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Fidelity to change promotion policy

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Recent changes have been made to the employee promotion structure at Fidelity Investments at Northern Kentucky University, according to Director of Participant Services Art Johnson.

He said that employee promotion will be competency-based, as opposed to the four-tier structure that is outlined in the employment agreement of many of Fidelity's employees.

According to official Fidelity

employee documents, advancement in the tier progression was based on employee performance, management approval and at least two months tenure in the previous tier. These documents state that advancement training will be done in groups of 20.

Johnson said he told employees when they were hired that they were expected to reach the fourth tier (full pay and responsibility) within one year. He said that since Fidelity has never had a branch at a university, problems arose in employees not meeting that goal.

"This was an experiment," Johnson said.

Johnson said the delay in employee progression resulted in some employee discontent near the end of last semester.

"There was a communication gap that created some employee satisfaction issues," he said.

Jeff Chesnut, coordinator of student employment, oversees both Delta Airlines and Fidelity Investments. Chesnut said that he works with Johnson and other managers on campus and serves as a liaison between Fidelity and the

university.

Chesnut said he was not aware of any satisfaction problems with the employees or any changes that were made regarding employee advancement.

However, Chesnut did say he received a complaint from one student saying he was disappointed because he wasn't advancing as quickly as he hoped he would.

Johnson said although some employees left during the turbulent time, none cited these problems as their primary reason for leaving during their exit interview.

Johnson said the unexpected problems Fidelity faced dealt with call routing. Johnson said that some participants (customers) are not comfortable talking to anyone under the age of 40. He said that most employees at the NKU branch deal with transactions where the participants do not have to give the employee their PIN number.

"We are going to move things along without adding risk to our business," Johnson said.

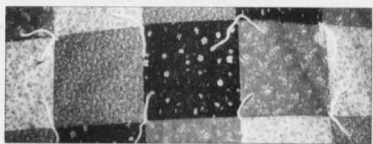
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Queens of quilting



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

Students, faculty and staff gathered on Jan. 27 to celebrate quilt making. Sponsored by the Women's Center, the display showcased 14 quilts that have been made and will be donated to a new women's crisis center. The goal is to donate a total of 30. Also displayed was a quilt made by students, faculty and staff invited together to quilt by the Women's Center. Katherine Meyer, coordinator, (above) said that the quilt she is standing by explored relationships. The quilt (right) was made by a women's studies class in which each student made one square, and then wrote a term paper about the meaning of their art.



Junior high students targeted in new program

By Cindy Folsom
Staff Reporter

Jan. 15 marked the kick-off of the Collaborating for Success program. The program allows Northern Kentucky University professors and Holmes Junior High School students to work together to increase their chance of success.

Directed by NKU professor Dr. Carol Ryan, the main goal of the program is to ease the transition to high school while making students aware of opportunities available at NKU after they graduate. The students and staff of Holmes, with the collective expertise of the university's professors, will get the students involved and give them something to take back to the classroom. The program also strives to improve the effectiveness of parent/teacher and student/teacher relationships.

NKU Dean of the College of Professional Studies Tony Atwater said that the program has three levels:

- 1) working with at risk students,
- 2) improving academic strategies
- 3) working with the parents.

He also said that Collaborating for Success is an incentive of the SPAARKS (Strategies and Partnerships for Aiding At Risk Kids) program. Both programs

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Aesthetic graduation in works

By Melanie Goodman
Staff Reporter

Graduates this spring may be the first in Northern Kentucky University's history to participate in an outdoor commencement ceremony.

Student Government Association President Chris Boggs said he met with President James C. Votruba on Jan. 19 to discuss the proposed idea to make future commencement ceremonies "more aesthetically pleasing."

"We want to give students a graduation they can be proud of, because this day will be the most important day, up to this point, in their lives," Boggs said.

Two locations are currently being explored as possible sites for spring commencement ceremonies—the old soccer field and the area around Lake Inferior

(behind the Fine Arts Center). Additional enhancements, such as including a high-profile guest speaker at commencement and increasing the number of tickets each graduate receives for guests, are also being considered.

According to Boggs, the university has enough funds to put together an outdoor commencement this spring. However, students in the future will have to consider whether an aesthetically pleasing ceremony is worth an increase in student fees.

Executive Assistant to the President Robin Crigler said the plans to execute an outdoor ceremony are being considered, but have not, by any means, been finalized.

"Everything is still in the talking stages," she said. "We are

currently just gathering information on the idea."

Crigler said the plan to move commencement outdoors was originally proposed by William Nester, former vice-president of University Relations. The ceremony would include one "Grand Church Triumphant," which would encompass graduates from all colleges within the university, as well as a nationally known guest speaker. After the formal ceremony is complete, each individual college would branch in their own direction for the rest of the commencement festivities. Crigler said this gives each individual college a more intimate ceremony and a chance to "do their own thing."

There are two major concerns, however, with this proposal. The first, expressed by faculty as well as students interviewed, is the chance of bad weather occurring the day of commencement.

Dave Thomson, chairman of the Commencement Committee, said an outdoor ceremony is a

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NEWS @nku Mass e-mail delivers

By Dave Lindsay
Staff Reporter

There is a new weekly e-mail based news service this semester at Northern Kentucky University to let students know what is going on around campus.

The news service comes out every Thursday in students' NKU e-mail accounts. The information is brief, but lists a contact number or a link you can click on to go to a website to get more information.

The newsletter is compiled and sent out by Karen Chinnetti of the Office of Student Life.

Dr. Mark Shanley, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment, proposed the newsletter. He said since he has been at NKU he has been looking for a better way to communicate to students. Research indicated an e-

mail based weekly newsletter would be the best method, he said.

Chinnetti said, "We found out that 60 percent of students have e-mail. We can reach 60 percent just by putting out this newsletter."

Bill Lamb, dean of students, said, "We want to make [the newsletter] a place where we can promote student life, student activities as well as keep students abreast of deadlines, dates and information they need to have to be a successful student."

Lamb said, "We are trying to keep it short. We are trying to keep it informative. I think if we do that people will take a look at it."

Lamb said, "It is only beneficial to those students who check their e-mail."

Students wishing to put information

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FIDELITY: changes give more responsibility

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Johnson said that new hires at NKU deal with non-valid transactions, which means they are not given the participant's PIN number. One of the tasks given to employees at Fidelity is PIN resets. Johnson said that calls needing PIN resets comprise over 90 percent of the calls the NKU branch receives.

Johnson said with the new system, the new people will be handling the majority of call resets while veteran employees will perform tasks that require more responsibility.

"Our desire is our more tenure leveled people will do much less (PIN resets)," Johnson said.

Johnson said one of the tasks these more tenured employees will be given is exercising employee stock options for a large national employer.

"It sounds relatively complex, but it's a simple thing," Johnson

said.

Another task will be working with online services. Johnson said these employees will deal with questions regarding the Fidelity website and will help participants troubleshoot problems with the website. Both of these new tasks will be valid transactions, which requires the employee to be given a participant's PIN number.

Johnson said NKU's Fidelity Branch has interaction from Fidelity headquarters, located in Marlborough, Mass., and they support these new programs.

Johnson said that under the new system there will be three strata of advancement instead of four under the tier system. PIN resets will be the primary function of employees in the first strata. Many current employees will likely be placed in the second and third stratum. Johnson said the third strata will deal with online services, but the

exact duties of employees in the second strata has not yet been determined.

Johnson said the Fidelity program at NKU has definitely been a benefit to students. He said that 12 of the 18 employees that graduated in 1999 were hired full-time by Fidelity.

Johnson said the administration at Fidelity's international headquarters, located in Covington, Ky., have been extremely pleased with the level of customer service shown by NKU Fidelity employees.

Johnson said employees at NKU have a high chance of being hired at the Covington location.

Johnson said that he feels that NKU having a branch of Fidelity may help attract students to NKU.

"Mike Barry has hoped and Jeff Chesnut has mentioned a hope this would help in NKU's recruitment of students," Johnson said.



File Photo

NKU's branch of Fidelity Investments offers opportunities to students and adds recruitment potential to the university. President James C. Votruba and Gov. Paul Patton marked the opening of the branch.

Read welcomed

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Production Manager

Northern Kentucky University's Division of University Relations and Development was renamed the Division of University Advancement Wednesday. New divisional vice president Debra Read was welcomed at the reception on the University Center's balcony.

The Department of University Relations also was renamed the Department of University Communications.

Rick Meyers, the associate director of University Communications, said the divisional name-change was initiated to bring NKU's office into conformity with other universities' offices with similar duties across the nation.

"Nationally other universities call that group University Advancement," said Meyers. "We changed the names to avoid some of the confusion about the division's duties."

He said the new division title better represents the broad responsibilities in advancing the university's mission.

According to Ron Ellis, the assistant vice president of University Communications, Read filled the vacancy after the Jan. 1 retirement of former vice president William Nester. Ellis said Read's duties will comprise supervision of Alumni Affairs, University Communications, Office of Development, Community and Government Relations and WNKU

89.7 radio station.

Ellis said, "The name change will better reflect the professional actions of the whole division; that we're in the business of advancing the institution."

Read said she would focus her attention on bridging the relationship between the university and the surrounding communities.

"Central to the university's advancement is the application of all our assets," Read said.

"Faculty and staff play an important role in university advancement," she said. "It is also important for the alumni to be involved and to feel they still have a stake in the university's activities and well-being. We intend to nurture the relationship between alumni and the university."

Ellis said the university considered more than 65 applicants for the position.

He said Read's experience at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania, as vice president of college advancement, and an impressive record in the occupation throughout her career, made her ideal for the position at NKU.

NKU president James C. Votruba said the university hired Read to manage and cultivate university issues with off-campus entities and he is looking forward to working with her.

"We heard about Debbie before she heard about us," said Votruba. "Her name kept coming up again and again. We were lucky to get her."



Jeffrey B. Williams/The Northerner
Vice-President of University Advancement Debra Read (center) was welcomed by campus-wide departmental representatives.



Jeffrey B. Williams/The Northerner
The lack of parking spaces available on campus have caused many students to park illegally. The fine for illegal parking at NKU is \$20.

Parking creates safety dilemma

By Kelly Simon
Staff Reporter

Illegal parking at Northern Kentucky University affects the safety of other drivers and students on campus, said Sgt. Allen Thomas from the Department of Public Safety.

Thomas said there are four ticket writers and two public safety cadets. He said if all officers were able to patrol the parking lots, they could each write at least 50 tickets a day.

The problem is that not all officers can be out there at the same time because their primary concern is the safety of people on campus and responding to calls, said Thomas.

Pat Morris of the Bursar Operations office said 887 tickets were issued on campus from Sept. 1, 1999 through Jan. 26, 2000.

Thomas, who officially retires on Monday, Jan. 31, after 20 years of service for DPS, said that it is their job "to get people where they are supposed to be."

According to the parking policy, parking violations include parking in driveways, blocking roadways, obstructing traffic and blocking parked vehicles, fire lanes, aisles, 20 minute zones and service areas. The fine for illegal parking is \$20. The policy states that after three outstanding parking violations, violators may be towed.

The policy states that all vehicles parked on campus must properly display a valid permit 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, throughout the year. It also states that weekend parking hours are from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday with no parking permit required.

Rachel Vasquez, a senior political science major said, "The parking on campus is awful. It becomes a headache because people park illegally and it's hard to get around the lot, as well as even getting out of a parking space."

Vasquez said that illegal parking "causes a problem because cars block too much of the road for cars to get by. They should tow

the cars instead of ticketing them because it's a hazard to the rest of the student body," she said.

Thomas said the Parking and Transportation Committee annually reviews proposals to raise the price of tickets. He said the committee has not raised the cost of ticket violations due to the increase of tuition over the years.

Parking violations would go down if the price of tickets increased and then students might think twice before parking illegally, Thomas said. He said when fines for violating handicap spaces increased, the incidents on illegal parking declined. Most places charge \$75-\$100 for parking violations in the Tri-State, he said.

Thomas said tickets must be paid before a student registers for the next semester. The university cannot hold grades or diplomas, but can legally withhold transcripts, he said.

Payment for parking violations may be mailed or paid in person at Bursar Operations.

Changes mean increased access for handicapped

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University is taking steps to determine what changes need to be made to increase handicapped accessibility, according to Coordinator of Disability Services Dale Adams.

Adams said one of the changes that is being made is making some of the restrooms more accessible.

"We are trying to get some of those restrooms accessible on the inside. They have contracted those out to be done," Adams said.

Adams also said that Physical Plant has bought ten new tables to accommodate wheelchair users.

He said that the Office of Disability Services will be moving to the third floor of the University Center, where the Career Development Center is currently located. Adams said the Career Development Center will move into the area previously occupied by the Women's Center.

Although construction of the Career Development Center's new home will be completed soon, Adams said he probably won't be able to move until early summer. He said after the Career Development Center moves to the second floor, the center needs to be sound-proofed before Disability Services can move his office.

He said that a new Accessibility Committee has been formed and will begin meeting Feb. 8. This committee will be chaired by Steve Walker. This committee will report to President James C. Votruba at the end of the year.

Adams chairs the Advisory Committee on Services to Students with Disabilities. According to a document from Administrative Regulations, the purpose of these committees is to evaluate and report needs of disabled students to administration.

"The Americans with Disabilities Act and 504 do not guarantee success. They guarantee equal access," Adams said.

D.P.S. REPORTS

DPS was dispatched to the Norise Commons kitchen area in response to a fire alarm. The kitchen manager said he was cleaning the broiler, which created an abundance of smoke in the kitchen area. He said the smoke detector outside his office was activated. Upon inspection, the DPS officer did not dispatch the Cold Spring Fire Department. The area was immediately fumigated and the alarm was reset.

Two vehicles were involved in a head-on collision in lot I. DPS reported a car was traveling north toward the exit of the lot and struck another car traveling west toward the exit. Both vehicles sustained minor damages.

A DPS officer was dis-

pached to lot J in response to a report of a broken window in a vehicle parked in a handicapped space. The subject told the officer someone busted the passenger side window out of his 1989 Ford Econoline van. No forcible signs of entry were reported by the officer, and nothing was stolen from the vehicle. The officer reported the cold weather could have caused the window to break. A second DPS officer responded to the scene to assist in temporarily repairing the window with a plastic covering.

An officer responded to a possible theft in Woodcrest Apartments. The subject report-

ed her ex-roommate activated a credit card under her name and used the credit card until she (the roommate) exceeded the card's \$500 limit. She said the actual theft occurred around Thanksgiving, but when she called the credit card company to report the theft, they told her she needed a theft report taken by the police because no charges were filed in the past.

DPS was dispatched to an accident in lot J involving two vehicles. A car turned right onto Nunn Drive when a second car, turning left into lot J, cut the turn too sharp, and struck the side of the other car. The driver said he was distracted about going to get a parking pass, and did not realize he took the turn too sharp. There were no injuries reported.

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The ugly American or the essence of arrogance?



By Clinton
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Political
Science



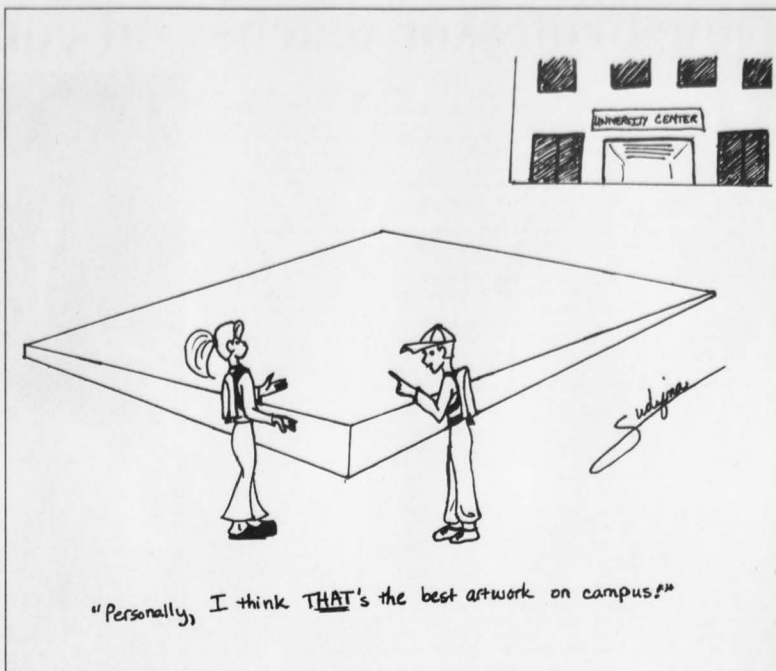
On Jan. 20, 2000, Senator Jesse Helms, one of those still afflicted with the plantation mentality, addressed the U.N. Security Council, supposedly offering a "hand of friendship," but rather ending up lecturing the assembled diplomats from all over the world. Addressing the assembled diplomats as "Mah Friends," Helms delivered the type of speech devoid of decorum and, in the words of many diplomats, the sort of message that identifies him as the symbol of right wing hostility toward the United Nations. Helms, claiming that he speaks for the American people, told the Security Council that Congress had the right to determine the conditions and dictate the terms under which the United States would pay its long overdue debts to the U.N. This, it should be understood, despite the clear meaning and intent of the Charter of the United Nations.

Helms warned the international organization; a body whose Charter the United States in 1945 affixed its signature, solemnly promising to adhere to its principles; to "keep its utopian visions away from American sovereignty." Adding "a United Nations that seeks to impose its presumed authority on the American people, without their consent, begs for confrontation and - I want to be candid with you - eventual U.S. withdrawal." The question here: Is Senator Helms conscious of what the United Nations is about? Serious scholars of international organizations harbor deep doubts. Is Helms the ugly American? No, people of the Americas should not be saddled with that disgrace. Helms is the ugly citizen of the United States, not the ugly American. The United States is but a microcosm of the Americas. Jesse Helms is an enigma, a relic of the antebellum south that continues to believe that the world is the United States' plantation.

Succeeding administrations in this country, whatever the political party, have treated the United Nations as a tool of U.S. international power politics. Helms is no exception. He, like many of his kind, is incapable of comprehending the moral value possible in the U.N.; a moral value that over the years has been stymied by the United States. We, as a nation, have done more to undermine the moral principles achievable by the U.N. The United States; beginning with the San Francisco conferences, Roosevelt's recommendation for a Security Council comprising of five permanent members having veto powers (in essence a virtual dictatorship in a democracy), the Optional Clause, and an unwillingness to comply with the Charter that it signed in 1945; have, in theory and practice, contributed to the inexorable decline of the United Nations since its inception. Contributing to this decline, also, is the excruciating ignorance in this country in regard to the United Nations, coupled with the deafening silence of the press on matters relating to the U.N.

At the conclusion of his misplaced and inappropriate speech, Helms, rightly so, was rebuked by every other delegation but that of the United States. The Permanent Representative to the U.N. from France, was moved to inform Helms that the Security Council was not there to be lectured to by the likes of him; adding, "We hear you, but the idea in this house is that others must be heard as well." Judging from Helms' history of arrogant, incoherent rambling, one wonders if this senator understood the importance of that comment. Whether, as a matter of civil decency, Helms has the content of character to understand that the United States cannot continue to use its power to stifle the genuine aspiration of other nations. That power, and its attendant cohort - national interest, has no place in the moral imperatives necessary for international understanding. Jesse Helms might be dismissed as the ugly American. In reality, however, he embodies the essence of arrogance and disrespect for international law so readily evident in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

Dr. Clinton G. Hewan,
Political Science, Professor



Parking problems dangerous



Jesselee
Whitson
Theatre

Dear Editor,

I've waited patiently for the parking situation here at Northern Kentucky University to be addressed. I've suffered, like most students, without formal protest or complaint. I've cooperated, like any other hearty student, noting that a few months of extra walking was nothing compared to the comforts of a new parking

garage.

However, the new garage has yet to reach completion. A new project has sprung from the wealth of campus parking, leaving the student body with an even longer walk to class each morning. Normally, I would be willing to endure such results of bad planning. Students from other universities have confided in me that they paid much more for their parking passes each year. The same students have told me that they walk equal or greater distances from the lot to their classes.

However, I've reached the boiling point. Each morning that I arrive later than 8 a.m., I am forced to walk from the ATM machine near the tennis courts to the fine arts building. I walk past areas of heavy construction alongside a road dominated by speeding cars, in a muddy ditch. I consider this unsafe.

Now, of course there is no shuttle service to provide me with any form of quick access to

school. I'm not stupid enough to ask for anything quite so considerate from the administration.

Yet, there are no sidewalks to save myself or other students from falling in holes or tripping on rocks.

There are no guardrails to protect us from desperate, angry drivers... there is hardly even space between their tires and my "path" on some mornings. In fact, my friend was clipped by one car's side mirror one morning. I won't mention the barely visible crosswalks or the construction gates hanging dangerously open.

So here I am, fuming. I have one wish for all of us considering the icy weather we're sure to suffer over the coming months: May no harm come to us despite the unsafe conditions and the school's disgusting disregard for its students.

Jesselee Whitson,
Theatre, Sophomore

NORTH POLL

Parking Poll: How do you feel about the parking situation here at NKU?

Nikki Heiert
Theatre
Melbourne

"I think it is ridiculous that we have to stalk people coming out of classes to find a spot. I hate it when they are at their car only to get a book."



Jeremy Eminhizer
Political Science
Erlanger

"How do I feel about it? Thirteen thousand commuters and 1000 parking spaces, need I say more?"



Misty Steen
Speech Communication
Covington
"Parking: it could be worse."



Andy Johnston
Management
Alexandria

"I can never find a spot, and when I do, it's on the wrong side of campus. I just wish they would open that parking garage."



Candace Dunavent
Undeclared
Owensboro

"We need more parking spaces. It is too crowded. It is so hard to get a space here, especially in the winter."



Mike Chirumbolo
RTV
Cincinnati

"I don't think it is that bad. Try parking at UC. People complain about parking here, but they don't take the time to look."

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New professor teaches on common ground

By Melanie Goodman
Staff Reporter

"I've been full circle," said Tina Hines, the newest addition to Northern Kentucky University's Communication department. "I went from being a college drop-out, to being a college instructor."

Communication Department Chair Pat Moynahan hired Hines this semester to teach at the college level for the first time.

He said Hines was the only qualified candidate for the part-time position who had not previously taught at NKU.

"We did not want someone whose experience consisted only of writing news releases and articles for house publications," Moynahan said.

"We wanted someone who had been on the firing line in dealing with the media, the public and clients. We were impressed with her contacts in the profession."

Hines said she came to NKU as an amateur to the classroom. After obtaining her master's degree, Hines spent several years at Boone County middle and high schools as a substitute teacher.

She said she chose that particular age of students to teach because she loved being a teenager herself and enjoys being around them. "Teaching keeps me young," she said.

At NKU, Hines is currently teaching a public relations case studies class, as well as speech 101.

Hines said she is anxious to pass on to her students what her college professors taught her.

"I had good professors in college. They taught with passion and encouraged passion in their students," Hines said.

In addition to teaching, Hines is pursuing freelance work in the photo-journalism realm of communication.

Hines also freelances for WCET-48 in video production.

Going back to college at the age of 30, after dropping out at 19, qualifies Hines as a typical non-traditional student.

Hines said she has some insight for NKU's growing population of non-traditional students. "Get past that first year, get into your major, and things start to change," she said.

Fresh out of high school, Hines went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years. However, she could not continue pursuing a degree after the death of her mother during the winter semester of her sophomore year.

"I dropped out when I found myself working two jobs, and not able to keep my grades up," Hines said.

Hines said she decided to take to the road at 19 to chase her lifelong passion, horses.

"All I ever wanted to be growing up was a jockey," she said.

For the next several years of her life, Hines raced horses in Chicago and Florida, and finally ended up in New York, where she spent five years exercising horses for multi-millionaire trainers. She also got involved in promotional modeling on the side, and discovered her interest in public relations.

Hines said before she knew it, she was approaching 30 and had nothing to show for it.

Hines said she decided to go back to college, this time earning her Bachelor of Science in journalism at Eastern Washington University, in Chesney, Wash.

She said the experience of being a non-traditional student is the one thing she would never change in her academic and career history.

Hines admitted the age difference was an intimidation, as it is with most non-traditional students, but it was something she quickly got over.

"I had many young friends. I was in my thirties, and some of them weren't even 21 yet. But we all had a common ground. We wanted to learn," Hines said.

Upon graduation, Hines landed a job in public relations at a Seattle horse track.

Four years later, when the track was sold, she took the advice of some co-workers in the horse racing industry.

Hines applied for the position of senior staff writer at Turfway Park in Florence, Ky.

Damon Thayer, director of marketing for the Breeder's Cup in Louisville, was Turfway's director of communication when Hines began working there.

He said Hines' experience in communication and writing was not the only reason he hired her.

"She has a terrific work ethic, but what drew me to her the most was her love for horse racing. She's dedicated to it," Thayer said.

He said Hines will be dynamic in the classroom. "Her enthusiasm, it's infectious. She won't just be another lecturer."

Hines worked two years at Turfway writing press releases, press-box notes, jockey biographies and handling the park's media relations. "That's when the TV bug bit me," she said.

Hines said she accepted an assistant position at Miami University, Oxford, and it was there she again



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Hines is pictured above in action, with her camera in hand. Hines is also pursuing freelance photography, and she freelances in video production for WCET.

became a student.

She was in her late thirties, seeking a master's degree.

"I wanted to learn radio and TV, so I decided I should go back to school," Hines said.

As a non-traditional student,

Hines earned her master's degree in communication, with an emphasis in video production, from Miami University in 1995. After earning her degree, Hines was involved in several video and TV productions for ABC Sports, FOX-TV,

PBS/WCET and ESPN, all involving horses.

"Being in Kentucky, this close to the horse capital of Lexington, I'm in heaven," Hines said.

E-MAIL: news service

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into the newsletter should e-mail it to Chineti by noon Tuesday if they want the information in that Thursday's newsletter. The information should be no longer than five lines long and should include a contact number.

Chineti said, "I would really love to have people beating down my door saying please, please put this in there."

Chineti said anything going on around campus and open to all NKU students can go into the news service.

Any faculty or staff wishing to receive the newsletter can e-mail Chineti and request to be added to the list.

Lamb said, "we are trying to make this a newsletter format and we hope to improve upon that as time goes on, maybe having some graphics and photographs."

According to Lamb and Chineti, the feedback from students has been all positive.

Lamb said, "I have had four or five students e-mail me back and [they] have said we like this, good work,

keep it up and I am surprised. I would have thought we might have had some students who would have complained ... I have not had any of that, which is good I think."

Chineti said, "It has been all positive. They like the information that is in it [and] it's not overwhelming. My favorite response was from a guy who said, 'I am a senior, this is the first time I knew we had homecoming and I'm going'."

"I thought great, we really reached somebody," Chineti said.

Lamb said the same type of program will be used in the event of an emergency like school closings or changes in parking. He said, "we would not wait until the Thursday newsletter, we would get that information out immediately. I think that is a benefit to students too."

Shanley said anyone unhappy with the newsletter can stop the subscription, but emergency messages like school closings and changes in parking will be sent even to those who do not subscribe to the service.

Greaves Concert Hall hosts Miss Northern Kentucky Pageant

By Scott Wartman
Staff Reporter

All the glitz and glamour of Northern Kentucky will be showcased this Saturday in Greaves Concert Hall with the Miss Northern Kentucky pageant.

The winner of this pageant will go on to the Miss Kentucky pageant, which leads to the Miss America pageant.

Last year saw northern Kentucky native Heather French crowned the current Miss America. The directors of the Miss Northern Kentucky pageant, Dr. Ron Rucker and Lester Ballance, said they feel the contestants for this year's pageant have Miss America potential.

"Being involved with the Miss Northern Kentucky Scholarship pageant has given me the chance to work with women who are so talented," Rucker said. "Some could be President of the United States."

The pageant will consist of a singing performance by Heather French's mother, in addition to a second crown for the title of Miss World Peace Bell.

Beauty pageants have come under attack in recent years for being sexist and superficial, a

claim which the directors and contestants of the pageant vehemently deny.

"The contestants are picked because of their outstanding personality, not just their appearance," Ballance said. "They get involved in many charitable activities and give back to the community."

Rucker echoes the comments of Ballance and said it takes more than physical appearance to win a pageant.

"When I judge beauty pageants, I look for a spark of intelligence in the contestants," said Rucker.

Rucker also looks for something that indicates dedication and determination in someone's personality.

Mary Ann Vetter, a contestant from Independence, Ky., said the biggest difficulty to overcome while in a pageant is putting up with the criticism of wearing a bathing suit on stage.

"The swimsuit competition isn't about sexism, it's about being physically fit and it shows dedication along with self-confidence," said Vetter.

Vetter said a beauty queen exemplifies confidence, talent and a willingness to give yourself

to the community.

Every Miss Northern Kentucky hopeful must display talent and expertise in some form of performance art.

Vetter said she will be performing a magic show for the audience. She was trained by Covington magician Artie Kidwell and will amaze the judges with an array of rope and scarf tricks.

Rucker said the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization said the word beauty pageant really does not describe what they are.

"One of the biggest challenges for us is overcoming the image of it just being a pageant," said Rucker. "We are a way for young women to display their talents and get noticed."

The Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization is a leading scholarship provider for women, which annually gives out awards in excess of \$3.5 million.

Rucker and Ballance volunteer and are not paid for their efforts in organizing the pageant.

"The real payoff for me is contributing to the lives of future leaders," said Rucker.

The Miss Northern Kentucky pageant will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and tickets are available the day of the pageant for \$8.

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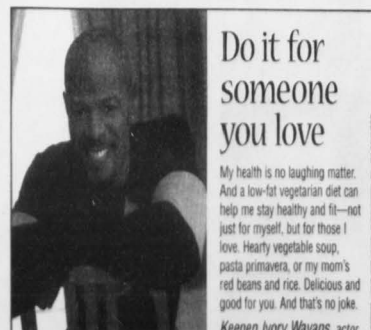
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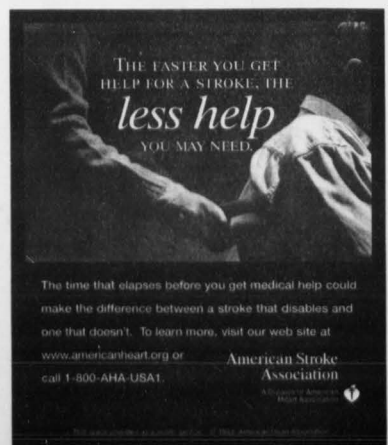
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G. Miles' band: Therapy for the soul

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Production Manager

The only thing separating the front door from the street of the house at 3715 Winston Ave., in Covington, Ky. is a narrow sidewalk and three short steps. The word "Lucille's" is painted in red cursive letters on the two front, plate glass windows and red neon light filters through to the street.

The front room doesn't, at first glance, look like much. When your eyes focus to the darkened room you can discern the hardwood flooring and the mismatched tables. A long, U-shaped bar stands off to the right and the small wooden stage is brightly lit across the room directly in front of you.



Venny takes your three dollars at the door and you have entered the home of G. Miles, one of the premier Blues guitarists in the Northern Kentucky area. Miles lives in the upstairs of the building and owns the Blues club on the first floor.

Miles is working on his second CD titled *Soul Driftin'* and he said he expects to have it finished by March. Miles released his first CD, *There's More Than One Way To Skin A Cat*, February 1999.

"I write songs like I used to do school work," Miles said. In addition to his bar and music career, Miles is a licensed chemical social worker who graduated from the University of Kentucky's program staged at NKU's campus.

He said he always procrastinated writing papers in graduate school and

the propensity carried into his song-writing career.

"After I get that first word down, though, it flows," Miles said.

Miles said it took eight months to write the songs on his first CD. He said his band, Soul Therapy, has changed over the years to incorporate some remarkable musicians.

"Soul Therapy has evolved," Miles said. "Mike Morales was our bass player. He's out playing on the west coast. Now our bass player is Cliff Mayhugh from Adrian Belew, who toured with David Bowie."

Miles said when he plays with band they are known as Soul Therapy, but when he is not playing lead guitar and singing, the band is known as Clear Blue. Other members include: Paul Sketch on the drums, Jim Boys on the sax, Jim Penman on percussion and Ed Wilbers, Jr.

"We get a lot of national acts in here," Miles said, "guys who've played with B.B. King, Albert Collins and Albert King. They always tell us they really like our sound."

He said WNKU's Michael Byrd and John Thad play *There's More Than One Way To Skin A Cat* on their Friday night Blues show.

"They recorded our performance at the Cincinnati Blues Festival and sent it out. We also did a live gig for Lexington's WVTV television station," Miles said.

Miles said he marketed the first CD locally and it has done well.



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Greg Miles hits a soul pleasing note as he plays the Blues with the band Soul Therapy.

"We've sold over 780 of the 1000 copies we had," Miles said. "We sold that first CD at Lucille's and at gigs and Blues festivals. I'm going to get this CD done and try to market it around the country."

Perhaps there is more than one way to skin a cat. G. Miles and Soul Therapy have certainly found one of them when it comes to putting together a Blues album.

The first song on the CD, "One And One Don't Make Three," introduces the band, beginning with a

short guitar lick that brings the drum, the bass and horns into play. The keyboards and the harmonica join the fast moving beat a few moments later and the effect had me tapping my foot and shaking my head to the beat.

A good bass lick and background drum beat lead into the second song, "It's Alright". There are some good keyboard and horn solos on this track, but the backup female singer adds the flavor to this one.

"When Angels Cry," highlighting Miles' on vocals, slows the beat

momentarily and "Blues As Blues can Get," the fifth song on the CD, follows suit, but adds a guitar insertion that had me not only tapping my foot and shaking my head to the beat, but playing the air guitar.

In fact, my foot never stopped tapping during this review and I was generally doing the Blues nod. I played the air guitar more often during this album than I have for a long time. This one's got it all, guys. If you're a blues fan, you'll need to add this one to your collection.

Wills surprises fans with new style

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Mark Wills' sophomore album should have come with a label that read: "Warning: Listening to this album may make you suicidal." However, Wills' new album, *Permanently*, is a welcome diversion.

The main difference between the two albums is "Permanently" contains more happy songs, including "This Can't Be Love," "Right Here," and "Rich Man."

"This Can't Be Love" is one of the strongest points of the album.

The song is about a man feeling an emotion stronger than what he's called "love" in the past.

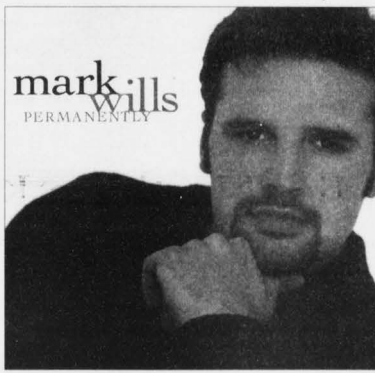
It's a song that will leave the listener in a good mood. Lyrics include "This can't be love/I feel for you/It's nothing like/What I've been through/It's gotta be something new/Cause it just can't be love."

The album is very diverse and contains much more than straight love songs.

Songs such as "Still Waiting" tug on the heartstrings. The song was written by Harley Allen, who has written several songs for Alan Jackson including "Everything I Love" and "Between The Devil And Me."

"Still Waiting" deals with children who don't have the privilege of having two loving parents. The song follows the same format as Wills' 1999 hit "Don't Laugh At Me," but that does not take away from the impact.

"The Time Machine" is a very unique and unusual track. It talks



about the changes that could be made if someone could invent a time machine.

Some of the alterations in American history Wills mentioned are the assassinations of JFK and MLK and the deaths of John Lennon and Elvis Presley.

However, the song loses its impact as the chorus says that he would stop at his house on the way back and make things right with his love interest.

The song would have been much more powerful if the song had not taken this personal twist.

The song "In My Arms" looks at fatherhood. Inspiration for this song, which was co-written by Wills, likely came from his daugh-

ter.

The album contains two cover songs, one of which is the current single, "Back At One."

The song was originally written and recorded by pop artist Brian McKnight.

Some of the emotion and meaning of this song is lost in the country version. The other cover song is "Almost Doesn't Count," which was originally recorded by pop artist Brandy. The song takes on a new meaning when performed by a man and Wills delivers it well.

The album, which contains 13 songs, demonstrates Wills' vocal variety and his distinct voice allows him to make virtually every song his own.

WNKU features a new album by folk-rock artist Steve Forbert

By Peter W. Zubaty
Copy Editor

Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert released his ninth studio album, *Evergreen Boy*, Jan. 25.

Forbert, who hails from Meridian, Miss., rose to fame in the late '70s New York City folk scene.

Despite numerous record label changes, Forbert has been a mainstay on the folk-rock scene ever since.

Evergreen Boy is produced by Jim Dickinson.

Dickinson is best known for producing pop masterpieces by groups such as Big Star and the Replacements.

Fans of the Replacements will notice similarities in the feel of the solo albums of Replacements singer-songwriter Paul Westerberg and the mood of *Evergreen Boy*.

Backed by his band, the Rough Squirrels, Forbert's raspy vocal stylings set a definite mellow tone for the album.

That tone gives the album a grounded and honest feel that Forbert's longtime fans have grown accustomed to.

That honesty shines through in the production of the album.

It seems that Dickinson simply

sat back and let Forbert and his band do their thing.

The lack of studio trickery gives the listener the comfort that the album sounds much like it would if you were seeing Forbert in concert.

The album was featured on WNKU's "Furthur In" program Monday, Jan. 24.

"Something's Got a Hold on Me," "Evergreen Boy," and "Your Own Hero" were featured tracks and are now in WNKU's regular rotation.

The album closes with a contrast from the feel of the rest of the album.

"Listen to the Mockingbird" and "Trusting Old Soul," are both up-beat and rollicking numbers that end the album on a high note.

The Hammond Organ in "Trusting Old Soul" make that song exceptionally catchy.

Fans of Dylan-esque singer-songwriters will find this album a welcome addition to their record collections.

Forbert's ability to take a simple lyric and turn it effectively gives the album a down-to-earth feel that I have grown to love over the years.

I give the album eight out of ten stars.

Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 2:

- Women in Transition 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. UC 232.
- Students Together Against Racism 5:30 p.m. UC 303.
- Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.
- Lunch Seminar: "Presidential primaries, politicians, the press and a professor" 12 p.m. faculty/staff dining room.

Thursday, Feb. 3:

- AA meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m. UC 232.

Monday, Feb. 7:

- Survivors Support Group 3 p.m.-4 p.m.: UC 232

Tuesday, Feb. 8:

- Common Ground 3 p.m. UC 303.
- AA Meeting UC 232 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- "Smart Office Designs" 12:10 p.m. AHC.

Wednesday, Feb. 9:

- Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.
- Lunch seminar: "Elian Gonzalez: Cuba vs. South Florida. faculty/staff dining room 12 p.m.

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NKU fights to the finish

Crowd secures the win over SIU-Edwardsville

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

Saturday at Regents Hall, the number one ranked Great Lakes Valley Conference team, Northern Kentucky University, faced number two ranked Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

With four seconds to go in the game and the Norse leading 59-56, SIUE went down the length of the court. Cougar Missi Clark threw up a desperation three-point shot at the buzzer but was fouled by Jessica Jensen in the process.

Coach Nancy Winstel threw her

jacket down in desperation and raised her arms, calling for the crowd to make noise. The rest of the team joined her, and the fan support reached a deafening roar to distract the shooter. Clark, one of the top free throw shooters in the country, missed all three free throws to let the Norse pull off the win.

Winstel said, "We didn't want to foul the three-point shooter. They beat us down there last time on free throws. We tried to get the crowd into it. Our fans got the assist on the last play."

Winstel said the Cougars played them tough the whole game, and it

was great to pick up a home conference win.

"Southern Illinois really got after us. They should be commended. Their intensity was very high. They are the biggest and strongest team we have played in the conference. We were able to hang on. They are number two in the conference and you have to win the home games," Winstel said.

The game was close throughout, but the Norse were able to secure the victory with their free throw shooting. NKU made 13 of 15 free throws in the second half and 20 of 23 overall in the game for 87 percent shooting. "That was a huge difference in the ball game," Winstel said.

On Thursday, the Norse were able to hit a lot of their shots in the game against Southern Indiana. NKU outrebounded Southern Indiana 55-35 in the game and won by a score of 80-51.

One reason the Norse are playing better defensively this week is the play of freshman Amy Mobley. She scored 17 points and had 14 rebounds in the win against Southern Indiana and nine points and eight rebounds against SIUE. "I feel more comfortable with myself and with the team," she said. "I have more leeway. I have more confidence to score. On the boards, I work my butt off."

Winstel said, "Amy is starting to shoot the ball. She is so physically strong. Early in the year, she wasn't shooting the ball. We ask her to do a whole lot as a freshman."

In order for the Norse to continue to perform like they have been, they need to keep working hard, according to NKU junior Heather Livingstone. "We need to continue to come with intensity and play good defense," she said. "We need to come ready to play and we'll be hard to stop."

With the two wins, the Norse are now 14-2 and 9-1 in the GLVC.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner
The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team worked hard in their two conference games this past week.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner
Michele Cottrell (22), and Heather Livingstone (11), gave it their all in Saturday's game against SIU-Edwardsville.

Work hard and never give up



By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

Work hard and never give up. That should be the motto for all sports teams.

Look at the Tennessee Titans, one of two National Football League teams that made it to the Super Bowl this year.

They were the underdogs throughout the playoffs.

Even when they got all the way to the AFC Championship, no one thought they could beat the Jacksonville Jaguars at the Jaguars' homefield, despite the fact that the Titans had already beat the Jaguars twice in the regular season.

Well, the Titans showed them up by playing great defense and excellent offense. They won that game 33-14 and are in the Super Bowl for the first time in their existence.

This is one example of a team that worked hard and never gave up in an effort to get a win or victory.

Another example would be when the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team went to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season.

The team worked hard and, despite some injuries, NKU went on a winning streak that lasted more than 20 games, which led them to the Final Four.

What about the teams that do give up? What does their future hold?

Let's take a look at a Major League Baseball team, the Florida Marlins.

This team shocked the world by winning the 1997 World Series in only its fifth year of existence.

As soon as the World Series was over the Marlins were forced to get rid of most of their highly paid players, which accounted for much of their talent.

Since then, the Marlins have been in a really big funk. They haven't come close to a winning record over the last two seasons.

In my mind, they have literally given up because of their lack of talent and the fact that they are a young and low budget ballclub.

But then you look at the 1999 Cincinnati Reds. They were filled with young players and were also a low budget ballclub. They weren't expected to even come close to making it to the playoffs.

They hung in their by working hard every game and never giving up.

Because of that the Reds almost won their division and were only one win away from making the playoffs.

The Marlins were a team of destiny in the past. Now, it is just a team in the past.

I don't care how good or bad a sports team is, it has the potential to be great as long as it gives 100 percent each and every game.

If the motto of working hard and never giving up is followed all the time, a sports team is more likely to win more games than it loses.

As for the teams who refuse or don't want to live by this motto, their future might be in jeopardy, if they even have a future to worry about.

Women's Basketball National Poll

TEAM	RECORD
1. St. Rose, N.Y. (22)	19-0
2. Delta State, Miss. (2)	15-0
3. North Dakota State	14-2
4. Indiana, Pa.	16-0
5. North Dakota	14-3
6. Presbyterian, S.C.	17-0
7. Bentley, Mass.	15-2
8. Northern Kentucky	12-2
9. Emporia State, Kan.	13-2
10. Rollins, Fla.	15-1
11. Northern Michigan	14-2
12. Kennesaw State, Ga.	14-2
13. Cal Poly Pomona	15-2
14. Northern State, S.D.	18-2
15. West Texas A & M	14-3
16. South Dakota State	13-3
17. Francis Marion, S.C.	15-3
18. Western Washington	13-2
19. Michigan State	12-4
20. Nebraska-Kearney	14-3
21. Binghamton, N.Y.	18-2
22. Southwest Baptist, Mo.	13-2
23. Ouachita Baptist, Ark.	12-3
24. Truman State, Mo.	10-4
25. Augustana, S.D.	15-3

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

Feb. 3	Wisconsin-Parkside	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 5	Lewis	3:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb. 3	Wisconsin-Parkside	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Lewis	1 p.m.

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The Norse were intense and hard-working, especially in the second half, when they pulled out wins.

NKU men win in second half

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team demonstrated that it was a matter of showing up to play the second half in its past two conference games against Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Norse beat Southern Indiana 87-79 Thursday and beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 88-71 Saturday at Regents Hall.

In the game against Southern Indiana, NKU trailed at halftime by a score of 37-34. The Norse shot only 29 percent in the first half, and Southern Indiana shot 49 percent in the half.

However, the Norse came out strong in the second half as they made 15 of their 26 shots for 58 percent shooting in the half and built a big lead in the game. NKU also was 21 for 27 from the free throw line for 78 percent shooting to help credit the win.

"We needed that win," said NKU junior forward Adam Norwell, who had 14 points in the game. "In the second half, we got the lead and kept it. It was a big, big victory."

In the SIU-Edwardsville game, the Norse pulled out all the stops to pick up the victory. Despite the fact that Edwardsville ended the first half on a 5-0 run, NKU still led 37-35 at halftime. This time, the Norse shot 52 percent, 15 for 29, in the half.

NKU then came out strong in the second half. They went on a 16-5 run to start the half and never looked back en route to the victory. Adam Norwell had 22 points and Craig Conley had 16 points to lead the Norse to victory.

"We played a little sluggish to start off," said Conley. "We stepped up in the second half and pulled it out. We got open looks and played good defense."

Norwell added, "In the first half, they had 24 points in the post and had easy buckets. In the second half, we confronted the post better and played defense. We kept the lead in the second half and pulled out the victory."

With the wins, the tenth ranked Norse are now 17-2 and 9-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team played well on both the offensive and defensive ends to pull out two conference victories.

Men's Basketball National Poll

TEAM	RECORD
1. Salem-Teikyo	14-0
2. Florida Southern	18-0
3. Virginia Union	11-1
4. South Dakota	16-0
5. Southern Indiana	14-1
6. Kentucky Wesleyan	13-1
7. Georgia College & State	15-1
8. Metropolitan State	17-3
9. New Hampshire College	14-2
10. Northern Kentucky	15-2
11. Charleston	14-2
12. Southern Connecticut State	13-2
13. Missouri Southern	14-1
14. Wingate	15-2
15. Seattle Pacific	14-3
16. Winston-Salem State	14-2
17. California-Davis	14-3
18. Gardner-Webb	15-2
19. Elizabeth City State	12-2
20. Tampa	15-1
21. Lewis	13-2
22. Washburn	13-2
23. Gannon	14-2
24. Alabama-Huntsville	13-2
25. Northeastern State	14-3

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"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X

The Northerner Athletes of the Week

Photos by Kelly Sudzina



Left: Adam Norwell
Norwell had 22 points and eight rebounds in the win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.



Right: Amy Mobley
Mobley helped lead the Norse to two conference wins. She had 17 points and 14 rebounds in the Southern Indiana game.

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SAAC entertains youth on Feb. 4th

By Bruce Reller
Sports Editor

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is sponsoring an athletic event called "Kids Night Out" at the Albright Health Center Friday, Feb. 4.

The SAAC, which is composed of two athletic representatives from each sport at Northern Kentucky University, is putting on this event for first to fifth graders.

The event starts at 8 p.m. Friday and lasts until 7 a.m. the next morning.

According to SAAC President Lisa Geiman, the kids will be able to swim, play tennis, basketball and a variety of different recreational activities.

All the youth that attend the ath-

letic event will be able to stay up all night.

"It is like one big sleepover," said Geiman.

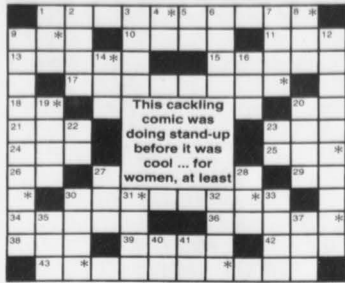
The event will be monitored all night long by the NKU student-athletes, who the youth will get a chance to hang out with during the all-nighter.

There will also be plenty of medical staff available in the event of injury or illness by any of the children who will be attending.

This is the second year of "Kids Night Out." Last year, 270 children showed up for the all-nighter event. As for this year, there is a possibility of around 250 or more kids coming to the event.

For more information or details on this event, please call 572-5193.

-TV-CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- Series set partially in a courtroom (2)
 - Lose or Draw (8-10)
 - The ...; 1976 Gregory Peck movie
 - Signal assent
 - Time and time again
 - Bakery passer's delight
 - Sitcom for John Ducey (3)
 - Initials for Loggins
 - Smallest of 50, abbr.
 - Minute
 - Role on *The Beverly Hillsbillies*
 - ... of the *Frightened People*; '71 Joan Collins
 - Where ...?; '52-'53 quiz show
 - ... *Rome With Love* (69-'71)
 - Cassette forerunner, for short
 - Actress on *Once and Again* (2)
 - U. S. attorney general (1985-88)
 - Expressed displeasure
 - Time
 - Laugh-in regular
 - Pamplona city
 - Bob's portrayal on *The Jamie Foxx Show* (2)
- DOWN**
- Skippy rival
 - "Do ... others ..."
 - The Show: parody on amateur programs
 - a *Big Girl Now* (80-'81)
 - Nick Nolte's state of birth: abbr.
 - Use the teeth
 - Alphabetic quartet
 - Start of a Jewish High Holy Day
 - Series about attorneys (3)
 - Actor on *Just Shoot Me* (2)
 - Words from the hard of hearing
 - ... for *Your Life* (65-'68)
 - Nighttime personality
 - Get ...
 - Suffix for light or bright
 - Initials for Urkel's portrayal
 - ... the Mayor; 1986 sitcom
 - Expert
 - ... *My Way*; '62 Robert Culp film
 - Plumbing problem
 - Murder victim No. 1
 - Let's Make a Deal contestant's choice
 - Author Burroughs' program
 - Forest animal
 - Prefix for play or lapse
 - Roger E. Mosley's role on *Magnum, P.I.*



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GRADUATION: outdoor

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great idea, "if it would actually work."

"We would be in a terrible bind if the weather turned against us. Where would we go?"

Thomson said NKU currently has no indoor site to fall back on that can accommodate a crowd that large. Other universities can pull it off successfully because they have indoor facilities to use in the event of bad weather. The University of Cincinnati, for example, has a field house the size of Nippert Stadium to move the festivities to.

Although Crigler said only once in the past six years has the weather been bad enough that an outdoor ceremony would have been moved indoors, senior information systems major Kelly Mills finds problems with the proposal.

"Having an outdoor ceremony would be more memorable and fun, but I see the weather and the added student cost as major issues to consider," she said.

Mills, and other fellow students, express the second major concern with this proposal - an increase in student fees to accom-

modate an aesthetically pleasing commencement ceremony.

"It just seems ridiculous to have to pay for an outdoor graduation, as opposed to no fees for Regents Hall," said Mills.

Junior accounting major Hollis Stulz said she thinks many students just "want that piece of paper" and that a raise in fees would not be worth a ceremony outside. "Raising tuition is always negative. I guess it really depends on how much they raise it," she said.

Nancy Marcum, a senior journalism major, agreed with Stulz.

"I think the university gets enough money from us without us paying extra to graduate outside," said Marcum.

Currently, faculty and student government are only in the infant stages of planning such an event.

The next step in the process is to get the student body opinion on the idea of an outdoor commencement.

Boggs encourages students to respond to SGA regarding this proposal.

HOLMES:

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attempt to provide students with a measure of support and a "spark" of hope.

With the program just getting underway Atwater has some serious goals. His first objective is to work closely with Holmes staff and students to collaborate where performance is addressed properly. He also wants to give the students hope and help them do better than what is expected of them. Other goals include helping unsuccessful students raise their scores on standardized tests and performance in the academic field.

Even with this program intact it still has a long way to go. "The program is not just limited to Kentucky, it stretches all the way to Flint, Mich.," said Atwater. Any schools that don't have proper funding are faced with the consequences of not being properly supported, he said.

Although the program has been up and running for a couple of weeks, Dean Atwater and James Kemp, Covington Schools superintendent, already foresee excellent changes happening, and the principal of Holmes is very enthusiastic.

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
Arrange a meeting to find out more about investment opportunities. Trust your instincts in all financial matters.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Follow through with plans concerning a loved one. It is important to be responsible - even when you don't feel like it.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Don't let your past keep you from achieving your goals. You have what it takes to be incredibly successful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
A friend will help you get the information you need, but you will have to decide what to do with it.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
There is a good chance you will have to learn to adapt to new surroundings. Although it doesn't come naturally, go with the flow for now.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
In order for you to feel secure, you must put some money in savings. A project may leave you with one big headache - or is it the flu?



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Offer a friend a shoulder to cry on and an open ear. Even though you think you know what to be best for him, do not offer advice at this time.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
There is nothing wrong with being optimistic - as long as a little realism is thrown in for good measure. Keep your feet on the ground.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
Invite friends over for an impromptu party and let the games begin. It is just the refresher you need to get a new lease on life.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
A good friend did you a big favor, and it is important to pay him back. Be thoughtful and creative.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Stop beating your head against the wall trying to get others to listen. There are times when you have to throw up your hands and walk away.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
If you're tired of keeping the peace between feuding loved ones, sit them down separately and tell them.

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