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## Zaniello is 89's prof of the year

### Nominating letter from co-worker explains why

#### NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

This year's Outstanding Professor Award goes to Tom Zaniello of NKU's Literature and Language Department.

The following is a letter from Robert K. Wallace also of the Literature and Language department nominating Zaniello for the award.

Dear Provost Jorns,

Tom Zaniello has been an outstanding professor at NKU for 17 years. It is therefore with pleasure that I nominate him for this year's Outstanding Professor Award.

Tom's teaching has always been original in design and spirited in engagement. He has invested as much imagination in his composition courses as in his courses in literature and in film. He has led the way in our department in applying many of the most recent national developments in the teaching

of literature and of writing. Long before most of us knew about response papers, group writing projects, writing across the curriculum, and challenging the traditional canon, Tom was showing us (and our students) not only what these innovations were but how they could result in more effective and engaging education, especially on a commuter campus such as our own. Not a semester has gone by when I have not learned some idea or technique useful in my own teaching from Tom.

The courses Tom has taught over the years are most impressive in their variety: not only Freshman Comp, but a pioneering version of our new Advanced Writing course; not only the traditional survey of British Literature but also his own "not-in-Norton" kind; not only the standard advanced literature courses but his own courses in film, in science fiction, and on Viet Nam, in addition to the Literary Criticism course which

he established for the benefit of our English majors. His courses are always so imaginative in conception and rich in material that many of his colleagues wish we had time to take them. This is true not only of his courses here at Highland Heights but also of his Literature of London course (for CCSB) every other summer in London and of his Literature of Labor course (for the George Meany Center) every spring in Washington D.C.

In addition to his teaching, of course, Tom is one of the most widely published writers on campus. Like his teaching, his scholarship shows great versatility and imaginative power. Since 1972, his annual vita has included essays with fascinating titles ranging from graveyard iconography, to the effects of volcanos on sunsets, to the most arcane aspects of Alfred Hitchcock, to the most minute investigations into Gerard Man-

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## More college students face competency tests

### High school reform for colleges; 'great for politicians'

#### COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Even as critics are attacking standardized tests with fervor, more colleges say they'll soon require students to pass competency tests or to take upper-level courses to graduate.

Students at Texas public colleges will have to pass basic skills tests starting in September. Individual schools, such as Northern Kentucky University and Metropolitan State College in Denver, also will start testing students next fall.

Colleagues and not a few administrators seem to hate the idea.

"Why aren't our grades an accurate reflection of what we've learned," asked Roger Adams, a Northern Kentucky student.

"It doesn't bode well for higher education," said Sarah Stockwell of Fairtest, a Massachusetts test watchdog group.

But, fueled by the six-year-old school reform movement, the idea seems to be gaining speed. Florida, Tennessee and some colleges in Georgia already make students take standardized tests that purport to measure what they've learned. A survey of 367 colleges by the Denver-based Education Commission of the States (ECS) found that half of the schools imposed some sort of assessment test.

In recent years students at Wayne State and Northeast Missouri State universities and the universities of South Dakota and Maryland have had to pass assessment tests to get their degrees or to take higher-level classes.

"There hasn't been a lot of positive reaction to assessment exams," admitted Chris Paulson, an ECS policy analyst.

Critics argue such general tests often are "culturally biased," that they more accurately measure how thoroughly students have adopted middle-class values than how much they have learned.

"Blacks and Hispanics, quite frankly, get killed," said Renee Garcia, testing coordinator at Miami-Dade Community College in Florida.

But more schools are imposing the tests, if only because politicians see them as a way to gauge how well colleges are educating students.

The higher students score on the tests, the better the schools must be doing at teaching.

"We think it's important for institutions to set priorities and goals, and then be able to show how they are meeting those goals," explained James Rogers of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of seven regional accrediting agencies.

"These tests are great for politicians," Garcia said. "They are something they can understand very easily."

Since 1983, with the release of several reports bemoaning the state of American education, some reformers -- most notably former U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett -- regularly called for schools to be more accountable for their actions.

Bennett annually displayed a "wall chart" of average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in the states, saying their results reflected how good or bad the high schools in those states were.

And college admissions officers themselves, frustrated by the number of college freshmen lacking such skills, pressured high schools to make students take competency tests before graduating.

But the initial reform wave hasn't always improved education, a half-completed study released March 28 at the San Francisco convention of the American Education Research Association found.

"States have focused on more manageable reforms," Rutgers University researcher William Firestone told the conference. "I mean reforms that weren't too expensive or complex. Most reforms seemed to come out of a political dealmaking process."

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## Deeley, Weil win national honors

BY HOLLY JO KOONS  
NEWS EDITOR

Representing the NKU Speech Team, Michelle Deeley and Ted Weil won national honors in the National Student Speech Tournament held in St. Louis on March 21-25, announced Karen Slawter, assistant director of forensics at NKU.

Michelle Deeley, a freshman from Shepherdsville and Ted Weil, a senior from Cincinnati, competed in their first national competition and went home with both silver and gold plaques. Deeley and Weil competed against 1100 other students from 103 colleges and universities.

Michelle Deeley won silvers in both Impromptu Speaking and Dramatic Interpretation. Meanwhile, Ted Weil won a gold in Impromptu Speaking. The silver plaques were awarded to those individuals placing in the top 20 percent, and gold plaques were awarded to students placing in the top 10 percent of competitors. Both Deeley and Weil won honorable mentions in several other events that they entered during the speech tournament.

Deeley and Weil qualified for the nationals after winning top honors in at least three college tournaments held during the year. Deeley and Weil have won a combined total of 37 trophies in speech competitions this year.

Deeley has won five awards for persuasive speaking, three in impromptu speaking, four in dramatic interpretation, and five in communication analysis. She has also won one award in poetry, two in informative speaking and three pentathlon trophies for wins in five or more events in a single tournament.

Along with Deeley's honors, Weil has brought home many trophies for NKU as well. Weil has won two in poetry, four in dramatic interpretation, two in duo interpretation, three in prose interpretation, two in impromptu speaking and one in programmed oral interpretation.

In talking about the dedication shown by these two outstanding NKU students, Karen Slawter said, "All year Michelle and Ted have worked hard with the goal in mind of performing at nationals. They are accomplished speakers as their many awards prove. NKU can be very proud of them as representatives of our university."

Assistant professor of communications and forensics, Dr. Steve Brooks, accompanied the team to St. Louis.

## Next Week:

### The Northerner will conclude its 17th volume by giving our readers The Year in Review. Be sure to pick up this exclusive edition!

## Students receive Outstanding Women awards

BY JEAN BACH  
STAFF WRITER

Four NKU women students were honored at the Outstanding Women Awards ceremony held March 23, as a part of the Women's Center celebration of National Women's History Month.

Dawn Shields received the Outstanding Woman Student Award for her academic, professional and extracurricular activities.

Shields, an educational major, has created several learning centers for her students and has helped her students publish

their own magazine called *Kids Talk*.

She has also served on the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education Committee to help improve the education program at NKU.

She was also recognized for her perfect academic record, having a 4.0 grade point average and for her extracurricular activities such as coaching cheerleaders and teaching religion classes.

Noreen Loftus-Whaley, Patricia Pace and Rosemary Topic make up an informal group that received the Outstanding Group Award.

The women, all non-traditional students

and art majors, received their award based on the numerous activities they have participated in on campus. Such activities include the Student Art Sale, the Women's Artist Exhibition and other Women's Center programs.

They have each won praise for their artistic work while maintaining high grade point averages.

The above mentioned women were unintentionally excluded from a previous story on Northern Kentucky's Outstanding Women.

## Ky. ranks 11 in U.S. for toxic chemical dumps

BY ROB TOWE  
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky industries release approximately 40 pounds of chemicals for every resident in the state, according to a 1987 Environmental Protection Agency report.

According to the EPA report, Kentucky industries released 25 million pounds of toxic chemicals into underground wells in 1987, ranking Kentucky 11th in the United States for this type of dumping.

Kentucky industries are also responsible for dumping 76.8 million pounds of chemicals into surface water in 1987, 51.6 pounds of chemicals in the air and 4.2 million pounds into the earth.

"The bottom line is that the inability of the state to control air toxins and toxins generally used in manufacturing has resulted in the exposure of the public to substantial amounts of hazardous chemicals for which there's no safe level of exposure," said Tom Fitzgerald, an environmental advocate in Frankfort and a lobbyist with the Kentucky Resources Council.

In 1987, the United States dumped 22.5 billion pounds of toxic chemicals into the environment. Many of these compounds are associated with cancer and nervous-system disorders, this amounts to 92 pounds of toxic chemicals for every person in the United States.

## 1989 Student Government Elections

Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20  
Results will be posted at 9 a.m. in the UC Lobby

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## Students visit children's home

NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, April 12, eleven NKU honors students visited the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home on Orphanage Road, in Ft. Mitchell.

At first, the usual tension felt by the two groups of people, who did not know each other, prevailed. Soon, however, honors students were interacting freely with the youth and joining in outdoor activities like softball, kickball, and jungle gym. Names were exchanged, team players shouted encouragement and children of all ages laughed.

Asked of her opinion of the whole experience, Lethal L.E. Stoll, a junior

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# District history competition held at NKU

BY SUSAN JEFFERIES  
NEWS EDITOR

Several hundred grade school and high school students from northern, central and eastern Kentucky participated in the district history day competition last Saturday at

NKU.

The theme of this year's competition was "The Individual in History." Each student who participated presented an original history project, a media or theatrical presentation or a history paper.

Dr. John Demarcus, professor of history

at NKU and director of the district and state history day competitions, was the master of ceremony for the day's events, and Dr. David Jorns, university provost, gave the welcoming remarks.

The state history day competition will be held on May 20 at NKU for those students in the state of Kentucky who won top awards at the district competition. Three districts, Lexington, Louisville and Northern Kentucky will compete in the state competition.

Those students who advance through the state competition will be invited to participate in the national history day competition, which will be held June 11-15 at the University of Maryland.

The national history day program began in 1974 and approximately 100 students competed that year. Today more than 250,000 students from 45 states and the District of Columbia take part in the program.

The national history day program has gotten positive response since it began.

Former President Ronald Reagan commended the program for "helping to develop an increased appreciation of our rich historical heritage."

Former Assistant Secretary for Educational Research, Donald J. Senese, said, "National history day has achieved the noble objective of getting students excited about learning."

## Panel discusses 'Race relations at NKU'

BY LEM DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

A much avoided, and misunderstood topic, "Race Relations on NKU Campus" was discussed in University 101 class on April 11.

Instructor Fran Zaniello had a panel of black students discuss, to the class, their experience at NKU. The panel consisted of seniors Derek Fields, Pat Holt; juniors Lem Davis, Kenny Brown; and freshman Stacy Johnson.

Some of the questions addressed were:

\*How are black students experience different from white students on campus?

\*How does racism present itself on campus?

\*What things would black students like to see changed to make NKU a better campus?

Derek Fields addressed the issue of the small population of blacks among students (125) and faculty (4). He said because of the small population blacks find it necessary to form close-knit groups for moral support and to reinforce cultural identity. Many of the panel members felt that a university the size of Northern, which has over 9,500 students, should have more than just 125

blacks.

Lem Davis said that many blacks feel socially isolated because of a lack of cultural recognition within the educational curriculum. He added that a shortage of black study classes has created a void that contributes to racism and stereotyping blacks. These classes would help students learn and understand blacks and their contribution to society.

"Many universities make black studies a general studies requirement, giving students that needed exposure to blacks and their culture," said Zaniello.

"There needs to be more social activities that encourage interaction between whites and blacks," said Kenny Brown. Often students' prejudiced categorization of an event as being only for blacks or only for whites kills any chance of interaction between the two races.

The panel and the class discussed some of their personal encounters with racism, on and off campus. Afterwards, one student said that this had been his most enlightening class session at NKU, barring none. Hopefully, what took place in University 101 class will serve as a catalyst toward better race relations at NKU, because society can no longer afford to ignore the reality of racism.

## Vote in the Student Government Elections

### April 19 and 20

*Be sure to visit the election booths located around campus. Have your Student I.D. with you. Don't miss your chance to pick the candidates of your choice.*

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## The Power of Imagery

The images from the Soviet republic of Georgia last week were not pleasant, to say the least. Armed government soldiers entered the central square of the Georgian capital of Tbilisi with the intent of dismantling a pro-independence rally of about 10,000 protesters. On the precarious foundation of Mikhail Gorbachev's openness rhetoric, the discerning Georgian citizens chose to take their president at his word — right before Soviet troops chose to impale their riot clubs into the skulls of fellow Soviets, killing 18 and wounding more than 100 libertarians; including the beating of a 23-year-old pregnant woman.

In a time when Mikhail Gorbachev is attempting to improve his standing in Western popularity polls by hobnobbing with the rich and democratic, the Soviet president is learning that actions (or film clips on the nightly news) often speak louder than words. Those pictures of Gorbachev shaking hands with Ronald Reagan or Margaret Thatcher just can't compare to the pictures of a Georgian citizen with blood on his forehead.

The images from Soviet Georgia are the type of exhibition that network news editors lay awake nights and pray for. It is also the type of performance that ideologues, left and right, can use to persuade their constituents that the cold war enemy is as bad as everyone thinks. As Americans' image of the U.S.S.R. is reinforced by the use of government force against its own citizens, Soviet citizens must wonder how Americans can call this the land of milk and honey when they see images of drug abuse or homeless people sleeping on heat grates across the street from the White House.

And if negative imagery between the two countries has a sense of balance, and it does, then we may be preparing for the U.S. to put on a show of domestic confusion for all the world to see. If some Washington politicians get their way, the military will be called in to help the ineffective Washington mayor, Marion Barry, in an effort to stop the drug crisis in the capital. To get the D.C. drug problem under control is the right focus, but military involvement that has been suggested by members of Congress and the president is not the way to accomplish the objective.

In an effort to show the folks back home that they can control the drug crisis within a few blocks of the capital (even if they haven't a clue about the rest of the country), politicians have recommended tactics ranging from FBI office support that would allow more D.C. police to hit the streets, to a plan for garrisoning the city with army personnel. Just imagine the pictures sent to the rest of the world of soldiers in battle fatigues patrolling the streets of our nation's capital. If this type of band-aid solution is implemented, we may be lucky enough to see members of the American military busting in the doors of American citizens on the evening news. If the icon of American values hasn't completely fallen over in socialist communities, the sight of bayonets in the streets of Washington might finish the job.

For in the age of Machiavellian appearances, the 30 second film clip is the thing. Ronald Reagan, who built two separate careers on his knowledge of appearances, realized that political reality is — with apologies to John Updike — often a running impoverishment of media reality. We can hope that George Bush learned some of this from his former boss and will offer a better alternative to military intervention. Perhaps it is time to put away the trite phrases and use of force, and focus on the larger picture. Are drug addicts simply an irresponsible subclass that will go away if we ignore them or turn the military on them? Perhaps it is time to reconsider the society we have created where thousands of our citizens feel the need to escape reality and create a world of their own.

Contributed by Robert Krolage



## Senior reflects upon years at NKU

### Graduating is more than 'diploma' or 'class ring'

As the final days of my undergraduate study dwindle, I find myself reflecting back on my years at Northern. And I come to realize that a student not only leaves college with a degree, but also with an experience. This experience consists of many things — knowledge, hard work and lack of sleep just to name a few. But most of all, this experience is made up of people. And since this is my last editorial, there are some people I would like to thank for adding to my experience.

### Thomas A. Mullikin

Penny Summers — for being my advisor. Each class I scheduled fulfilled some requirement and kept me on a straight path towards graduation. You kept me from straying.

Jack Crowe — for your criticisms and compliments. As an instructor and as the advisor to the paper, you pointed out my "bonehead" mistakes. Although criticism is often hard to take, I know it was given in the spirit of making me a better student. But you were also there with a compliment when my work was good and I appreciate that.

Dr. Phillip J. Obermiller — for enlightening me on what society is really like. Although what I learned in your class was at times disheartening, it is knowledge I will always need and use in the years ahead.

Bill Estill (wherever you are) — for pushing me to the limit on advertising I and II. I hated the long hours and the intense work, but the results made it all worthwhile.

Mrs. Virginia Stallings — for your warmth, your help and last but not least, your candy jar. The compugraphic machine would have been pretty imposing if you weren't

there to help me tame it. One more thing, I like your political beliefs.

Mr. Dan Kent — for making the course you taught last summer interesting. With all the warm weather distractions, a summer course can be very trying. However, your periodic injection of a humorous story kept my mind on the class material and off the tennis court and golf course.

Debbie Schwierjohann and Sue Wright — for allowing me the freedom to editorialize on any issue I cared to. And for putting out a paper the whole campus can be proud of.

Ms. Tammy Gilliam — for your help the past four years. The journey would have been much harder without it.

Traci, Darrin, Sandy, Paula, Sheila, Amy and Michelle — for being good friends.

As graduation draws near, seniors anxiously await the day when the library research, the long hours of studying and the pulling up of a grade ends and the new job begins. This does not mean, however, that the graduates disassociate themselves from the university. Not only do the seniors physically take part of NKU with them in the form of a diploma and class ring, but most importantly, they take with them the knowledge, memories and friendships gained from an NKU education.

The Northerner will be losing a substantial number of its staff after this semester, due either to graduation or the fulfillment of course requirements. This is an invitation to all students to join next semester's staff. By doing so, you not only benefit yourself by becoming more involved in your university, but help provide the important service of informing all students as to what is happening on campus. Plus, it looks good on a resume.



# Readers' Views

## Cartoon illustrates reader's view

'NKU puts students first,' is deceitful, student says

To the editors:

I want to commend you on the cartoon in the April 5, 1989 edition. As a part-time student, I am often angered when I see one of those deceitful signs on a locked office door at NKU. Northern Kentucky University Administration is always proud to brag about having a large number of part-time students (many of those attend in the evening). However, due to the lack of consideration of the administration, it is very difficult for those students to function normally. Try sometime to get into the office of the Dean of Students after 5:00. Try to get an appointment at the Counseling and Testing Center after 5:30. Except for selected days during registration, try getting into the Registrars of-

fice after 6:30. There are many more examples, too "NKU puts students first" sign, but they run their office by different standards. They all want to wave their own banner and toot their own horn, but they do not want to give the extra effort that truly would put students first. They think primarily of their own comfort and convenience.

I want to thank you for being willing to express what many students have been thinking for a long time. The vast majority of the students at NKU are bright enough to see right through the administration's smoke screen. Most students never did believe the signs.

Sincerely,  
A Non-believer

## 'Sport' more info., reader says

To the editors:

I have a question to ask, I was wondering how many athletic teams are in season at this point? I know that the baseball team is because there has been several articles in *The Northerner*. I also know that they are having a good season because I read that also. How are the men's tennis team and the women's tennis team playing? I know that NKU also has a softball team, how are they doing?

I am a member of the NKU softball team and I wanted to share a few things with students at NKU. The 1989 softball team is currently 13-7. Six of those losses came in Florida where they played four top twenty

teams. Since being back from the spring trip, the team has only lost one game and that was against NCAA division one Morehead. This week the team has beaten University of Dayton and Wright State University twice each. They have upcoming games with Bellarmine, University of Southern Indiana, and Kentucky Wesleyan. The NKU softball team has a new head coach, Herb Bell, and also two new assistants, Beth Nealeigh and Lisa Frede. These are only a few facts about the softball team. I'm sure that *The Northerner* will provide the students with more information about the softball team and the other teams that are in season.

Mary Agricola

## Cause should not be threatened

To the editors:

These are my last few months as an undergraduate at Northern. In all my readings of *The Northerner* I have never felt so compelled to voice my opinion to its staff or readers. In the past my concerns could be raised neither by the arguments for or against the archaic voicings of an elderly, former commissioner of baseball now by the overlooked misspelling of a drug overused by would be athletes. Nevertheless the recent attack upon the editor and staff of *The Cause* has gone beyond the characteristically trivial nature of *The Northerner* and its contributors. Therefore after years of reading the petty squabbles in the reader's column I will enter the forum in defense of *The Cause*.

It is pointless to become involved in the battle with the adversaries of *The Cause* nor is it necessary to vindicate the journalistic integrity of the paper. Instead I write to enlist the nonfulfillment of threats against the paper made by those other people who have already wrote in opposition to the character

of the paper and its staff.

*The Cause* offers a perspective to be appreciated by objective students who are seeking to expand their own point of view through the view of someone else. While neither *The Northerner* nor *The Cause* has a monopoly on valuable insight, each staff has a right to express itself through its own perspective, and certainly *The Cause* is worthy of its funding.

Concerned students must express their support for *The Cause* before more threats surface to stop either funding or publication. Any attempt by a vociferous group to censor, enjoin or disrupt any student supported paper should be answered by a doubly vociferous contingent of open minded, free press oriented students. Should such an attempt be successful it could be an evil foreboding to *The Northerner* especially if a militant band of conscientious spellers should decide *The Northerner* was unfit for print.

Dane Houston  
Editor of *Northern Insights*

## Alternate views should be recognized, not suppressed in Cause

To the editors:

We here at *The Cause*, have received much feedback from our last issue (and as usual *The Northerner* has been the source of some of it). The feedback has been both positive and negative, usually running towards the extreme of one of those: We love it when people feel they can be free and hones enough to make constructive comments. Since one of our goals is to provoke students to re-assess themselves, their views, and those of our society — the fact that we have received so much response is good. We appreciate every response we receive.

The purpose of this writer is not to address this constructive response however, but another kind. There are those whose minds are so controlled by "popular reality" that they cannot tolerate those whose positions disagree within their own. Their solution is not express disagreement and provide alternate views, but to try to silence their opposition instead. There are two examples of this that occurred since our last edition that are particularly comment worthy.

The first stems from an attack levelled at us from the pages of *The Northerner*. In the April 12 issue alone, there are two student letters and an editorial (by the staff of *The Northerner*, I presume). The first of these, by a familiar James P. George, proclaims a belief in social Darwinism, claims that since minorities "survive" they should not complain, and advises us that if we "have a problem with this, I (Mr. George) advise you to purchase a one-way ticket to Sweden." He is correct on one account: if we would live in Sweden at least we would be free to speak our minds.

The next letter is from John Dietz. He was so offended by, and unable to tolerate our views, that he threatened to have our funding denied. Because he does potentially have the ability to do this, we find ourselves doing what the press in a free society should never have to do; we are forced to defend our very right to exist. Mr. Dietz faults us for providing room to Communist "propaganda." The "propaganda" he refers to was printed with the stated purpose of providing material for reader response. He also accuses us of committing a "sin" by trying to suppress the views of others. The instance he refers to is when we ask people to inform us when we asked people to inform us of any neo-Nazi material being circulated at Northern (it has been circulated at area high schools), not so we could suppress it, but so we could, as stated, respond to it. Finally, Mr. Dietz questions whether or not we are a "student publication." This year we have printed every single article or essay we have received. No exceptions. If a student took the time to write something for us, it was published. This makes us a student publication.

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## The Comp Column

This week's guest columnist is  
Nancy K. Jentsch

One of the best decisions my husband and I ever made was not a deliberate decision at all. Our TV broke down, and we did not replace it. As a result, our life became TV-free. What a blessing it has been not to have that machine as the focus of our living room! At first, I did think I would miss it. (I was a real M\*A\*S\*H addict.) And yes, the first few nights I spent at home alone without my companion did seem a little strange, but within a week, I had adjusted to TV freedom. And now, after three years, I would never give up the TV-free life.

Any time one chooses not to live like most everyone else, one must accept a certain feeling of estrangement. In my case, it takes the shape of my "ignorance" about ultimately insignificant personalities and events. In conversations with those who watch TV, names and topics with which I am unfamiliar often come up. When I see that same name on the front page of the *National Enquirer* the next day at the check-out line, I am reaffirmed in my belief that I have not in fact missed anything of importance.

But that is a small price to pay to be free from ever being manipulated, patronized, and annoyed by often overtly sexist TV advertising and programming. I do not ever have to be a witness to violence occurring right in my living room. (In flipping through the channels of a TV in a motel room recently, I witnessed three murders in only five minutes.) I am never yelled at to buy, buy, buy what someone else claims I need. Advertisers promote greed, pure and simple, and there is no reason to invite such vultures into my home electronically, when I certainly would never invite them there personally. It is hard for me to believe that others actually welcome greedmongers and murderers into their homes.

I have been told that by reacting to the evils of commercial TV, I am depriving myself of the fine programming on public TV. But I look at what I have gained by being TV-free, and feel that not one thousand nature shows and excellent British dramas can compare to TV freedom. Further, I have more time to pursue hobbies that give me infinitely more pleasure than even the very best television programming ever could.

Most important of all the advantages of life in the TV-free lane is the chance it gives me to make a statement about freedom of choice. Although we all can choose our own lifestyle, it seems that most people go along with the status quo without questioning its validity. It is proper not to conform if there are solid reasons not to do as everyone else does. In the case of TV, these solid reasons exist, and TV freedom is not only a viable, but also desirable alternative.

# Northerner does not understand impact of racism, grad. says

## Editorial, printed letters, and other views are 'inaccurate'

To the editors:

Your editorial "Prejudice views funded at NKU" epitomizes the very bigotry and insensitivity expounded upon by Donna King in her feature article in *The Cause*.

After a second reading of Ms. King's piece, I found that your editorial is not only misleading, but clearly inaccurate and completely irresponsible. First of all, you state "assuming that every minority is mistreated, abused, discriminated against and treated unfairly is a terrible misconception and should not be printed for the world to see." Nowhere in Ms. King's article, or in the entire issue, was there any purpose "assumption" that all minorities face discrimination. Ms. King presented an all-historically sequence of national events which supported her assertion that Blacks continue to confront both interpersonal and institutional racism in this country. The problem has been exacerbated through the conservative Reagan presidency. Ms. King's statements have been

much publicized accounts in virtually all national publications during the past few years. Why is it so terrible for *The Cause* to participate in exposing the increasing problems regarding prejudice and discrimination.

Secondly, you express that "it is terrible for *The Cause* assume everyone is prejudice. Nowhere in her article does Ms. King make this assumption. She simply asserts that there has been an upswing in the acceptance of racism, as evidenced by the emergence of "Skinheads" and the election victory of David Duke. Again the national media have repeatedly studied the increases in discrimination and violence against Blacks and minority groups. Your immature solution to ignore the problem, hoping it will go away, would prove both ineffective and dangerous. When the "U.S. Constitution" guarantees equal rights for all citizens of this country why should anyone be denigrated the position of having to "accept" discrimination.

Finally, you boldly claim that "the reason

one sees discrimination is because they are looking for it." Interestingly enough, David Duke appeared on the "Morton Downey, Jr. Show," April 12, 1989 and made this identical statement. While such an ignorant, insensitive assertion should not be respected with a reply, I will again suggest that you review the current literature regarding contemporary discrimination (e.g., *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, and *The New York Times*).

Letters to the editor from the "Stooge Government" representative, James P. George and John Dietz, smacked the same fascist philosophy of the McCarthy era. Why is it when one expresses an alternative view regarding an issue, Mr. George, that neo-conservatives like yourself suggest that they leave the country? Mr. Dietz, it is clear that *The Cause* presented the Young Communist League's Student Bill of Rights in an unbiased manner, imploring readers to express their own rights regarding these rights. While I do not agree with all tenants of this Bill of Rights for students, I felt welcome to express

my objections. *The Cause* is concerned with the violence and hatred that neo-nazi groups like the "Skinheads" incite. It is unconscionable that *The Northerner* and the "Stooge Government" have not taken a lead role in securing the safety and interests in all NKU students by condemning groups which openly advocate for terrorism against innocent students.

Closing, I would like to sincerely recommend that your staff not only invest in a good dictionary and grammar text, I would sincerely the resources at Steely Library to learn more about the nature and impact of racism and discrimination in our society. Through receiving, a proper education and socialization with affected minorities, your staff will have the opportunity to become more sensitive to the particular needs and concerns of others. Good Luck!

Sincerely  
Marvin Craig Connor  
U.K. Graduate

# The Cause in no way discriminates

## Philosophy of open and alternative ways of thinking are addressed

To the editors:

The student handbook defines the objectives of *The Cause* as a "student organization and newspaper that is designed to serve as an alternative form of information and ideas alternative opinion vehicle for the student body. The review pursues contemporary issues and is devoted to the philosophy of the open forum and to the exchange of ideas within the educational setting."

The proof is in *The Cause*. *The Cause* exemplifies these goals and objectives — no

more no less. *The Northerner* staff has made several allegations toward *The Cause* and its staff. *The Cause* is not a discriminating paper — it offers an alternative view to students in hopes of raising the social consciousness of the students.

In the editorial titled "Prejudice views funded at NKU," the staff proclaimed that *The Cause* is a group of minorities who feel unaccepted by society and NKU. *The Cause* was also accused of seeing the Martin Luther King article as a "color thing." Where did

*The Northerner* staff come up with such ignorant and outrageous allegations? *The Northerner* has gone beyond twisting the words of *The Cause* and created its own assumptions and meanings of the actual content for its own selfish motives. It is *The Northerner* that sees color, no *The Cause*. "The King Forgotten" article expresses a social concern for all humanity. The message behind the article was: "We can not afford to let the dream for equality and justice die because of a few people's ignorance."

*The Northerner* proclaims to be non-racist and non-bias. Is the *Northerner* staff afraid that students will accept the alternative? While *The Northerner* continues to give its reasons for sudden outburst against *The Cause*; hiding behind false allegations, we may all see the world come to an end before the true reason why the outburst against *The Cause* has spoken.

Regina Edrington  
Editor of *The Cause*

# Author feels Northerner advocates discrimination

## Editorial was not read for full meaning or comprehension

To the editors:

I am a weekly reader of *The Northerner*, and unlike many of your readers, I do not have a red pen in hand as I read your articles. I realize that you are a student publication, and as a student writer myself, I realize that we make mistakes. Since I have always stuck to a policy of not correcting your grammatical errors, I will not point out your numerous flaws in the article that I am writing about - Prejudice Views Funded at NKU. Instead I will concentrate on your reading comprehension.

I, Donna Leigh King, am the author of the cover story - King Forgotten - which ap-

peared on the cover of the most recent issue of *The Cause*. Your recent editorial was supposedly based on my article, but I am fully convinced that you did not read this article. And, if you claim you did, then you reading comprehension is at perhaps a sixth grade level.

First off, I am not black - as my article clearly stated - and therefore know little about discrimination from a first hand point of view. Now for your real problems: my article does not say that "everyone" forgot King. It points out specific incidents that I observed on his day that suggested that he was forgotten. I also did not report about a man calling another man a "nigger." I told

about a local judge who referred to Martin Luther King Day as "national nigger day."

Your editorial goes on to suggest that I "start accepting . . . Are they that naive that they think they will never face discrimination at any time in their life?" Are you advocating discrimination? Are you advocating that local judges be bigots? And most importantly, did your paper just accept student outcome assessments without a whisper?

I encourage you in the future to continue your blasting of *The Cause*, but may I suggest that the next time your editorials be based on fact, or that you at least read the articles that you are commenting on. As a gesture to your staff, I will try to write in a

more simplistic manner, so that you might understand what you are reading.

Sincerely,  
Donna Leigh King

P.S. I realize your 200 word limit on letters, but since your last issue contained several letters concerning *The Cause* that were more than 200 words, I hope you will be fair to us also.

# Advice: Get to know the 'real' world of journalism

To the editors:

The Viewpoint section of the April 12, 1989 edition of *The Northerner* has the potential to become a classic. The communications department could even incorporate this section into their curriculum when they teach about freedom of the press and freedom of expression. The scathing attack upon *The Cause* publication by the editorial staff of *The Northerner*, gives me pause for reflection, and raises some questions.

A — Do the editors of *The Northerner* really believe that because an article is ..... "a terrible misconception that it should not

be printed for the world to see," that it should be repressed?

B — "We do not live in a perfect world, but discrimination has come a long way." This is a true statement, and I agree with it. The world is not perfect and yes discrimination has come a long way, but now it is more subtle and harder to expose.

C — "If the staff (of *The Cause*) does not change just change the name of the paper to Discrimination Unlimited." Do the *Northerner* editors advocate that the way to eliminate alternate views is to eliminate people and change names?

D — In the same edition, there is a letter

in "Readers' Views," from James P. George, in which he says..... "let me state that I gave *The Northerner* permission to publish my letter." Does *The Northerner* only print those things which it is given permission to print? If so, that is not the way the real world of journalism works.

Words that are written are not in themselves bad. It is the perception that different people have of these words, that determine how they will be judged. Without diversity, disagreements, and conflicts, mankind

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## Grad. says racism is a threat

To the editors:

I don't often have time to read *The Northerner* as I am employed full time and attending graduate school. Nor does my schedule allow much time for penning letters to editors. I feel compelled, however, to respond to those views expressed in the April 12 edition of the paper. The editorial and accompanying letters were brought to my attention by a fellow graduate student.

I would like to specifically address those views expressed in the editorial. The suggestion that "the reason one sees discrimination is because they are looking for it" is insulting to all minorities who have suffered the indignity and cruelty of discrimination. Aside from being a woman, I am not a member of a minority group but I have witnessed an abundance of racism in my lifetime (much of it on the campus of NKU). I am reminded of Reagan who concluded that "the homeless are homeless because they choose to be."

I have had the good fortune to enjoy close relationships with members of another race but I am not so naive (nor blind) that

I think all people share my values and beliefs. Nor do I feel degraded when one of my friends is the victim of racism -- I feel angry and outraged that this ignorance is perpetuated by a racist, sexist society.

I am proud to have graduated from NKU. I feel that I received an excellent education I will be forever indebted to those dedicated and talented members of the faculty and staff who contributed to my education and enlightenment, but I can readily understand why someone would choose to go elsewhere. More progressive institutions, such as Wittenburg College, have upgraded requirements so that all students are required to take courses introducing them to minority issues.

In closing, I would just like to say that, although I am an active member of the Alumni Association, I will make no significant contribution to the University until such time as the administration makes a visible effort to address the issue of racism on this campus.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Huston

## CAUSE from page 5

in every sense of the word.

The final article appearing in *The Northerner* was written by its staff. For some reason *The Northerner* attacks us for not feeling accepted because we are all "minorities." As a white, anglo-saxon male; to which minority do I belong? The editorial also accuses us of "having a cloud of negative thoughts over (our) heads." Is it not only wished silence to us, but also to control our thoughts?

The other occurrence referred to involved threats of an all together different type, but with the same result: attempted denial of First Amendment rights. This response took the form of threats of violence to myself. The individual who made these threats did so because he could not tolerate me expressing my views publicly. The normal and healthy response when you disagree with someone is to attack their arguments intelligently and make counter arguments. But this self appointed "defender of the American way," this fascist, instead threatened to "sit on me real hard" and even to "kill me" if I continued to voice my opinion. This type of heavy handed tactic must not be given in to. Each of these enemies of free speech took different courses of action to accomplish their goals, but they are very similar in their ways.

There is a very frightening, semi-fascist sentiment on this campus. It is this very sentiment that allows people to feel they can

make these kinds of threats and get away with it (and the evidence is that this sentiment exists is the fact that they can get away with it). It's ironic, the thing that these people attack us for is that we point out some of the contradictions that exist in our society, and yet their responses themselves, coming in a "free" country, support our arguments.

If freedom of the press is not freedom to express opinions some may disagree with, then what is it?

This response had to be made. Accusations such as were made against us, require it. However, we hope, that *The Northerner* will accept our reply as it was to be intended; constructive. We must be allowed to voice our opinions. We must also realize that others are free to question and disagree with those opinions. It is my personal hope that *The Northerner* and its staff feel the same way and this will re-affirm our right to print what we deem relevant. When threats to silence freedom of speech through either legislative means, or through physical violence, occur, then it has gone too far. Those within the journalistic community must band together to meet the common threat of intolerance.

Most Sincerely  
Wylie Jones  
Co-editor of *The Cause*

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SAT 15 & SUN 16 Under The Sun

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## Summer fun under the summer sun

Movies, concerts, vacations and sports contribute to summer entertainment

BY TOM HANDORF  
FEATURES EDITOR

After all the trouble caused by final exams at the end of the semester, you feel like you just have to get out and unwind. For many students, this means intersession classes, but for those students who are able to enjoy the summer, here are some tips of things to see and do.

Movies are going to be a big part of the summer's action. There are many big pictures to be released that could make this summer's box office the best ever. Probably the most eagerly-awaited film this summer is *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, the third film in the highly successful Indy saga. This film stars Harrison Ford as the daring archeologist, Sean Connery as his dad, and a cameo by River Phoenix as a young Indy. This movie, directed by Steven Spielberg leads off the summer starting Memorial Day weekend.

Most of the other big hitters in the movie lineup are all sequels. These movies include *Star Trek 5: The Final Frontier*, *The Last of the Ghostbusters* and the seemingly endless slasher films as Freddy Krueger returns in *Nightmare on Elm Street 5*. Yes, his claws slice, dice, maim; but just hope he doesn't get an itch.

Another potential blockbuster film is *Batman*. This movie is not a campy version like the 60's TV show, it's the way the Dark Knight was originally conceived. Michael Keaton is the title character and Jack Nicholson is his arch enemy, the Joker. It is being helmed by *Beetlejuice* director Tim Burton. It's due out in June.

If you're more into music than movies, then there seems to be a good number of acts coming to the area this summer. Riverbend's list of acts is not complete, but among those with dates already announced include: Rod Stewart, Little Feat, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, and Bob Dylan. This is a good way to get outdoors, relax, and enjoy a night of music under the stars. Other acts will be announced at a later date.

At King's Island's Timberwolf amphitheater, some of the hot acts include teen favorites Debbie Gibson, Tiffany and the New Kids on the Block. Concerts aren't the only thing that King's Island is noted for. They also have plenty of roller coasters, shows, and something new.

This summer, King's Island unveils its



Michael Keaton plays the title role in *Batman* Warner Bros. blockbuster action film, which also stars Jack Nicholson as his arch enemy, The Joker, and Kim Basinger as photo-journalist Vicki Vale. The Guber-Peters production opens June 23 in more than 2,000 theatres.

new water park appropriately titled, Water Works. This great new addition features water fun such as wave pools, body flumes, and an area for kiddies. This is a good addition for the park, especially since it does not cost extra.

If you happen to vacation in Florida this summer, be sure to stop at Walt Disney World to see their new Disney/MGM Studio Tour. Now you can get a taste of Hollywood without having to go to California. The Disney/MGM Studio Tour has some great attractions including a 42-minute long ride through movie history in the Great Movie Ride. This nostalgic trip through the film greats includes scenes from *The Wizard of Oz*, *Alien*, *Singing in the Rain* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Other new attractions at the Studio Tour include screen tests to be in the movies, recreations of famous Hollywood landmarks, actual filming of movies and television shows while you watch, and with those of you with large egos, people will come up to you on the street and ask you for your autograph. Make sure you charge accordingly.

Sports fans can follow the Reds, and the continuing Rose story, as they challenge to win their first pennant in years. The stadium is a fun place to go because no matter who wins or losses, you can carry on and have a good time. With strong pitching and a power-laden offense, this should be their year. But then again, I said that last year, and the year before that, and.....

For people that just want to get out and

enjoy the weather, there are plenty of things to do around here to entertain you. You can drive up to Brookville, Indiana for a day of floating down the river at their canoe ren-

## Batman

tals. It doesn't cost that much and it is very relaxing. To make a weekend out of it, bring along a tent and camp out along the river.

Those are just a few suggestions of things to do this summer. The bottom line is to have a good time, no matter what you are doing. Have a great summer!

## American Poetry Association seeks best 152 in poetry contest

NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

Over \$11,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best 152 poets in a contest sponsored by the American Poetry Association (APA) to discover new talent.

The grand prize is \$1,000 and the first

prize \$500. Other prizes include cash, awards and publication. Best of all, there is absolutely no entry fee.

"Sixteen students won in our last contest," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the APA. "Every student who writes poetry is urged to enter this contest. We have a June

30 deadline on purpose so students can send their best work now — or during summer break."

Poets may send up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines. Each entry must include the poets name and address on each page.

Mail all entries to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-37, 250 Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Entries should be mailed by June 30.



# "Energy-infused" music

## Wopat brings his one-man band to NKU

BY TRACI L. HELM  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Wopat, a performer who defies conventional musical categories and labels, will perform at NKU on Wednesday, April 19, at 12 noon on the University Plaza.

"High-tech pop rock" describes Wopat's unique blend of guitar and vocal virtuosity with 1990's music technology. Utilizing a computer controlled eight-track sequencer, synthesizers, and programmable drums, Wopat produces a one-man band with up to nine separate instruments. The instruments are programmed to perform simultaneously with his guitar and vocals. No more being chained to conventional acoustic instrumentation, Wopat produces an extraordinary energy-infused brand of rock.

This versatility has enabled Wopat to be the first choice opening for a wide variety of artists such as Robert Klein, Dave Mason, Michael Martin Murphy, and Louise Man-

drell, as well as make a highly successful network television debut in 1982.

Wopat's impact on the college market is indicated by his selection as the 1984 Campus Entertainer of the Year in the small concert category, by a nationwide ballot of National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) members. The Campus Entertainment Awards were established by NACA to bring national recognition to outstanding performers in the college venue. Wopat was also nominated for the 1989 NACA "Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year."

Wopat will be performing many of his original comedy pieces as well as works from artists such as Howard Jones, Jackson Browne and The Police.

As his rapidly accumulating credits attest, Wopat is an ascending talent on the verge of national recognition as a writer and performer. So don't miss the opportunity to see Dave Wopat in concert, sponsored by the Activities Programming Board for the Annual Rites of Spring.

## Time changes for local specials

### NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

As a result of a network programming change, two local specials, *The Magic of Television* and *Blue Chip Broadcasters* will be broadcast from 10-11 p.m. instead of 8-9 p.m. as originally scheduled.

*Magic of Television* was produced by Jim Friedman, an NKU professor, and *Blue Chip Broadcasters* was produced by Stuart Zanger.

Pat Minarcin, Carol Williams, Dennis Janson, Bob Alan, Randy Little and Denise Dory take you behind the scenes for a look at how television works on *The Magic of Television*. Jim Friedman exemplified today's latest television technology and shared the secrets of video special effects of video special effects. *The Magic of Television* received seven Emmy nominations for best entertainment, writing, editing, lighting,

sound, direction and electronic graphics.

*Blue Chip Broadcasters*, originally aired as a three-part series last February. It is one of the specials WCPO is producing this year to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

In *Blue Chip Broadcasters*, Channel 9 co-anchor Carol Williams will give the audience a rare opportunity to see Bob Shreve, Uncle Al, Wanda Lewis, Nick Clooney, Bill Nemo, Len Goorian and more talk about the history of television. Footage will be shown of these people on their original television programs. Special attention will be given to Bob Shreve, a former actor on the *Past Prime Playhouse*. Doty Mack will also be focused upon. She started out as a record librarian and became nationally well-known, because of her style of pantomiming to music.

## Thirty minutes will give a lifetime; give blood today

### NORTHERNER STAFF REPORT

Did you help save Art Wesselman's life?

A few years ago, Art was driving to a friend's wedding when an oncoming car, driven by a drunk driver, swerved across the center line. Art does not remember the crash. He remembers the two months he spent in the hospital and the two months of surgery and therapy.

Without the help of people giving blood, Art would not have lived.

Some employees of Northern Kentucky University save lives on a regular basis. They are blood donors and you are invited to join them on April 26, for the annual Student Blood Drive.

Giving blood is simple — the entire process takes only about thirty minutes and that includes the cookies.

Giving blood is convenient. Donations will be collected in the University Center Ballroom, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., so you won't even have to leave campus to give a gift that will save the life of someone like Art.

Giving blood is important. Nobody knows who will need blood next, but one thing is certain — it will not be available unless healthy, caring people take the time to give it. Art's accident required 110 units — more than 12 gallons of blood. Because 110 people each gave up to thirty minutes, Art Wesselman has a lifetime of minutes to live.

**Be sure to pick up  
The Northerner**

## Spring Lecture at Newman Center

Sr. Fidelis Tracy, C.D.P. will present the fourth annual Spring Lecture for the Catholic Newman Center at Northern Kentucky University on Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. in room 108 of the University Center. Sr. Fidelis is currently a campus minister at The Ohio State University. She previously served at the University of Kentucky.

## Eddie Fingers to host *Rock This*

Wild and Crazy WEBN disc jockey Eddie Fingers will be on campus on April 26 to host a segment of WNTV's rock video program *Rock This*. Fingers, best known for his wild antics on the radio, will be in the WNTV studio at noon in Landrum, located on the third floor. Stop by and catch all the fun in person, or watch the videos on WNTV. It's sure to be an interesting time.

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## Healthworks '89

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to 4 p.m.

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ly Hopkins. In the last few years the steady stream of adventuresome essays has expanded into delta of books, first the composition text and reader for Random House in 1987, then the scholarly text on Hopkins and science for Iowa in 1988, and now the text on film for which he is under contract in 1989. Other projects are in the works, including the Palo Alto murder case upon which he did considerable research in California in 1988. All of these projects are natural extensions of the work Tom has done year after year in the classroom trenches at NKU. The research his own students have done into the Beverly Hills fire is only one example of the way in which Tom's own scholarship and the work of his students are closely related. His entire career at Northern shows in a most exemplary manner the degree to which teaching and scholarship are related, mutually illuminating undertakings.

Throughout his career, Tom's stellar accomplishments as a teacher and scholar have

been accompanied by university and community service that is broadly defined and that is always memorable by dint of his warm personality and lively intellect. Currently, he is faculty advisor to Alpha Chi, the NKU Honors Society. Community presentations in the present semester include a Hopkins Centennial Lecture at Xavier in February and a Hollywood Lecture at the Kenton County Public Library in March.

Tom Zaniello's record of accomplishments would have made him an outstanding candidate for the Outstanding Professor Award during any of the years in which the award has been given in its "modern" history. His recent distinctive success as an author, while still maintaining his outstanding performance in and beyond the classroom, makes him an especially strong candidate for the award in 1989. I know of no other professor on our campus as deserving as is he.

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# HONORS

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philosophy major said, "After all I've heard about orphanages, it was neat to see all of the kids happy. They are obviously well cared for and the staff is very affectionate towards them."

Another student, Nita Enix, a sophomore majoring in psychology and English said, "All of the kids impressed me with their extraordinary openness and willingness to in-

teract. They positively affected me as much as I hope I encouraged them."

The honors students went to the home, expecting to benefit others, yet they received as much as they gave.

The NKU Honors Program is currently sponsoring a canned food drive for Brighton Center. Donations can be dropped off in Landrum 429.

## Don't forget to apply for positions at The Northerner

### HOW TO HAVE A BALL ON DERBY DAY

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"Politicians are using the scores to make some critical decisions" about funding, Garcia said.

As a result, "there's a lot of pressure on the teachers" to change their classes to teach students how to do well on the tests, not necessarily about the course's subject.

Nevertheless, such reforms are starting to spread up from the high school to the college level.

The tests "are a simplistic answer to a complicated problem," charged Fairtest's Stockwell.

"Something needs to be done before they get here," said Mike Hulbert, president of the Students' Association at the University of Texas in Austin. "You can't make up for the 12 years of poor education before college."

All Texas collegians will have to pass a three-part basic skills test before they can take upper-level classes. They can take the test as many times as they want, but each time will cost \$24.

School officials in states that have been making students take competency tests

already, moreover, have become fans.

In Tennessee, where entering freshmen must pass a basic skills test or take non-credit remedial courses before admission, the test has worked "tremendously," said Pete Consacro of the state Board of Regents.

"It has increased retention, and we're finding that those students are performing at least as well as those who needed no remediation at all."

The Florida program, in place since 1984, "has resulted in increased attention to communications and computing skills in the curriculum," said Patrick Dallet of the Florida Post secondary Education Planning Commission.

Some believe students in Kentucky will get used to the tests, too.

"Reforms almost always start off hard and tough because they're usually coming down on someone, in this case students and teachers," said John Goodlad, a University of Washington educator, at the San Francisco reform meeting in late March.

"But then the soft and tender side comes on stage," he said.

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# Sports

April 19, 1989

## Norse prepare for GLVC tourney



NKU's Bill Aker gives instruction to his team before a recent game. The Norse are 33-5 on the year and 10-2 in the GLVC

BY CHAD WILMER  
STAFF WRITER

The Norsemen of Northern Kentucky University, ranked No. 11 in the country, ran their league record to 33-5 and set themselves up for a post-season tournament berth with a big win over Lewis this past weekend, as well as wins over Cincinnati Bible College, Kentucky Christian and St. Joseph's College.

Their most recent win over Goshen (Ind.), 14-1 (Apr. 17) gave NKU their eighth-straight win and an excellent set-up for the final week of the season.

The Norse hope to win the Great Lakes Conference title and host the GLVC tournament, and maybe even clinch an automatic bid to the NCAA South Atlantic Regional tournament.

"We're playing very well," said Norse coach Bill Aker. "We're doing what we have to do to win."

"The home field advantage always helps. We'd sure like to have it."

Aker, who said earlier this year that the Norsemen would have to play steadily to win this season, added, "We've worked hard on fundamentals. Up to this point, we've gotten key hits, we've played good defense and we've gotten some fine pitching. I feel good about our chances."

The pitching Aker speaks of has been one of Northern's strong points this year. In a big doubleheader with Lewis University over the weekend, senior Alex Lentsch pitched what may have been his best game of his career, surrendering only four hits in 6 2/3 innings of work. Freshman Joe Renner came on to close out close out the sixth inning in a 3-0 win for the Norse.

Lentsch, Chris Hook, Ken Schmah and Danny Gill make up the core of Northern's pitching staff and have provided support for

the team in onference games as well as those outside the GLVC.

The Norsemen showed some offensive spark in the second game, starting it off in the bottom of the fourth inning with a Matt Bohmer lead-off single. John Heeter followed with a base hit to left. After designated hitter Brian Norton sacrificed the runners to second and third, shortstop Todd Bok singled, scoring Heeter and putting runners on the corners.

Mike Cook later singled, scoring Bohmer. Northern put three more runs up the following inning on hits by Brian Haigis, Pat Berry and Heeter to give NKU a 5-0 lead.

The sixth inning saw Northern pick up where they left off. Berry drove in Haigis, after Haigis reached on a throwing error and stole second base. Berry, who is hitting around .350, delivered to give NKU a 6-0 lead.

As has been the case for the Norse this year, they got the key hits when they needed them most. With two out in the sixth, Heeter was walked intentionally, putting runners on second and first.

Bohmer followed with a walk, setting up a Norton bases-loaded single that scored two runs. Bok them tripled to the right field corner, scoring two more runs to give NKU their 10-0 margin of victory.

One day later, Northern kept things rolling with two wins over St. Joe's, 9-2 and 6-5.

In the first game, sophomore outfielder Berry continued to swing the good aluminum, belting his second homer of the year. Heeter added two RBI on a double.

Pitcher Tim French started the game for Northern before giving way to Schmah in the fourth inning. Schmah pitched the rest of the game and picked up the win.

Sophomore Hook and Renner combined on the mound for the Norse in a 6-5 victory in the second game.

## NKU puts off football program indefinitely

BY DON OWEN  
STAFF WRITER

As the academic clock nears midnight on the 1988-89 Northern Kentucky University sports scene, it's time for a few final observations concerning sports on our fair campus.

For instance, how far can the NKU baseball team go in post-season play? Bill Aker's team stands at 33-5 at press time.

Can coach Ken Shields find adequate replacements for his five departing seniors, particularly, Derek Fields? Will Lady Norse coach Nancy Winstel persuade the NCAA to abolish overtime periods? A look back to '88-'89 and ahead to '89-'90:

—Don't anticipate seeing football anytime soon at Northern, according to Athletic

Director Jane Meier. With Northern lukewarm to the idea of football, it appears Thomas More College might field the first gridiron team in Northern Kentucky.

TMC announced last week that an athletic expansion committee was studying the possibility of starting a Division III football program. Meier cited the lack of "resources" as the main reason Northern is reluctant to start a football program.

—While on the subject of Thomas More, Meier stated she is all for continuing a men's basketball series with the Edgewood school. Following a 122-82 sandblasting at the hands of the Norsemen last fall, TMC head coach Jim Connor said he wanted to end the series with NKU.

Connor had said he wanted an end to the

series because he felt NKU had an unfair advantage due to their granting of athletic scholarships, while TMC had none. Thomas More plays at the Division III level and doesn't give athletic scholarships, and according to Connor, it wasn't right that his school should be expected to compete with Northern.

"Personally, I hope we continue the series with TMC," said Meier. "I think it's a good rivalry game for both schools." Look for the two schools to play next year, but if Connor gets his wish, it may be the last.

—Ken Shields has his work cut out for him next year. In terms of sheer athletic ability, Tracey Davis, Derek Fields, Terry Hairston, Patrick Holt and Chris Wall might have represented NKU's finest senior class to

date. Though the record over the past four years was only 62-50, take into consideration that NKU plays in a very tough GLVC which include powerhouse Kentucky Wesleyan. Shields did sign three players for next year, but for the Norse to compete in the GLVC, those freshmen will have to produce in a hurry. Deron Blasingame, Jimmy Matthews and George Smith will have to carry the load for Northern early next year. Shields is also hoping several transfers and players who sat out with academic problems this year can contribute next season.

—Why is the University of Kentucky finding it so hard to hire a new basketball coach? The list of rumored candidates seem to include anyone connected with basketball, except for Wildman Walker.



# The Northerner

Look for our last edition next week. It will be a special one!

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would never be motivated to learn new concepts or make changes.

I started this article by stating the current edition of *the Northerner* could be well utilized as a teaching tool. Of all the editions printed and published this year, the current edition has caused me to be even more

thankful for the Constitution, and to appreciate much more, the fact that our United States is great because we pull together in spite of our many differences.

Joseph H. Stone  
A writer for *The Cause*

## NKU Dancers strut their stuff

BY HOLLY JO KOONS  
NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday afternoon, April 25, the *NKU Dancers* will strut their stuff on stage in the University Center Theater at 12:15 p.m.

The show will be performed for both NKU students and interested community members. The performance is free, and lunch will be served for \$1.00.

The performance will be much like the show held on Tuesday, February 28. The last show consisted of seven choreographed dances. The show was fantastic and was well

received by the audience.

The performers in the *NKU Dancers* are Julie Carroll, Carey Embry, Amy Gellenbesk, Gabrea Gibson, Steve Hardig, Jeanne Leonard, Susan Neideregger, Shannon Riegling, Julie Smith and Chrissy Wright.

The *NKU Dancers* are a valuable asset to the NKU dancing program and talent can be found in anyone of these fine performers. Each of the dancers have their own unique style that comes alive on stage. The *NKU Dancers* will show off their talents on April 25, and they promise a can't miss performance.



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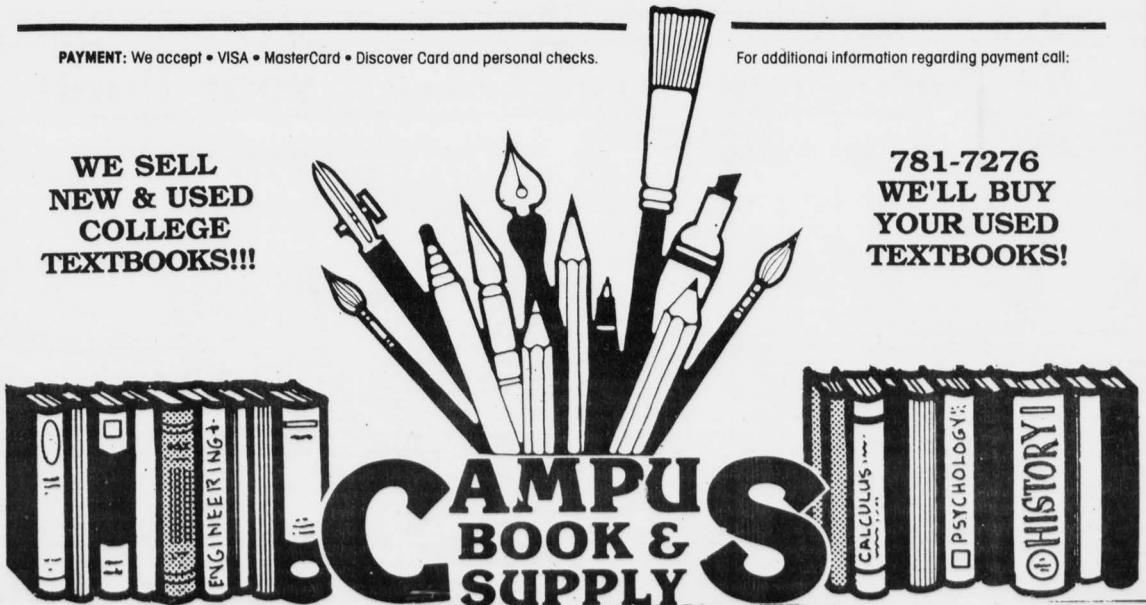


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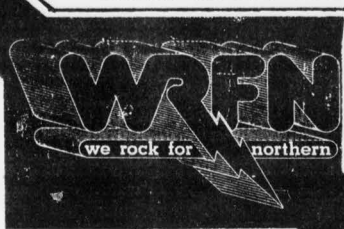
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5 Decay  
8 Vehicles  
12 Part of face  
13 Exist  
14 Century plant  
15 Keyed up with interest  
16 Playing card  
17 Nerve network  
18 Attic  
20 Mended with cotton  
22 Period of time  
23 The self  
24 Whipped  
27 Come back  
31 Shoemaker's tool

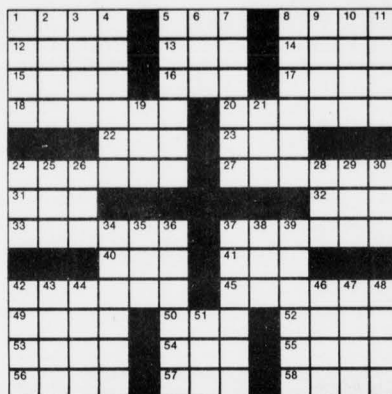
### DOWN

- 32 Game at cards  
33 Irritate  
37 In truth  
40 Ventilate  
41 Weight of India  
42 Rag  
45 Chief  
49 Dillseed  
50 Biblical name  
52 Top of head  
53 Christmas carol  
54 Nickname for Nancy  
55 Sea eagles  
56 Contest  
57 Accomplished  
58 Chair

### DOWN

- 1 Unexpected difficulty  
2 Roman garment  
3 Hebrew lyre  
4 Rue  
5 Climbing palm  
6 Miner's find

- 7 Fragile  
8 Vegetable  
9 Danish measure  
10 Repetition  
11 Sow  
19 Before  
21 Mature  
24 Prohibit  
25 Female sheep  
26 In music, high  
28 Rubber tree  
29 Fish eggs  
30 Bow  
34 Gossip  
35 Falsehood  
36 Commission  
37 Land surrounded by water  
38 Born  
39 Arranges in folds  
42 Zest  
43 Ox of Celebes  
44 Abound  
46 Challenge  
47 Sicilian volcano  
48 Remainder  
51 Capuchin monkey



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by Berke Breathed



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