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Two Students Make One

By Becky Bergman
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He's big. He's green. And he looks like a genetic spawn of Barney gone seriously wrong.

Many of the students at Northern Kentucky University adore him just as much as the 2- and 3-year olds who love Barney. His name is "Hey U" and he is the official mascot of NKU.

Hey U stands about nine feet tall. He is a fuzzy green dragon with protruding horns from his helmet. He comes equipped with all the necessary NKU fan gear including his own personalized basketball jersey and number "91."

Hey U was created by the athletic department in 1991, but was given his name by all NKU students in a majority vote.

This mascot is very unique in the fact that it is portrayed by two different individuals. Together they combine their personalities into the energetic Hey U that you see bouncing around at all of the games.

Trey Lucas and Eric Spoonamore are the two faces that you don't see behind the costume. Both Lucas and Spoonamore express a tremendous amount of enthusiasm about their mascot roles. They said they are the best of friends and their success comes from the fact that they work so

well together.

"We wouldn't be able to do it without each other. Our goal is to be the best possible mascot that we can be," Spoonamore said.

According to the two, being a mascot is a lot of fun but it is hard work also. It involves preparation and planning. Lucas and Spoonamore said that it is very important to drink a large amount of fluids prior to the game.

Spoonamore recalls a time when he failed to do so and lost about 10 pounds from just sweating inside the costume.

Spoonamore said, "If I don't come out of the costume dripping with sweat, then I don't feel like I'm doing my job."

Lucas says he doesn't mind the heat and the sweating. He added, "My main goal during the game is to raise the roof!"

There are also some strategies involved in being a mascot according to the two. Being involved in every aspect of the game is essential. They said that obviously it is important to get the crowd fired up, but you must also be careful not to distract our team at certain times. On the other hand, it is also helpful to be a distraction to the opposing team.

If you watch carefully you might catch Hey U performing a few famous wrestling moves since Lucas and Spoonamore are big

wrestling fans. They are very proud of their famous "Rick Flare Strut." Lucas also likes the "Curly Shuffle" since he is a Three Stooges fan.

"Sometimes we even like to sneak up on the referees or shake our tail at the opposing team just to razz them," Lucas added.

The neatest part of being a mascot is the attention from little kids, according to Lucas and Spoonamore. "They love us and we do our best to present a positive image," they agreed.

Keith Phillips, NKU's assistant athletic director, said the guys do a "great job." He said if athletics ever needs them that they are ready and willing even if it is not athletic-related. For example, one of them went to the mall in costume to promote the upcoming homecoming.

Women's tennis player Nikki Thompson says that she goes to all the games. She said the two do a wonderful job of keeping the crowd's spirit up. "They are also great with little kids," she added.

Thompson grew up with Lucas and says that she can see his personality in the way Hey U acts. "It really reflects his cheerful attitude," she said.

With such great reviews and attention, Hey U has become a big hit on campus. Who knows... maybe he will be bigger than Barney someday.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
WHO IT IS: No one can tell who is Hey-U from game to game. For this photo is it Trey, no Eric. Hey, you decide.

Pay Raises May Be Based On Merit Only

By Lincoln S. Farish
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University has gone progressive. The old days of someone's pay being based on seniority, or even discretionary funding should be gone. The new policy (which is still being finalized) will focus more on merit and less on the traditional methods.

Beth Warren, president of Workworld's Human Resource Corporation has been brought on board to help with the process. Margo Ferrante, as well as others, compared the pay rates of people in industry in other institutions and of the other professionals in the area.

"After we collected all this raw data we had to account for different costs of living as well as realize that some job exist only in institutions while others can exist both in academia and industry," Ferrante said.

Ferrante did admit that there is some apathy or even skepticism from staff.

"We have a very smart staff that keeps up on current trends and they do know what is going on at other locations," she said.

"This is not the solution to create an Utopian society, that does not exist. Ask all the different academic institutions any question and they will all have different answers. We are trying to find solutions for this campus" Warren said.

The Staff Congress is expected to work with the committee as it looks for solutions for the pay problem.

"We did not see any problems from the members of the Staff Congress that were at the meetings and we believe that they will work positively with us," Ferrante said.

One big factor is how to implement the changes.

"We do not want to foster a negative competitive spirit," said Warren. "There will have to be a lot of training of the supervisors so that they use the merit forms to help the employee personnel."

Other factors play a large part. "Another factor is by basing the pay on merit is that small differences in evaluation could result in huge differences in a pay raise, or even worse, having real small changes in pay for better evaluations," Ferrante said. "No one is going to work real hard or get to upset over five dollars a month difference, so the incentive to do better is gone."

The date to have the final recommendations complete and present the plan is March.

Air Quality In Question

By Margie Wise
Staff Reporter

You can hear it throughout the halls, sitting in class, or while waiting in line in the cafeteria: sniffing, sneezing, coughing and wheezing.

Nearly 18 percent of faculty, staff and students at Northern Kentucky University attribute allergy symptoms to building conditions, according to a study done last year by Joan Ferrante, associate professor of sociology.

"Every time I come to school I get headaches and I'm tired," said Toya Globe, a sophomore justice studies major.

"The air could be a lot fresher. The vents are dirty in the residential halls," said Tracey Wheeler, a senior office systems technology major.

"It bothers me that my friends get sick. They need to clean the air ducts," Jarena Fowler, a sophomore nursing major, said.

In Ferrante's study, the buildings that people most complained about in conversations were Landrum Hall and the Natural Science building.

A major threat to allergy sufferers is mold, which can grow in air ducts. The Ohio Valley region is especially known for sinus and asthma problems, said Amy Powell, a nurse assistant to allergist Henry Wells. To keep the difficulties to a minimum, Powell recommends that air filters be cleaned at least once a month. She also says that air ducts should be

cleaned about every six months, depending on the size of the system.

The manager of the physical plant at NKU, Robert Bolce, said "We don't clean inside of the ducts. We don't have a budget to clean them."

The air ducts have not been cleaned since the school opened in the 1970s. In fact, the older ducts are lined with insulation (which is illegal now), making them almost impossible to clean, he said.

Bolce also said they clean the filters depending on the maintenance instructions. Some require cleaning once a month, others are changed only when they are dirty. The filters in the dorms are only changed every six months, usually during breaks.

To stop the dirt and mold in the ducts from filtering out into the air, outside dampers are supposed to let in about 20 percent fresh air per cycle, Bolce said.

If as many faculty, students, and staff as Ferrante's study suggests believe that they are being harmed by the air quality of NKU's buildings, she believes the school should be forthright in either working to solve or disprove these allegations.

"I cannot imagine a situation in which a service-providing corporation or organization would not be concerned about these kinds of perceptions, especially during a time of declining student enrollments," Ferrante argued in her 1995 study.

Steeling The Show



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
BEAT IT: The Jacobs Center Steel Band brought a little bit of the Caribbean to NKU in honor of Black History Month. They performed last week in the University Center Ballroom.

By Mini Rook
Staff Reporter

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

With football a "done deal," Title IX has become an important issue to consider with the time, energy, and money committed by Northern Kentucky University in support of a new men's intercollegiate sport, particularly a sport which is the highest in cost and lowest in gender equity a university can offer its student athletes.

The NKU Football Committee projects

annual recurring costs for the program of about an additional \$300,000 — about a third of Northern's existing budget for all athletic programs — intercollegiate, club, and intramural.

The 1996 NKU Football Report issued last fall included the following requirements for compliance with Title IX regulations:

1. "Athletically related financial assistance to be allocated in proportion to the numbers of male and female students participating in intercollegiate athletics;
2. The interests and abilities of students be effectively accommodated to the extent necessary to provide athletics opportunities for members of both sexes. To this extent, it is also recommended NKU add women's golf, track and field, and swimming; and
3. All other benefits, opportunities and treatment afforded participants of each sex be equivalent."

It is these gender equity considerations which make the attempt to start a football program at NKU even more of a budgetary gamble. It is also the reason Jane Meier, the university's athletic director, is willing to bet on football.

Meier knows the sacrifices that NKU's coaches must make to see their programs survive with the thin budgets they are allocated by the university. Coaches must generate half their budgets through fundraising. No coach, Meier said, takes any additional money for the work they must do to recruit their athletes.

Ken Aker, NKU's baseball coach says all coaches do at least two or three jobs to coach here. Besides coaching, Aker runs a summer baseball camp and also oversees the concession stands available during homegame events.

Nancy Winstel, NKU's women's basketball

coach runs summer camps, basketball clinics, and oversees organizing and promoting the annual Women's Walk. The proceeds go straight into a budget benefiting all women's athletic programs.

Between coaching and fundraising, there is little time for recruiting, yet she figures out ways to do it.

Despite a 1993 recommendation by NKU's Gender Equity Committee to immediately add women's soccer as an intercollegiate sport to balance perceived gender inequities, the university resisted the move, protesting the cost of financially supporting such a decision.

With annual recurring costs for financing a football team eating up a huge percentage of the \$40 student athletic enhancement fee, it is still uncertain where more money will come from to support the additional financial burden of scholarships, coaching staffs, uniforms, equipment, facilities, etc. for the addition of

women's soccer, track, golf and swim teams as intercollegiate sports.

Title IX regulations regulate many aspects of collegiate sports: comparing numbers of men's and women's competitive events, equal and convenient offerings of practice opportunities for all campus athletes, appropriate and equal lengths to men's and women's sports seasons, equivalent travel, housing, locker rooms, quality and access to training facilities, equal funding for recruitment, equal secretarial assistance, etc.

There is another question in need of answering. Where financing will materialize to upgrade the current athletic facilities. Upgrades are needed to accommodate even more use of what is already a strained infrastructure, as evidenced by such facilities as the intramural and women's softball fields.

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Elderhostel Offers Diversity and Travel

By Mark Curry
Staff Reporter

Would you like to travel? Meet new people? Broaden your knowledge on the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area as well as far away places? If you are 55 or older there is a program just for you.

Adults aged 55 and older, Elderhostel may be just for you. Elderhostel is a nonprofit educational organization that provides academic courses for adults over the age of 55. These courses of study are college-level liberal art and science courses taught by local experts and faculty.

Typical courses begin on Sunday and end on Friday after lunch. The format includes three academic courses totaling 22.5 hours of education. Extracurricular activities are planned outside of class time. Participants do not need prior academic experience to attend Elderhostel.

Northern Kentucky University

(NKU) has been involved with Elderhostel since 1983. There are more than 2,000 colleges and over 50 Elderhostel sites found in the country. Annually 250,000 people participate in these programs. The staff of only three manages NKU's super site. This staff is headed by Jane Stephan, Coordinator with Carol Skawinski, as her Assistant Coordinator/Program Manager and Judi Baldwin as her Program Secretary.

NKU's Elderhostel is one of the 80 super sites found in the country. A super site offers 20 or more programs annually. This makes us have a "very strong position nationally," Carol Skawinski, Project Manager said. Northern's Elderhostel is the only super site in the Greater Cincinnati area. This super site has 26 programs responsible to them this year.

People come from all over the United States and Canada come to take part in NKU's Elderhostel. Last year 650 senior citizens took part in

this program of diversity

"This is a public relations tool for the university and to the area," Skawinski said. There are some commuters but most of the participants come from outside this area.

"Some of the people have never been to the area and this is their first impression," Skawinski said.

The programs themes help in this area. Some of the course themes for this year include The Kentucky Derby, Oktoberfest (Northern Kentucky and Zinzinnati), Tall Stacks and various

courses on the history of Cincinnati, the railroads and the riverboats. She said they try to make this a positive experience for everyone involved. These programs increase their knowledge, facts, the opportunity to meet other people and travel, Skawinski adds.

The biggest reason for their huge success is word of mouth, Skawinski believes. These programs have a social factor to them besides just education. Participants find companionships and good friendships in a safe

environment. She has heard of people traveling from one city to the next to experience different places and increase their knowledge of one area to the next. There is a positive common bond from these Elderhostel programs.

Elderhostels must register through Boston. The address is Elderhostel P.O. Box 1950 Wakefield, MA 01880. Interested senior citizens can write for the national catalog, as well as, the international catalog. Each course has a set certain price (averaging around

\$340) which includes the class, lodging, meals and field trips but attendants are responsible for their own travel to the motel. Elderhostel is available on a commuter status. To register as a commuter, you must call the NKU Elderhostel office at 666-572-5602 located in Harkins Hall. Commuter fees for Elderhostels at NKU is 50% less than full registration.

NKU Elderhostel begins on Feb. 23 and currently scheduled through Oct. 3. The October and November Elderhostels are to be announced.

Board Of Regents Changing Faces

By Vicki Singer
Staff Reporter

As of June 30, there will be five open seats on the Board of Regents at Northern Kentucky University.

The Board of Regents is a committee made up of 11 representatives throughout the university, community, and state.

The main responsibility of the Board of regents is to act as the governing body for NKU.

Other responsibilities include: the authorization of the creation or discontinuance of degrees; the determination of the salary ranges for all faculty, administrative and other university personnel; the establishment or discontinuance of any faculty

rank; the establishment of policies and procedures for granting tenure of faculty members; the regulation of government and discipline of students, faculty, and staff; the approval of general policies governing student scholarships and loans; the establishment of scholarships; the fixing of tuition charges and other fees; the care and preservation of all university property; the approval of the annual budget; the formulation and periodic revision of long-range plans; and the power to govern its own members.

All but three of the 11 seats are appointed by Governor Paul Patton.

According to Mark Pfeiffer, Deputy of Communications Director for Governor Patton, each time a

position on the Board is open, The Higher Education Nominating Commission submits 3 names and the governor will then select from that list. He may also opt to re-appoint the outgoing regent. The governor is responsible for appointing all such positions in the state of Kentucky.

Only three of the 11 seats are not appointed by the governor. These three seats belong to the student, faculty, and staff representatives. They are elected positions. The student body elects the student representative. Faculty Senate and Staff Congress elect their representatives as well.

The term for a regent appointed by the governor is 6 years, three years for the faculty and staff representa-

tives, and 1 year for the student representative.

The five outgoing regents here at NKU are Chris Saunders, Robin Crigler, Frank Downing, Barbara Herald, and Michael Thomson.

"The new members will be installed as the position becomes available," Assistant Secretary of the Board, Carol Eckstein said.

From now until June 30 there will be no change in the Board of Regents.

SGA President Chris Saunders said "I have full confidence that the new board members will be looking out for the university. Although some issues may be controversial, I feel that the new members will continue to represent the university in a positive manner."

Be Nice



Anna Weaver/The Northernner
HUG ME: Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week and no one was hurt during the taking of this photo.

President To Be Announced In April

By Shannon Graham
Staff Reporter

The search for Northern Kentucky University's next president is quickly narrowing down.

Bob Zapp, spokesperson for the presidential search committee and member of the Board of Regents, said the committee hopes to submit the names of the final candidates to the Board of Regents within the next few weeks. The Board of Regents will make the final decision, to be

announced in April.

The committee's search began with 85 to 90 applicants, who have been continuously narrowed down. Zapp said. As of this past week, he said, eight applicants remain. In the next few weeks, Zapp said the committee hopes to narrow that number down even further, to between three and five.

Zapp said there were many

important qualifications to consider when choosing NKU's next president, who will replace the departing interim president, Jack Moreland.

"We're looking for someone who has demonstrated a real interest in the student," Zapp said. Other key qualifications, according to Zapp, include good interpersonal skills, an understanding of the importance of technology, and the

ability to work well with students, faculty and university staff.

Undeclared freshman Scott Thomas said he hopes NKU's next president will be accessible to the students. "I want someone who we can talk to, on-one about any problems we might have," Thomas said. "We don't need someone who's going to shut himself away in his office all day."

Olympians "Fence For Fun" At NKU

By Ayumu Kondo
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University sponsored a fencing demonstration on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the ballroom as part of the Black History Month festivities.

The hour-long demonstration was free to the over 50 NKU students who attended.

The fencing demonstration featured African-American fencers, Donald K. Anthony, Jr. and Edward Wright.

Wright and Anthony not only demonstrated the sport, but also presented the history of the sport.

Anthony was a candidate for the 1996 Olympics, a member of the 1995 World Championship team, and the 1991 Olympic Fencing Sabre Champion.

Anthony also has been a member of the Pan American Squad and the United States National team several times, among others.

Cheryl Nunz, director of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs, said it was important to acknowledge that African-Americans excel in all aspects of endeavor.

"This is a unique opportunity to learn from the best," Nunz said. The fencers demonstrated to the audience how to become a world-



Jeff McCurry/The Northernner
On Guard: Students show off their fencing techniques at the fencing demonstration Tuesday as part of Black History Month.

class fencer for those who don't aspire to reach the level of competitive fencing. They also demonstrated how one can enjoy the sport on a casual basis.

The fencers also demonstrated the three styles of fencing called Foil, Epee and Sabre. They explained the difference between the various weapons, masks and rules fencers use.

Throughout the program, the fencers took time for questions from the audience.

Anthony and Wright allowed members of the audience to participate in foot work lessons and

emphasized to the audience that fencing is a safe sport.

Nunz stressed the importance of learning about diversity. The purpose of Black History Month, Nunz said, is to celebrate shared experiences from a too often forgotten perspective.

The inventions, discoveries and the vast contributions of African-American people are being enjoyed by people throughout the world.

Nunz encourages everyone to attend the many events sponsored this month because she is sure they will continually discover something new.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

TITLE IX: Compliance From Page 1

Even without football, there are already discrepancies between men's and women's sports at NKU, according to the 1995-96 report submitted to comply with the federal Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1994.

Tables in the report indicate a population of 43 percent male, and 57 percent female undergraduates at NKU, with participation by 107 men to only 57 female athletes in varsity sports. Additionally, the 1993 Gender Equity Report stated that only 36 percent of women on campus participate in intercollegiate athletics, despite being the majority of the on-campus population. There are several reasons given for lack of proportional representation by women in NKU sports:

First, Title IX regulations allow for differences in participation percentages if it can be proven that a university is making efforts to accommo-

date and expand athletic opportunities to the under-represented sex, something NKU plans to do with the additional four women's sports.

Second, most of the present women's athletic teams do not require the same size squads as the men's teams. With the addition of a sizable men's football squad, under-representation could become a serious and expensive consideration for Title IX compliance.

Other tables in the Equity in Athletics Disclosure report indicate that 65 percent of operating expenses are for men's teams, while only 35 percent are for women's teams. Recruiting expenditures are another problem, with figures for women's recruiting about half (33 percent) of men's recruiting (67 percent).

On the other side, less women's sports at Northern means women athletes benefit from more financial aid (51 percent), than men (49 percent).

Women head coach salaries,

although lower than men's, actually average out as being higher. For women assistant coaches however, the average salary for women is about \$1,000 lower than that of the men.

Despite this, Title IX appears to be legislation that works. According to Achieving Gender Equity, published by the NCAA to help universities achieve compliance standards, after a remarkable climb in women's participation in the 70s, the numbers leveled off in the 80s, and have begun a modest climb upwards again in the 90s.

Jane Meier is optimistic about women's progress in sports. She cites the increasing popularity of women's basketball and volleyball, both at the collegiate and professional level.

She says there is no point in trying to compare athletes by gender.

"...An athlete is an athlete, is an athlete... Somebody knows there's quality (in women's sports)."

Morningstar Returns To Norse Lineup

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

Dana Morningstar returned to the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team on Thursday.

The Norse responded, beating the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds 86-64 at Regents Hall.

NKU, (10-5 GLVC, 13-9 overall), led 6-4 early when Morningstar entered the game.

NKU, led by sophomore Shannon Smith, quickly extended its lead. Smith shot 6 of 8 from the field in the first half, and had 14 points at halftime.

Sophomore Katie Kelsey added 10 first-half points for the Norse. The Greyhounds (5-10 GLVC, 9-13 overall) had three players with nine first-half points—senior Jessica Spitznogle, sophomore Kim Lawrence, and freshman Shannon Huddleson.

Fueled by a strong press that forced 11 first-half Greyhound turnovers, NKU maintained a nine-point, 45-36, halftime lead.

Morningstar contributed eight points in the first half, and made her only three-point attempt.

"That was really courageous of her, coming back from that kind of injury," junior Alison McCarthy said.

McCarthy led the Norse in the second half. She scored 14 second-half points, and pulled down four rebounds.

The Greyhounds shot only 29.7 percent from the field in the second half.

NKU spent most of the second half extending its lead.

Smith added 10 second-half points, and freshman Karla Wenzlick scored six, including 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

NKU finished off the Greyhounds, 86-64.

Morningstar finished with 12 points and four assists.

"It felt really good to be back out there," Morningstar said.

She said her hand did bother her a little, but that her conditioning was a bigger problem. She hadn't

appeared in a game in over a month.

"Dana's return was really important to this team," head coach Nancy Winstel said.

"We're getting better. And we're not just playing for now—we're playing for the future," she said.

Indianapolis (64)
Mitchison 5-10 1-2 11, Huddleson 4-6 7-7 15, Westfirth 2-7 2-4, Lelenko 1-9 2-2 5, Tindall 1-6 0-2 2, Lawrence 4-9 1-2 11, James 0-0 0-0 0, Braniff 1-4 0-0 3, Spitznogle 4-6 3-4 11.

NKU (86)
Stanley 3-5 0-0 7, Webb 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 10-15 4-6 24, Wenzlick 3-11 4-4 10, Kelsey 4-13 0-1 10, Morningstar 5-9 1-2 12, McCarthy 8-10 2-4 18, Roddy 1-4 0-0 3, Kamrath 1-1 0-0 5.

Halftime — UI 36, NKU 45. Fouled out — NKU Stanley. Rebounds — UI 35 (Mitchison), NKU 43 (Stanley 7). Assists — UI 12 (Lelenko 7), NKU 23 (Wenzlick 6). Total Fouls — UI 16, NKU 21.

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Freshman Wenzlick Keeps Norse On A Roll

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

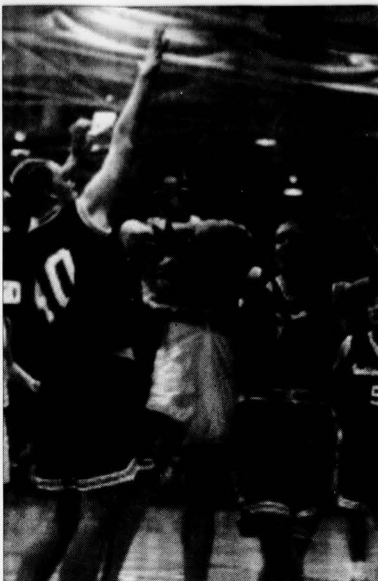
Freshman Karla Wenzlick led the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team to a 67-47 victory over Missouri-St. Louis Saturday night.

The win was the third in a row for the Norse and the fifth out of their last six. The win moved the Norse to 14-9 (11-5 Great Lakes Valley Conference).

Wenzlick scored 15 points and nine rebounds. Most of her points came from the free throw line where she was 9-of-11.

Sophomore Katie Kelsey added eight rebounds and six assists. Kelsey played all forty minutes of the game.

Senior Dana Morningstar scored 12 points for the second consecutive game since returning



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OUCH! Senior Dana Morningstar grimaces in pain as she is fouled attempting a shot. She is back from a broken thumb.

from an injury. She also added five rebounds and two steals in 29 minutes of action. Morningstar had missed four weeks.

Charlene Dixon was the only MSL player to score in double figures with 11. They had three players, Krystal Logan, Deena Applebury and Donna Simon, finish with nine points.

The Norse held MSL to 29 percent shooting from the field (14-48).

The Norse will play their final home games of the season this week. They play Saint Joseph's on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and IPFW on 1 p.m.

Women's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records
	Total (GLVC)
Southern Indiana	22-1 (16-0)
SIU-Edwardsville	17-6 (12-4)
Bellarmine	17-6 (12-4)
Northern Kentucky	14-9 (11-5)
St. Joseph's	11-12 (9-7)
Lewis	14-9 (7-9)
W-Parkside	10-13 (7-9)
Indianapolis	10-13 (6-10)
Northern Kentucky Wesleyan	9-14 (5-11)
IPFW	8-15 (5-11)
Quincy	8-15 (4-12)
UM-St. Louis	5-18 (2-14)

Quality Education Should Be The Focus, Not Football Team

Editorial

By Charles Heffner
Guest Editorial

"Northern Kentucky University is first committed to providing quality undergraduate education to citizens of Kentucky." This is the first sentence in our university's stated philosophy toward preparing us for the rest of our adult lives.

Most of us have believed this for as long as we've gone to school, despite some of the stunts the administration has imposed on us in the last four years. They need almost three years to construct a basic ceramics facility? Fine. They want to continue to make Steely Library the worst funded public university library in the state? Fine. They even want to continue to hire more part-time instructors to educate us? Fine. But enough is enough. When seven regents and Interim President Jack Moreland decided that NKU must have a football team, we've had enough. We're fed up with decisions that hurt school's reputation now in the long run. We're tired of the Mickey Mouse decisions that prevent our school from growing into a terrific institution for higher learning.

According to football boosters, this sport will increase our school's exposure and help attract more students to our campus. They also argue that football finally bring a sense of student life to a campus that is in need of one. Hello? Does anyone else think this? Nearly 12,000 students each semester have chosen to be educated at NKU despite the fact our school doesn't have a football team or an on-campus life that's comparable to the University of Kentucky's. Are we missing something, or does the idea of spending over half a million dollars a year that we don't have on football sound a little ignorant?

Northern Kentucky University is a great college, especially when you consider that we receive peanuts in funding from the state government down in Frankfort. Our professors are generally terrific. If you disagree, take a course over at UC, and then tell us how much you enjoyed learning from a graduate assistant in her second semester of teaching. Oh, and by the way, paying double what you'd pay here for the privilege being one of 150 students in an auditorium classroom. Our library staff is very good, especially when you consider that its budget has been frozen for the last six years while the school budget has doubled from \$30 to \$62 million annually. Our athletic department has done a miraculous job despite funding that

has practically been frozen for the last 15 years. In addition to fielding teams that are very competitive, our coaches actually do a good job making sure their players graduate.

We are surrounded by excellence, despite the complete lack of financial support that we receive from the state and university administrations. However, that apparently wasn't enough for President Moreland and The Seven Regents. They did not let the fact that we're the worst funded public four-year university in the state stand in the way of their spending spree. Having severe funding problems? Need more exposure? Need to save from being overrun by God forbid, adequately funded academic programs? Then "damn the torpedoes," we'll start a football team. Sure, it will cost more than \$600,000 per year, but hey, it'll save your college from its boring student life for 5 out of 52 on-campus Saturdays each year. Yes, the price is high, but look at what you're getting - enhanced high school football. Is this what the term "enhanced" meant in the "Athletic Enhancement Fee"?

Unfortunately, none of the people that football's addition will affect were really given the opportunity to say "no." Students, athletic department staffs and coaches, and NKU's faculty and staff have all been held hostage to football by Interim President Moreland, Mr. Bill Erpenbeck and seven regents. When our current coaches go out into the public to raise that \$5.60 on the dollar for their particular sport's basic needs, ask them how they're going to be able to raise that money when football is required to raise \$300-\$350,000 to pay for itself, on TOP of the money it's receiving from the student athletics fee. Ironically, neither Mrs. Moreland and Erpenbeck nor the regents who voted for football will be responsible for bearing the hardship of substantially increased workloads caused by adding about 140 new athletes to an athletic department that is already severely underfunded. How is that the people with no personal stake in a risky proposal are allowed to make decisions which will adversely affect the rest of us?

Over the next six to eight weeks, we will be examining how football's role at NKU relates to the school's main mission of being "committed to providing quality undergraduate education to citizens of Kentucky." We will examine what the real costs of having a football team will be, and what we must sacrifice in order to afford thirty hours of football each year. We urge you to share your comments or criticisms with us, and to make your voice heard by President Moreland today.

NKU To Honor Athletes Of The Past Friday Night

Staff Report

Northern Kentucky University's Athletics Department is establishing a Hall of Fame this year. The inaugural induction ceremony will be held on Friday in the University Center Ballroom from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The six people that will be inducted are:

*Richard Derkson (1972-75), Men's Basketball — Averaged 18.9 points per game (No. 1 in school history) and scored 1,927 career points (No. 2 in school his-

tory). Also ranks in school history with 668 career rebounds.

*Peggy Vincent (1975-79), Women's basketball, volleyball — Ranks No. 1 in NKU history with 1,883 points, scoring average (16.2 ppg), career rebounds (1,166) and rebounding average (10.9 rpg). Holds eight single-season records at NKU.

*Peggy Ludwig (1975-78), volleyball, women's basketball and softball — NKU's "Most Valuable Player" in volleyball four straight years. Earned KWIC All-Tournament honors in 1976


and '77, and helped NKU win the AIAW South Region championship in '77 and '78. Set record of 523 kills in 1978.

*Gary Wall (1974-78), Baseball — Ranks No. 3 in NKU history with 203 career hits and is fourth all-time with 21 home runs. He had 109 career runs and 102 career RBIs. Played in more games than any other player in NKU history (195).

*John Lott (1976-79), cross country — Placed 17th nationally in the 1979 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships

and earned first team All-America honors that year. Lott was the first athlete in NKU history to earn All-America honors.

*Dan Doellman (1975-79), Men's basketball — Ranks No. 3 on NKU all-time scoring list with 1,920 points and No. 3 all-time on the rebounding list with 784. Doellman Led the Norse to their first ever NCAA Division II Tournament in 1978.




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Norse GLVC Title Hopes Rim Out

By Chris Cole
Staff Reporter

There was so much electricity in Regents Hall on Thursday night that, only one minute into a pivotal GLVC showdown, a fuse blew.

Northern Kentucky University lost its second home game in three years when the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds won an overtime thriller, 74-71.

All week, there was controversy over who was the top team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

According to head coach Ken Shields, the loss removes any doubt.

"They're the best team in the GLVC right now, unless they fall on their face and lose a couple of games."

The Greyhounds (14-1 GLVC, 21-1 overall beat NKU, (12-3 GLVC, 22-3 overall), 74-73 in Indianapolis on Jan. 9.

Close games are a tradition in this GLVC rivalry. In the 90s, nine of 14 Norse-Greyhound games have been decided by three points or less. Three have gone into overtime.

The crowd of nearly 2,000 was at a frenzy as the game began.

Senior LaRon Moore put NKU on the board first.

Indy junior Bart Holubar hit a three-pointer 32 seconds into the game to give the Greyhounds their first lead, 3-2.

Then the scoreboard went blank when a fuse blew.

Play was stopped for 10 minutes.

NKU went on a 10-0 run following the delay, holding the Greyhounds scoreless for over four minutes.

Senior Paul Cluxton made two three-pointers and contributed eight points during the run.

Cluxton's 25 points against U of I positioned him onto NKU's all-time top-10 scoring list.

The Greyhounds, led by senior Terry McBryde, fought back and tied the game at 24 with five minutes remaining in the first half.

Cluxton and senior Shannon Minor made three-pointers with under two minutes remaining to give NKU a 30-28 lead.

The Greyhounds scored the last seven points of the half. McBryde hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer, and the Greyhounds led 35-30.

Moore, Cluxton, and junior Cliff Clinton accounted for 27 of NKU's 30 first-half points. The three shot a combined 75 percent for the half. The rest of the team contributed three points and shot 11 percent.

The second half was more of the same for the Norse. Moore, Cluxton, and Clinton would finish shooting a combined 64 percent. The rest of the team would finish at 17 percent total for the game.

Moore and Cluxton scored 32 of NKU's final 37 points.

The Greyhounds went on a 9-0 run with under 15 minutes remain-



DESPERATION: Sophomore Kevin Listerman fires up a last second three-pointer that would have tied the game against Indianapolis and sent it to double overtime.

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

ing to take a 48-39 lead.

With his team trailing 48-41, Cluxton was sent to the free-throw line. Cluxton's free throws made him the center of attention all season. Going into Thursday's game, Cluxton was 16 free throws away from setting the NCAA Division II record for most consecutive free throws made. He stepped to the line, and made them both. He is 60-for-60 this season.

"He's a machine from the foul line," Indianapolis Sports Information Director Steve Gentry said.

Moore and Cluxton kept the Norse within striking distance. NKU trailed by six with two minutes remaining.

The Norse would tie the game from the free-throw line. Moore hit three free throws in the closing minutes, and junior Andy Listerman added another.

With only 12 seconds remaining, Moore made two free throws to tie the game at 61.

With two seconds remaining, A. Listerman fouled freshman

Matt Britton.

Britton stepped to the line, facing the screaming NKU student section, and missed both, sending the game into overtime.

Overtime was nearly a one-on-one matchup between Moore and McBryde.

Moore and McBryde each scored seven in overtime.

Senior Tyrone Barksdale gave the Greyhounds the first overtime lead.

Cluxton hit his fifth three-pointer of the game to put NKU up 64-63.

The Greyhounds regained the lead, and pulled ahead by four when McBryde made two free throws with 11 seconds remaining in overtime.

Moore scored with seven seconds left to pull the Norse to within three.

In the closing seconds, Kevin Listerman came up with one of his game-high six steals.

"I got a good look at it, stepped up a foot from the (three-point) line, and put it up,"

Listerman said.

"I thought it was going in, but then it hit the front of the rim and bounced out."

The Greyhounds won, 74-71.

LaRon Moore led all scorers with 26 points. He also led all rebounders with eight.

Indianapolis (74): Holubar 8-9 2-3 19, McBryde 7-12 3-4 18, Deemer 0-1 0-0 0, Barksdale 5-10 0-1 11, Britton 0-1 0-2 0, Lindsey 1-3 0-0 2, Gilbert 5-5 2-2 12, Wise 6-11 0-0 12.

NKU (71): Cluxton 9-13 2-2 25, Moore 11-19 4-4 26, Clinton 5-7 0-0 10, Minor 1-10 0-0 3, K. Listerman 1-4 0-0 2, Lane 1-4 0-0 2, A. Listerman 1-3 1-2 3, Clark 0-2 0-0 0.

Halftime — U 35, NKU 30. Fouled out — Norse, Rebounds — U 29 (Wise 8), NKU 27 (Moore 8). Assists — U 14 (Holubar, Barksdale, Lindsey 4), NKU 13 (K. Listerman 5). Total fouls — U 12, NKU 17.

A-1, 1982.

History On NKU's Side

Basketball Editorial



Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

It's not the end of the world! I swear.

Yes, the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team lost to the University of Indianapolis for the second time this season.

Yes, Indy beat the Norse at Regents Hall, which is not supposed to happen.

The Norse had won 13 in a row at home and were 36-1 over the last two-plus years at Regents Hall.

Let's not end it like this: Last year the University of Southern Indiana came in and beat the Norse on Homecoming. That wasn't supposed to happen, but it did.

That was also the second time in the season that USI had beaten the Norse. When it came time for the NCAA Division II tournament, USI was the host, if you will remember, and the Norse spanked them on their home floor. That was not supposed to happen.

The year before that, the Norse defeated USI both times they faced the Eagles during the regular season, but lost at Riverfront Coliseum where the Norse hosted the tournament.

This year the Greyhounds have beaten the Norse twice during the regular season, and they will likely host the Great Lakes Regional.

Whether or not that means the Norse will win the Region and go to the Elite Eight remains to be seen, but history has a way of repeating itself.

Is it a jinx to win a season series against the top team in the conference and go on to win the GLVC title? I don't know, but it has been in the past couple of years.

I think the Norse will be hungry to play Indianapolis again in the tournament. The Norse don't take kindly to losing — especially in their own den.

The loss may end up helping the Norse in the long run. If the regional standings stay the way they currently are, the Norse will have to play Grand Valley State in the Regional Semifinals, while Indy dukies it out with Southern Indiana, who will get the fourth seed.

Norse Rebound Over MSL

By Pat McEntee
Sports Editor

Paul Cluxton continued his unblemished streak of made free throws this season as the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team defeated Missouri-St. Louis.

Cluxton made all four of his free throw attempts Saturday to give him 64 in a row this season and 68 straight dating back to last season.

He finished with a game high 19 points. Senior LaRon Moore added 18 points to go along with a team high 12 rebounds.

Moore needs 14 more rebounds to become the schools all-time leading rebounder.

NKU, 23-3 (13-3 Great Lakes Valley Conference), shot 53 percent from three-point range (8-15) as a team.

The Norse held MSL to 33 percent from the field (19-57).

Kevin Tuckson led MSL with 15 points and a game high 12 rebounds.

The Norse will round out their

home schedule when St. Joseph's and IPFW visit Regent's Hall.

St. Joseph's is led by Chad Patterson. IPFW returned their top six scorers from last season and added four transfers.

The Norse finish the regular season next week on the road when they visit SIU-Edwardsville and Southern Indiana.

Men's GLVC Basketball Standings

Team	Records Total (GLVC)
Indianapolis	21-2 (14-2)
Northern Kentucky	23-3 (13-3)
Southern Indiana	20-3 (13-3)
Kentucky Wesleyan	18-7 (11-5)
Quincy	15-8 (11-5)
IPFW	12-11 (7-9)
Belarmine	14-9 (7-9)
Lewis	13-10 (6-10)
W-Parkside	11-12 (6-10)
SIU-Edwardsville	11-13 (4-12)
UM-St. Louis	6-17 (3-13)
St. Joseph's	3-20 (1-15)

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1997 NKU Baseball Preview

Senior Kichler Leads Young Norse Roster

By John Kirtley
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University baseball head coach Bill Aker, along with his 715 career wins, returns for his 26th season at the helm of the Norse and will be led this season by a pitching staff returning its top nine arms, including three newcomers.

Manning the no. 1 spot in Aker's starting rotation will be senior right-hander and All-Great Lakes Valley Conference first team selection Mike Kichler. Kichler won a team-high seven games for NKU last season, posted a team-low 2.67 ERA and led the Norse in strike-outs, complete games and shut-outs.

"He's, by far, the most knowledgeable kid on our team as far as leadership for our pitchers. He'll probably be our top winner again," Aker said.

"He throws the ball over the plate, he doesn't try to over throw it or do things he can't do. He's not going to over power you but he's got a good slider and changes speeds pretty well."

Junior left-handers Randy Hamilton and Scott Wiggins may not be the aces of the staff that Kichler is, but Aker thinks the duo will be drafted into professional baseball when their NKU careers are over.

"Pro scouts like these two because they throw hard, they're left-handed and they're 6-feet, 3-inches tall," Aker said. "They throw about 88-89 mph and when they throw the ball, it moves."

Senior right-hander Jason Rusk returns after throwing three complete games last season. Six-foot sophomore Jason Keipert will split duty between the starting rotation and the bullpen.

"I think our pitching staff is going to be our strength. I think we can go deeper into our pitching staff than our opponents," Aker said.

"They might have kids that can throw with our 'number ones' and 'number twos' but when you get to number three, four and five I think we can beat them."

As strong as NKU's pitching staff looks on paper, the Norse infield is equally a concern of Aker's. Gone are last season's starting third basemen, Chris Helfer and second basemen Jeff Hetzer.

"It's going to be tough to replace those two because they were basically All-Americans the last couple years," Aker said.

"Defensively and offensively they help our leaders. We're going to need some help in the middle infield."

To fill the void senior Matt Baker will move from shortstop to third base, while two newcomers, junior Aquinas (Tenn.) Junior College transfer Mark Sheppard and freshman Ryan Ponatoski will start at second base and shortstop, respectively. Sophomore Brad Carter will push Ponatoski for the starting job at shortstop.

The catching position is also up in the air. Aker said junior Indiana Wesleyan College transfer Scott Berryman and sophomore Joe Crowley will platoon behind the plate.

"Our up-the-middle guys are supposed to be our leadership. . . but three out of four positions where you want some experience will be new kids," Aker said.

"The middle infielders and catcher are unknown. . . and that's a concern until we find out if they can play or not."

One infielder Aker isn't concerned whether he can play or not is first baseman Mark Emerson. The six-foot, 175 lb. senior was picked ABCA All-North Central Region second team, Academic All-GLVC and All-GLVC first team with numbers to back it up. He led the Norse in games, games started, runs, hits, RBIs and home runs.

"He put more responsibility on himself last year. He didn't worry about anything and just went out and put up the numbers," Aker said.

The outfield should be a strong point for Aker with senior returning starters Mike Sherman and Scott Moreland playing center field and left field, respectively. Six-foot 5-inch Mike Pitzer was third on last season's squad with 31 RBIs and returns to right field.

Aker is also high on Gallatin County (Ky.) High School recruit DeWayne Webb.

"Before the season's out he'll [Webb] help us because he doesn't make the same mistake twice," Aker said. "He's a well-built kid, 196 pounds of all muscle and no fat sticking to his body."

NKU opens the season Monday, Feb. 24 versus Lincoln Memorial University (Tenn.).



PLAY BALL: The NKU baseball team has been forced to hold practices in Regent's Hall. The Norse are counting on having strong pitching this year.

Emerson's Work Ethic Leads To Big Numbers

By Tony Bosch
Staff Reporter

Mark Emerson, a senior first baseman for the Northern Kentucky University men's baseball team, is known for his rigorous training during the off-season. This spring, he hopes his perseverance will help the Norse reach the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

"We come so close every year," Emerson said. "Since this is my last season with NKU, I really want to go out with a bang."

Last year, Emerson led the Norse in most offensive categories, including a .421 batting average and 37 RBIs. He also earned All-GLVC honors and was honored by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

He attributes most of his success to his work ethic. "Baseball is a year-round thing for me," Emerson said. "Everything I do in the winter is aimed at getting ready for the spring."

Head coach Bill Aker said that Emerson's hard work really paid off last season.

"He put more responsibility on himself last year," Aker said. "He didn't worry about anything and just went out and put up the numbers."

"He had a great year, but he works at it. He works on the weights and in practice and earned everything he got."

Aker has added several new assistant coaches this year, who Emerson said are having a huge influence on the players.

"Practice is a lot better now because the new coaches are ex-players," Emerson said. "The change is so dramatic. Things are 100 percent better than last season."

Emerson said the players that have been around for a few years have noticed the difference and think the team is ready for a great season.

"Experience is going to be our only weakness," Emerson said. "The talent is definitely there. We just haven't had the chance to prove it yet."

Wiggins, Hamilton Look Towards Draft Day

By Jennifer Turnau
Staff Reporter

With snow on the ground and an arctic wind blowing across campus, it may be hard to believe that baseball season is right around the corner.

Well, believe it or not, spring training will be starting soon, and this year the Northern Kentucky University men's baseball team is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

The NKU baseball team has two returning pitchers that share a common goal. Scott Wiggins and Randy Hamilton, both junior left-handers, can lead this year's team to the conference tournament and beyond.

"We missed the tournament by only one game the last two years," Wiggins said. "The new pitchers and return of our starters will really help us out this year."

Wiggins, who transferred to NKU from Miami University (Oh.), pitched a total of 14 games last season, with a 3-4 record. Of his 61 innings pitched, Wiggins gave up

only 55 hits and 45 runs.

Although Wiggins is one of the more successful pitchers on the team, he knows that he can improve upon last year.

"I was really disappointed in myself last season," Wiggins said. "I know that I am a good pitcher, but I let myself down mentally."

Wiggins attributes his success at NKU to the recent additions in the coaching staff.

"It was a good choice for coach Aker to bring in our pitching coach, Joe Renner. I am really grateful to him for teaching me everything about pitching."

Head coach Bill Aker knows that Wiggins is one of the strong points of this year's team.

"This team must have good pitchers, because we are so inexperienced," Aker said. "With good players like Wiggins and Hamilton, we can have a successful season."

The second key returning pitcher at NKU is Randy Hamilton. Last season, Hamilton pitched in 14 games, and was 6-3. By giving up only 72 hits, and allowing only 32 runs scored, Hamilton remained one

of the team's most valuable players. Hamilton had one shutout from last season to his credit.

Hamilton graduated in 1994 from Simon Kenton High School, and was drafted in the 16th round by the Chicago White Sox. However, Hamilton chose to give up Chicago and play baseball at NKU. If he enters the draft this year, he would be willing to leave school, but only under one condition.

"I would go with the team that gave me the best signing bonus—there would have to be some money involved," Hamilton said.

One of Hamilton's most recent successes was playing in the Great Lakes Valley Wood Bat League last summer. NKU's pitching coach, Renner, helped Hamilton join the team.

"This summer was really good for me. I made the all-star team, and a lot of professional scouts got to see me pitch," Hamilton said.

Aker also agrees that Renner has been an asset to the team. "He gets to work with these boys every day, when I could only every other day—Joe is a great deal of help,"

Aker said.

Both Wiggins and Hamilton agree that NKU could win most of their games this season. All four starting pitchers from last year will be returning, along with the new recruits.

Wiggins said the combination of returning starters and talented recruits will be the key this year.

"Our problems in the past have been lack of experience—I was one of those inexperienced players. Having all of our returning starters will really help us out this year," Wiggins said.

The two players agree that if the team focuses on going beyond the regular season, winning the conference title will not seem out of reach.

"The younger guys don't realize what's in post-season, it's not bad luck, we just need to know what's beyond the regular schedule," Wiggins said.

Hamilton believes that apart from looking past the regular season, if the team improves their hitting, winning most of the games will fall into place.

"We could definitely go to the conference, or beyond, with this year's team," Hamilton said.

Aker feels that the possibility of Wiggins and Hamilton getting drafted after this season is very strong.

"Both are left-handed pitchers, and have both matured a lot since their freshman years, they will be working hard, and will probably enter the draft," Aker said.

Last year the team finished 30-20, and missed the conference tournament by one game.

"This year you must be first in your division to go to the conference tournament," Aker said. "We have played very well, and could very well get there."



Mark Emerson



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Beautician Isn't As Beastly As 'The Pest'

Josh Sneed
Movie Critic

Well, I'm back everyone, and I've brought with me the low down on two new movies. Though I must admit, the selections weren't the best, I'll give you the scoop anyway just so you can wisely spend your money. Then, we'll both feel better about the whole thing.

You say, "Enough with the Stuart Smully, give me the movies!" Well, you asked for it, (or maybe not), and you got it.

I've decided to introduce my own special rating system for this column. At the same time, I would like to incorporate my favorite movie snacks to convey the true feelings I got from these movies. The rating system may take on many new faces each week, so I take you for what lies ahead as I lay you to the movies. Lastly, I'm going to bring in one more little feature to my column each week. I'm going to leave you with a favorite movie quote of mine. Try to guess where it's from. Just something for you to "chew on." See ya' peeps!

"Look kids, there's 'Big Ben.' 'Parliament!'"

"Beautician and the Beast" offers something to chew on

The first movie we'll look at is "The Beautician and the Beast." This movie stars Fran Drescher ("The Nanny") and former "James Bond," Timothy Dalton.

This is the story of New York teacher named Joy Miller (Drescher), chosen to be whisked away to instruct the children of the president of Slovetzia, Boris Pochenko (Dalton). Mistaken for a science teacher, thanks to a pet store fire scene straight out of a Pee Wee Herman movie, Miller is actually a night school beautician instructing some aspiring students. Rather than return home, Drescher teaches the children everything she knows about literature, science, and history.

In the process, she teaches Pochenko, at first a ruthless dictator, how to be "liked" by his people, not feared. I kept hearing the theme from "The Sound of Music" playing in the back of my head. Deja vu? He also earns the respect of his

children.

Drescher almost carries her TV role as "The Nanny" over to the big screen. That same nasal voice is ever-present throughout the film. If you like the show, you'll like the movie. I personally don't watch the show, but did enjoy this movie. Guys, if for nothing else, check out Fran in this little red dress when she goes out for a night on the town. She looks hotter than the lava spewing forth from Dante's Peak in the theater next door. There were some flaws that you will pick up on. For instance, more than once, Timothy Dalton loses his accent during his long lines. There was some bad editing also, particularly when Drescher shoots her cream all over Pochenko's assistant's face, (easy guys, it was styling moose used as mace in case you thought it may be something else.). Every time it went back to the assistant, the MOOSE was in a different spot.

But, as I said before I did enjoy this movie. I'm going to give it a "Gummy-bear" rating. It was very flavorful, something to chew on, and stuck with you for a little while after it was over. In my opinion, those who don't like this movie can, "Talk to the hand." But, don't take my word for it, enjoy the show!

"The Pest" lives up to its name

The other movie I reviewed this week was "The Pest." In the words of "Men on Film," I "hated it." I wasn't going to bother even writing about this movie, but I felt it a crime to let anyone even consider putting down a penny to go see it. John Leguizamo ("To Wong Foo") does his best to follow the footsteps of Jim Carey, but took a wrong turn somewhere after the first step. As soon as I saw Jeffrey Jones. (Principal Edward Rooney from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"). I knew I was going to be there for a while. Just to let those of you know who may be a little interested in the plot, and just to show that I did pay attention, Pest (Leguizamo) is paid \$50,000 to be hunted by Gustav (Jones). Gustav is a great hunter who, after hunting every animal there is, decides to hunt every type of human. The only one he lacks is *Latinus Simps*. Pest owes this same amount of money to the Irish Mob. This movie was hands-down terrible. I'm giving it the "fat-free turkey frank" rating. It was overpriced, disgusting, and wasn't even



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WHAT A PEST: John Leguizamo stars as Pestario "Pest" Vargas, a mischievous Latin scam-artist who unwittingly becomes the object of a human hunt, in TriStar Pictures' comedy "The Pest."

a little tasty with ketchup. That's saying a lot right there, because EVERYTHING tastes better with ketchup.

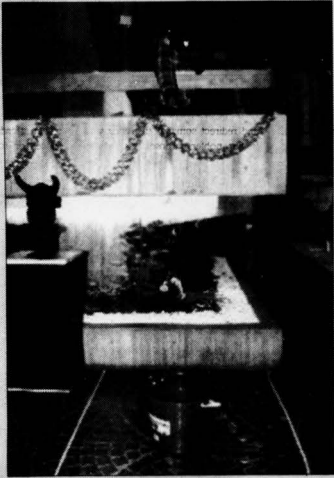
Any movie that contains the lines, "Love, peace, and chicken grease," and "Later masturbator," is hurting for talent. Both of these lines coming from the same movie which features a young gale male infatuated with snakes. Terrible acting, bad jokes, and a plot not even suitable for MAD TV con-

tribute to this flop. Now people, you know that I always say not to take my word for it, but this time, DO! If you don't believe me, just listen to one of the NKU students who also attended the premiere. Jackie Owens, Leah Barnes, Sarah Cline, Diane Stich, and Jessica Elmore all "hated it." Seriously, if you really wanna waste your money, don't do it on this film. Spend it elsewhere. O.J.'s taking donations!!!

Look Out Below!

Anna Weaver/
The Northerner

RUBBERS AWAY: Students attempted to get it in by dropping condoms into a bucket last Thursday in The University Center for the Wellness Center's Condom Drop.



Brotherhood Is Key To State Convention

By Therese Wynn
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. will host their state convention on NKU's campus Feb. 28 to March 2 of 1997.

Steve Ingram, a sophomore sociology major said, "The purpose is to get each chapter in the state to come together in brotherhood."

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded on Dec. 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., by seven men who got together as a study group.

NKU's Alpha Phi Alpha chapter was started in 1988.

Ingram said the motto of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is first of all "Servants of all, we shall transcend all." This means that Alpha Phi Alpha was the first African-American Greek letter organization geared towards service in its community.

During the convention, workshops will be held on leadership and networking.

John Jackson, vice president of administration for Cincinnati Bell Telephone company, will be speaking

at one of the workshops. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. These workshops will be open for Alpha Phi Alpha members only.

The three-day convention will also have a "Miss Black & Gold" pageant with NKU's contestant, Antreece Sims.

Antreece Sims, a senior majoring in speech communication, was crowned in November of 1996 as "Miss Black & Gold" for Rho Gamma chapter. She will also be competing for the state title Feb. 28.

"It's a privilege and a pleasure to be Miss Black & Gold 1996, because of the strong black women that were before me," Sims said. "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity stands for public service and giving back to the black community and that is my passion."

The convention will end on March 2 with an Alpha Basketball Feast. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity members will play the staff members from WIZ 100.9 FM radio station. The game will start at 2 p.m. with a charge of \$2. The proceeds will then go to the Campbell County Boys and Girls Club.

'No Time To Get To The Bedroom'

By Justin Lynch
Music Critic

John Spencer Blues Explosion
Now I Got Worry - Matador 1996

If James Brown had fringed the Sex Pistols, this is what it'd sound like.

All growling raunch and infectiously sexy, taking you from the dance floor straight to the back seat ('cause there's no time to get to the bedroom).

But this isn't your father's funk, nor your mother's punk- none of that was ever as irreverent, straight up, and aw baby mm-mm good.

Ah, "what's missing?" you ask. The bass. Mr. Spencer's little trio of unhomogenized sex rush doesn't have any. You don't miss it a lick, though. The preconceived notion that a fat bottom makes the funk is shattered by tasty guitar licks, 'Elvis in a brothel' vocals, and drums that'd test the pope's faith.

Gettin' it on? Get this CD first.

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Pick of the week: Chickendawg. Hear it on WRFN.

Bill Miller Conjures Pure Magic At NKU

By Justin Lynch
Music Critic

So many times do you hear students and faculty complain of the desolate nature of our campus after five o'clock on weekdays.

Yet last Friday evening, Valentine's Day, a sold out crowd at Greaves' Concert Hall witnessed

what will probably stand as the musical event of the year at NKU: Bill Miller.

WNKU hosted the Native American singer-songwriter's performance, that could only be described as magical.

From the moment Mr. Miller took the stage, the conservative, stark auditorium and its audience

were transported to an enchanting forest near the Stockbridge-Munroe Reservation that Mr. Miller grew up on, in northern Wisconsin. No elaborate set designs or stadium show pyrotechnics were required for such a feat.

Just a singular man's voice, with a guitar and variety of Native American flutes, and percussion were needed to traverse space and time.

Mr. Miller's flawless songs of his history and journey, interspersed with quips and wise and humorous anecdotes bespoke less of a peace he searched for, and more of a peace he had found.

His rapport with his audience was a delightful scene enjoyed too infrequently in these days of inaccessible performers that are rarely worth the price of admission to see them.

From his opening request that the house lights be turned so he could see his audience, and his invitation to the crowd to take as many pictures as they pleased, to the warm sing-a-long encore of Dylan's "Knocking on Heaven's Door," Bill Miller's showmanship was a standard by which all other performers should be judged- pure magic.



MAGICAL VALENTINE: Miller plays with his Native American flute to a sold out crowd in Greaves Hall on Valentine's Day.

Paid Volunteers Needed For Medical Research Study

Researchers in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital Medical Center are currently recruiting healthy men and women between the ages of 18 and 50 to participate in a study. A screening blood test is required. \$10.00 will be provided at the screening visit. This isolation study involves an 8 night stay that begins March 21st and ends March 29. Volunteers who qualify for further study participation may be eligible for travel reimbursement and a cash stipend.

For further information contact
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Call to arrange a screening appointment by March 7th.

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Get It Right Now, Folks

Title IX is extremely hard to understand, but nonetheless, it is so important that there have been many interpretations of it in recent years.

Those interpretations have been a bit lax in order to gain a certain perspective. Right now, Northern Kentucky University is not really adhering to the law that, in basic terms, states there should be gender equity. In athletics, that means if there is 50 percent men and 50 percent women playing sports, half the money goes to each gender.

Unfortunately, that's not happening right now, and when NKU fields its first football team, it will be even more out-of-wack.

Around 70 men will suit up for football. Adding women's soccer will add about 25 more women to the mix, but guess what... still out of wack. The prediction has been that the Athletic Department will add women's swimming, track and field and golf, by the year 2000, 2001 or 2002. That technicality has not been worked out just yet.

That's just not good enough.

Men have had 1 more sport over women since it seems, the beginning of time. The women's soccer club had been trying extremely hard to become varsity since 1993. They had been told 'no' for 4 years because there was never enough money for them. They've not had any luck becoming varsity until, miraculously, football was thrown into the picture.

Suddenly, out of the blue, an athletic enhancement fee has been passed, football's been added and guess what? Women can now play varsity soccer.

Praise be!

Oops, there is still a problem. Women won't be playing those other sports for a while, but men will be playing football soon. They are looking for a coach as we speak.

Now, this is not a pity party for women... waaa we want our golf. We want our swimming!

No, it is more of a disgust party for those who think having football is more important than obeying the law.

Gosh, if the state aid would be taken away because NKU is not obeying the law, which is what could really happen, then our administrators would be crying, right? But they should be just a little upset because they are not doing the right thing for women now.

When the first coin is tossed during football pregame, a gun should be signaling the women swimmers to start their first meet, a whistle should signal the start of the first women's soccer match, a golf ball should be shot 150 feet for the first tee shot of women's golf and a referee should signal the first javelin throw for the first women's track and field meet.

That is how it should be done. Not because NKU is breaking the law, but because it is the fair thing to do.

After all, each woman on campus is paying the fee, they should have some of the same benefits.

Have Pride, Have Football

To the Editor:

Northern now has a football program, or will have one shortly. It's over, a done deal, and to those of you who don't want it, get over it.

Football will cost some serious money, true, but it will also bring in money, a fact which you haven't acknowledged. It will draw people to the university, not just additional students, but alumni, y'know, the ones who have the money. Football is another plus to list when recruiting anyone, athletic or not. I've never heard of anyone refusing to go to a place because it had a football team. The reverse of that statement is not true. A football team will get many to look at the school who otherwise might not have, and will advertise our university anywhere we play, saying both that we are here and are also committed to growth.

The addition of football helps women's athletics as well. Not by bringing in 'football players' girlfriends, (that comment was a strike against our side, but it does not represent football supporters or President Moreland fairly). As a result of the addition of football, more women's varsity level teams will be added, starting with the much-deserved soccer team. NCAA regulations require equal numbers of men's and women's scholarships to be added, so

if football ever becomes a scholarship sport, that would cover two or three women's teams.

The opponents of football have used everything from lack of books (of the Dick & Jane variety, I think) to cold rooms (?) as reasons not to get a football program. And there are some legitimate concerns in-between. Is Northern big enough to support a team? (Yes.) Is the potential gain worth the risk. (Yes.) Will football take away from pre-existing programs, athletic or academic? (Not under the plan approved last week.) Are the majority of the students against the \$40 athletic fee? (Who knows, most students go straight from their cars to class and back again. If they did feel that strongly, they should have taken thirty seconds out of their busy schedules to do something about it, other than harass people in the lunch room with a rather belated petition.)

Football will benefit this institution far more than a couple of books that will go unused or a few warmer rooms. School spirit is budding now due to a pair of fantastic basketball programs. Football will throw gasoline on that campfire. It will be a reason to come to campus for something other than class, and give students a great opportunity to meet and party with their fellow Norse.

I attended UK when the football team went 1-10.

They were awful, but students and alumni alike still attended games. Why? Because it was their school, their team, and they were proud to say it. It brought the student body together. One particular Saturday our class rallied to a near upset of perennial power Georgia. All the guys of the dorm gathered around the radio in the common room, hoping against hope for a much-needed victory. They didn't win, but it didn't matter. We had a good time, and something to talk about all week long.

I like Northern better than UK. Northern is much more student-friendly than UK, with smaller classes and better instructors. I am sick and tired of hearing people mumble "Northern" when asked where they go to school, or having Northern be a punch-line to someone's joke. I am proud of where I go. It does not hinge upon the fact that we are getting a football team, but that fact does increase my pride. Maybe instead of "No Knowledge U." we will be referred to as "Norse-Krazy U."

Football will help this university grow up into what it was meant to be, a university the equal of any in the state. If its opponents will grow up enough to allow it.

Andy Folz
Junior/Journalism



Let's Make A Deal, A New "Done Deal"

Dear Editor:

Recently, I have been bugging everybody in my life with a question to which, they will be happy to hear, I now have the answer. That question has been: What is this football-at-NKU thing? Why does whether or not one is "for it" or "against it" become a test of loyalty and a question of ultimate significance (sort of like being forced to decide if you're a creationist or an evolutionist). It is a big thing, I'm told by someone who seems to know. Is there something dark, deep and a little sinister here? If I seem to be overly dramatic it may be because I encounter, on a daily basis, that now famous symbol of guts and glory, the Norse Helmet, provocatively displayed in its glass and natural wood case in the University Center lobby. This is no subtle message. That helmet says to me, "I'm here and, by Jock, I'm here to stay."

And so I find that I'm avidly reading all of the football-at-NKU news articles, trying to get a clue to what this feverish football fetish is all about. As a favor to any readers who have been out of the country or just "out to lunch" and haven't been informed, here are the NKU "football facts" as I see them:

1. Football-at-NKU will increase our student population, not only because of the hundreds of guys who will be playing the game but also because of the thousands of girls competing to be "football sweethearts" who will come to watch the guys run and knock each other down.

2. Football-at-NKU will create a spirit of community on campus for the reason stated in number 1.

3. Football-at-NKU will increase support from former football players and former football sweethearts who have fond memories of number 1.

4. Faculty and Staff who are not

"for it," are not "with it." They tend to be preoccupied with the lack of classroom space, full-time teachers and library books and are, therefore, considered to be "spoilsports." Since they typically don't believe "if we build it, they will come," they are thought to be un-American.

5. Students, whether or not they are "for it," will pay a \$20 fee and will have a place to go on Friday nights when the library is closed. (An NKU student who wrote a letter to the editor in the February 5 issue of The Northerner was not among the 250 students who were polled and were reportedly "overwhelmingly in favor," i.e. "for it.")

6. The current situation is now commonly referred to as "a done deal."

For some reason, adding all of this up still made me wonder what I was missing.

I continued to be bewildered, bothered and bewildered until the answer came like a bolt out of the blue as I was enjoying one of my excursions to the Kenwood Half-Price Books store. This is an establishment that offers "cheap thrills" as stated on their free bookmarks. I was browsing in the psychology section when there it was. The Answer. In the title of a book, The Stronger Women Get, the Norse Men Love Football.

"Whoa," I said, as I took the book off the shelf and found a place to sit down. Is this it? Can it be true? Are we women the reason why a prominent person (male) in Northern Kentucky is ready to "move dirt," dig up hundreds of thousands of dollars each year from community businesses and spend precious time on the search committee to help us find a new president who is "for it?" Could be.

Because according to the book's author Mariah Burton Nelson, sport is a man's last bastion of power.

"...as women in the late twentieth century gain increasing economic, political, and athletic strength, many men cling to many sports as a symbol of 'natural' male dominance. The stronger women get, the more enthusiastic male fans, players, coaches and owners seem to be embracing a particular form of masculinity: toughness, aggression, denial of emotion..."

So it seems that if we want to slow down this earth-moving steam roller and redirect some of this energy to higher, nobler purposes, we women are going to have to change our ways. Confidence and competence are out, subordination and submission are in. Turn down those promotions, scrap those publications, and polish that glass ceiling. We need a little show of weakness here!

I'm sure, however, that I'm speaking for a lot of NKU women when I say that if we're going to surrender this power that we've been so

headlessly enjoying, we expect some concessions and, for openness, I'm recommending the following:

1. Stop the process to plow ahead with "football-at-NKU;" reconsider the decision, and provide mechanisms for full and open discussions at every level of the university with full disclosure of anticipated costs and sources of funding.

2. Suggest that outside money that is donated to finance a football field and stadium be matched with funds to create affordable housing and green space for low income families in Northern Kentucky.

3. Reaffirm a commitment to academic excellence at Northern Kentucky University as the highest priority and provide the human and material resources necessary to make that a reality.

Is it a deal?

Ann Richards
Health Counseling & Testing

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