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Convenient education: focus of task force

This is the first in a series of articles exploring the changes that are being recommended by the Strategic Task Forces to implement Northern Kentucky University's Five Year Strategic Agenda.

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University is taking a "Macro View, of where we are, to where we want to be," according to President James Votruba.

"There are times in the life of all industries where they go through major transformations," Votruba said.

Higher education is currently going through significant changes nationwide, he said, much like the banking industry did 30 years ago with the introduction of the ATM.

Whereas at one time, a customer had to physically enter the bank building to conduct transactions, it is now possible to bank from most street corners anywhere.

Education is being forced to reexamine many factors concerning where the future of education lies and adapt to people's expectations, just as banks once did.

Votruba listed five different forces which are driving these changes.

1. Convenience and accessibility. "Students want education that is available any time, at any place, on anything," he said. This is forcing universities to think in different terms than the traditional semester context. The demand for accessibility as well as convenience to the students is more of a concern than ever, he said.

2. Technology. The need for faster, better, cheaper technology is a concern of all universities in order to affect other major changes, such as increased accessibility.

3. Increased competition. "There are more players now," Votruba said. Tech schools have increased to the point that they are serious competition for traditional universities, as well as companies such as Sylvan Learning Centers.

He also spoke of the University of Phoenix, the first of its kind. The school, which has no campus, has 85,000 students enrolled in classes over the Internet.

4. Internationalization. "The market is reaching a global trend," Votruba said. Several universities have entered into partnerships and are pushing their programs over the Internet.

5. Business. There is a new array of partnerships to leverage capacity, Votruba said. An example of this is the presence of Delta Air Lines and Fidelity Investments on NKU's cam-

pus. They provide work opportunities for students and encourage the companies to invest in our curriculum, he said.

"We see all of these forces as an opportunity to accelerate our development," Votruba said.

In order to respond to these new forces in higher education, six task forces were developed to research different options and recommend how the university can grow as it enters the 21st century.

"I think we're moving along very well," Votruba said. "We have some very specific outcomes in mind."

The focus of one of these task forces, the Student Recruitment and Retention Task Force, is concerned with ways to get and keep students at NKU.

NKU's Five Year Strategic Agenda states that enrollment will "grow to 14,000 by the year 2002 through more aggressive recruitment and retention strategies."

Dr. Mark Shanley, vice president of Student Affairs and chair of the task force, said they are taking a "market-oriented" approach to retention.

"Right now, as we speak, we are looking to identify some strategic market segments for us to base our recruitment efforts," Shanley said.

"These market segments that I'm talking about are in no way finalized; this is a work in progress," Shanley said.

One of these segments they have identified is Adult Learners. An adult learner is, in terms of the university, a person over 23 years old and in the work force who may or may not have a college degree but needs one to further advance in their field.

According to Shanley, demographic and other data suggests that there is a large number of these people in the greater Cincinnati area.

According to Shanley, the curriculum must be studied and some fundamental questions answered.

"Are we offering the kind of degrees, and are we offering those degrees at the time and points of interest these people have," he said.

He said that NKU may offer a sort of accelerated degree program such as Thomas More and Xavier have, where a student can obtain a degree in around two years by taking classes year-round at a high credit hour rate.

"They're motivated; they just want to get through," he said.

This is where the interaction of the different task forces takes place, Shanley said. While

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In memoriam



Margie Wise/The Northerner
Chris Boggs and Mike Vieth, an NKU basketball player, share an emotional moment at the memorial for Charlie Schulenberg held in Graves Concert Hall last Tuesday. For more on the memorial, see the story on Page 2.

NKU under construction

By Justin Braxton-Brown
Staff Reporter

From deans to vice provost, Northern Kentucky University's academic management is still under construction.

Two finalists for the vice provost position have been selected by a search committee of seven at NKU. The finalists for the position are Dr. Paul Reichardt and Dr. Jerry Warner.

The two will participate in all-day interviews on Wednesday, April 14 and Friday, April 16, respectively. The interviews will include an hour and 45-minute open session in which students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come and ask questions of the two finalists. Evaluation sheets for both will be available to the public at the beginning of each session.

Reichardt currently serves as the interim vice provost. He might also be called a "utility player." In his last seven years at NKU, he has spent four of them in one interim position or another.

He served as interim dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (1992-1994), interim associate provost (1997-1998) and interim vice provost since the creation of the job in 1998. Reichardt obtained his Ph.D. from Rice University and his permanent position is as a professor of English and comparative literature.

Warner is currently on sabbatical from his position as a professor of biological sciences. Previously he has served as chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, director of University 101 and associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Warner received his Ph.D. from Texas Tech University.

Reichardt said the position of vice provost was originally called assistant provost. The change in title came with a change in duties last year when a committee he chaired redesigned the assistant provost position. According to Reichardt, the committee spread out the work load assigned to the assistant provost to create a more focused position now known as vice provost.

Both informational sessions will be held in room 506 of the Lucas Administrative Center.

Reichardt's open session begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14. Warner's open session begins at 1 p.m. Friday, April 16.

For more information on the vice provost finalists or the open informational session, contact the Office of the Provost at 572-5360.

Not just rabbit food



Erin VandeBelt/The Northerner
Easter goodies were among the many things on sale in the University Center lobby last week.

NKU says Y.E.S. to new playwrights

Festival acts as testing ground for local artists

By Justin Braxton-Brown
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University is preparing for a festival that will bring new plays to the stage.

The Year End Series, also known as the Y.E.S. Festival, is put on by NKU's theatre department every other year.

The festival premieres four unpublished plays in a festival setting. Plays are submitted by playwrights to the festival and

the department makes the Y.E.S. selections from all of the entries.

Because these plays have never been performed, the festival provides an opportunity for playwrights, directors, technicians and actors to test the plays out in a live setting.

Theatre professor Mary Jo Beresford is directing the YES festival play *The Return to Morality*.

According to Beresford, it takes the entire theatre department to organize and produce the YES festival.

"Every play needs a cast and crew," she said.

According to Beresford, the festival brings national attention to the school. NKU was one of the first organizations to do this type of festival at a collegiate level.

On certain nights after the production of a play the audience is invited to stay and ask questions or give opinions to the cast and crew.

This question-and-answer session allows both cast and crew to determine how they did and what could be done better in future performances.

Beresford said the play is done biennially because of the time and work that goes into each festival. This coming festival is the ninth that NKU has done.

According to Beresford, even

though the festival happens every other year, it takes a full year to prepare for the new festival.

Y.E.S. Festival Chair Sandra Forman said, "It gives a tremendous amount of opportunity to the students."

According to Forman, this year's selections were made from a pool of 233 plays sent in from across the United States, Spain and India.

Each play is being done for the first time, so actors must create each role for the first time.

Senior theater major Branan Whitehead said, "The Y.E.S. Festival gives the students a rare opportunity of participating in the premiere of a new play and originating a new role."

The YES festival begins April 15 and runs through April 25.

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Mix of laughter and tears as students remember Carlie Schulenberg

By Cindi Brown
Staff Reporter

Friends and family gathered in Greaves Hall Tuesday to celebrate the life of Carlie Schulenberg, a 1997 graduate of Northern Kentucky University.

Schulenberg was found murdered in her Orlando Fla. apartment this past New Year's Eve. Randy Montgomery, a 21-year-old maintenance worker at the apartment complex where she lived, was charged with the murder. According to a recent article in *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Montgomery's trial is scheduled for May 24.

Schulenberg was a theater major with an emphasis in dance while she was a student at NKU. In addition to her contributions to the theater department as both an actress and a stage manager, she also worked in the Athletic Department.

During the memorial service, Joseph Conger, chair of the theater department, announced that one of the theater scholarships offered each year will be renamed The Schulenberg Scholarship in her honor.

Conger also announced that this year's Ninth Biennial Y.E.S. Festival will be dedicated to Schulenberg's memory as she was active in the festival during her years at NKU. The festival opens April 15.

"We will all remember Carlie for a long time," Conger said. "I want the future to remember her as well."

Conger also spoke of the Schulenberg Memorial Fund, established by Carlie's mother. He said that although the department has not decided exactly how the money will be used, it will be used in Carlie's memory to help theater students reach their goals.

The NKU Dance Troupe danced to "Lakme," performing in memory of Schulenberg. The



Margie Wise/The Northerner
Members of the NKU theater department gathered together with others to remember Carlie Schulenberg at the memorial on Tuesday.

NKU Musical Theatre Tour Troupe also paid tribute to her with the song "Morning Glow."

There was a mixture of laughter and tears as those closest to Carlie shared how she touched their lives forever.

NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier described her as being "very goal-oriented."

"She knew exactly where she wanted to go and what she wanted to do," Meier said.

Gerry Born worked with Schulenberg in the theater department.

"All that she did was full of vibrancy," Born said. "She could take the most mundane rehearsal and make it something to remember for a lifetime." Born said that when he thinks of Carlie, he wants to live more like she did.

Kathy Corbeon, who worked with Carlie in Campus Recreation, described her as "a loyal friend, a dedicated co-worker and an amazing human being."

"She loved a lot of people," Corbeon said. "She had the gift of making you feel like the coolest person in the world."

Kristin Clark, another friend of Schulenberg's, also worked with her in Campus Recreation.

"She was the cheeriest person," Clark said. "When I see her again, I will thank her for allow-

ing me to be her friend."

Nancy Winstel, coach of the NKU women's basketball team, said, "When I think of Carlie, I smile. We will never forget her."

Spring Pillow, another friend of Carlie's, described her as "a true and honest friend."

"She had a fabulously wonderful and contagious sense of humor," Pillow said. "I remember her big brown, soulful eyes. You could just look into them and know you were going to be just fine."

Chris Boggs, a senior theater major, worked with Schulenberg in both the theater and athletic departments.

"There are so many wonderful memories," Boggs said.

"When I see Carlie, I see her beautiful smile, as perfect and brilliant as the stars."

Conger said that the memorial service was very touching.

"I think it gave a sense of closure for many of our students," Conger said.

Jeanne Papania, another of Schulenberg's friends, said,

"I knew Carlie was destined for the stage and I believe she is performing right now."

Search for new library director narrowed down to three finalists

By Ed Letsinger
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University has narrowed its search for a new director of the W. Frank Stealy Library down to three candidates and has invited each finalist to the NKU campus for interviews.

The committee started the formal interview process on March 29 and met with Dr. Mark Y. Herring, dean of library services at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. The interview, conducted over a two-day period, started with a tour of the campus and included 10 meetings with representatives from various NKU departments.

Herring has served as dean of library services at OBU for the past seven years. He has been involved in the library services profession for the past 20 years and has always been involved in education. Herring said one reason he was interested in the position at NKU was that he was ready to move on to a larger institution and to take on more responsibility. "I haven't solved all the problems in my current position, but I'm ready for a new challenge," Herring said.

He said he viewed NKU as a "fairly new and young" institution, not one entrenched in set ways. A native of Tennessee, he also said he liked the Northern Kentucky area, and that it reminded him of his former home. "I miss the terrain and change of seasons," Herring said.

In an open meeting last Tuesday with the university community, he said he was deeply concerned about the digital age and the problems with losing titles and information. "No one is archiving the information," he said.

He spoke on the issue of technology and how important it will be to libraries in the future. "Books will always be a part of the library," said Herring, "but libraries will have to be able to blend the traditional methods with digital methods," he said. He also cited library funding as a potential problem area.

Steve Moon, a junior history major, attended the open meeting for students. "I just wanted to see how Dr. Herring was going to address issues," said Moon. "I wanted to get a feel for where the library was headed and

what his vision for the future was," he said.

The search committee, chaired by Michael C. C. Adams, Regents professor of history at NKU, is composed of 15 representatives, almost exclusively from various NKU departments. "I feel there is a good distribution of people on the staff," Adams said.

According to Adams, the search began back in October. He said the committee reviewed between 25 and 30 resumes before December 1 and then narrowed the list down to approximately 10 people. "Initially, we were just making sure that the basic requirements were met," Adams said.

After another review process, the list was narrowed down to five and that point, the committee started reviewing references and conducting

phone interviews.

"The interviews were conducted by conference call with the whole group involved," said Adams. The list was eventually whittled to three after the committee evaluated the responses to the questions posed on the phone interviews.

Perry Bratcher, automation librarian and committee member, said, "I've been pleased with the progress, and there is good representation from inside and outside the library."

Bratcher said he was looking for a strong leader, someone who would work well with people inside and outside the library. "The person has to be a good manager and has to be able to have a good sense of how to articulate the library's role on campus," he said. Two more interviews are scheduled

for the remaining candidates. Dr. W. Bode Mitchell, associate university librarian at Appalachian State University, visits the campus on Tuesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 7. Ms. Susan L. Richards, director of library services at Savage Library at Western State College of Colorado, will be at NKU on Thursday, April 8, and Friday, April 9.

According to Adams, the search committee would like to get its final recommendations to Provost Gaston by the third week of April. Adams said that the final decision will be made between Provost Gaston and President Votruba, but that he expects the committee to be consulted on the final choice. "We hope to have an announcement by the end of the semester," said Adams.

Task Force Recommendations

Create Call-in center to respond to students' concerns about enrollment.

Development of disciplinary Honors Courses to create Honors curriculum Network

Creation of Academic Advising Council

Call non-returning students in good academic standing to encourage registration for spring semester.

TASK FORCES: Recruitment

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the Retention Task Force makes a recommendation, it's up to the Curriculum Task Force to make sure that the university can offer a program like this.

Shanley also said that there is a large number of transfer students that come to NKU after spending a semester or two at an out-of-town university and are not happy.

The task force is still discussing how the university can make this transition

easier. Shanley said they will have recommendations in the future.

They are also proposing a database that the university can use to store high school students' names and addresses so that they can more aggressively recruit students.

This would effectively streamline and centralize recruitment to allow for more personalized interaction between recruiters and prospective students.

The six Strategic Task Forces:

- Student Recruitment and Retention
- Faculty Task Force
- Outreach Task Force
- Curriculum Task Force
- Campus Environment and Facilities
- Staff Satisfaction Task Force

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'Carlie is with us, I can feel her in so many ways'

For Carlie from Chris
Christopher Lee Boggs

March 26, 1999

I am writing this letter to the editor because I feel that it is important that you all know what Carlie meant to this world and to me. This is what I said at her Memorial on Tuesday, March 30, 1999.

I knew Carlie for five years. She was the first of many wonderful people I met when moving to Northern Kentucky University. We shared experiences together in two unique and extremely different areas, theatre and athletics. At times, we were able to get friends on the two sides to experience one another. Carlie may prove to be one who has taught me the most since my move to NKU.

Many of you acquainted with me know that I am the eternal optimist. I try to find the bright side of every situation. This situation, however has been difficult for me. So I've found that one thing helps me get through to the bright side and I'd like to share that with you.

Please close your eyes and clear your mind for a few seconds.

I want you to picture yourself walking into the Athletic Department, or the Theatre Department... and now I want you to see Carlie there.

Please picture this for a moment.

When I see Carlie, the first thing I see is her beautiful smile, a smile, as perfect and brilliant as the stars. I can't help but to smile when I see that in my memory.

Do you remember that smile? Her brilliant eyes. I remember how wonderfully she always dressed... Carlie was so beautiful and she always had this wonderful energy that you felt when you were around her.

I see this picture when I need to smile.

Then I see her whiz by me as she

runs off to complete one of her many tasks!

This is one of the things that makes me smile when I think of Carlie.

I'd like to share with you what I've learned from her that will stay with me forever:

Lesson #1: Say it now.

I often think back when Carlie and I would go on road trips whenever our basketball team was playing. I remember how much fun we had. We would talk about the nitty-gritty in the Theatre Department or our futures. Sometimes, we would share our dreams. I usually dominated the dream part of the conversation with my pretend Tony award acceptance speeches.

In five years Carlie, became a great friend, peer and role model for me. She worked hard for what she wanted and I admired her for that.

I don't think I ever told her that. That is tough for me to bear. I feel sad that I didn't tell her how awesome I thought she was and how much she meant to me. I regret that I didn't tell her. So please tell those important to you in your life what they mean to you and do it now.

Lesson #2: Just do it. Tomorrow is too late.

I'm sorry my originality is lacking, but the statement couldn't fit any better. Carlie just did it. One story I have is of a show we were in together. The show was *Pajama Game*.

Many Jo, I'm sorry to remind you that I was in this show; Carlie had a solo singing part in the opening song. For those of you who knew Carlie, you know that she had a bazillion talents... singing wasn't one of them. We were up stage right and every night she dreaded this solo, but each night she would sing it out. Some nights, she would turn to me immediately after with a few choice words and other nights, she would turn with some kooky look on her face like,

oh well! But as we went on, she gained more confidence.

I would tell her it sounded great! And a few times it actually did. I had faith in her.

Eventually she belted out those lines with no second thoughts and it did sound great.

That was Carlie.

With the help of some wonderful people in her life, she did it. She grabbed those dreams by the tail and she did it. She had a full life. She touched so many people with her years. The children she loved, the friends she motivated and the energy she possessed, that was living! I hope I reach one or two of my goals in life; Carlie reached them all. Carlie took advantage of the opportunities in her life and she did it. I remember seeing her working at 5/3 in Bellevue and she would update me each time.

"OK!" she'd say. "I think I'm leaving for Florida in two weeks!" Then she would tell me all of the opportunities there for her. She was where she wanted to be and she was doing exactly what she loved to do.

I hope I can be more like her. I say to you, learn from her and Just do it!

Lesson #3: She is not far away.

Carlie is with us. I can feel her in so many ways. Believe that she is flowing through our lives. In the simplest form, she is still with us because of the way she has affected all of us present and so many more who could not be here. And on the spiritual level, I know she is here helping me get through this moment.

To illustrate my point, I use a quote inspired by an Eskimo legend. He reads, "Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

I thank God for giving Carlie into my life.

I must admit that it is difficult for me knowing I will not see her again in this lifetime, but there are so many wonderful memories.

Comie, you are such a wonderful mother. One of my memories is all of the times Carlie and I would tease you and say we were eloping together. You would give that, "Not with my daughter, Mister," and I would give that evil laugh that I have.

Don't worry, we never did. I couldn't be that lucky.

I saw so much of you in Carlie, from your smile to your sarcasm. You are a Mom among Moms. I loved your daughter and she was a wonderful friend to me. I think

you for that.

I also thank you for being so strong through this. Seeing you and hugging you gives me fuel each time to work through my feelings. God bless you.

To those close to her I say, cherish those memories and see the wonderful things she brought into your life.

I hope I have done justice to my friend and colleague Carlie Schlenberg. This is a time for good memories of a wonderful person. I would like to close with a piece entitled "Miss Me-But Let Me Go..."

When I come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.

Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little - but not too long. And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared.

Miss me - But let me go.
For this journey we must all take. And each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's plan. A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart.

Go to the friends we know.

Bury your sorrows in good deeds, Miss me - But let me go.

North Poll

What suggestions do you have for the new director of Steely Library?

Tequana Squire

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"Upgrade the computers and put printers in the library for when people need to type papers."



Kerri Dawson

Psychology
Aurora, IN

"More hands-on assistance from the library employees."

Dave Hyden

Theatre
Independence

"A better coffee shop, somewhere inside where I can sit comfortably with a cup of coffee and read my books."



Erica Geiger

Speech Communications
Cold Spring

"More computers for internet use."

Shauna Hunt

Psychology
Cold Spring

"More library assistance. I feel lost and if more people would come up to me and ask me if I needed help, I'd feel more comfortable."



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"We need more research materials and the library should offer classes on how to use electronic information."

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Former NKU student switches roles

Jimmy Ferguson
Staff Reporter

Former Northern Kentucky University student and current full-time English professor Darlene McElfresh is loved and respected by her students and her colleagues.

After graduating in 1992 from NKU, McElfresh went to Xavier University to receive her masters degree in English. She then returned to NKU to let Dr. Robert Collier, who is currently the chair for the Literature and Language department, read her thesis on Shakespeare.

Collier read her thesis and was

impressed. He did not want McElfresh to get away, so he encouraged her to come and teach at NKU.

McElfresh had plans to work as an editor for a textbooks company after she graduated. "Teaching at Northern wasn't in the plan," McElfresh said, "but after the first day, I fell in love with it."

Collier is glad he made the invitation. "Darlene is outstanding," Collier said. "She has a good response from students, works well in the classroom, and has very high standards for her students."

The reason she says she expects

so much from her students is simple. "Why not? If I don't expect a lot from the students, then who will? Somebody has to set the standard."

Dr. Danny Miller, who has been teaching at NKU for 18 years, has known McElfresh since she was a student at NKU. "Her students seem to truly love her. They are always bringing her gifts and come to talk to her on a personal basis. She seems to be highly regarded as a professor, but doesn't play favorites. Anyone can come and talk to her."

Dr. Michelle Peers, who also teaches English classes at NKU,

has taught with McElfresh for the past four years. "Darlene is a very dynamic person who comes across as being real. She gets a fine reaction from students while also being aware and involved on many levels."

Many levels is right. Not only is McElfresh a full-time professor and a full-time wife, she has also taken on another position. She is president of the Non-Tenure Track Faculty association. The NTTF association was put together by Robert Collier, Danny Miller and McElfresh to better the working conditions of the entire part-time faculty. McElfresh is in charge of communicating the wants and needs of the part-time staff to the administration.

Although McElfresh is considered a full-time professor this year, she actually is only signed into a one-year, non-renewable contract with the university.

This means that next year, she could be back to part-time status receiving less pay for doing almost the same work.

"I hope to become a permanent full-time professor someday, but positions have to be created for me to become full-time," McElfresh says.

A couple of students think she should be a full-time professor because of how much they have simply enjoyed taking her classes. Luke Borntrager, a senior physics major, has taken three classes McElfresh has taught. "She brings the classes she teaches to a personal level," Borntrager said. "She was always willing to help outside of class and was willing to give her home phone number to students to use."

"I hope I've created some spice in the lives of my students when it comes to literature," McElfresh said.

Spice is exactly what she has added to her classes. Roy Carl, a student who has also taken three of McElfresh's classes, says, "Darlene has such a fervor and passion for the classes she teaches," Carl said. "It seems like she will do anything to ignite her students interest in the subject. She is a very knowledgeable and competent instructor. She makes it interesting by putting her personality into it and is one of my favorite teachers."

When McElfresh is not teaching, she likes to unwind by work-



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

English professor Darlene McElfresh said, "Teaching at Northern wasn't in the plan, but after the first day, I fell in love with it."

ing out, riding her motorcycle with her husband or making ceramics. McElfresh does not have any children of her own and says she would not be happy if she was not teaching.

"Teaching is a part of who I am and I didn't even realize I loved it so much until I started teaching. My students are my kids. Every time a new group comes in, I get attached to them. I'm sad to see them go," McElfresh does not have to worry because it looks as though once a student has taken one of her classes, they come back again for another.

What is in the future for such a well-loved and talented professor? Peers said, "Darlene will be

right here doing what she loves." Collier said, "Darlene has the ability to do whatever she wants. Her own motivation will decide where she will end up."

Miller thinks McElfresh "will be in a university setting somewhere because she is so admired and respected by her students."

When asked how she would like to be remembered, she did not want anything extravagant. "When I am gone, I want to be remembered as the 'prof' who turned students on to literature. I hope to have helped to create a whole group of NKU students that know how to write such that businesses will hire them because they know how to write."

Putting in work...



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Crystal Steele, Steve Adams, Hlevani Baloyi, Angela Duncan and Enoch F. Morgan, III discuss upcoming events such as leadership conferences, the Mumia march in Philadelphia and a food drive at the last B.U.S. executive board meeting.

Black United Students, or B.U.S., is under new leadership this year. Dr. Michael Washington is the faculty advisor and student Steve Adams is the president.

"I believe the mission of the B.U.S. is to promote unity among students and organizations," Adams said. "I want to see us strive for a more diverse campus by cultivating cultural development and social enhancement, utilizing skills, talents and strengthening leadership abilities of minority students."

The energy and support of BUS is not merely among students, but among faculty and staff as well.

"BUS must demonstrate leadership for black students and attack problems conservatively rather than emotionally," said Dr. Rose Morgan, former advisor of B.U.S. Morgan urged the executive board of B.U.S. to display internal control so as to make good choices to empower black students.

B.U.S. is in the process of rebuilding its reputation among NKU faculty, staff and students. The advisor to B.U.S. has been extremely supportive of the organization and hopes to challenge the student body to support B.U.S. as well.

"I would like to see all members of B.U.S. being active in various

organizations, committees and anti-racist work," Washington said.

"I would like members to work with students outside their group to raise social awareness affecting minorities and participate in mentoring programs and become role models of academic excellence and leadership."

BUS has begun to work with other organizations and departments on campus such as Black Women's Organization (BWO), African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, affirmative action and STAR, as well as establishing itself as a prominent organization.

Bringing back magic

Activities Programming Board in action

By Max Dawson
Staff Reporter

The group responsible for bringing Earvin "Magic" Johnson to Northern Kentucky University, the Activities Programming Board, is "back in action," Executive Director Tiffany Mayse said.

The APB aims "to provide a variety of cultural, social and educationally stimulating out-of-classroom activities for students," said Dean of Students Bill Lamb. Despite the winter weather, NKU and the APB continue to pump time, money and energy into planning events and opportunities for students to get involved on campus. The college experience can be just as important as the actual college education you receive from NKU, according to Lamb.

Lamb said he thinks it is important for students to get involved on campus outside of class. "Involvement" enriches the educational experience, provides an opportunity to meet new and interesting people, can be very culturally stimulating, can augment your education, and help with career opportunities," Lamb said. Most of all, national studies have proven time and time again that students who get involved in activities outside of the classroom tend to graduate in higher percentages than those who don't get involved, according to Lamb. He linked extracurricular involvement on campus with retention rates.

Lamb pointed out that the extracurricular opportunities and activities are provided. He cited athletic events, theatrical performances, a variety of clubs and other activities sponsored by campus organizations like the APB's dating game as some examples of what NKU offers to students.

However, NKU is largely a commuter college. Eighty-five to 90 percent of NKU students work, according to Lamb. And the afternoon is a prime work time for students. Lamb said campus event planners "have to

be creative and plan around students' work schedules," in order to be effective. NKU has been very successful in offering a multitude of weekend and evening events, said Lamb. It's the nature of the university, whose market is students who can stay in the area and work while they attend school.

Stephanie Bezold, a sophomore computer science major, said, "I don't have time to be in clubs. I think it's important (to get involved on campus), but it's hard for people who have to go straight from school to work, back home to do homework, and go to bed so they can get up for an 8 o'clock class."

Bezold said she typically spends one hour a week on campus each week outside of class time. "I usually have to go straight to work," she said. When she has time to stay, Bezold said, she spends time either in the computer labs, the library or the bookstore.

Fliers and signs are posted all over campus, advertising events for commuter students like Bezold. According to Mayse, the problem with the fliers is that few students take the time to read the clutter. "Students don't take the time to look," she said.

Mayse, with the support of the APB, is calling for better cooperation and communication among campus organizations. "If more students know, then more students will turn out for events," Mayse said. She suggested the forming of a board to help promote communication among campus groups.

"Investment is very important," Mayse said. University organizations need to put forth as much effort in communicating with each other and their public as they put into planning events and activities, she said. According to Mayse, efforts are already under way to establish communication among organizations through newsletters.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, April 8:

- Phi Beta Lambda meeting. 3:15 p.m. UC 303.
- Students Together Against Racism. 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Women in Transition support group meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

Monday, April 12:

- Les causeries du lundi, French conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- Sigma Alpha Iota Faculty Recital. Carol Dary Dunevanti conducting. 8 p.m. Graves Concert Hall.
- Senior Show. Reception 5-8 p.m. Main and third floor galleries. Show runs through April 16.

Tuesday, April 13:

- Marketing Club meeting. 5 p.m. BEP 314. Refreshments provided.
- Common Ground meeting. 4-5 p.m. UC 303.
- Deutsche Kaffeestunde, German conversation hour. 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

Wednesday, Apr. 14:

- Hora de conversacion, Spanish conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. UC 232.

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Are we safe in the U.S.?

By Jeff C. Gardiner
Staff Reporter

A survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics suggests that the United States is becoming a safer place to live.

ABCNEWS.com reported that as of November of last year, "violent crimes against Americans dropped 10 percent below the previous year."

The National Crime Victimization Survey found that the most significant decrease was seen in rapes and sexual assaults. The 17.6 percent decline may be in part due to the efforts of organizations such as Northern Kentucky University's Women's Center.

The Women's Center offers a training program that allows peer educators to speak with freshman classes about safer dating techniques and date rape. "It's a national problem," said Katherine Meyer, Women's

Center coordinator. "We talk to 800 to 1,000 students each fall."

Meyer said that the Women's Center speaks to more students in the fall and therefore trains students in the spring to become peer educators the following fall.

According to Meyer, one in six women are raped. Women aged 16 to 24 are at the highest risk.

The Women's Center offers a variety of support groups for victims of violent crimes.

"We offer support groups for survivors of rape, domestic violence, abuse, as well as Alcoholics Anonymous," said Shauna Amett, a junior psychology major. Amett is a

student worker and peer educator at the Women's Center. "We hold discussion groups with various topics for students to attend," she said.

According to ABCNEWS.com, the survey found that "four out of every 10 violent personal crimes were reported to police. Rapes and sexual assaults were the least such reported offenses at 30.7 percent."

The survey, which started in 1973, reflects both reported and unreported crimes. Crime rates were the lowest recorded since the survey began.

For more information about support groups or about becoming a peer educator, contact the Women's Center at 572-6497.

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Berryman, Stauffer look to lead by example

Senior catcher and pitcher counted on for leadership as NKU rebounds from losing season

By Elden May
Sports Editor

Leadership and experience play an important role in any successful team. These elements are even more important when a team has little of each.

The 1999 Northern Kentucky University baseball team must rely on two seniors, catcher Scott Berryman and pitcher Jason Stauffer, to help the team improve on last season's 13-24-1 record.

The team currently sits at 16-15 on the season.

Before the season began, both players said they had to accept more responsibility this season.

"I've had to step up and be more vocal," Stauffer said. "Last year, but had a couple seniors that did that, but now we've got to do that."

Berryman said that while both have

to step up in the clubhouse, the performance on the field does not need an overhaul.

"I've got to step up and set a good example," Berryman said. "As far as playing, I don't have to change too much."

Last season, his first as a starter, Stauffer finished with a 4-4 record with a 7.37 ERA. Berryman lead all returning players with four home runs and 32 RBIs. He also hit .306. Both hope to improve on those numbers.

"My goals are the same every year," Berryman said. "I want to make all-conference and I just want to contribute in the second half and do the little things it takes to help the team win."

After getting off to a 7-4 start, NKU has hit a stretch where it has lost 11 of its next 20 games and has won just once in Great Lakes Valley

Conference play.

The seniors said the team needs to do the things that got the team off to a good start.

"I just think we need to relax and play up to our potential," Stauffer said. "I think some of our players got scared when they entered the conference schedule."

NKU coach Bill Aker agreed.

"I think it was mental," Aker said. "We've beaten teams that were maybe as good, they just didn't have 'conference' written on them."

Another problem with the team is the lack of funding. As other schools in the GLVC offer more scholarships, NKU offers 3.5 full scholarships. The Norse have struggled this season against GLVC foes with a 1-10 record.

"A lot of teams in our conference are giving scholarship money and I

think that's a lot of the reason why you see our team struggling," Berryman said. "The more money we get, the better we're going to be."

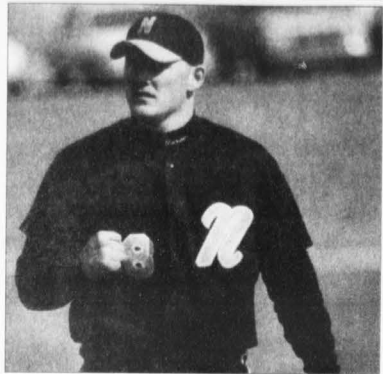
NKU replaced over half of the team from last season. Fifteen new faces dot the roster, most on the pitching staff.

Stauffer said the opportunity to anchor the staff and be its 'ace' is something he relishes.

"No pitcher is going to have his best stuff every time out and we just try to teach the young guys to pitch without their best stuff," Stauffer said.

With the young players and the experience of last season behind them, it could have led to lowered expectations. Not so for the Norse. As both seniors put it, there is one key to the season.

"You've just got to have confidence in yourself," Stauffer said.



THRILLED TO BE HERE: NKU senior Scott Berryman pumps his fist after recording an out at Friendship Field earlier this season.

Jeff McCarty/The Northerner

Annual budget for NKU baseball is mere 'chicken feed'



Elden May

Why has the program fallen on hard times? The answer is simple: Money.

"Our team has something like 3.5 scholarships," NKU coach Bill Aker said. "The average around the league is 7.6."

How much difference does four scholarships make? A lot. Without the assistance, the team must work almost exclusively with walk-ons.

High school players capable of getting a scholarship usually go to other schools.

NKU senior catcher Scott Berryman described the difficulty in recruiting players.

"I know that if I was coming out of high school and a school offered

me \$1,000 to go to college and another school offered me \$3,000, the one that offered me more would seem like they want me more."

The lack of scholarships is making an impact on the field. NKU finished last season at 13-24-1 and is currently 16-15 this season, but 1-10 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

In the past, any time a cut needed to be made in the athletic budget, the baseball program always took the first hit. In the budget crunch of 1981, the team lost 71 percent of its operating budget. Now, the team that has the most players operates on a modest bud-

get of just under \$65,000, or 1/3 of the budget for men's basketball.

All the blood has finally been squeezed from this turnip and all that remains is a shell of its former, powerful self.

But you'll never hear Aker complain.

"I can't do anything about that, what the university does," Aker said. "That's their decision."

The discouraging part is that this is not a new program that needs to prove itself in order to get funding. With Aker at the helm since the team's inception in 1971, NKU has an overall record of 770-535-1. The team appeared in the NCAA Division II World Series in 1979

and the NAIA Division I World Series in 1985.

Perhaps the team is a victim of its own success.

"We've been successful and I think they got used to us being successful and now we're getting to the point where we need some financial aid to get the kids in here that can compete at this level," Aker said.

Each year, the turnover rate is alarming. The team has to break in 15 new players this season. And most players, without a scholarship to play for, do not stick around to play for four years. So the team is always young. This, in a league that currently has five of the top 30

teams in America.

Basically, the NKU brass are not asking Bill Aker to win baseball games. They are asking him to turn water into wine.

The team does not ask for much. Just for a chance to compete on a level playing field.

"We need help," Aker said. "You've got to have a level playing field and if you don't, you're always picking crap with the chickens."

If something is not done soon about funding, the school may drive Aker to look for some land.

At this point, there just may be a brighter future for Aker in chicken farming than with NKU baseball.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Teachers and student teachers are invited to attend the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) Teacher Recruitment Fair on Monday, April 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Representatives from 13 public school districts in north central Kentucky are seeking teachers for the 1999-2000 school year. Participating districts include Anchorage, Bullitt, Carroll, Eminence, Gallatin, Grant, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and West Point. The fair is at the OVEC Office, 100 Apline Drive in the High Point Business Center, just off KY 55, just 3 miles north of I-64 (Exit 35 at Shelbyville, KY).
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The Northerner Player of the Week



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Left: Scott Berryman Berryman, a senior catcher, has been a productive hitter for NKU this season. Berryman, also a pitcher and first baseman, whacked a Grand Slam in the 6-4 NKU win over Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne.

Upcoming Games

Baseball

Sat., April 10 at Missouri St. Louis
Sun., April 11 at Quincy
Wed., April 14 Indianapolis

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Softball

Sat., April 10 at SIU-Edwardsville
Sun., April 11 at Southern Indiana
Mon., April 12 Mt. St. Joseph
Wed., April 14 Midway

1 p.m.
TBA
3:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m.

Tennis

Fri., April 9 Ky. Wesleyan
Sat., April 10 Southern Indiana
Sun., April 11 IPFW
Tues., April 13 Indianapolis

3:30 p.m.
10 a.m.
10 a.m.
3 p.m.

Spring Sports Week in Review

Baseball struggling, softball 28th nationally after poll

By Elden May
Sports Editor

Of all the factors affecting the performance of the spring sports at Northern Kentucky University this year, so far the biggest factor may be the weather.

Rain washed out baseball and softball games on Saturday. The softball team played two games at Wisconsin-Parkside and then took the rest of the week off. But even with the idle time, NKU received news that it was ranked 28th in the country in the latest poll.

The golf team also participated in the Bellarmine Invitational. The NKU black team finished third and the other NKU team finished in a tie for fifth.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

HE'S SAFE: NKU catcher Michael Tudor slides in safely under the tag of an IPFW player during the 9-0 NKU loss at Friendship Field Friday.

Joanna Doerner leads NKU with a .466 batting average. Vanessa Jones is hitting .393 with 1 home run and 11 RBIs.

Jamie Moore leads NKU with a 5-1 record and a 3.12 ERA.

BASEBALL

The NKU baseball team played six games this week and finished with a 2-4 record.

Last Monday, the Norse entertained Wisconsin-River Falls. NKU swept the doubleheader. NKU won the first game, 13-1.

However, when NKU visited Indianapolis on Wednesday, they were unable to keep the momentum as they were swept by the Greyhounds. U1 won the first game 5-0 and followed it up with a 5-2 victory.

NKU returned home for a doubleheader with Indiana-Purdue at Ft.

Wayne on Friday. The Mastodons shut out the Norse in the first game, 9-0. The loss dropped NKU to 0-10 in conference play.

However, behind Scott Berryman's grand slam, NKU rallied to win the nightcap, 6-4. The win gave NKU its first conference win of the season.

NKU now stands at 16-15 on the season (1-10 GLVC).

GOLF

The NKU golf team sent two teams to represent them in the Bellarmine Invitational. The NKU black team finished third in the 12-team field. Paul Whitman paced the black team with a two-day total of 153. The total was good enough for eighth place.

The other NKU team finished fifth in the field. Ryan Perry led finished in a tie for 11th with a 156. Scotty Stark finished in a tie for 18th with a 158.

Winstel named Coach of the Year

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The past season was one of the most successful in school history for the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team.

As the team won more games, the accolades started to pile up.

This past week, NKU women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel was awarded the Molten Award as Division II Coach of the Year.

Winstel described how the various awards by the players are shared as a team.

"When Michelle Cottrell got the Freshman of the Year award, we shared the award," explained Winstel. "When Shannon Smith got first team All-Conference, we shared it as a whole team."

As far as the award helping the program in the future, only time will tell, according to Winstel.

"It remains to be seen, but it could only help," said Winstel. "It gives us name recognition; only time will tell."

With six seniors leaving the women's basketball program, one of

the most important recruiting seasons in recent years is upon the Norse.

"This is a major recruiting year, there is a lot of interest in NKU," said Winstel. "However, it's ongoing. We have two verbal commitments from players and Julie Cowens, who redshirted last season, will come in and help us."

Looking into next season, all returning players will be leaders for the ballclub, according to Winstel.

"All five solid players coming back will be leaders next season," said Winstel. "Michele Tuchfarber will be a solid two-year starter and will provide leadership. Cottrell and (Jessica) Jensen will also contribute to the team."

The goals for next season are the same as in the past, according to Winstel.

"We have two or three more people coming, we want them to help us win the conference cham-



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LEADING THE TROOPS: NKU coach Nancy Winstel was named the Molten Division II coach of the year last week.

ampionship," said Winstel. "Our main goal is to win the national championship."

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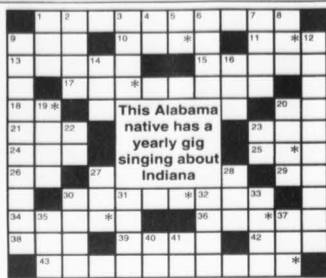
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 7. Alley's role
 8. *Hooker* (1982-87)
 9. *Takes Two* (1982-83)
 10. Court
 11. Ultimate degree
 12. He *... All the Way*; '51
 13. Shelley Winters film
 14. Take advantage of
 15. *The House*
 16. Shucks' forerunner
 17. Capt. Jim Kennedy
 18. It's a domain (2)
 19. Wild animal
 20. Picture
 21. Phone button No. 8
 22. Lounging
 23. Dilemma
 24. Series for Klea Scott
- DOWN**
1. Spoil
 2. Height: abbr.
 3. Sign of joy or sorrow
 4. Initials for Lamb
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 6. Setting for *Frasier*: abbr.
 7. Mr. Katz
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 9. Michael Landon, on one of his series



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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

A friend's great intellect helps you in a big way. It is necessary for you to feel financially secure. You may want to hold off on making large purchases.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Get all the information you can before making a decision about something important to you. Things may not be as they seem.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Check out a local art or photography exhibit. Don't be shy about mingling at a party. You may even make a new friend or two.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

It is funny how a book or music can inspire one to do great things. Now if you can focus on the task at hand, you'll have it made.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Stress is weighing you down, and you need to get out and move your body. Even if you have to make an appointment, schedule in some fun time.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Delve into the fascinating subjects of hypnosis and psychology. You may gain new insight into yourself and those who love you.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Pride can hurt a wonderful relationship if you aren't careful. Open up the lines of communication with a loved one.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Don't push yourself so hard. Everyone makes mistakes. They are a part of life's lessons. You may have a change of heart about an old relationship.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Use reason and logic when dealing with a delicate situation. Life is more than a little difficult, but you can see things through.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Nothing seems to be going your way, the way you want, but you may be the cause of your own distress. Let go of past frustrations and learn to live for today.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You are in the mood to do something different, but you aren't sure what. The answer may come in the form of an invitation from a friend.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

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Saturday



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Low 43
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Chance of rain is 43 percent.

Sunday



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Low 40
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