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Attendance, appeals cause controversy

by Peg Moertl

Portions of the first "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities" to be formally drawn together and written down since the inception of NKU met resistance from the Faculty Senate at their meeting Monday afternoon and so received only "provisional approval" from the university's Board of Regents that evening.

Student Government President Sam Makris, a principle author of the code, voiced unhappiness with the senators' behavior.

For instance, he said, members of the student affairs committee of the Faculty Senate received the document at their Oct. 11 meeting. "They were given three months to examine the document. They were supposed to act on the code in time for their comments to be incorporated," he noted.

In fact, "they did not send the report to Dr. Michael Adams (one of the faculty authors of the code) until the last working day before the regents meeting at which the proposal was presented," Makris explained. "Some members of the rest of the faculty Senate didn't even get the code until the day of the meeting (Monday) or the day after," he added.

Faculty Senate President Robert Vitz had another view.

"I did not know the student code existed until after I returned from Christmas break," he said, but "there were some communications problems between Tetzlaff, student affairs committee chairperson, President Albright and Dr. Adams. It's my understanding that the committee was not sure if the code was to be brought before the rest of the senate for a vote and was not aware there was any rush on the matter."

According to Vitz, "there were three areas which they (the committee) had strong reservations about."

Two of these areas, the attendance policy and the academic appeals process, drew the most fire from the faculty and regents.

As a result, the original policy, "class attendance is not compulsory," was only approved by the regents when modified to include "except when required by the faculty for educational purposes."

"As it is changed, it is not much different from the current policy. Some instructors have mandatory attendance and some have no attendance policy," said Vitz.

According to NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright, the new policy restricts instructors who would demand attendance in classes "upon whim, not for legitimate reasons."

A second area of controversy is the academic appeals process proposed in the new code. Makris claims he and Adams could find no existing procedure for students who feel a grade is unjust to appeal for a change.

Provost Dr. Janet Travis, however, told both the regents and the senators "there is currently an appeals process in effect. It is not ideal, but it is a procedure." She added that several students are currently involved in airing their dissatisfaction according to this plan, which has never been formalized.

First, she said, a student must inform the instructor about the problem.

If it is not resolved, the student may approach the department chairperson and the dean of the program cluster in which that department is included. There was some confusion at the regents meeting about whether an appeal could continue to the provost's office.

Travis indicated there was no student or peer evaluation included in the process, a factor Makris considered "extremely unjust."

SG suggested that an appeal go to the pro-



SG President Sam Makris explains Student Code to Regent s (Maryevelyn Wilson photo).

fessor involved, the program chairperson and to a committee chosen by the dean of the cluster. This committee would consist of two faculty members chosen by the dean, one faculty member chosen by the department chairperson and two students selected by SG. If no resolution was made here, the appeals could go to the president's office.

The regents did not approve the process and Albright promised to form a representative ad-hoc committee to prepare a revision to be presented for approval at the April regents meeting.

Until that time, he told The Northerner, "any case up now will follow pretty much what has gone on in the past."

Makris urged any "students with academic complaints to use the process" and he promises, "I will personally go through the entire present system of appeals with them."

In April, Makris concluded, "if it's the last thing I do, I'm going to make sure this process passes."

'Weather' to be or not to be ...

In the face of blizzards, ice and technical disasters, The Northerner rolled to the presses and now we come to you, better late than never, as the saying goes.

Watch for this week's issue back on its regular schedule, barring further power displays by Big Mama Nature (we're convinced!).

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Carroll's budget plan is disappointing and hopeful

Although the heavy snows last week brought much of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to a halt, Gov. Julian Carroll presented his biennium budget proposal to the State General Assembly as scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Included in that proposal, not yet acted on by the legislators, is Carroll's recommendation for state university appropriations, including Northern.

Based on suggestions about the needs of each of the eight state universities primarily from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, as well as from the governor's own aides, the proposal governs the fiscal years 1978-79 and 1979-80.

According to a memorandum presented Monday to the NKU Board of Regents by President Dr. A. D. Albright, which outlined the executive plan and explained its implications for Northern, "some disappointment must be expressed in how the University fared in the budget process this time. The argument had repeatedly been that special consideration must be granted to Northern because of the previous inadequate appropriations. While the 1978-80 budget proposal does represent a suitable distribution among institutions, it does not recognize the validity of that argument."

If the executive proposal is approved by the legislature, NKU will receive \$13.3 million and \$14.4 million respectively in the next two fiscal years, stated Albright.

In terms of present appropriations of \$10.6 million, "the new dollar figure is \$2.7 million in 1979 and \$1.1 million in 1980 for a total of \$3.8 million in new dollars for the biennium," noted Albright. The total is less than that proposed by the Council, \$4.1 million (\$2.3 million and \$1.8 million, respectively), he added.

"I think the amount of increase in that first year is encouraging and gratifying," Albright told the regents, commending

both the Council and Carroll for recognizing "that Northern Kentucky University had those unique needs peculiar to a new rapidly growing institution."

"In the second year, however," he added, "the State budget making process has failed to comprehend the funding and other problems of this struggling university. While the first year will enable the institution to advance in several respects, the second year provision will impair severely the progress made possible under the first."

The lesser new dollar figure of \$1.8 million for the second year (1979-80) will impede the university's ability to keep up with such factors as cost-of-living salary increases and inflated costs of services and equipment, according to Albright. The problem is compounded by the fact that there are no current plans by the state to increase tuition rates to compensate, he said.

Albright did see hope in a special provision in the executive budget for a discretionary fund of \$2.5 million for enrollment growth and program development. He said he was assured by the Council that, "in formulating its recommendation (it) considered the fund to be primarily for unique needs of two universities, Northern being one."

Nonetheless, "we will have to carry over some of the first year increase to the second year," he suggested. "This approach will ensure that sufficient funds are available in 1980 to meet our commitments, but it will lessen the effectiveness of the 1979 increases."

(See accompanying story on NKU prospects, page 7.)

opinion

New policy is no policy

So a new attendance policy went into effect when it was approved Monday by the NKU Board of Regents. Big deal.

The old policy, stated in the catalog, allowed a student to miss up to 25% of an individual course's class periods per semester without official penalty, although adherence to this rule was left to the discretion of the instructor.

Some held students to perfect attendance, while others pretended not to notice all those new faces at mid-terms and finals.

"Class attendance is not compulsory except when required by the faculty for educational purposes," according to the newly-approved policy.

Presented as part of the "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities," the statement originally read, "class attendance is not compulsory."

Its premise was a good one. "It is the responsibility of the student as a mature person to attend class as often and as promptly as possible," is the explanation given in the code.

The Faculty Senate, however, in their eternal wisdom, objected most strenuously.

Senate President Dr. Robert Vitz said their complaint with the policy statement "was twofold: attendance policy is traditionally a prerogative of the instructor and attendance is necessary for the full experience of the educational process. There should be an opportunity for an instructor to have that power to set a policy."

Wonderful. By forcing a person to come to class, he/she will necessarily be a participant in the "educational process," because the teacher says so. This seems to be a rather shaky hypothesis, but that is not the main issue here.

Because of the Senators' objections to what Vitz termed the "too rigid" policy, NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright suggested the regents pass the code, adding "except when required by the faculty for educational purposes" to the attendance policy.

Now is when the real trouble begins. How does the statement, with the "except" clause, differ substantially from the old policy? What are "educational purposes," anyway?

Obviously, there is much leeway for interpretation.

Vitz holds, "As it is changed, it is not much different" from the old rule of ultimately leaving attendance restrictions in the hands of each faculty member.

So it would seem.

Albright, on the other hand, told The Northerner, "In certain classes attendance is necessary. In a speech class, for example, one can't make a speech if one is not there. In a primarily textbook course, where the exams are based on a text, attendance isn't as necessary."

Moreover, "requiring attendance must be based on legitimate educational reasons," he explained, adding, "It must be pointed out that attendance is compulsory at the beginning."

This seems reasonable also, but could lead to a lot of problems cataloging each course's reliance on a textbook.

"My interpretation from the regents meeting is that nursing, Chase Law School and lab classes only would be exempt from a no-attendance policy," offered SG President and Student Regent Sam Makris.

His idea is much more specific than the statement, he voted, apparently, on the basis of his idea—a hazardous move.

Someone had better get these three leaders together to develop a single meaning for the ambiguous statement. If each of them arrived at a different interpretation, imagine the number of meanings a student-faculty poll would show!

Of course, one solution might be to incorporate all three ideas: Attendance is not compulsory, except in nursing and Chase Law School classes, and in those courses which require student participation, such as seminars, lab sessions, speech classes, class discussions,...

Hey, wait a minute! Don't all classes require student participation to some degree, such that a faculty member could require, legitimately, mandatory attendance?

It looks like Albright and the regents blundered on this policy by making it so unclear as to be unworkable.

At best, they wasted their time because it is essentially a re-wording of the old policy. At worst, they have contributed to faculty-student hostility and have added substantially to the workload of SG, the Faculty Senate and the administration, who must now wade through the garble to determine one meaning for the policy.

At least "class attendance is not compulsory" said what it meant clearly.

And a clear policy is better than one with a few extra words that says nothing.

Peg

Letters to the Editor

Turn TV on

Hey you guys - HELP!!

How does a person get the television in the student lounge turned on - on a regular basis Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. There's nothing to do around here for an hour!

(signed)
A distraught student
(in good standing)

Snow Bind

Dear Editor:

Maintenance has been doing a somewhat adequate job of snow removal during this winter. The parking lots were, to the observer last week, like the huge snow fields so native to the great north. After seeing that what they had done Monday was not enough, they continued in the job of removing the snow of the gravel lot behind the Landrum Academic Building. This, it seems, was a total loss of time as students who are not aware that they have parked in the driveways are blocking access to almost three-fourths of this lot that can be used by other likewise lot and late students. This goes on during even warmer weather, and nothing is done about it.

Cars are always caught by someone who blocks them in because they cannot get into the farther reaches of the lot.

It seems DPS could do better or even do something to alleviate this trap: maybe put an officer there in the morning to direct traffic in a way that the lot could be used to its full extent. Then, if anyone is blocking the driveways, DPS could either ticket them or tow the vehicle away as they do on the paved lots. I believe even though the lot isn't paved, every student who parks there is under the same set of rules and DPS should enforce them.

(signed)
Harry Donnermeyer Jr.

Lost Cause Found

The people of the Northern,

You folks are to be commended for maintaining your publication on a regular basis despite the demise of literacy here in the New Age. The Lost Cause Review as it turns out was not so lucky. Things happened.

We should, however, have a new issue out sometime in the middle of dreared February. Besides our usual spot in the Much-Rumored Student Lounge we may well have "representatives" at the University Center and the Landrum Academic Center. So take an alternative route cause well harass everyone we see.

(signed)
The Much-Rumored Lost
Cause Review

Controversial Constitution

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to comment on one of the most controversial articles in the proposed new constitution of the Student Government at Northern Kentucky University. The undersigned feel that a new constitution is necessary

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to adequately represent students at this ever expanding university.

However, we object to the following article of the proposed new constitution, Article IV, Section 3, paragraph A, in which it is stated, "The offices of Public Relations Director, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be filled upon appointment by a majority vote of the Representative Assembly." We object to this proposal because we feel it to be an incredible slight to the student body at this university. Previously, the treasurer and secretary of Student Government were elected members of the Executive Council.

Under the proposed new plan students will not be allowed to vote for these office-holders, deftly sidestepping necessary student input.

The reasoning behind the proposal is simple but naive. It's writers feel that the secretary, treasurer, and Public Relations director should be elected only on the basis of their skills in typing, accounting, or promotion. However meritorious this may seem at first glance, it ignores another simple fact-the Executive Council is at least as political a job as it is a technical one. Executive Council members are involved in the decision-making process at this university every day. To have these offices filled by a simple majority vote of the Student Government leaves students out of a decision-making process that is rightfully theirs.

Finally, it should be noted that under the proposed new system it would be quite easy, under the wrong leadership, for a form of patronage system to evolve. Since the treasurer, secretary, and Public Relations director do not have to be representatives, it would be very easy for a strong president to nominate a campaign worker for one of the executive council offices as a form of payment for his or her support. The prize not only includes the power of voting and of influence within the Executive Council but a full year tuition waiver as well.

To sum up, this proposal: a) sidesteps student opinion in the decision-making process, and b) could very well lead to a patronage system rivaled only by Tammany Hall.

We urge the student government to repeal Article IV, section 3, paragraph A and also urge that all interested students attend the final meeting on this constitution by the Student Government, Monday, January 30, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the University to express your views on this very serious matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Monce
Marty Sheehan
Tom Dressman
Darlene Mages
Bob Krebs
Marian Johnson
Harry Donnermeyer, Jr.
Gary S. Webb

MOTHER MAY I?

Dear Mother Nature:

As one mother to another, I feel that it is time we had a little talk. So what is this, anyway, instant replay? Wasn't it just a few short months ago that you threw one of these tantrums? Honestly, I feel as though I'm living in a continuing state of *deja vu*. Every morning the same yuck on the streets and the same dull list of school closings on the radio. I can understand a little display of temper occasionally but this is ridiculous! A lady your age should show a little more maturity, for heaven's sake.

Perhaps you haven't considered the consequences of your irresponsible actions. Do you realize that the "Kiss" concert had to be postponed because of you? Much more of that kind of thing and the cultural life of the area is going to suffer for sure! Senior Citizens meetings were cancelled all over the Cincinnati area. You have messed up the social life of hundreds of sweet little old ladies! Don't

forget, honey, you're going to be old yourself some day! Oh, yes, about those school closings. You have condemned thousands of mothers to imprisonment with their own off-spring for an unspecified period of time. Many of these poor unfortunates were just beginning to withdraw from Valium addiction acquired during summer vacation. Much more of this and the suicide rate is going to be unbelievable. Don't you have any conscience at all???

In my usual unselfish fashion, I have saved discussion of your most heinous act for last. This is a crime against nature so ghastly that I shudder to mention it but justice must be done. You old broad, do you know that you caused me to miss a basketball game FOR WHICH I HAD A FREE TICKET??? Live with that, if you can!!!

Hopefully,
Mother Tucker

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She dances like an elf with the power of a lion

"I wanted to do something on my own."

This attitude characterized the life of dancer Peggy Lyman from her move to New York at 19 to become a member of one of the world's most renowned dance companies, to her obtaining a leave of absence to begin a dance program at NKU, and, most recently, to her planning her own solo concert at Northern.

The program includes two dances created by internationally-famous Martha Graham, who leads the New York troupe with whom Lyman dances during the summer.

Graham rarely releases her pieces for performance outside her own company, according to Lyman. The choreographer presented "Lamentation" and "Frontier" to Northern in thanks for their co-operation in releasing Lyman from teaching duties last summer to dance in New York with the company, she said.

Two of the other dances in the program are world premieres, created specifically for Lyman to perform in this concert, she continued.



"Quilted," to music by Leo Kottke, was written by Lyman's friend William Badolato and describes, "humorously", five pieces of a young woman's life, from her first motorcycle to her rebirth as a full-grown woman," she explained.

Peter Sparling, a fellow principal dancer from the Martha Graham Dance Company created "Nocturne for Eurydice" based on the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

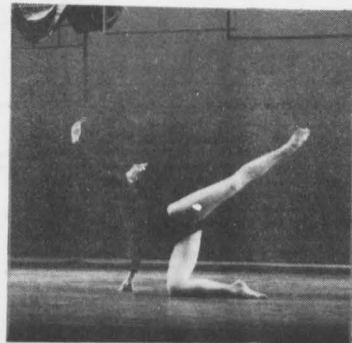
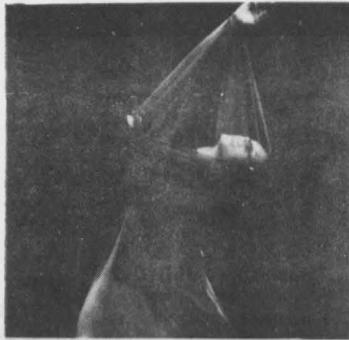
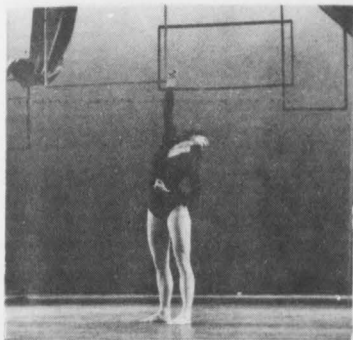
He will also perform "Divining Rod", with New York's Paul Epstein improvising on piano and trumpet, in Lyman's concert, the dancer noted.

Spirituals by the late Thelma Hill also figure on the highly-varied program, according to Lyman's description.

"I am pleased to start my own dance program," she concluded, "where the success or failure rests with me. The thing that would make me happiest, though, is to have Northern students at the concert."

The concert will be held this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Scenes from 'Lamentation' and 'Quilted' (photos by Lynn Groh).



Northern puts stop to Xavier 'jinx' in hectic finish, 59-58

by Rick Wesley

Coach Mote Hills and starting guard Pat Ryan had endured three years of frustration at the hands of the Xavier Musketeers. Tony Faehr and Dennis Bettis likewise suffered through the last two heartbreaking losses to their cross-river rivals. But in the end, it was a newcomer to this fourth annual cardiac arrest contest who enabled the Norse to escape the agonizing fate that befell them in their previous sojourns into Schmidt Fieldhouse.

Freshman Mike Hofmeyer pushed in a follow-up shot at the buzzer to give Northern a dramatic 59-58 victory over Xavier in a game that was televised locally on Channel 12, Jan. 14.

The victory was NKU's first win ever over the Division I Musketeers and served to ease the bitter memories of three previous defeats in as many seasons.

The Norse finally gained a measure of revenge, XU having escaped with three wins totalling eight points in the series which began in 1975. (NKU lost 64-60 that season, 72-70 in overtime in 1976, and 67-65 last year.)

In previous encounters with the Muskies, the Norse went into the game feeling they had a good chance to win. This time, Northern, 10-2 and riding a nine game winning streak, entered the contest KNOWING they could win. The players exuded confidence and a grim determination prior to the game.

NKU started off looking as if they were going to blow Xavier right out of their own gym. The Norse reeled off the first four baskets of the game to take a quick 8-0 lead over the stunned Musketeers.

With Pat Ryan burning the nets both inside and outside, and personally accounting for 10 of NKU's points, Northern upped their advantage to 14-3.

With but four minutes remaining in the half, NKU still maintained an 11-point lead at 29-18. However, the tide quickly turned.

Doellman and Bettis were both saddled with three fouls and XU took advantage of the bonus situation, sinking 9 of 11 free throws. Xavier outscored the Norse 10-2 at the end of the half to cut the Northern lead to three at intermission, 31-28.

Ryan was unstoppable in the opening period, hitting from all angles and getting 17 points.

"The shots were there, so I took 'em and made 'em," shrugged the Norse guard. Xavier was led by Steve (Spiderman) Spivory with eight.

The Norse again started quickly, jumping out to a 35-28 lead to open the second half. But with Nick Daniels heating up, Xavier soon drew open. A Daniels jumper gave the Muskies their first lead of the afternoon, 47-46.

Penetration and movement staked NKU to their early lead and lack of it saw them

almost give the game away. The Norse seemed to be standing around as XU built a 55-51 lead with less than four minutes remaining.

A key steal by Jim Rice and a heart-stopping 30-footer by Doellman knotted the score at 55, and once again it was white knuckle time between Northern and Xavier.

Keith Walker blew a chance to wrap up the game for Xavier when he missed two free throws with 23 seconds left and XU leading 57-55. That's when Hofmeyer took matters into his own hands.

Doellman shot and missed, and in the ensuing scramble for the rebound, Hofmeyer was fouled. The Elder grad calmly sank two free throws to tie the game once more with 16 seconds left.

With but 10 seconds remaining, Daniels was fouled, making the first half of the one-and-one but missing the second.

Northern grabbed the rebound and hurried the ball downcourt, trailing by one, 58-57, with time ticking away.

It appeared as if the Xavier jinx was going to claim the Norse once more, but at this point Hofmeyer, and perhaps Divine Intervention, lent a hand.

With just five seconds to go, NKU's Marvin Wilson heaved up a desperation 25-footer which, luckily for the Norse missed everything.

Hofmeyer grabbed the ball right underneath the basket and pushed in the winning bucket just as the buzzer sounded, the ball hanging on the rim for an agonizing split-second before dropping through.

The jubilant celebration then began for NKU, at long last the winner in this Close Encounter of a Fourth Kind.

Ryan cooled off in the second half, but still managed to lead the Norse in scoring with 21 points, hitting 10 of his 15 shots from the floor. Xavier's Daniels tied Ryan for game scoring honors, getting 14 of his 21 points in the second half to lead XU's comeback attempt.

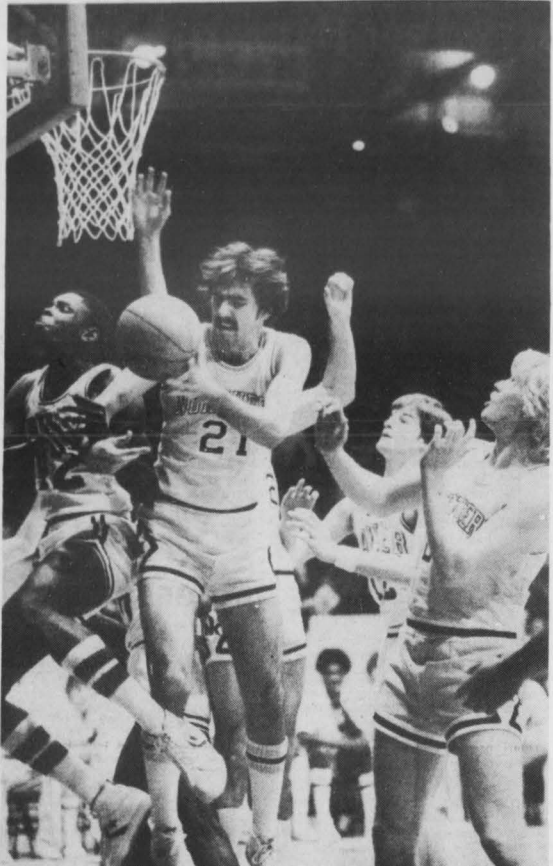
Dan Doellman pumped in 14 points and Tony Faehr added 10 points and seven rebounds for the streaking Norse.

JOCK SHORTS-Northern's two recent wins over Division I schools Tennessee State and Xavier obviously impressed the pollsters. NKU is currently ranked 4th in the nation in Division II, advancing two notches since the last poll.

"The Men's team plays host to tough Akron tomorrow night at Regents Hall.

"The Woman's team is at home tonight against Marshall and again Tuesday night with Indiana. Game time for both contests is 7 p.m.

"The NKU wrestling team is competing this weekend in the Mid South Invitational.



Norseman Tony Faehr's facial expression reflects the intensity of the NKU-Xavier game, won by Northern 59-58. Dan Doellman & Xavier's Gary Massa joins in the scramble. (Joe Ruh photo).

NKU 87 BELLERMINE 73

NKU jumped out to an early 20-point lead and then had to hold on to defeat visiting Bellarmine 87-73 last Saturday night. The win upped Northern's record to 12-3 and was the eleventh victory in their last 12 outings.

With Guard Pat Ryan leading the way, the Norse had little trouble picking the Knights' defense apart in the first half. Ryan was nothing short of phenomenal in the opening period, pumping in 23 points to propel NKU to a 46-26 halftime bulge.

The 23 points by Ryan set a new record for most points scored by an NKU player in one half.

It appeared as if the Norse lost interest in the second half, as they allowed gutsy Bellarmine to pull back to within nine, 80-71, with 2:24 left. Offensively, Northern seemed to lack the "killer instinct" and was lackadaisical defensively.

Ryan finished with 26 to lead the Norse. Doellman added 13 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, while Hofmeyer chipped in with 12 and Faehr 10 for NKU. Also, Tom Schneider, injured much of

this season, contributed eight points in just nine minutes of action.

KENTUCKY STATE 74 NKU 73

A valiant comeback attempt by the Norse fell just short Jan. 14 as Ky. State ended NKU's 10-game winning streak 74-73 at the Frankfort Civic Center.

Northern trailed by 1 points with approximately four minutes to go in the game, and appeared out of it, but the Norse stormed back on two consecutive 3-point plays by Ryan and Bettis to cut the Thorobreds' lead to 67-65 with 2:33 remaining.

Two free throws by Doellman gave NKU a short lived 69-68 lead, but a field goal by Busby, who poured in 22 points, gave K-State the lead for good at 70-69 as they proceeded to hold the ball, forcing NKU to foul.

Dan Doellman paced the Norse with 22 points, while Tony Faehr and Dennis Bettis added 16 and 15 respectively.

"The way we played the first 30 minutes, we had no business being in the ballgame," a disgruntled Mote Hills said afterward.

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Norse wrestlers build with 'quality people'

by Rick Dammert

The 1977-1978 wrestling team faces a stiff 23-match, 4-tournament schedule this season, and Coach Jack Turner has some good things to say about the schedule and his team. "This year's card features such national powers as Marshall, Indiana Central, UC, and Indiana State."

"Although we have a tough year ahead of us, I believe we'll have a fairly decent season," said Turner. "We have a much more stable program this season," he added. "We have more dependable people, much more quality and a little better depth."

This year's edition of the wrestling squad features 20 dedicated young men, and all of them are freshmen. These 20 members are divided into 10 collegiate weight classes ranging from 118 lbs. to heavyweight, which is anything over the 190-pound division.

The team is led by a trio of juniors: Jim Porter (150-pound division), Greg Karle (177), and Jim Wilkin (158).

Porter and Karle were voted co-captains by their teammates last season for their superb performances. Wilkin and Porter were the only two Norsemen who qualified to compete in the Nationals last year.

In a recent match, Porter set a school record for the quickest pin by nailing his Chattanooga opponent to the canvas in eight seconds flat.

Karle held the best record for the squad last season with an 8-2-1 mark. Although he missed the first semester this year with a knee operation, Coach Turner expects Turner will be back to finish this season. Wilkin also missed the first semester, but the 1976-1977 MVP will return this time around.

Another returnee for the Norsemen is sophomore Mike Bankemper (118), whom Coach Turner really praises, saying "He's a super kid. He's a real leader."

Senior Stu Jansen, who wrestled last year for the first time since high school, hopes to fill the 126-pound slot.

Sophomores Dave Thueneman and Bob Woods will battle it out at 142-pounds. Woods missed all of last season with two knee operations, while Holmes' Thueneman received the Most Improved Wrestler Award.

The two heaviest veterans are Bill Boyle (190) and Kevin Knight (heavyweight). Both return with a fairly good lock on their starting positions.

Leading a very talented group of

freshmen recruits will be Randy Ruberg (150 lbs.) from LaSalle. Randy was the Greater Cincinnati League and city champion with a 50-15 record and he also was named to the All-City First Team.

Newport Catholic's John Barker (126-134), Boone County's Bill Nie (167), and Union County's Tim Thomas (118) have something in common. All three were state champions last year in their respective divisions. Nie is hurt and probably will not compete this year. Thomas brought his schoolmate Mike Rikestraw (142) up from Morganfield, Ky. with him.

Dave Berbrick will compete at 134-pounds. Simon Kenton's Guy Ponzer will be in some tough competition at 158-pounds. Boone County's Jeff Robb, who finished 4th in the state last year, will wrestle at 167-pounds. Newport's John Davis will be giving Bill Boyle some stiff competition in the 190-pound department. Heavyweight Hoyt Brashear and Covington's Marcus Knorol round out the squad.

Coach Turner, in his second year at the reins of the Norsemen, stated that: "Because of our relatively small squad, everyone will get to see some action."

However, at this date, the following wrestlers will be starting in their respective divisions. Bankemper-118, Thomas-126, Barker-134, Thueneman-142, Ruberg-150, Porter-158, Robb-167, Karle-177, Boyle-190, and heavyweight Kevin Knight. It should be noted that each man's weight is subject to change and some wrestlers may switch weight classes as the season progresses.

The Norsemen hope to send some representatives to the Nationals at Waterloo, Iowa March 2-4. In order for as Porter and Wilkin did last season, he must win better than 60% of his matches against credited 4-year colleges.

As of last Saturday the Norse record stands at 5-3. Two of those losses occurred in a very tough triangular match with UC and Marshall. Other than that match, the men have been devastating.

Turner stated earlier this season: "I'd like to get a good schedule and become competitive." Well, he's got the good schedule and his team has thus far proved that they can be very competitive.

Women face tougher foes

by Rick Dammert

After dropping a 74-57 decision to Morehead last Monday, the women's basketball team dipped their record below .500 for the second time this season at 6-7. Although their record is not up to par with their previous seasons, Coach Marilyn Moore maintained, "We're not a worse team than last year; we're a better team."

It's apparent that the switch from the small-college division to the much tougher large-college division has hampered the women's winning tradition. However, Moore stated "I'd rather be in the situation that I'm in now than playing the small college teams like last year."

Moore feels that it's much more beneficial for the team and the basketball program to play tough game after tough game, rather than playing five easy games before running into a strong opponent.

However, because this year the Norse are playing many talented opponents and not dominating everyone as in the past, Moore claims that "Everyone wants to know why we aren't winning."

The conference switch has brought a very big challenge, and Moore feels it will take time to make the adjustment. "It will take us a while to meet this new challenge, we must overcome our frustrations," the NKU coach said. "We must adapt mentally as well as physically, and we need fan support and backing right now."

During Christmas vacation the team worked hard in an effort to iron out the problems that had led them to a 4-4 record.

"In December," said Moore, "we knew we would be rocky because of the conflicting volleyball program."

With January came the Northern

Kentucky Invitational and the hope of starting the new year out on the right foot. However, the women fell in their first round match to UC, 64-60.

The game against Ashland was cancelled because of snow. Therefore the prolonged vacation coupled with the remembrance of the bitter loss to UC made the team very eager to face Western Kentucky at Regents Hall.

Booth Moore and her Assistant Coach Sharon Redmond agreed that the game was an important one, and Redmond added "the girls were really up for Western."

Indeed they were, for when the final buzzer sounded, the Norse had claimed a 100-64 victory, just one point shy of tying the school scoring record.

"We played a complete game against them, we really thought we had it all together," Moore said.

In their next game the women travelled to Kentucky State, Jan. 17 and took a 79-60 victory from the Thorobrettes.

Riding a two-game winning streak and carrying a 6-5 record, the Norse faced the Louisville Lady Cards at Regents Hall last Friday with the hopes of revenging and earlier loss to the Cards. The game went into two thrilling overtimes before Louisville finally came out on top, 87-83.

The big problem for the women this year has been their field goal percentage. Both Moore and Redmond agree that it must improve before the team can get back on the winning track.

Now at the half-way mark of the season, with a two-game losing streak and a 6-7 record, things are starting to look bad for the women.

However, Coach Moore says that "this is only a temporary dip. I believe that we can begin to play consistently."



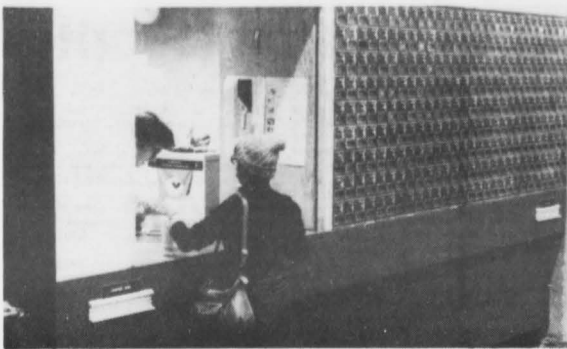
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According to Alan Tucker, director of institutional services, a student can rent a box for two dollars for the rest of this semester, and five dollars for a year beginning in the fall.

For further information contact the Bursar's office at 292-5204. (Harry Donnermeyer photo).

OFF THE RECORD

by Gary Webb

Jesus, there's just no stopping me, is there? Just when I thought I was through with this madcap, manic world of rock criticism forever, my agent calls me in Finland where my band The Pits (formerly known as The Atomic Feedback Band) had just completed a sell-out tour of Scandinavia.

I was lolling in my dressing room, discussing Pertinent Issues of The Day with a delegation of Finnish jailbait when the phone rings.

"Rock," my agent cries - she calls me by my stage name of Rock Steady - "there's this dizzy broad from Kentucky who's been calling me all week. Something about a record column for some college rag. What gives?"

"Holy Smokes," I cried, ducking a barrage of bras and panties, "I'm in the middle of a world tour! Tell her to call Lester Bangs - I'm busy!"

"She says she doesn't want Bangs, she wants the best. Besides, she said if you didn't write for her, she'd run that story about you and that incident with the Sisters of Total Harmonic Distortion."

"I'm on my way!" I shouted, leaping over the naked human pyramid forning on the dressing room carpet.

So here I am and it's costing me a cool million in concert dates, so you'd better appreciate it. I don't want a repeat of last year when some twits around here actually had the nerve to argue about some of my reviews with me. Can you picture that? Obviously, they were operating under the delusion that these reviews of mine were open for discussion! Hal!

These are not the kind of reviews you read in Rolling Stone or (tee hee) People magazine. These are cold hard facts I'm dishing up here, not opinions or commentary. If you want that drek, read a magazine - this is a newspaper; the only thing that goes in newspapers are facts. Ask anyone.

If I say that Neil Young and Joni Mitchell should be given the Jim Croce treatment, that's the way it is. Some people may think that Phoebe Snow is the greatest thing since disposable douche,

but I know for a fact that her voice can peel paint.

Look at it this way: why would I waste my valuable time writing these pearls of wisdom (pearls before swine, if you know what I mean) if they were only opinion? Everyone's got an opinion but very few have The Real Scoop.

A case in point: two years ago I was extolling the virtues of The Dictators and The Ramones (punk rock for you retards out there) and I got nothing but grief

"That garbage?" they scoffed. "NO ONE will EVER listen to that crap!" It's tough to be a seer round here, especially when the local definition of "Weird" extends to every band without a pedal steel guitar and cowboy boots.

Okay. I won't keep the stars on the edge of their waterbeds any longer. Here, then, is my Top Ten of 1977.

1. Roderick Falconer-Victory In Rock City (UA)
2. Bill Quateman-Shot In The Dark (RCA)
3. Bryan Ferry-In Your Mind (Atlantic)
4. Bill Quateman-Night After Night (RCA)
5. 10cc-Deceptive Bends (Mercury)
6. Burton Cummings-My Own Way To Rock (CBS)
7. Fleetwood Mac-Rumours (Warner Bros.)
8. Gallagher and Lyle-Love On The Airwaves (A&M)
9. E.L.O. Out Of The Blue (UA)
10. Ramones-Rocket To Russia (Sire)

Best New Talent-Elvis Costello
Best Single-"That Smell," Lynyrd Skynyrd

Worst Album of 1977-Joni Mitchell, Don Juan's Worthless Daughter
Best Album By A Dead Artist-Street Survivors, Lynyrd Skynyrd (MCA)

Correction to Student Directory
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AROUND NORTHERN

Monday, Jan. 30: Famous Monkeys of Filmland day - relive those nostalgic pre-pubescent Shock Theatre fantasies with shortened versions of the original Frankenstein and Fracula, plus two related shorts, The Beast of Monsieur Racine and Ashes of Doom. Showing from noon-12:30 p.m. in the UC Theatre, this program is FREE. The "Cinema Free Northern" film series is sponsored by the Program Services office.

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Homage to Verdi, a 52-minute film recital sung by baritone Sherril Milnes will be presented at 5:30 p.m. in the UC Theatre. Admission is free and the film is sponsored by the music and history departments.

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Student Government forum, Jan. 31, at noon in the university center. For more information, call 5149 or 5190.

Wednesday, Feb. 1: Homage to Verdi will be shown again at noon in the UC Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 2: John Schott, Cincinnati musician, performs for free from noon-1 in the grille. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of this, another in the series of mid-day concerts sponsored by the Student Activities Program Services office.

Thursday, Feb. 2: Why Do Things Go Wrong?, the film version of the best seller The Peter Principle will show for FREE in the UC Theatre

from 12:10 p.m.-12:40. The "Cinema Free Northern" series is sponsored by the Program Services office.

Thursday, Feb. 1: Today is the deadline for College, NKU's literary magazine submissions for possible publication in the Spring, 1977 issue. Entries - including short stories, humor, poetry, satire, essays, etc., along with drawings, prints, and black-white photos - may be turned in to Mrs. Oakes. Literature and language department secretary, first-floor Landrum Academic Center.

Contributors' names and telephone numbers must be included.

Friday, Feb. 3: Students planning to student teach in the fall semester should make application by today. Applications may be secured from the Education Programs Unit, Suite B. Nunn Hall.

Monday, Feb. 6: The Katie Laur band will perform for free in the cafeteria from noon-1 p.m. The bluegrass group's appearance is the third in a series of mid-day concerts sponsored by the Student Activities Program Services offices.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: Vice-mayor of Cincinnati, J. Kenneth Blackwell, will speak at 2 p.m. in the UC Theatre on "Black Student Movement from the 1960's to the 1970's." All are invited to attend the program, sponsored by the Minority Student Union.

NEWS SHORTS

Children's Beginning Ballet Classes (Ages 7-11) will begin Jan. 28 and run consecutive Saturdays through April 1. These classes are offered through the Continuing Education Department at Northern Kentucky University and will be taught by Carol Wynn. They will meet from 10 a.m. until noon in the dance studio (Room 216) of the Fine Arts Building on the university campus. The cost is \$24.00 for the ten-week course.

Call 292-5324 for registration and more information.

The following on-campus job interviews have been scheduled for the Spring Semester are:

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Ventilation 'error' given emergency priority

by Debbie Cafazzo

Faulty ventilation in the printmaking area of the Fine Arts Building has forced the cancellation of all printmaking classes this semester.

At least 15 students are affected by the cancellations, according to Kevin Booher, printmaking instructor. Most of these students will be scheduled into drawing classes while the print shop is closed and a new ventilation system is installed. Repairs should be complete after this semester.

Booher said the art department was trying to "bend backwards" to accommodate students in setting up the substitute drawing classes.

"Not all of them have had drawing," said Booher, "and it will provide some of the theory and background that is needed in printmaking."

One student, however, is scheduled to graduate this May, and the printmaking class would have fulfilled graduation requirements. The student was to have taken the class through the Greater Cincinnati Consortium, but this involved a schedule conflict. This student has instead made other arrangements with the instructor to complete the requirements.

Fine Arts chairman Vernon Shelton said the problem of inadequate ventilation first

surfaced last semester.

John Demarcus, vice-president for administrative affairs, said the matter was given emergency priority status last fall. The print shop was closed until an emergency exhaust fan could be installed, as well as a noise muffler system. Repairs were given authority to work around the clock.

A large fan was installed on the roof of the building, but it proved to be only a temporary solution. Ventilation was still inadequate, and the fan created too much noise in the room.

According to printmaking instructor Booher, the present fan moves about 330 cubic feet of air through the area. He said the minimum requirement for a fan to move toxic fumes and solvents out of the room and insure safety was about 4500 cubic feet. At least three students became ill as a result of improper ventilation last semester.

Demarcus said he was aware of the problem, and that last semester's repair job was intended as a temporary measure only.

He said cost of the final repairs this semester would probably be around \$18,000 to \$25,000.

"There is no way to permanently repair the area without getting the people out, which is why classes have been cancelled,"

said Demarcus.

Demarcus added that the university did not have the necessary funds to complete repairs last semester, and that bids for the job had to be open for 90 days by state regulations. Additional funds also had to be approved by the state.

Demarcus said complete remodeling will include hooded exhaust vents over work areas, ventilation in the solvent storage cabinet, provisions for students to adjust air circulation in the room, and a ventilation system with a greater capacity than the one presently operating in the room.

He added that repairs will also be made in the sculpture, ceramics, and commercial art areas as soon as state funding was available.

"These problems are not as serious, but they do need attention," said Demarcus.

Printmaking instructor Booher said the original design of the building was inadequate.

"Somehow the architects managed to misplace a brochure with a skull and cross-bones on it dealing with the health hazards to print makers," he said.

Dr. William Parsons, chairman of the Fine Arts department at the time the building was being designed, did include a memo to the architects, Fisk & Rhinehart, dealing with such hazards. The art faculty had access to the plans of the

building, according to Parsons, and they did not note any ventilation hazards at the time.

"The plans for the building were approved by state inspectors, and they, like us, did not catch it on the building plans," he said.

Harley Fisk, one of the members of the architectural firm that designed the building said he did not know about the ventilation requirements.

"We should have dug a little deeper," he said. "It was an error in communication between our office and the state office of engineering."

Demarcus called the problem "the most severe the university has had" with any building.

It's actually a small miracle on a campus this size," he said. "There is almost as much equipment and wiring in each of these buildings as in a medium-sized aircraft."

"It is not as important to find who is responsible for the error as it is to get it corrected."

Demarcus said the university would consider using the same firm again in the design of future buildings because "they're good." He said the firm worked on the Science Building, Landrum Hall, and the W. Frank Steely Library as well as the Fine Arts Building, and that the university was pleased with its work.

Northern lags behind other schools in funding

by Maryevelyn Wilson

In the past, Northern Kentucky University hasn't been up to par with the other state universities and the prospects of achieving equalization in the next biennium are not hopeful, or so was the picture presented to the Board of Regents by NKU President A. D. Albright last Monday. He derived his statistics from the Council on Higher Education's documentary Facts 1976-1977.

According to Albright, Northern is below average in the areas of state budget support, degree programs offered, dollars spent per Kentucky student, and percentage of faculty/staff to students.

NKU serves 12.3 percent of the university students in state schools, but receive only 7.5 percent of the budget support in the 1975-76 biennium, according to the Council's statistics.

The expenditures made by Northern during 1975-76 amounted to \$9,479,478, approximately the same as Kentucky State University in Frankfort which has an enrollment of about one-third the students.

NKU offered a total of 58 degree programs in 1976, 66 programs fewer than

the state average.

The state average expenditure per student across the nation averaged out to \$1304. Northern's expenditure per student it is 61 percent of that figure, about 40 percent less than the state average.

The highest percentage of Kentucky residents are served by Northern, with 87.9 percent of the total enrollment in 1976 living in Kentucky.

The average expenditure per Kentucky student in 1975-76 across the state was \$1545. Northern spent only \$906, or 40 percent below the state average.

In the areas of full-time faculty and non-faculty staff, NKU had 12.3 percent of the students, but only 9.5 percent of the full-time faculty and 4.4 percent of the staff in the state.

In comparison, the proportion of faculty to students was 20.2 students per each faculty member, the highest in the state.

The support staff to student proportion figured to be 37.5 students per each staff person, the lowest in Kentucky.

After presenting this bleak portrait of NKU's past to the Regents, Albright said although the executive budget for 1978-1980 proposed by Gov. Julian Carroll is

more than the Council's recommendation, "it must bring great disappointment to the institution and the people of northern Kentucky."

"The second years budget has failed to recognize our problems. The second year

will actually impair programs."

In answer to the Regents' question of whether the executive budget is the last prospect for NKU, Albright said, "No. We're still definitely looking other places."



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SG speaks ...

This is the second in a series of reports written by the NKU Student Government to better inform you about actions in which your representatives are involved. Please feel free to direct questions, responses and/or comments to The Northerner or to Student Government. SG offices are located in DC 208.

The NKU Board of Regents voted 4-1 Monday to approve the Student Rights and Responsibility Code which was proposed by Student Government (SG), according to Sam Makris, SG President and student regent.

There was, however, one section which was not accepted: the procedure suggested for student

appeals. A formal appeals system will not be approved until the next regents meeting in April.

Until an appeal system can be approved, an ad hoc committee will be established by Dr. Albright to handle student appeals.

Although vehemently opposed by the Faculty Senate, the proposed policy regarding attendance was approved. This policy would prohibit professors from lowering grades because of non-attendance of classes.

In their Preliminary Report on Faculty Reactions To The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) of the Faculty Senate stated:

"The feeling of the committee... is that attendance policies should be set by the individual professor for

each class and that he should make his attendance policy clear at the beginning of the term."

Although Makris said he tried to "persuade the faculty Senate that the code is not only a good one, but a needed one," he was not successful.

Not all faculty members share these negative feelings about the code. One faculty member even had a hand in drawing up the code. Dr. Michael Adams spent countless hours working on the document.

The NKU Student Rights and Responsibilities Code is not out of the ordinary. Makris said SG members and Dr. Adams did research for the Code by using "historical documents, existing codes at other universities, and input from all segments of the academic community."

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