to be done to save teachers from leaving the profession due to their low wages.

According to the Kenton County Board of Education's Contractual Agreement with teachers, between the years of 1988-1989, the starting salary for a teacher in Kenton County was \$16,577. Winters argued, "The people who fill potholes in Cincinnati make an average of \$21,000 a year!"

What was most disturbing to Winters was the salaries made by veteran teachers. According to the same contract

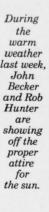
with teachers, a teacher with 15 years of experience will make \$24,288 per year. A teacher with 27 years experience will only make \$26,091. This would give a teacher a raise of only \$1,803 for twelve additional years of teaching. Winters mentioned when teachers reach their 15 years of teaching, there is no more incentive for pursuing the teaching profession any further, so many good teachers leave the profession.

A concern especially for the Northern Kentucky area is that many teachers are lost from this area to Ohio schools because the state of Ohio pays higher wages to teachers.

According to the Kentucky Education Association, Kentucky, between the years of 1988-89, ranked 39th in the United States in average teacher's salaries. Kentucky was \$4,716 below the national average.

Representative Jim Callahan, D-Southgate, said, "Based on what I have seen, we are not going to catch up with states like Ohio immediately, it's an issue of too many dollars."

The educational issue will be discussed further during the General Assembly in Frankfort. The Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on April 12.





Honors Program receives \$2,000 grant for research

PAUL McGUE STAFF WRITER

The NKU Honors Program was provided with \$2,000 from the Michael Francis Zalla foundation to support a research project of a student's own design.

Five student proposals underwent

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review by the Honors council's six faculty members. Two were chosen to receive \$1,000 each in memory of Michael Francis Zalla.

Zalla was an honors student at NKU when he lost his life in a tragic car accident, in the summer of '86, on I-75's "death hill."

One of the recipients, Tim Herrmann, said without the foundations grant, he would not be able to take his proposed research trip.

Herrmann is a senior majoring in history and plans to spend 11 to 14 days in Boston, Baltimore and Annapolis doing research on maritime vessels. "I'd like to concentrate my research on naval vessels, specifically, frigate tactics." said Herrmann. "I'm a military history major and Dr. Payne got me interested in naval history."

Herrmann said he plans to research on vessels from "around 1797 to just before the Civil War." He expects his paper to be around 30 pages.

With a smile Herrmann said, "If there is a down- side to this (trip), it's that I have to take my two weeks vacation to go. maybe I'll make it to the beach next year."

Earn four credits for vacation

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

Earn college credit while visiting beautiful beaches and coral reefs, or viewing volcanoes and exploring San Jose?

That's exactly what students can do if they decide to take the "Ecology of Costa Rica," a five-week summer course offered this July at Northern Kentucky University. The course begins with an opening lecture at NKU in mid-July. The participants then fly to Costa Rica on Thursday, July 12 to begin a three-week adventure exploring beaches, rain forests, coastal forests, volcanoes, coral reefs and the city of San Jose.

Lectures, field trips and "lab" exercises

will be scheduled throughout the trip. The trip concludes with a return flight on Thursday, August 2. Final written assignments are due on Thursday, August 9.

The course is worth four credit hours. Tentative cost is \$1620 and includes round-trip air fare from Cincinnati to San Jose, hotel accommodations, meals (excluding meals in San Jose from July 29-August 2), entrance to national parks and reserves, land transportation (via private air-conditioned bus) and services of a bilingual guide.

For more information on class content, call Dr. Thomas Rambo, associate professor in NKU's Department of Biological Sciences, at 572-5305.

\$20,000 grant for ReEntry Center

ROB DUNAWAY STAFF WRITER

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

Christmas has come several months early for NKU's ReEntry Center in the form of a \$20,000 grant.

According to Karen Malott, director of the ReEntry Center, the grant was awarded by the Charlotte Schmidlapp Foundation. "We were extremely pleased to learn of the size of the award," Malott said, "It was like an early Christmas present." The ReEntry Center provides short-term technical training for people re-entering the job force or who lack the proper training to compete effectively in the job market. Associate degree programs are also offered.

Malott said the Schmidlapp grant will be used to supply needy students with certain items needed to go back to work, such as proper clothing, shoes and accessories.

The ReEntry Center was establish in 1980 and services approximately 400 students annually.

News

The price of education continues to rise as tuition increases 5.5 to 10 percent in many universities

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

One by one, college administrations are announcing tuition hikes for next school year that, once again, promise to make the price of education rise faster than prices for any other kind of good or service.

While the general inflation rate hovers around 4.5 percent, officials at the universities of Miami and Chicago, and Rutgers, Stanford, Central Michigan, Loyola and Duke universities, among others, announced in February they were raising tuition by 5.5 percent to 11 percent next year.

Two-year college students don't seem much better off. Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., for example, will raise prices 6.5 percent in 1990-91.

Though it's still too early to compute a national average for 1990-91 increases, most students can expect jumps ranging from 5 percent to 9 percent if the trends established in February continue.

Tuition has risen faster than the inflation rate during each of the past nine

For 1989-90, tuition at four-year public campuses rose 7 percent, to an average \$1,694 per term, the College Board reports. It rose by 9 percent, to an average \$8,737 at four-year private campuses.

Students at public two-year schools fared a little better. Their tuition increased an average of 5 percent, to \$842. Private two-year colleges raised their rates by 7 percent for the 1989-90 year.

Community and junior colleges "try real hard to stay at or below the rate of inflation," said Judy Tomczak of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Many students, however, complain the price has gone up too far, too fast.

By the time she graduates, first-year Wesleyan University student Susan Chun figures she'll be paying 25 percent more than she is now for tuition, room and board, books and personal expenses.

Chun now pays about \$20,000. If rates continue increasing by 7 percent every year, she will probably need \$25,000 for her senior year in 1993.

"That's a hell of a lot of money," Chun said. "An education shouldn't be such a financial burden."

To protest \$1,000 tuition hikes for out-of-staters, Arizona State University (ASU) students took over the Student Services building for 55 hours Feb. 21 through Feb. 23.

In-state tuition at ASU, the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University will go up \$116.

"We aren't getting our money's worth," said John Kierman of ASU's student government, where in-state students now pay \$1,644 and out-of-staters fork over \$5,485 annually.

Despite tuition increases, the 45,000 student campus in Tempe suffers from

overcrowded classes, underpaid faculty, and too many graduate students teaching, Kierman charges.

"I'm having to take actions that I didn't plan on," added Andy Mozingo, a Northern Arizona student whose tuition will increase by \$900, or 18.5 percent next year.

The California native said he now has a student loan, a Pell grant and a part-time job. Mozingo is in the Marine Corps Reserve, so he is trying to get a GI Bill grant and is applying for "every scholarship that I see" so that he can continue at NAU.

"I don't think I should have to worry about paying for school, If I have to work more and try to excel in school, eventually one of them is going to give," he said.

At Syracuse University, the board of trustees approved a 9.94 percent tuition increase Feb. 2 that sent tuition, fees, and room and board up to \$11,830, and provoked students into a campus wide protest.

For a week, students boycotted all university facilities--such as the bookstore and food services--where they pay to use or buy products.

"It was very effective in that most students participated," said Mark Root. In the past, he said, students have been apathetic.

Root, a junior, figured his costs have risen 35.38 percent since he enrolled at Syracuse. "I know a lot of people who have left, or who will be leaving, because of increasing tuition. It's not fair," he said.

A University of New Mexico task force found that, for every \$100 tuition hike, a 1.3 percent of the student population will have to leave because of the financial burden.

Using the formula, the task force calculated that about 364 students will be forced to drop out if UNM proceeds with its plans to raise prices by 7.9 percent for 1990-91.

"If you took the increase in military research funding and funneled it into general education funds, you'd end up with plenty of scholarships to keep tuition increased within the inflation rate," maintained Rich Cowan of the National coalition for Universities in the Public Interest, a Cambridge, Mass., group that monitors corporate influence on campus expenses.

The perpetual increases will end, he asserts, "when the federal government sees education, as opposed to research, as a priority."

For some lucky students, they already have ended. Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio, probably won't increase tuition for the next year, said Pauline Latkovic, a spokeswoman for the school.

"We're trying to keep school affordable, so we don't raise tuition unless we're really presses," she said.

ASTRO works for concerns of non-traditional students

DIANE GOETZ STAFF WRITER

Adult Students Toward Renewed Opportunity (ASTRO) is an organization working for the interests of the "non traditional" students at Northern. Non-traditional students at NKU make up approximately 40% of total enrollment. Most of these students have interests and concerns that are different from the traditional college students.

For this reason, ASTRO started as an organization that would benefit the adult students at Northern. ASTRO is the entity where adult students can get to know others, and socialize and at the same time can work with the administration to address those special concerns of non traditional students.

"I got involved because I wanted to make new friends", said Holly Ruschman Vice President at Large, "School is a lot different of an experience."

Maureen Sample, President of ASTRO says she would like to see her organization provide emotional support for adult services at Northern. She wants ASRTO to help adult students in anyway they need help.

She would also like to see ASTRO work with the administration to make policy changes as they need to be made in the best interest of adult students.

"Tve gotten a lot out of it" said Sample,
"Tve enjoyed the social contact." ASTRO
is sponsoring Game Night in the
University Center cafeteria at 8:00. There
is no cover charge and everyone is
welcome to come.

Zaniello to lecture

DAVID DOWNARD STAFF WRITER

Dr. Thomas A. Zaniello, Outstanding Professor of the Year for 1988-1989, will give a lecture on "Teaching Catastrophe" Wednesday, March 21, 1990, at 4:00 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Zaniello, an English professor, will attempt to demonstrate a teaching technique that he has helped develop in his English 291 classes. In "Teaching Catastrophe, " Zaniello selects dramatic, controversial topics to gain students' interest in his classes. His topic for the lecture will be the Beverly Hills fire in Southgate, Ky., that happened on May 28, 1977.

This is the second year that the lecture has been open to all members of the university and the general public. A reception will follow immediately after the lecture.

Translator speaks of changes occurring in East Germany

ANGELA SAKKINEN FEATURES EDITOR

Dr. Irene Runge, a faculty member in the department of History and Ethnography at Humboldt University in East Berlin, visited the NKU campus on Wednesday, March 14.

Runge frequently assists major U.S. media, including The New York Times, ABC, CBS and NBC, as a translator and liaison. She is often quoted a s typical East Berliner in stories from and about East Berline.

Runge is visiting the United States for a meeting in New York and to make a presentation at the University of California-Berkley. She was able to stop at NKU enroute at the request of Dr. Herb Weinberg (communications), who worked with her when he was covering news stories in Europe.

Runge spoke to students and faculty about the recent changes in Germany and her experience working with international mass media.

Runge talked about the many changes that have occurred in East Germany since the opening of the Berlin Wall. Among the positive changes she spoke of were; the new ability to travel and the new "round table"policy at Humboldt University. Round Table allows students and faculty to interact with each other. The students are given the privilege to vote on professors and voice their opinions directly to the dean. Runge referred to the round table as, "not efficient, but good."

Most importantly is the new formation of political parties. To date, there are now 100 in east Germany. Elections are to be held on Sunday, March 18, 1990. Runge spoke of the importance of this and she feels, "moving things is better than stagnation."

However, not all the changes in East Germany have been positive. Runge explained that although exciting, the changes have also been scary. Runge said, "One cannot plan a revolution. A revolution has its own speed. The government, the political landscape, education and everyone's life is changing. Nothing will be the same anymore."

Runge said some of the people of East Germany are afraid of losing the security of the past. Runge said there is a great fear that the state of living in the East will drop. Also that a higher crime rate, drugs, and the vices that come with these things, will now infect their country.

Another problem that became more apparent during East Germany's changes, was racism towards foreigners. Runge said that even though the foreign population is small; about 1.2 percent of the population, the East Germans feel these people (mostly Vietnamese) are taking their jobs. Runge blamed this on, "not knowing what it is to be a foreigner because not many have been abroad." Also, she said she felt many East German are seeking a scapegoat out of fear of the

abrupt changes that are taking place.

A surprising problem and, perhaps, the saddest is the broken families. Runge talked about parents ; leaving their children in the east to go top the west. She said she estimates about 20,000 fathers left their families. Who knows when or if they are coming back?

Runge said she would like to see the two Germany's remain separate, however, she does want democracy for the east. She said she would like to see, "two democratic Germanys." She said she sees a real need for economic cooperation right now and said she believes that Germany could be an interesting place for future investment.

To conclude and sum up her opinions, Runge said, "We want a democracy, not a speedy merger. I'm afraid the price will be higher than the east expected in the beginning. We were under the dictatorship of the party, now we will be dictated by money. A certain freedom is over."

Women's conference

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

Over 1,000 participants are expected for the Ninth Annual Conference of Cincinnati Women. The Conference will take place at the University of Cincinnati on April 28, 1990. A literary arts contest, an art exhibit, and more than 80 workshops are all part of the Conference. In addition, over 80 local civic and social organizations will participate in the Conference.

The keynote speaker will be Rosita Perez, an electrifying speaker, who combines guitar, songs, and lots of humor in sharing substantive motivational messages.

The workshops will cover a broad range of topics including business, education, spirituality, medicine and health, the arts, networking, and self-esteem.

According to Kim Curtis, publicity chair, the Conference offers women an opportunity to network on a community-wide basis and acknowledge the many contributions that women are making in today's world.

Child care is free and available on site for participants who meet the preregistration deadline of April 13, 1990.

For additional information or a brochure, please call the United Way Information Referral Help Line at (513) 721.7900



Sexually transmitted diseases increased in the eighties, according to local health officials

MARILYNN ANDERSON STAFF WRITER

The 80's ended in Northern Kentucky with an increase of sexually transmitted diseases, according to health officials.

The number of patients with STD's jumped during the last six months of last year, said Joy Henry, community health nurse and AIDS educator for the Kenton County Department of Health.

of the 874 patients seen in department of health clinics for STD's, the majority were treated for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea (clap, drip) and Herpes Simplex II (Genital warts).

Overall, Chlamydia, with 305, was the most often seen of STD's in area health departments. Gonorrhea, with 105, was the second highest. Herpes Simplex II

was the least reported of STD's.

"Chlamydia has increased, especially in young girls," noted Henry. But it can effect everyone.

Gonorrhea increased from 49 to 56 cases, with seven more cases seen at local clinics from July to December. Chlamydia increased by 27 cases, and Herpes rose by 13 cases, but they are treatable.

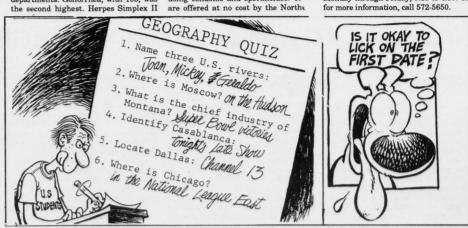
Gonorrhea if left untreated can lead to more serious infections that can cause sterility, heart problems, skin disease, arthritis, and blindness in both men and women. A mother can transmit it to her baby during the birth process.

To stem the rising tide of STD's, said Henry, people must practice safe sex by using condoms and spermicides. To are offered at no cost by the Northe Kentucky Health Departments. Free confidential clinics for STD testing, including testing for AIDS virus, is also available.

These services along with condoms, spermicides, birth control pills, diaphragms, and STD's testing clinics are available to NKU students in the University Center, room 300 of Student Health Services.

In addition, Student Health Services provide basic first aid and non prescription medications, diabetes screening, vision screening, family planning and blood pressure screening, said student health nurse Mary Rosenfeldt.

Student Health Services is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 to 4:30. Or for more information, call 572-5650.



Features

Ann Oliver adds diversity and experience to WNKU

KATHY McINTOSH STAFF WRITER

89.7 FM WNKU adds experience and diversity with their new on-air personality, Ann Oliver.

Formerly heard on WVXU, Oliver hosts the Mid-Day Mix from noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Her tenure began on Feb. 19, 1990.

According to Ann, the program will continue to focus on folk music, but add the dimension of a new style of music called "worldbeat"

"Worldbeat", said Oliver, "takes the traditional roots of music from international cultures and adds elements of non.

"It mixes traditional instruments with modern music," she added.

Taking her background in world music and applying it to WNKU is exciting to Ms. Oliver. She speaks favorably of the station's commitment to music as do friends of hers who now listen to the station.

Her friends, she explained have commented on the diversity and Appalachian flavor of the music. "They'll say ,'I heard Peter, Paul and Mary'- - or 'I heard banjo music'", she explained.

She also is impressed that WNKU is preserving the folk music of the region.





Ann Oliver new on=air personality for WNKU.

"They are very tied into the roots of music," she stated.

This kind of responsibility and integrity attracted her back to public radio after a brief commercial radio stint, she said. According to Oliver, Public Radio is not bound by advertising and money. She explained, "The goal of public radio is to do something for the public."

Other duties for Oliver at the station will be arts and health reporting for Tri-State Today which airs Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.

Employed full time by Christ Hospital as a nurse, Ann said the merger of medicine and media has been one of her long term goals. The opportunity to do this at WNKU was one of the reasons she took the position.

Plans for her reporting debut are not final yet as she is still focusing on learning all she can about the music WNKU plays.

Maryjo Fraley, public relations director of WNKU, is pleased with the addition of Ann. She stated, "I think a lot of students will find her mix of music appealing."

Operating out of Landrum Academic Center, 89.7 FM WNKU serves both Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. The addition of Ann Oliver to the staff will help the station continue to provide both contemporary and traditional folk music as well as in-depth news.

Noted writer and Appalachia expert donates research

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

Harry Caudill, one of Kentucky's most noted living authors and its foremost writer on Appalachia, is donating his collection and research to Northern Kentucky University.

The University will honor Caudill with a 7:30 p.m. program on Thursday, March 29 and formally accept his gift. The extensive collection of Kentucky history and literature includes more than 1,500 books and several thousand articles related to the history and people of the Appalachia region.

"This is one of the biggest contributions we've had-particularly considering Mr. Caudill's reputation as an author and his standing in Kentucky and the nation," said Dr. Leon Boothe, president of NKU.

Called by the Washington Post as "the closest the region (Appalachia) has come to having a spokesman with national visibility," Caudill is a retired lawyer, historian and legislator who has been gathering information about Appalachia

since his youth. His collection includes books dating back to the Civil War and was used as reference for his works.

He has published historical accounts about the region, including Theirs be the Power. The Moguls of Eastern Kentucky and Night Comes to the Cumberlands: A Biography of a Depressed Area. The latter was published in 1963 and sparked world-wide interest about the eastern Kentucky region. His other works chronicle colorful characters, dramatic events and often desperate situations that

have evolved in the Appalachian region.

The March 29 program, which will be held in the BEP center, room 200, will include remarks by Tom Gish, editor and publisher of the Mountain Eagle in Whitesburg, KY. The program will also feature the premiere of a 20-minute video chronicling Caudill's work. "Beacon of the Cumberlands: A Tribute to Harry Caudill and His Work" is based on feature photos from Caudill's personal collection. A reception will follow in the W. Frank Steely Library loggia.

Northern ROTC graduate gets real world military experience

KEITH SHERMAN STAFF WRITER

The first Northern ROTC graduate to be in combat was back on campus to talk about his experience on Thursday (March 2).

Second Lieutenant Steve Sweeney, a 1988 public administration graduate of NKU, was a platoon leader involved in the Task Force Bayonet portion of operation Just Cause during the U.S. invasion of Panama in December. A Cincinnati native, Sweeney was home on

leave when he came to talk with seniors in the ROTC program.

Sweeney, who is assigned to the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, talked about his experience in Panama and provided insight about being a platoon leader. He said that the experience gave him a lot better insight for the need of both training and rehearsal. Sweeney, who was stationed in Panama from Sept. 14 to Jan. 29, said that being familiar with the area was extremely helpful.

The mission given to Sweeney's platoon was two-fold. First, they were to block enemy forces from getting to the

Panamanian Defense Force headquarters and to take out two enemy strongholds, a Panamanian FBI building and a highway patrol building. Sweeney, awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his role, added that when his platoon was under fire, they just reacted to it because of the time they had spent training prior to the operation.

According to Sweeney the invasion of Panama was "reported fairly accurate by the press." He added, "My family thought they saw me on a news clip and that made it easier for them."

Sweeney was commissioned in May 1988 as a reserve duty infantry officer.

While attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course (OBC) at Ft. Benning, Georgia, he was selected for the Commandant's Program. Based on academic performance and with recommendations from his platoon training officer he appeared before a selection board. He was one of two chosen for active duty out of seven candidates.

After OBC, Sweeney attended both the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger schools. he said that his job is high in stress, but it also has high adventure as well as being rewarding. Sweeney said, "I'm going to keep doing it until I quit having fun."

Letters to the Editor

Worker says trips across campus necessary

Dear Editor:

re: To Todd Ihrig

I would like to respond to your letter entitled, 'Why not walk for a change."

I'm a painter in the carpenter shop and our trips across the plaza are always necessary and not for scenic pleasure. We are also very aware of the traffic rights of pedestrians and the importance of their safety.

While on the subject, let me raise a concern regarding crosswalks too. All motorists are supposed to stop. But it doesn't mean they will. Lets be cautious and remember one basic lesson taught to

us by our parents. When crossing the street, look both ways.

We need to recognize the delicate co-existence between faculty and students and the employees of the university who make it a safe and functional place to study, learn and teach.

So take notice that the plaza is neat and clean, the grounds are well kept, the snow has been cleared and the walls and doors are freshly painted.

But take special notice of that vehicle crossing the plaza to quickly repair the leaking roof which is dripping on your lab project. Finally, I am unable to see the hazard in parked vehicles on the plaza unless of course you aren't looking where you're going and you run into one. I hope the buildings on campus don't cause you as much trouble.

Well Todd, I'd like to write more but I haven't the time. I need to jump in my hideous eyesore of a vehicle, dash carelessly across the plaza so that I can sit in the science building, drink Pepsi, eat candy bars and count the unruly pedestrians that pass every 30 minutes.

Sincerely, Dave Whitley

NKU officer commended for saving lives

Dear Editor:

I would like to submit this article to bring the attention of our members the outstanding job performance of a police officer. Northern Kentucky University can be justly proud of Officer Diane M. Knapke.

On December 15, 1989, during our big snow, while on her way home from work, Officer Knapke witnessed a serious automobile accident. Being first on the scene, she administered first aid to a seriously injured victim until medical personnel arrived. When Taylor Mill Police arrived she continued assisting in

the investigation. Taylor Mill Police Chief Dennis Bulen, in his commendation, wrote: "It is this type of cooperation that helps improve the relations between departments and improves professionalism within the police service. Officer Knapke conducted herself in the utmost professional manner."

This was not the first time Officer Knapke, a 10 year veteran at NKU, had saved a life and it was not to be the last. Two days later Officer Knapke responded to a medical emergency in the Administrative Computing Department. A university staff member had gone in to

diabetic shock. Officer Knapke assessed the situation and administered first aid until paramedics arrived. In part, the commendation letter she received from the Assistant Director for Administration Computing read: "I feel your assistance... saved his life. Moreover, your professionalism put myself and other departmental employees at ease."

Faculty, staff and students feel a lot safer knowing Officer Knapke is on the job.

> Sincerely, S/Donald W. Staudinger

NKU students need night light

Dear Editor:

Something really needs to be done about the lighting on the plaza at night. There are such things as night classes and did anyone Know?, there is even bus service for night classes! I have one of my night classes in the new Science and Technology building. The bus stop is located in front of Landrum. This, of course, means crossing the plaza after dark,. Would anyone care to guess what could be lurking in the shadows? A person, an animal, an uneven place on the ground. . . I bet if a person tripped over one of those uneven places because they couldn't see in the dark and they got hurt bad enough, NKU could get in a lot of trouble. I was lucky. All I got was a sprained ankle. Please, do something about the lighting before someone else gets worse.

Sincerely, Mary N.P. Rider

Homeless need more attention

Dear Editor:

After reading your article entitled "No Mention of the Homeless in Wilkinson's budget" I realized, even more, how important it is for us to speak up on this issue.

Imagine for a moment what it must feel call home. . . Think of the lasting effect this homelessness has on this unfortunate child. Also think for a moment what it must feel like to be a mother and not have adequate food or shelter for your children. . . For most of us, thank God, we can only imagine. How very lucky most of us are. As Phil Collins' song says "Stop, think twice, it's just another day for you and me in paradise." Please, let's think of those less fortunate.

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NBA and NKU could make a good team

Dear Editor

I read, with great interest and concern, the Ray Egan letter in your February 28th issue.

I agree- - Northern should have - - and deserves an on-campus convocation center and arena.

But what's wrong with an NBA franchise calling this expanded arena home?

Let's face it, the NBA in Northern Kentucky would:

a. create jobs

b. create and generate national exposure for Northern

c. push Northern, hopefully, to upgrade their basketball to NCAA Division I

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Homophobia is a form of discrimination

CAROL ENGELMAN CONTRIBUTOR

Homophobia is the irrational fear of gay people. It is a word that screams discrimination between "straights" and "gays". It is a form of hatred like racism that often leads to violence.

Some of our society have become paranoid, ostracizing anything or anyone who is not considered a part of the norm. As a straight person, I sympathize with the plight of the gay community.

It is OK to be squeamish concerning homosexuality, but it is not OK to discriminate against homosexuals. They are human beings with real human feelings who have lost friends, families, and jobs because of being gay.

gay.

There have been some incidents on this campus between straight and gay students. A gay friend involved in GLUE (Gay Lesbian Student Union) sponsored a booth during Human Rights Week and was verbally abused by a male student. He made a few crude remarks and spit in her face.

Is this human rational behavior? No. It occurs because non gays fear what is not known. Some experts believe that people are born homosexuals. It is important to educate ourselves by reading the information available.

Because of public attitudes toward homosexuals, "coming out" is the most important personal and political statement a person can make. This choice to "come out" has brought shameless discrimination concerning social security, medical benefits, child custody, insurance, and inheritance issues. There are only two states, Wisconsin and Massachusetts, that have passed laws banning discrimination against gays.

Many non gays feel they deserve these rights. A Gallup poll taken in 1989 revealed 47 percent of all adults believe that homosexual relations between consenting adults should be legal. This poll is up from 33 percent in 1987. Seventy one percent of the respondents said gays should have equal job opportunities compared with 59 percent reported in 1988.

I am concerned about the AIDS epidemic, but so is the gay community. They watch everyday a loved one die from this tragic disease. To date, statistics have reported

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Make it up as you go

Black cloud - Writer's block.

You know how Charles Schultz always draws that little scribble over Charlie Brown's head? Sometimes journalists worry that people will see one just like that over their heads.

It's a symptom that hits every journalist in their life, especially when a deadline is fast approaching. What do you do in this situation? Exactly what we're doing now, make it up as we go!

What causes this awful disease? What creates those cramped headaches, those chills of despair, those shaky fingers that are itching to type but have forgotten the English language. Who knows. We could wager a guess. Anxiety, nervousness, stupidity? The cause and the cure is unknown. Take an aspirin, at least it will get rid of the headache.

Writer's block -- a journalist's worse nightmare, next to Geroldo Rivera, can create a lazy reporter who is more susceptible to making mistakes. For example, leaving out important facts in a story or only finding out one side of the story. Both of these are grave errors which can be caused by writer's block

When the block sets in all the writer can do is think about not being able to write -- Incoherent, meaningless thoughts race through the brain: "Need to get this done; What do we write; La, la, la, ha, ha, a." (The la, la's are Tom's thoughts). The writer finds him/herself in a never ending, vicious circle not enjoying the ride. So in order to finish, the reporter may look toward the easy way out -- the sloppy finish. "Well, I don't know what to write. I need to get this finish. So, I won't call Mr. SoAndSo to see if what Ms. What'sHerName said is true, and I'll just write what I have."

WRONG! Never report just one side of a story. Sure, in some cases you might not be able to reach the other source or the source says "No comment", then that's what you print. Always cover your backside. (CYA as they say.) Around here, that's imperative. You never know when another student publication will slam you. Never assume anything, because it always makes an ass out of you and me. (Get it?)

Sufferers of writer's block know it's a terrible diseases to have. It could go on for days, weeks, even months. Thank goodness ours didn't last too long, or we could have never finished this wonderful piece of journalistic work.



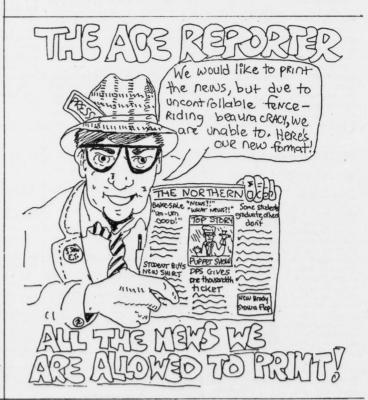
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Spring break was a success

GLEN GILMORE STAFF WRITER

After departing at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday March 3, the North Goes South vacation finally became a reality. The Croswell Bus reached Daytona Beach on Sunday at 12:20 p.m. Hours of hard work had finally paid off.

Nathen Smith, Tony Kuhnheim, and Jeff Schaeper started organizing the trip in November. All had no prior experience in organizing a large group vacation. Miller Brands of Northern Kentucky cosponsored the event with the Pike fraternity. The group (44 people) consisted of about 40 percent Pi Kappa Alpha members and other fine students. Lodging for them was at La Playa Hotel.

Daily activities included an array of fun. Beach volley ball games generally began the warm days' festivities. The weather was compatible for sun bathing for, most of the week, hot tubbing in groups of 20 or more generated lots of laughter. Fine dining, socializing, and carousing at night clubs topped off the days' events. many found new friends from Ball state, Purdue, and great Britain.

Every student expressed that the tour was very fun. fortunately, there are no injuries or mishaps (except sun burns) to report. Next year's adventure promises to be a better one for all of us because of a foreknowledge in group tours. Be sure to stay tuned for future details concerning Pike Break II!

Springfest will entertain you

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

Springfest 1990 is Saturday, March 31, from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Springfest is being held at the College of Mount St. Joseph in the Health Care System's Parking lot at the intersection of Neeb and Delhi. Springfest is open to the public. There will be refreshments, games of chance, and games for all ages. This year there will be live bands. The bands are as followed:

1:00-3:00 L&M Big Bands & Little Band They have played with Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra and Cincinnati Symphony.

3:00-7:00 Body English 7:30-9:30 The Groove

Played at Theo's, H &H Club. 10:00-1:00 a.m. Our featured band-One

They are from Lima, Ohio. They have played with Richard Marx, Henry Lee Summer and Cheap Trick. Please stop by and enjoy. Springfest will be fun for everyone. Free admission. If you have any questions, please contact Shellie Neff at 244-4250.



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The Smithereens put on a good show for fans

MARTY SOSNOWSKI STAFF WRITER;

The Smithereens are simple but effective. Effective in that they are able to combine a funking grinding beat with a little power to come up with a sound that is selling out shows.

The popularity of their new album seems to have attracted a new group of fans to the shows, but there were plenty of hard core Smithereens' fans present at Bogarts last Wednesday night.

All in all I thought the Smithereens were OK, nothing to write home about. But when you take a band like the Smithereens and book them with the spiting, sweating, stomping tornado rockers The Toll then you have a concert worth screaming about.

With all the factors combined this concert was one of the best alternative rock shows of the year to hit Bogarts.



Mike Masaros, bass player for the Smithereens. Photo by Marty Sosnowski.

AMA and NAA host annual riverboat cruise March 30

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

On March 30, NKU students and friends will have an opportunity to party on the river as AMA and NAA host the annual NKU BB Riverboat Cruise. This year's cruise is expected to draw the biggest crowd ever; thus, the FUNLINER was reserved.

"The FUNLINER is a bigger boat than the one we used last year" says Fred Caldwell, AMA President," it will hold about 550 people which means students can bring more friends and have more fur." Music will be featured by a student-owned D.J. company called "Music By Request" and food and drink (including a cash bar) will also be available.

The FUNLINER "sets sail" at 11:00 p.m. but students should be ready to board bu 10:30. The boat returns to dock at 2 a.m. Tickets costing \$8 each are required and can be purchased in advance through student activities or calling Fred Caldwell at 341-8589. Any remaining tickets can be purchased on the night of the cruise at the door but students shouldn't wait too long to buy then or they might "miss the boat"!



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You must choose, but choose wisely. Remember, in this sort of race there's no points for second place.

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Just fill out this form completely and drop it off at UC 209 by Friday, March 23. Winners will be announced April 4.

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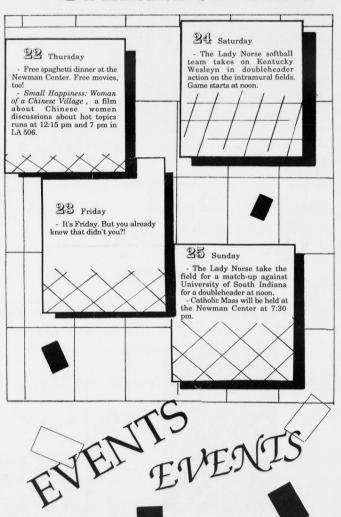
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Sports

Norse win on clutch homer

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

The Northern Kentucky baseball team won their ninth consecutive game last Thursday (March 15), beating Xavier, 5-4 at Highland Heights.

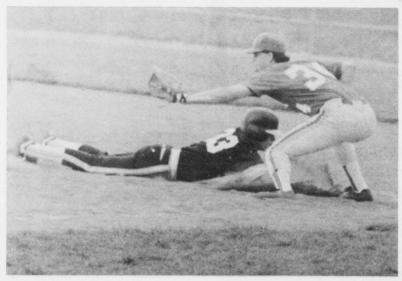
Mike Cook's three-run homer in the seventh inning proved to be the difference as the Norsemen, rated ninth in NCAA Division II, upped their 1990 record to 9-0. Dale Losey picked up the win for Northern.



MIke Cook's three-run homer defeated Xavier. Photo by Marty Sosnowski.



42 Head Coach Bill Aker, 14 Catcher Ralph King and 38 Pitcher Dan Gill discuss the next play. Photo by Marty Sosnowski.



Brannon Hicks slides safely into the bag. Photo by Marty Sosnowski.

Z00 U. by Mark Weitzman



"That's gross, Bob. That's really gross.

Simmons reaches milestone

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

La Salle's Lionel Simmons, by becoming only the fifth NCAA player to pass the 3,000-point milestone, has eclipsed a legendary list of college basketball's top career scorers. Simmons passed such former greats as Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson (2,973), Kansas' Danny Manning (2,951), Houston's Elvin Haves (2,884), Indiana State's Larry Bird (2,850), Furman's Frank Selvy (2,538) and Princeton's Bill Bradley (2,503).

Through games of February 24, Simmons had 3,042 points with one regular-season game plus the Metro Atlantic Conference tournament and possible NCAA tournament games remaining on the horizon. Simmons passed the 3,000-point mark February 22 vs. Manhattan, then passed Bradley's Hersey Hawkins (3,008 points) for fourth place on the list with his last basket of the first half, a three-pointer with 1:51 remaining.

He is setting his sights on third place career scorer Harry Kelly of Texas Southern (3,066) and could catch second-place Freeman Williams of Portland State (3,249). Only all-time NCAA leader Pete Maravich of Louisiana State (3,667), who produced his total in only three years of competition, seems out of reach.

Travis Grant of Kentucky State (previously an NAIA school) set the all-time collegiate record from 1969 to 1972 with 4,045 points.

The 6-6 Simmons, nicknamed "L-Train," scored his 3,000th point, not an easy feat in itself, in a 100-60 victory over Manhattan. But add to that 1,349 career rebounds, and Simmons has carved a unique place for himself. None of those players mentioned ever scored 3,000 points and grabbed 1,300 rebounds.

Simmons was close to the mark before the Manhattan game, but he ended the suspense with 12:44 remaining in the first half against the Jaspers when he canned a free throw. La Salle profited from Simmons' success by winning its 17th consecutive game and pushing its record to 25-1, including a perfect 15-0 record in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

"I really wanted to get it on a three-point shot, not on the line," said Simmons. "The fans were chanting, and I let it go and let the celebration begin.'

Simmons, a prep standout at South Philadelphia High, played in the Philadelphia public school league against Loyola's (California) high-scoring duo of Hank Gathers and Bo Kimble both alumni of Philadelphia's Dobbins Tech. La Salle, with Simmons and No. 17 scorer Michael Brooks (2,628), and Houston, with Hayes and No. 11 Otis Birdsong (2,832), are the only schools with two players among the top 25 career scorers.

Simmons' assault seems to add to the lore of Maravich, who died unexpectedly in 1989. Simmons has been the epitome of consistency in his four years but has had only one 40-point performance. The 6-5 Maravich, who averaged 44.2 points per game in his three years, had 58 games in which he scored 40 or more points.

Portland State's Williams is second with 27 40-plus outings, followed by Robertson's 23, Hayes' 18 and Birds' 15.

Viewpoint:

Reader shares opinion on black history

CONTRIBUTOR

There's a strong desire to eliminate discrimination in today's society; as a result, there is an overall appeal to eliminate such labels as white, black. Month, then I'll be in favor of that too. Hispanic, etc. Although February is now Black History Month.

I, for one, don't have a problem with of it. And, I don't believe that the attention to Black History Month that the two given to Black History Month, media or events seem to merge, as if it's actually otherwise, is hype at all. I believe that two months of Black history. But the some attention needs to be focused on events are separate. Martin Luther King Black history.

instead? Black History Month honors Day. Blacks as a race. As a race, Blacks have

If it makes some people feel better, why had a very different history than that of can't they imagine White, Hispanic, years. Because Black History is distinct, it Month. deserves special attention.

movement that has had such dramatic whole race) special and honorable.

impacts as the Black civil rights movement in the United States. I do not deny that Hispanics deserve equal attention, and if one day in the future there arises the call for Hispanic History

Perhaps the irritation over Black over, perhaps this is the reason why I History Month is that Martin Luther King notice such a fuss among some over Day is in mid-January. As a result, some people may feel that the media attention given to Martin Luther King so closely Black History Month; in fact, I'm in favor coincides with the media attention given is honored in part because he was a great To some, there's little understanding man, but more so for his involvement in for the distinction of "black" history the civil Rights Movement. Someday, the month; why not call it "ethnic" month holiday may simply be called Civil Rights

any other race in our country. This race Oriental, Jewish, Christian in front of has been removed from their native each month? After all, most of December lands, has had to overcome the burden of is dedicated to honoring Christmas--a slavery, live in a segregated environment, Christian holiday. And Christmas and had to fight for their natural certainly receives more hype (for rights--all within the past two hundred whatever the reason) than Black History

I believe that we need Black History So why isn't there an "Hispanic" Month. It wasn't created to discriminate: History Month as well? There are great it was created to honor an historically Hispanic men and women, but as a race, different race and culture. I don't see they have not suffered the same struggle anything wrong with calling to attention as Blacks have. Nor have they had a those qualities which make one (or a

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Blues Band

FEAR from page 5

50,500 deaths and approximately 82,500 living but infected with the HIV virus. I have heard many people on this campus say this is "God's way of punishing the gay people." Does this mean that Sickle Cell Anemia is God's way of punishing the Blacks? Is Infant Death Syndrome God's way of punishing infants? Is Altzheimers Disease God's way of punishing the elderly? What we must remember is that AIDS is not exclusive to the gay community. It pervades all levels of society.

My intentions are not to accuse anyone of racism who considers the homosexual act a sin, but to make us aware of another of the many prejudices that still exist in our country. Shouldn't we stop placing blame and free this country of bigotry and discrimination? Isn't that what some of our great leaders like Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King advocated? Maybe this is too much to ask.

HOMELESS from page 5

Representative Bill Donnermeyer, of Bellevue, has sponsored a bill called the KENTUCKY HOMELESS PERSONS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1990, HB-243 and SB-196. This bill <u>cries</u> for our support. Please write your representatives NOW. Time is of the utmost importance. The Kentucky Legislature meets only every two years.

We ARE our brothers' keeper.

Remember, No one is homeless by choice.

Sincerely, Carol Wagner

ARENA from page 5

The arena issue has been so blown out-of-proportion it's unreal.

But the bottom line is: every state university in the Commonwealth has an on-campus facility- - why not Northern?

And, should the NBA become the reality we think it will, what harm would it be if Northern's arena served as it's home?

Sincerely, Andy Furman NBA/Cincinnati Dollar Bill's Saloon

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DAVID: She said, "Excuse me, did you say crack down or crack up?"

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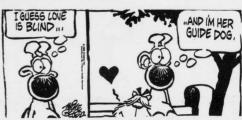
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