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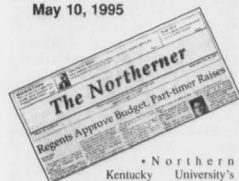
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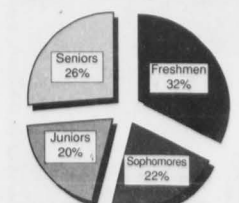
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Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents approved a pay raise for the university's part-time faculty. They received an increase in pay of five percent.

The major league debut of Hideo Nomo overshadowed the performance of the San Francisco Giants' Chris Hook, a former pitcher at Northern Kentucky University. Hook recorded the victory in the game, tossing 1/3 scoreless innings. It was Hook's second game in the major leagues.

## Class Makeup of NKU



Percentages based on 8,919 undergraduate students  
Source: Office of Institutional Research  
Via Vidovich/The Northerner

# Patton Supports Science Center

By Chris Specht  
Staff Writer

If Northern Kentucky University has learned anything from its struggle to get funding for the new science building, it's to count on its neighbors.

Funding for the much needed facility was not included in Gov. Paul Patton's

original budget, and comments made by the governor made clear his lack of commitment for the project.

The on again off again deal made its way into the state budget, mostly through the persistence of state Rep. Jim Callahan, D-Southgate, and state Sen. Joe Meyer, D-Covington.

That's why regents chairwoman Alice

Sparks wants Meyer as the next General Assembly chairman, she said.

Current chairman, Sen. Mike Moloney, D-Lexington, is retiring at the end of the year, Sparks said, and though it's too soon to project his replacement, Meyer has her vote.

"If you've got someone from your area arguing for you, it just makes a big

difference," she said.

Jack Moreland, NKU's interim president and Superintendent of Dayton public schools since 1978, said he has dealt with Meyer many times in the past.

Moreland hasn't heard anything about Meyer replacing Moloney, he said, but

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## Hand Out



Jason Brown/The Northerner

Ryan Greis (right), a senior graphic design major, dives for an object while attached to a bungee cord. Sean Jones a senior speech major fell down trying to get to the object. The two men ran from one end of a cage to the other with the cord giving resistance. The races were sponsored by the Activities Programming Board as part of Northern Kentucky University's Rites of Spring.

# Boothe To Give Support, Raise Funds

By Mary S. Howard  
Staff Writer

For his last year at Northern Kentucky University, NKU President Leon Boothe will not only focus on raising funds for the school, but also on supporting interim president Jack Moreland.

"I think it's really tough to have your predecessor on campus with you, and I don't intend to

cast a long shadow," Boothe said. "I have to pull back. I'm very sensitive to that."

Boothe said he will also support whatever agenda Moreland chooses.

"It's part of the pulling back," Boothe said. He said it was up to Moreland as to what role he will play on campus.

"I hope Northern Kentucky University never loses the mission of being on the cutting edge," he said. He said it is a constant battle to stay cur-

rent. Time is not necessarily kind, and it is possible to become too traditional, he said, and he hopes the students will always come first.

Interim president Jack Moreland said he sees his role as an instrument of change.

"My goal is to bring the university in tune with the community and students it serves," Moreland said.

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# Regent Chairperson Stepping Down Sparks' Two-year Term Ends, She Will Remain On Board

By Chris Bachman  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents will have a new chairperson when Chairwoman Alice Sparks, the present chairperson, steps down after the July board meeting. Her successor is still undetermined, but a nominating committee will be chosen at the May meeting of the board, Wednesday, May 1. Sparks has served as the chairwoman for the

two year term starting in 1994, and must now step down, as stated in the bylaws of the Board of Regents. She will remain on the board for two more years, after serving for a total of four years so far. Board members serve six year terms.

Board members are chosen and appointed by the Governor and they serve voluntarily and without payment for their time and effort. Sparks has gone above and beyond any reasonable expectations for a chairperson and board

member. Vice-Chairperson Jim Poston said of Sparks, "She's done a terrific job. I am humbled by the energy she puts forth toward the school." He adds that Sparks has the respect of the other board members as well.

Although they receive no payment for serving on the board, Poston said, "I think every board member considers it an honor to serve." An

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# May Graduate Succeeds By Never Giving Up

By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

Former University of North Carolina State coach Jimmy Valvano once said, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

Perseverance is the message being delivered through that statement.

"That is the underlying theme of throughout my years of academic studies," Senior Theatre Major Victor Dickerson said. "It has been a long hard road for me. There were many times when I wanted to give up but I didn't."

"All of my success has come about through God's guidance. All honor and glory goes to God."

Dickerson writes poetry when he is moved to express his feelings.

"It has been very therapeutic for me. I like to put my feelings in a creative form."

He read one of his poems at the Martin Luther King ceremony. The poem was called

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ABOVE: Victor Dickerson, a graduating senior performs during the Rites of Spring last week in the university center. RIGHT: Dickerson arrives for Homecoming.



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# Boothe's 12 Years Of Presidency Coming To An End; New President May Not Have Luxuries Of Knowing The University Community

By Gina Holt  
News Editor

President Leon Boothe has spent the past 12 years being a part of Northern Kentucky University's growth and history. NKU's first classes were offered in 1970 and it has went from being a state college on the Covington campus with 1,600 students to being a university in Highland Heights with approximately 11,600 students.

NKU's history includes four presidents. W. Frank Steely was the first president of NKU. His presidency officially began in 1969 and he resigned in 1975. Ralph Tessenier took over the leadership as interim president until 1976. A.D. Albright began his presidency in 1976 and

faced mandatory retirement in 1983 at age 70. This is when the Boothe era began.

After Albright announced his plan of retirement in October 1982 the NKU Board of Regents selected a committee to begin the search for a new president, according to "Ground Breakings".

Over 200 people applied for the position. Over nine months the regents reduced the slate to four applicants. On April 5, 1983 it was announced that Leon Boothe, vice-president and provost at Illinois State University, would be the next president of NKU.

Boothe said he has had several accomplishments with the university over the past 12 years that he is very proud of.

Under his leadership the NKU exit ramp off of 275 and Applied Science and

Technology Center was built. There have also been additions to Residential Life, the library, and Fine Arts.

The land expansion on Johns Hill Road and the approved funding for the planning of the new science center have also been done under his leadership, Boothe said. Not only has Boothe helped the campus grow with new buildings and land but he has also started new programs, he said.

WNKU, the student-run television station, the speech team and several undergraduate degrees have been ignited under Boothe.

He said there are four accomplishments that he is the most proud of.

The first one is the internationalization of curriculum and education. "Were a part of a bigger world," he said.



Leon Boothe

ple around the world today that know where Northern Kentucky University is," Boothe said of his third accomplishment. "That wasn't the case twelve years ago."

The fourth accomplishment is keeping the school, the faculty, the staff and the students together through budget cuts, he said. "That's been a real challenge."

Boothe will resign from his presidency

on June 30 of this year. He will continue to work for the university until June 30, 1997.

Boothe said he will miss NKU.

"I will miss the people the most, no doubt about it, particularly if I leave the area," he said.

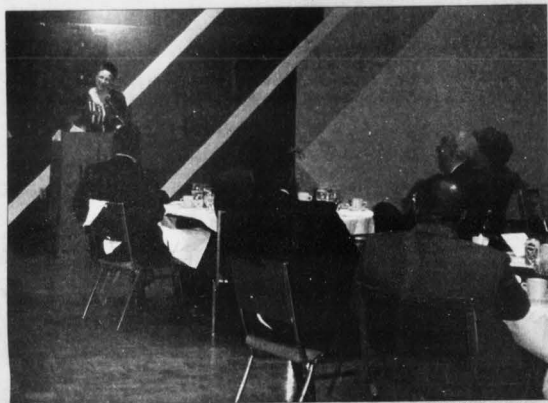
The new permanent president will have to be someone who can work well with the legislators, someone who can be more of an external president instead of internal, Boothe said.

He said he has been an internal president and knows a lot of the university community by name.

"I'm not sure if the new president will have that luxury," Boothe said.

"Maybe that has been my failing, I've tried too much," he said.

## Importance of Youth



Eileen Cooper Reed, executive director for the Children's Defense Fund spoke at the fifth annual Black Faculty and Staff Association awards banquet on Saturday. She recognized African American scholarship winners and spoke on the importance of today's youth.

## TANK Bus Service Makes Cut Backs On Routes Running Through NKU

By Chris Bachman  
Staff Writer

The TANK bus service that runs in and out of Northern Kentucky University will cut back or cancel certain routes starting in two months.

This cancellation of routes will take the bus service back to what it was like one year ago, before they added two new routes.

In September of 1995, TANK service added a new route and more frequent pick-ups, Jerry Bird of TANK bus service, said. Because of the unpopularity and lack of use by NKU students, the route which was added will be discontinued. The No. 10 route is the one being canceled.

The No. 10 is the cross-county connector. Bird said it was unfortunate,

but the route was not being used enough to validate a daily route. It was promoted and they gave it a year.

*"I think it's unfortunate that most students don't use the bus service,"*

-Bill Lamb, dean of students

but it didn't get much response or use, he said.

"We did improve service on the No. 11 and No. 24" Christy Fischer, of the TANK bus service, said. "They are the same routes as before the routes were added, but provide better service than the original routes."

NKU currently has a total of 71 outbound trips and 68 inbound trips daily. Those numbers will be reduced to 48 outbound and 46 inbound after the cancellation of route No. 10 and some other minor scheduling changes.

"I think it's unfortunate that most students don't use the bus service," Dean of Students Bill Lamb said. He added that the reason most students do not use the buses is because it is not as convenient as driving.

Only good things can come from riding the bus, Lamb said, including less pollution and more available parking.

Lamb said he hopes this decision does not cause too much inconvenience to any students who regularly rides the bus.

## NKU Pilot Institution For Self Study Reaccreditation

By Angie Brant  
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University has been approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as a pilot institution for an alternate form of self-study for reaccreditation.

According to Jim McKenney, who is head of the self-study committee, this approval means that a Compliance Committee will document compliance with SACS standards. Also, other committees will study issues that are of current interest to the university. A Steering Committee, chaired by McKenney, will oversee the entire process.

The Compliance Committee, chaired by Bob Appleson, must look at university documents to see if NKU is satisfying SACS criteria for

reaccreditation.

The SACS criteria handbook has 400 "must statements."

"It is up to this committee to gather documentation showing either fulfillment or non-fulfillment of the criteria and bring it to the attention of the other committees," Appleson said.

Four issues are of primary importance to NKU, and there is a committee to address each issue. The first issue is the reduction of reliance on part-time faculty. Paul Reichardt is the chair of this committee.

Issue two is determining the appropriate mix of general studies offering in relation to offerings in the major/minor, and appropriate advising to support the mix. Denise Robinson is chair of this committee.

These two issues are the most

important to the study because the NKU was found out of compliance on these issues in the 1988 accreditation, Appleson said.

Issues three and four are not related to compliance but are issues the university wants to address.

Issue three deals with setting an appropriate level of remedial instruction in light of student preparation and predicted success in credit-bearing course work.

Issue four relates to planning technological advances, particularly for learning and in the library.

"These issues are tied together by a common concern of fitting resources to enrollment," Appleson said.

Every 10 years all education institutions must be reaccredited by SACS. NKU is up for reaccreditation in the spring 1998.

## Search Committee For Vice President Suspended

By Mary S Howard  
Staff Writer

The search committee for candidates to fill the position of vice president for student affairs ended, at the beginning of April.

The Board of Regents suspended the committee five weeks after it became known Northern Kentucky University President Leon Boothe was not renewing his contract.

Chair of the committee, Rosetta Mauldin, said she received notice through the president's office that the Board of Regents wanted to discontinue the search until a new president was appointed.

Mauldin said plans to fill the position of vice president of student affairs are postponed, and it would be up to the next president to make arrangements to fill the position.

"We expect that the search will resume when a president is appointed in about a year," she said.

Norleen Pomerantz has been the acting vice president for two years. The committee was formed to find candidates to fill the position on a permanent basis.

The committee had their first meeting February 12 and, in the approximately seven weeks the committee operated, it had completed a job description and had adver-

tised in three publications for the position.

Lisa Horney of the personnel department said the cost for the advertising is unknown at this time because the department had not yet been billed.

Student Government Association President and member of the student regent of the Board of Regents, Jamie Ramsey, said it was determined it would be irresponsible and wasteful to appoint a vice president now and possibly have to go through the process again when the new president was appointed, since it should be the new president's choice to choose his or her staff.

## Work Studies Provide Income Without Schedule Conflict

By Niska Shinn  
Staff Writer

A Northern Kentucky University student sat down for a job interview. He answered all of the scenario questions, talked about himself and explained why he would be the best person for the job. The student thought the interview went well.

He got hired, but he had a scheduling conflict with school. The student lost the job opportunity.

The student did get a job that would work around his class schedule. He got a work-study position at NKU.

Penny Parsons, assistant director of financial aid, said there are two types of work-study programs available at NKU. The two programs are federal and institutional work-studies.

According to an American Council on Higher Education pamphlet, a federal work-study is a program which provides part-time employment opportunities to eligible students to help meet the cost of post-secondary education.

A student who is not eligible for a federal work-study may apply for an institutional work-study, Parsons said.

For an institutional work-study, a student would only need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid once and then must sign a waiver the following terms, Parsons said. All students must fill out an NKU application.

The American Council pamphlet states the programs are designed to provide students with an opportunity for employment arranged around class schedules.

NKU's work-study jobs are posted at the University Center and outside of the financial office in Lucas Administrative Center, Melanie McNeill, coordinator of financial aid, said.

The jobs are left on the boards until the position is filled. Some of the positions may be left up for a month or so. The pay rate and job description are included in the postings.

Parsons said there are approximately 500 hourly student employ-

ees at NKU right now. All work-study students are paid biweekly.

According to the 1996-97 Student Guide to Financial Aid, a student's salary will be at least the current federal minimum wage, but may be higher depending on the type of work done and the skills required.

The federal work-study depends on when a student applies, the level of need and the funding available at the school according to the American Council pamphlet.

Parsons said there are limits on the hours certain students may work. A student can not work more than 20 hours in the fall and spring semesters. The maximum hours allowed for summer work-studies is 30.

"The hours depend on if the department has money in the budget and if the student has a need for it," Parsons said.

Based on a Council of Higher Education study, in academic year 1993-94, approximately 713,000 students did work-studies across the United States.

## Head Start



Marie Heck, a senior education major interviewed for a teaching position during the Job Fair with Don Rahe, assistant principal of Norwood Middle School on Monday. Rahe said he interviews during the Job Fair to get a head start on the talent.

## REGENTS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED TODAY TO CHOOSE NEW CHAIR

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honor that Sparks doesn't take lightly, spending 20 hours or more per week.

Carla Chance, former Secretary of the Board of Regents, said of Sparks, "I think she's a very effective leader." Chance goes on to say that Sparks "sincerely enjoys the campus and she truly cares for the institution. She's been a very devoted advocate of education for the last 15 years."

Her impact as chairperson can best be seen in the science building, for which she helped acquire funds and helped with land acquisition. It was also the project which she felt most proud of. She quipped, "My term has been busier than most."

She feels the new chairperson could be any member presently serving on the board. All members, she said, are active in the university, support change and show their desire to help the school. The present board members

will elect a nominating committee at the meeting in May, who will then choose the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

After her next 2 years on the board, Sparks hopes to be reappointed and spend at least the next six years on the board. When she's not spending time on the board, Sparks buses herself with volunteer work and is President and CEO of SSK, a land development company, which is also volunteer work.

## Commencement Times Saturday, May 11, 1996

College of Professional Studies  
9:00 a.m. (technology and education)  
11:00 a.m. (communication, allied health and nursing)

College of Business  
2:00 p.m.

Arts and Sciences  
4:00 p.m.

Chase Law School  
6:00 p.m.

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## SCIENCE: PATTON FAVORS SCIENCE BUILDING

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has "total confidence in Joe in whatever position he's in."

Whoever takes Moloney's place, though, will have to become familiar with the budget, Moreland said.

Sen. Meyer said that, as

Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, he's already in an important position.

"All the education stuff goes through the Education Committee," Meyer said.

Sparks said that, as far as future funding for NKU is concerned, Moloney's position is more

important.

Faculty regent Michael Thomson agreed, saying it would be more helpful to have Meyer chairing the General Assembly.

Thomson said that, with northern Kentucky growing, "It's not surprising to see some of our legislators work their way up into the

leadership structure."

Callahan said that Gov. Patton finally committed to funding for the science building while in Covington last week.

Patton's statement marked the first time the governor publicly favored the project, Callahan said.

## BOOTHE: MAY OR MAY NOT STAY

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Moreland said he has some ideas that could affect all areas of the university, but it would be inappropriate at this time to discuss them because they were still in the formative stages. He said he would be releasing items on several issues in July.

"Not only does Moreland have ideas of his own, he is soliciting ideas from students and faculty."

"If you have an idea (concerning the improvement of the university), put it in writing, sign it, it must be signed, and I promise to have it forwarded to the appropriate person," Moreland said.

Boothe has had Professor Emeritus conferred on him by the Board of Regents, which is a title that recognizes a distinguished career.

"It's like graduating with a 4.0 from college... it's that kind of appendage to your title that is very significant," Boothe said.

Boothe will continue to get full salary and benefits, according to his contract, while he remains with the university.

Boothe said he will explore all his options for the future during his last year at NKU, but he will have more than enough projects to keep him busy. He said he is excited about exploring new prospects for his future.

"I may be here (for the whole year) and I may not be here," he said.

## Spring 1996 Final Examination Schedule

Time of Exam:	Wed. May 1	Thurs. May 2	Fri. May 3	Sat. May 4	Mon. May 7	Tues. May 8
8:00-10:00	Classes beginning 7:30 or 8:00 MWF	Classes beginning 7:30 or 8:00 TR	Classes beginning 9:15 to 12:00 F only	Classes beginning 8:00, 9:00 or 9:15 S	Classes beginning 8:00 or 9:00 MWF	
10:10-12:10	Classes beginning 9:30 or 10:00 MWF	Classes beginning 9:30 or 10:00 MWF	Classes beginning 11:30 or noon MWF	Classes beginning 11:00 F/S and S	Classes beginning 10:30 or 11:00 MWF	Classes beginning 9:00 or 9:25 TR
1:00-3:00	Classes beginning 12:30 or 1:00 MWF or MW	Classes beginning 1:30, 1:40 or 2:55 TR	Classes beginning 1:00 to 3:45 F only	Classes beginning 2:00 S	Classes beginning 1:30 or 2:00 MWF	Classes beginning 12:00, 12:15 or 1:00 TR
3:10-5:10	Classes beginning 2:25 MW		Classes beginning 2:30 or 3:00 MWF	Classes beginning 3:00, 3:30 or 4:00	Classes beginning 3:00, 3:30 or 4:00	Classes beginning 3:00, 3:05 or 3:50 TR
4:30-6:30	Classes beginning 4:30 W only	Classes beginning 4:30 R only	Classes beginning 4:30 F only	Classes beginning 4:30 M only or 4:45 MW		
6:45-8:45	Classes meeting 6:15-9:00 W only Classes meeting 6:15-9:00 MW	Classes meeting 6:15-9:00 R only Classes meeting 7:45-9:00 TR	Classes meeting 6:15-9:00 F only	Classes meeting 6:15-9:00 M only Classes meeting 6:15-7:30 MW		

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## Educational Integrity Of University Being Sacrificed By Regents

Northern Kentucky University is changing... for the worse. The events of the past year have shaken the university from the very top of its hierarchy and the total scope of the ramifications have yet to be revealed.

NKU is changing into a place where the value of politics play the deciding factor in important decisions rather than education.

The Board of Regents' choice of Jack Moreland as interim president show a willingness by the university to bend over backwards to meet the demands of a politician like Gov. Paul Patton.

In the process they have left out NKU's faculty, staff and students.

When Patton said he wanted to see some changes made in higher education after being elected, regents and administrators alike began scurrying around like the tiny bureaucrats they are pronouncing the need for a change.

They claim change is necessary so as to not lose state funding. They are worried about a pool of state dollars for higher education in Kentucky which has been steadily drying up for years.

They are worried they will loose their jobs.

The board also decided to conduct more and more business behind closed doors.

They have locked out the university's faculty, staff and students of the board meetings in an attempt to keep everyone in the dark and pacified.

Who could or would speak against these actions if the board would not provide the university community a chance to be provided with the proper information or the chance for the public to be a part of the process of picking an interim president. The public has not been able to have their views properly heard. The board and administration have discouraged in their actions, faculty and staff members from voicing their true feelings on issues like the interim presidency for fear that they would lose their job.

And if anyone is to blame for the rumors which have encompassed and engulfed the campus it is the regents themselves.

Alice Sparks, chairwoman of the board, has received some angry letters about how the board has handled the process of selecting an interim president.

Members of the university community should send her more letters. The board must learn that they should not leave the people they are serving out of any process which may change NKU.

Rumors abound when room for speculation is left by the unnecessary withholding of information. The regents have left throughout the year, room for plenty of speculation too.

The regents have shown a blatant disregard for the concerns of the faculty, staff and students.

Internal politicking have taken precedent over the importance of finding the right man for the right job. The regents have a high school level administrator who does not even hold a doctorate trying to run a regional university.

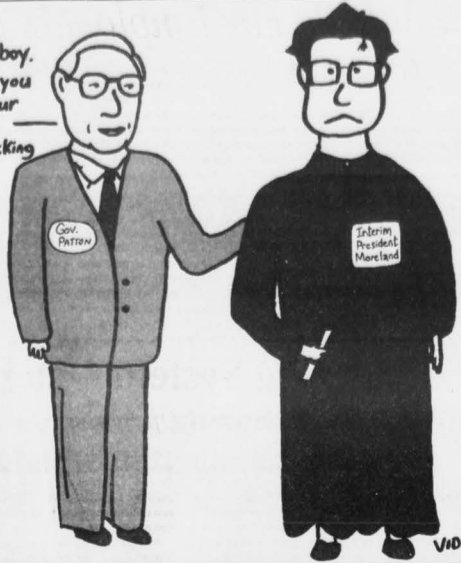
The university already has too many administrators who are not qualified to be running an institution of NKU's size anyway.

The regents have admitted change is necessary, but now NKU will have to change to meet the whims of a politician whose main objective is to get re-elected.

The regents and administration should never wait to improve upon and change the university.

Education has been put on the back burner to satisfy what the governor, someone who does not have a background in education, thinks is right.

That's my boy.  
I always knew you  
could earn your  
doctorate in  
Internal Politicking



## Reader: Campus Is Not Right Place For New Baptist Student Union Building

By Linda Dietz

"Should NKU's campus be home base for the BSU?"

So the Baptist Student Union (BSU) is planning to build a BSU Center on campus. As Dana Carvey's Church Lady would say, "Now isn't that special?"

But what's next? Jehovah Witnesses knocking on classroom doors? Hari Krishna's and Moonies selling flowers in the parking lots? Catholics deciding what to name or not name campus art exhibits? Oh, I guess that last one was next, wasn't it.

At a time when Northern Kentucky University has lost its nickname of "No Knowledge State College," we're getting ready to pick up a new one, "Northern Kentucky Religious State University."

While the Art Department fights for its right of freedom of expression, I'll take on the issue of separation of church and state concerning the new BSU Center on campus.

To give you a little history, BSU owns some land on Johns Hill Road, which NKU administration wants to buy to maybe, possibly, at some time in the future put a road through. (Yes, the plans are that vague.)

In exchange for this land, NKU administration will allow the BSU to build a new religious center on campus between the Landrum building and Parking Lot E) for exclusive use by BSU members.

Does this sound like a fair trade? Sacrificing NKU's non-denominational religious status for a piece of land? Sounds similar to Judas betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. It doesn't seem to fit well with campus.

Yes, NKU has to look toward the future, and has to secure more land for future growth. But the arrangements of this deal seem to be less than desirable for most (except the Baptists on campus).

If NKU purchases the BSU land on Johns Hill Road (by means of eminent domain or a more friendly agreement), maybe BSU should be given campus land to build on. But not a location which is 10 minutes from every building on campus.

I thought it was the administration's plan to keep academic buildings within 10 minutes of each other, not religious buildings.

Obviously, the administration's goals have changed. According to one BSU member, the chosen site, the grassy area in front of Parking Lot E, is the only flat place to build on campus.

If this is true, then why aren't we building an academic center on that location? Maybe a building with classrooms so additional classes could be offered each semester? At the very least, the grassy area could be used to extend Parking Lot E. For students on campus (except BSU members), enlarging Lot E would be more useful than a BSU Center.

A more central issue here is the issue of separation of church and state. Since NKU is a state university, it should not promote religion over academics, and it cannot support and endorse one religion over others.

The most NKU should do is allow a multi-denominational religious center on campus to support students' religious needs of ALL religions. Even this is questionable on state land.

There is a group trying to raise money to build an Interfaith Center on campus where all students will be welcome to express their religious beliefs freely. The BSU, however, has declined to join

such an effort. They don't seem to know how to share God with others.

And now they are going to get their own center as close to the center of campus as they can. As the Church Lady would say, "How convenient."

This will be the only building on campus where all students aren't welcome equally. No Catholics, Jews, Methodists or Moslems allowed unless you plan to convert.

This is a very dangerous precedent to set. By allowing the BSU Center to be built on campus, NKU Administration will be making the statement that the Baptist religion is the state religion of choice which is supported by the university.

NKU should not be in the business of endorsing any religious organization. Students have the right to decide for themselves if, and which, religions they wish to practice. NKU should stay out of it. NKU's mission is to enlighten minds, not convert souls.

I request that NKU Administration take a second look at what they are doing here. State and religion are kept separate for a very good reason: To protect the free practice or non-practice of religion by every individual.

Don't start messing with this basic guarantee of freedom instituted by our fore-fathers. God may forgive you for this, but the past, present and future students, faculty and staff at NKU won't and shouldn't.

As the Church Lady would ask, "NKU Administration, who is telling you to take such action? Could it be... SATAN?" Yes, even Satan was an angel once. But then he became a fallen angel because he wanted what he shouldn't have. In Satan's case, it was power in heaven; in BSU's case, it is power on campus.

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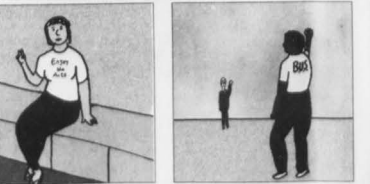
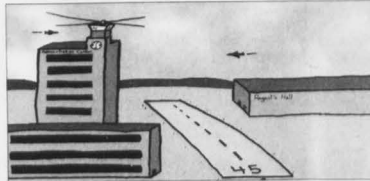
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## Ramsey's No Stranger To Change: From Long Haired Metallica Fan To Clean Cut SGA President

By Larry Wical  
Staff Writer

He stepped onto Northern Kentucky University's campus four years ago, a long-haired, bearded, earring-clad Metallica fan, without a great deal of direction in his life.

This May, he will depart his beloved school with a bachelor's degree in science tucked firmly in his palm and memories that he will likely never forget stored in his mind.

As he takes perhaps his last steps as a student off of NKU's campus, his face will be cleanly shaven, and his hair short, crisp and clean-cut. His goals in life are now clearly defined and law school awaits him in the fall.

Within his four years at Northern Kentucky University, senior sociology major Jamie Ramsey has made this transformation.

A 1992 graduate of Newport Central

Catholic High School, Ramsey, 22, has two brothers, one sister and two loving parents, Georgia and Allen.

As a freshman, Ramsey "rushed" Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, an experience which he hoped would allow him to get involved and meet people in his new environment. Ramsey considers this to be the experience that has had the greatest impact on his years at NKU.

"I felt that joining an organization on campus would help me gain valuable experience," Ramsey said.

"Also, being a part of Pi Kappa Alpha allowed me to become what I am today. It helped me to become a student senator of SGA. As far as the fraternity and SGA are concerned, I was able to move up the ladder . . . all the way to president," he said.

Ramsey served as the president of both Pi Kappa Alpha and Student Government Association during his four years at NKU.

has also been a member of EXCEL, Order of Omega, Alpha Delta Lambda honorary society and even served as a residence assistant in NKU's dorm community.

Ramsey hopes the valuable experiences he gained both inside and outside the classroom at NKU will help him become accepted at one of the three law schools: University of Dayton, University of Indiana and Chase College of Law at NKU. He feels that Indiana may be the longest of the trio.

Graduating with a 3.5 grade point average, and the Cum Laude honorary title that accompanies it, can only help his chances of being accepted.

Upon graduation from law school, Ramsey hopes to work as an attorney dealing with public policies and social issues.

Stephen Richards, an NKU sociology professor, views Ramsey as an excellent student, who is quiet most of the time, but very insightful and analytical when he speaks up in class.

Ramsey



Gina Holt/The Northernner

Student Government Association President Jamie Ramsey puts the final touches on his academic career at Northern Kentucky University.

"I wrote a letter of recommendation for him for law school," he said.

Richards said Ramsey will succeed in whatever he intends to do, and his extensive experience in the university community will help him out quite a bit.

Ramsey suggests that any new college student get involved in the university community, and get a feel for what class-

es they like while they have the chance.

Upon graduation, Ramsey advises new graduates to be willing to accept change, and possibly get involved in community groups, such as Kwanis or the Lions Club.

Ramsey describes his most unpleasant event at NKU in three solemn words: "Having to leave."

## Dorms Difficult Experience For Students

By Avery Woolfolk  
General Manager

No doubt Northern Kentucky University is a commuter college, but what of the 600 plus people who live in the dorms?

"Living in the dorms is okay, but a lot depends on your R.A.," Rene Madsen, a senior early childhood major said.

An R.A. is a residential assistant, a liaison for dorm occupants.

Socially, Madsen said, there are many social activities but not too many academic activities.

"Living in the dorms is boring," Tianna McKiness, a freshman from Louisville, said. "There's nothing for you to do on the weekend, especially if you don't have a car."

"R.A.s need to communicate better, sometimes you do not know who's your R.A.," she said. It's OK in the dorms, there are just some bad points."

Regina Webb, a junior psychology major, said she enjoys dorm life.

"It's good because you meet a lot of new people," she said. Webb said she dislikes having to be on the meal plan because she lives in the dorms."

NKU's policy is that anyone living in the dorms must purchase the meal plan.

Webb said that she does not eat in the cafeteria.

"It does not look good, that is not saying it doesn't taste good but you can only eat pizza, nachos for so many days before you get tired of it," she said.

McKiness said "I don't like it.

It does not taste good, as if they are using too much grease, it's cold and they keep serving leftovers, the same thing all the time."

There is a lot of school spirit around the dorms, however.

"The spirit around the dorms is picking up, especially with the season the basketball team had," Resident Assistant Susan Smith, a senior special education major, said. She also said that she "loves being a R.A., especially when there's an activity and you have a large turnout, it can be frustrating when there's an activity and no one shows up."

About the cafeteria food she said, "Some days I am in heaven, other times I just want to go home. The people that run the cafeteria are always listening for suggestions. I'm glad I live in the

"Some days I am in heaven, other times I just want to go home."

-Susan Smith

dorms."

Webb said "Norse Hall is nice. I've had good experience living in the dorms."

McKiness said: "I can't wait to get out of the dorms. Some of the people in the community and some of those on the residential staff are good but, just like anything, that one bad apple will spoil the bunch. The dorms themselves are nice it's the people that spoil it."



Jason Brown/The Northernner  
Student blows bubbles last week in the Northern Kentucky University's University Center during last week.

## Steely Award Winner Finds Success In Waiting

By Angela Vaughn  
Staff Writer

Each year the History Department presents the Steely Award to an outstanding graduating senior. This award is based on grades and service to the university, the department and the community. This year the award was presented to Sean Fields.

James Ramage, professor of history and a member of the award selection committee, described Fields as a person who

keeps his word and is willing to give of his time and effort for the university.

Fields said he was flattered to win the award because there are so many good students in the history department.

"It gives me confidence, but it is also humbling because I will have to go on and do good work," he said. Fields said he respects Dr. Steely and considers it an honor to win the award named after him.

Fields transferred to NKU as a junior after completing two years at Jaysville

Community College. He received the Northern Kentucky University Presidential Scholarship at NKU, and has made the Dean's List and the Honor's List.

He is Historian of the University's Chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society in History and assistant editor of "Perspectives in History," the Phi Alpha Theta chapter journal.

Fields worked for four years after graduating from high school and began col-

lege at the age of 22.

"I decided to get serious," he said "I realized what my options were out there, but I think I needed that time to grow up."

He said he has been happy with his experience at NKU, and has been able to learn something from nearly all of his professors.

Fields said he views an education as more than acquiring marketable skills. He thinks that it is about growing as a person.

He plans to continue his studies at Dickinson School of Law in Pennsylvania next year. He says that although the legal profession is under attack, it is still one in which people can make a difference and he plans to give it a thoughtful effort.

Fields said he sees himself practicing law in a public interest setting.

"I still have a streak of idealism," he said. "Things don't change overnight, but they do change, and people can make a difference."

## History Professor Experiences Uncomfortable But Rewarding Year

By Amanda Tittle  
Production Manager

He has never received an award in his life, but now, at 45, Northern Kentucky University professor of history Michael Washington finds himself heaped with honors.

Washington has recently been awarded the Outstanding Professor Award, the Faculty Leadership Recognition Award and a 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Raymond Walters College.

Washington was nominated for and received these awards for his work in the area of multiculturalism.

"One does not go about his work to be rewarded for it, but the fact that my colleagues appreciate the work I do is a wonderful feeling, because sometimes my work involves controversial issues regarding racial diversity," Washington said.

Professor of history Harold Lew

Wallace nominated Washington for the Outstanding Professor Award. Yasue Kuwahara, associate professor of communications, wrote a letter of support.

"He has been at Northern for over 15 years," Kuwahara said. "He was one of the first non-white faculty at Northern. He was a mentor to both non-white students and non-white faculty."

Washington said he thinks his controversial work had something to do with his earning the award.

"I think perhaps it had something to do with it, but I think it was the totality of it, the sheer amount, the consistency of it. And I think because it brings the university a good image," he said.

Washington's work has taken him around the world. He lectured at the University of Zimbabwe and the Christian College of Southern Africa. He produced a documentary on the image of African-American in Japanese society. Washington has also presented papers in South

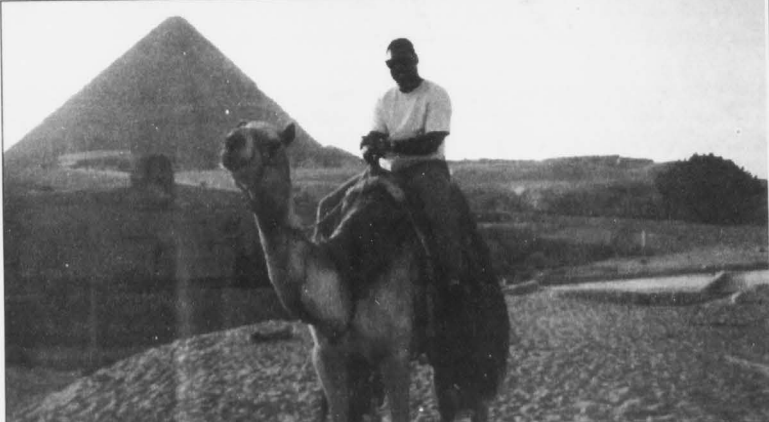


Photo Contributed By Michael Washington

History Professor Michael Washington experienced one of the most uncomfortable experiences of his life when he rode a camel at the pyramids in Geza, Egypt.

America and Puerto Rico. He received a faculty fellowship to do post-doctoral studies in Egypt and in the Arab countries of Kuwait, Qatar and Abudhabi.

It was in Egypt that Washington had one of his most embarrassing moments.

"I tell you, one of the most uncomfortable experiences was the

day after I rode the camel. I got hemorrhoids. I had to walk around Alexandria looking for hemorrhoid medicine," he said.

Washington rode the camel at the pyramids in Geza, then had to travel hundreds of miles to Alexandria.

"I had to go all that way with a sore behind," he said.

Washington instituted the Afro-American Studies Program at NKU

in the mid-'80s. He has also been the director of the program since its inception.

"I feel absolutely humbled because my colleagues think so highly of me and the work that I do," he said.

Washington teaches U.S. history and African-American history courses.

"He is an outstanding teacher. I

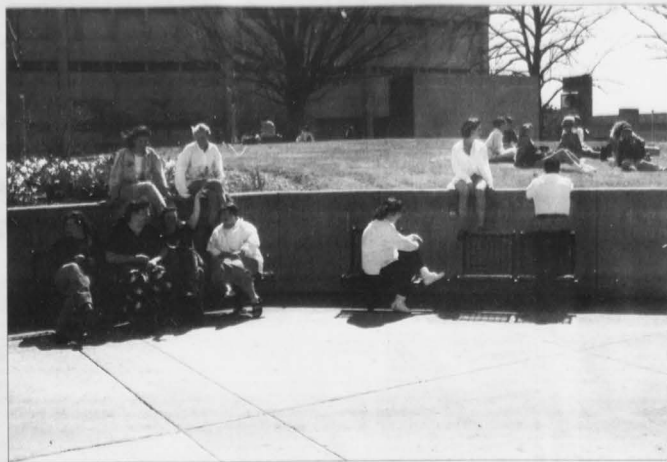
audited his class and I learned many techniques," Kuwahara said.

In his newest campaign, Washington has been working with the families of sickle cell anemia patients.

"We're working with families, helping them to gain greater access to educational opportunities and to improve the quality of their lives," he said.



## Rare Sun



Students enjoy nice weather before the reign of the finals hit Northern Kentucky University's campus.

## Griscik Shows Talent For Packaging, Graphic Design

By Chris Scept  
Staff Writer

A small, smoked-glass bottle sits on a stand in the Fine Art Center's Main Gallery.

The bottle's label says "Basil," but the fine detail of its design makes the container look unlike any supermarket brand spice.

That's because this bottle is part of an exhibit called "Absolute" presented by graduating Graphic Design Major Allison Griscik.

While graphic design uses all types of visual means to convey messages, Griscik said she has found her niche in packaging.

"I hope to get a job in package design," Griscik said of her life after graduation.

Griscik said Cincinnati has a lot of packaging design firms, and though she would like to stay here, she's willing to move to stay in her field.

Griscik recently presented some of her work at a conference at the American Center of Design in Chicago, graphic design professor Steven McCarthy said.

McCarthy, one of Griscik's advisers, said that, when it was announced the annual conference would, for the first time, allow students to present their work, "I immediately thought of Allison. Allison is a highly creative person, an exquisite crafts person."

Art professor Cristina Almeida called Griscik a hard worker who is committed to her work.

"She does a good amount of

research and pursues her projects in depth," Almeida said. "She's also very adept at using materials to convey specific messages."

Griscik also served as president of NKU's Students of Design and as art editor for the Licking Valley Review. Griscik's exhibit at the Main Gallery's Senior Show is a course requirement for her major.

The basil bottle represents her idea for a gourmet spice line gift package, for which she used all natural materials, she said.

Griscik said her main interest when designing a package is its tactile quality, its texture and how it is built.

The exhibit's title "Absolute" refers to the freedom graphic design allows, Griscik said.

"Here they really encourage you to

## Maines Survives Earthquake To Graduate With Honors

By Annette Bauder  
Staff Writer

While most seniors only have to worry about surviving finals, Leah Maines managed to survive the Japanese subway gas attack and the Kobe earthquake.

Maines will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in the Honors Program.

Maines writes poetry in English and Japanese. She was studying Japanese poetry at Gifu University in Japan during the earthquake and the subway gas attack. The experience did not lessen her enthusiasm for the country.

"Despite what happened, the experience was wonderful," she said. "The people were wonderful."

Director of International Programs Michael Klembara said this is typical behavior for Maines.

"As with everything else, Leah has made the most of her international experiences," Klembara said. "She has become involved with the people and made every effort to understand the culture."

In addition to writing poetry, Maines is president of Sigma Tau Delta, is involved with the Norse Leadership Society and is listed in the "Who's Who of Universities

and Colleges."

Several of her poems have been published in national and international magazines. She has also recently published a play.

"I'll always write, regardless of whether I get published or not," she said. "It's my first love."

Other students think Maines has accomplished a great deal in life with her poetry. "She's an excellent poet," Tricia Dorman, university studies major, said. "She's very funny, very nice and has a lot of insight."

In addition to her accomplishments in the academic field, Maines is also married and has two children.

Now that she has obtained her undergraduate degree, Maines plans to attend graduate school and study either fine arts or law, she said.

She has, however, not completely ruled out returning to Japan.

"I just got a job offer in Tokyo, but I don't think I'm going to take it," Maines said. "I'll definitely go back and visit, but you never know."

Maines said she enjoyed her time at NKU.

"It's been great going to NKU. I'm glad I went here rather than anywhere else. Now it's time to move on."



Students relax outdoors in the peaceful surroundings provided by nature at Northern Kentucky University.

## Students Discuss Unique Preparations For Finals

## Routine: Smoking, Studing, Stress

By Julie Martz  
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air and classes are almost over. There is, however, one item of business left to take care of. Finals week must

be completed before students can start planning summer vacations.

Finals week began today and will continue through May 7. The preparation for finals is sometimes seen as a stressful time. The majority of classes have cumulative finals, so this calls for more intense study.

Fred Johnson, a law student at Chase, has been busy studying for finals by going back over old material until it is drilled into his head.

He has also been busy with turning in

case studies for the end of the semester.

"I smoke more, and talk to my friends who are also stressed out," Johnson said about dealing with the stress of finals.

Another student has a different view on how she prepares for finals.

"Since finals are usually cumulative and worth more points, I always study longer," Amy Johnson, an elementary education major, said.

Many students are looking forward to

completing their last finals in order to graduate. Some may think this would change study habits because of just wanting to get it over with.

Rachel Lykins, a journalism major, said that she has studied the same way she has every other semester.

"Just because it's my last semester, it doesn't change my study habits," she said.

After graduation Lykins plans to put her

If nothing comes her way, she will resume her current accounting position.

With the end in sight, some students will have the pleasure of taking the summer off, while others will be back for summer session. Johnson will be among the summer students.

"I am going to school this summer, but I'll have about a month off," she said. "I plan to spend time with my family during this time."

## Brushing Up



Students make their request last week for their customized air brushed t-shirts last week during the Rites of Spring in the University Center.

## The Murderer's Fate

By Larry Wical  
Staff Writer

The Unabomber, Sirhan Sirhan, Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, Susan Smith. All these individuals have one thing in common: They were each responsible for performing one or more unthinkable acts against members of America's "civilized" society—murder.

So how are these deviant beings supposed to be handled by America's court system after they kill? Should they be locked away in prison forever, or should they be executed for their crimes?

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, three factors are considered when deciding the fate of convicted killers.

First, is the threat of execution a reliable deterrent to violent crime?

Second, does the threat of execution violate a convicted killer's 18th Amendment rights, prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment?"

And finally, is execution used fairly in respect to race?

Charlie Chukwudolue, a justice studies professor at Northern Kentucky University, said that since the Constitution permits capital punishment, it cannot be a violation of the 18th Amendment.

He also said these situations are

reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis.

The Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional in 1972, but reinstated it in 1976 after closer consideration.

**"Kentucky has carried out more than 100 executions since 1930."**

**-Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin (1993)**

"Although capital punishment is not considered to be cruel, the circumstances leading to the conviction may be unusual," the Court stated.

According to *Sociology*, by Jon Shepard, 61 percent of Americans think the death penalty acts as a deterrent to murder. However, Shepard said murder is typically committed during an emotional outburst, and the threat of execution is not usually present in the killer's mind.

The tri-state area, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, handle the death sentence in different manners.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin (1993), the com-

monwealth of Kentucky has carried out more than 100 executions since 1930. However, no convicted killers have been executed since 1977. In 1993, there were 30 inmates on Kentucky's death row.

Electrocution is the method used in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Ohio, however, also considers lethal injection.

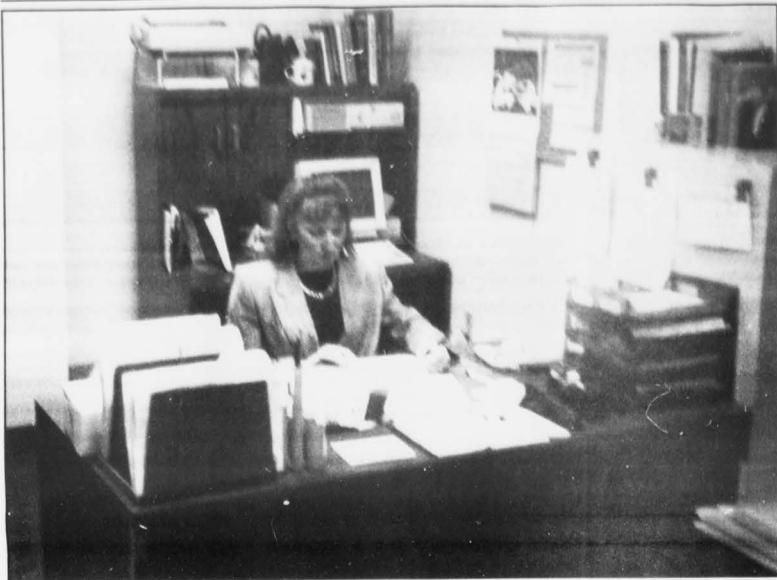
Some U.S. states use other methods of execution. For example, Utah and Idaho still use firing squads, while the states of Montana, New Hampshire and Washington still consider hanging as an execution alternative.

From 1930 to 1993, 4,085 executions have been carried out through different methods. In 1993 alone, 38 prisoners in America were executed for their crimes.

But is the execution of these killers the best and swiftest way to achieve justice? Maybe, maybe not.

According to *Capital Punishment 1993*, of the 4,984 death sentences handed down since 1973, only 5 percent have been carried out. To house these prisoners until their death costs an average of \$15,000 a year each.

Once these death row prisoners have exhausted their legal appeals, an average of five years and seven months has passed. That is about \$85,000 worth of housing over the same period.



Glen Robinson/The Northerner

Graduating Senior Susan Pedigo sits at her desk in the Marketing and Management Department's Office counting her days left at Northern Kentucky University. The Office Systems Technology major plans to continue her secretarial work as an executive secretary in corporate America.

## Early Childhood Center Provides Valuable Service For Ambitious Mothers

By Mary S. Howard  
Staff Writer

The chattering of children mixed with the sounds of the television created a cheerful combination of noise. The Early Childhood Center was operating at full capacity, and the energy level of the tots busily employed at various activities created an atmosphere of happy, energetic, controlled chaos.

The director, Karen Schmidt, was busy with a class of her own, but stopped long enough to discuss plans for a new Childhood Center to be built on Johns Hill Road. Currently, the Center can only accommodate 80 children, ages 3 to 5, and it is open to students, faculty and staff.

"There are so many students who can't come to school unless they can find child care," Schmidt said. "I get about half a dozen calls at the beginning of school from upset mothers who can't attend school if we can't take their child. We've had a waiting list for years."

The plans are to convert two houses on Johns Hill Road for a new child care center.

Assistant Vice President for Student Development Ernest Britton said the plans were made but there are no funds available for the project. The project has been shelved for the present. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

*"I've been extremely pleased with the care my child has received these past three years"*

-Rhonda Herald

Some of the parents who have children attending the center were asked what they thought of the child care center, and if they were knew of the plan for expansion.

Rhonda Herald's child Darci attends the center.

"I am aware that the Early Childhood Center has plans to expand . . . I'm pleased for the teachers and for the families that will be affected," Herald said. "I've been extremely pleased with the care my child has received these past three years."

"I have another child who I would like to enroll in the ECC and I highly recommend the facility and its care givers," she said.

Marti Hirth, another parent, said she chose the Early Childhood Center for its reputation and its on-site convenience.

Kathleen Cepela's son, Ryan, attends the ECC. "I thought it was the best program of all those I checked out," Cepela said.

## Friends And Family Aid Graduate's 11-Year Pursuit Of Goal

By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

After 11 years of school, it's very easy to give up. It becomes difficult to visualize that dream of actually finishing school.

For Senior Susan Pedigo, Office Systems Technology major, she has fought with that idea throughout her college years. Pedigo plans to graduate this May.

Her first of her many feelings will be one of relief after she receives her diploma she said.

"I never thought I'd see the light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

Along with that feeling of relief will be a big sense of accomplishment she added.

Pedigo has completed much of her course work by attending part-time for seven years.

"All of my friends have degrees. When I would go to them and say that I was going to quit, they urged me to finish," she said.

"I've been able to maintain relations with friends and family."

Her family also played a similar

role for her in urging her to finish school when she lost all hope and faith in herself.

"It's been a good experience at Northern Kentucky University," Pedigo said. "I had other places I could have gone and I am glad I chose NKU."

Pedigo is the Academic Secretary for the Department of Management and Marketing.

She plans to be an executive secretary in corporate America after graduation.

"I want to be able to help someone wherever I am," Pedigo said.

One of her biggest pet peeves is when someone is not willing to help themselves.

She feels most people are good natured.

"I like working with students. I never know what's going to come up. Each day is a new challenge."

She plans to get together with her family on Fourth of July. Her family is scattered throughout the states on the eastern coast.

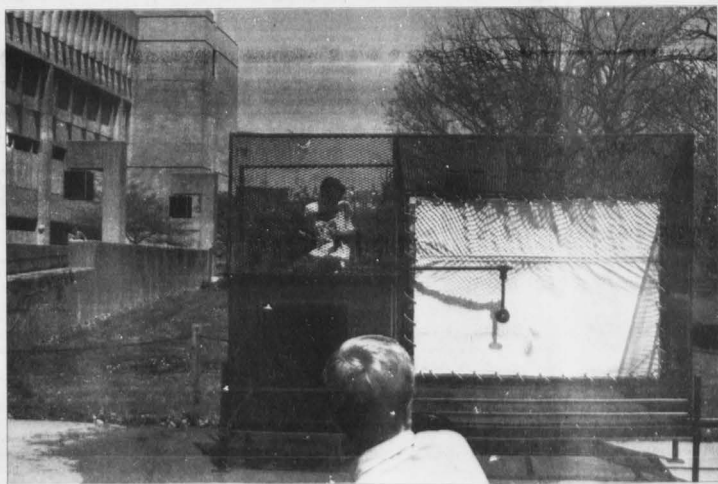
## Smash Hit



Jason Brown/The Northerner

The old wagon was on display on Northern Kentucky University's campus during the Rites of Spring last week.

## You Missed



Jason Brown/The Northerner

The dunking booth was one of the many attractions on display during the Rites of Spring last week on the University Plaza last week.

## Lenicky Finishes With Perfect GPA

Earns Honors  
Along The Way

By Larry Wical  
Staff Writer

Beverly Lenicky, a senior psychology major at Northern Kentucky University, has been recommended by the NKU psychology department for recognition by the Cincinnati Psychological Association (CPA).

Lenicky was given this honor at an awards banquet for her outstanding academic achievement at NKU. As a graduating senior, Lenicky will be departing NKU with a 4.0 grade point average.

Along with Lenicky's grades, her recognitions and awards are just as impressive.

A University Honor's List student since the spring of 1993, Lenicky has been elected president of the psychology club, Psi Chi, and has been a member of the National Honor Society of Alpha Chi, EXCEL and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

In addition, Lenicky received Outstanding Research Awards last year from both the NKU psychology

faculty and the Midwestern Psychological Association.

When Lenicky, the recipient of the Outstanding Graduating Senior award, makes her exit from NKU in May with her Bachelor's of Science in hand, she will be headed to Xavier University (Oh.), where she intends to pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology.

"I've been coaching gymnastics for a long time and the concept of what motivates people has always interested me," Lenicky said.

A 1972 graduate of Hamilton Badin High School in Cincinnati, Lenicky has trained several national championship gymnasts.

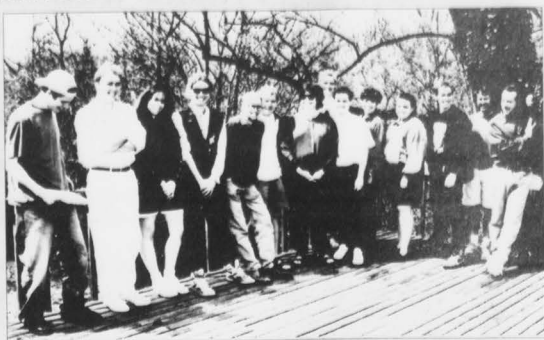
She keeps busy studying, mothering two children, coaching gymnastics, working as a law department research assistant, working as an assistant office manager, teaching assistant and writing many research papers. Lenicky also finds time to volunteer at the Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky.

But her true test, she said, lies in what is ahead of her next: graduate school.

"NKU has done a pretty good job of preparing me academically. I guess I'll find out for sure once I get out there (graduate school)," she said.



# Roll Film



Terry Rensker/The Northerner  
Jimmy Crack Corn (and I don't care)'s staff Jeff Busdieker, Travis Gibbons, Kathleen Harding, Jo Luther, Kathleen McEntee, Keith Minnery, Debbi Must, Mike Palmer, Don Niehoff, John Sparks, Dan Schroer, Chris Specht and Alan Forbes, Warner Bros.

## Senior Learns Value Of Writing Skills Dreams Of Spending Life With Fiancee Maria

By Glen Robinson  
Features Editor

The proudest moment thus far for Northern Kentucky University International Studies major Lance Strohsahl has been meeting his fiancee, Junior Biology Major Maria Bihl.

"My only dream is to spend the rest of my life with her," Strohsahl said.

Graduation will give him another proud moment to add to meeting his fiancee.

He lists learning how to write effectively somewhere near those accomplishments.

"I didn't know anything (about writing) when I came out of high school," Strohsahl said. "I learned how to write academically (at NKU)."

He credits David Potter, political science associate professor, with assisting him in his writing.

"If he didn't assign so many papers, I'd still be writing like a high school sophomore," Strohsahl said.

Potter was his Japanese Studies mentor. Strohsahl considers him to be brilliant in his field.

"He's also a Monty Python fan, so we click," Strohsahl said.

He hesitantly counts the days until his graduation.

The feeling he most likely expects to feel is one of shock.

He visualizes himself saying on graduation day, "Oh my God. What have I done?"

School has been his reality for more than six years.

He completed his course work by

going full-time for the majority of his semesters at NKU.

"The decision of whether or not to go full-time or part-time depended on how I did the last semester," Strohsahl said.

Social activities were never part of his schedule before he met his fiancee. His daily schedule throughout his college years were divided between work and school.

The quality he most likes about people is their humor. He likes a good laugh. He also likes the way that people laugh.

Despite his appreciation for a good laugh, he finds it annoying when people are late and improperly use turn signals.

He hasn't set any plans after graduation.

*"The American Dream is not in America anymore, it's in a \$2 lottery ticket"*

-Lance Strohsahl

"I will definitely not be a wage slave," Strohsahl said. "I also doubt I will be in the United States."

He likes the history and the people of other countries.

People in the United States are too uptight about turn signals.

He said that America and dreams of its people have changed.

"The American Dream is not in America anymore, it's in a \$2 lottery ticket," he said.

## Students Earn College Credit On Feature Film From Poducers

By Andrea Hicks  
Staff Writer

It is fall of 1996, students are gathered in the theater, the lights are dimmed and the filming of "Jimmy Crack Corn (and I don't care)" is airing for the first time.

In fact, lights, camera and action are the three words that will be echoed throughout the campus in June when producers, directors and actors take center stage.

It will be the filming of a small town comedy examining family values and friendships. It tackles issues of extramarital affairs, mid-life crises and rebellious teens. In addition, it examines what happens when their relationships are challenged and morality evolves.

James Rosenow who wrote the screenplay, recently finished writing his third feature length screenplay entitled "Educating Adam."

Before that, his film "Whispers" won the 1992 Mobile award at the New York

University Film Festival. It also swept eight first place Awards for Excellence.

Working with Rosenow, David Hannah will embark on the production of "Jimmy Crack Corn (and I don't care)." The duo had also teamed up for the recent "Educating Adam."

Hannah, a Hudson, Ohio, native worked on the MTV "Straight Dope" report that aired in August 1994. Previously, "The Whale Story" won the Screenplay and Acting awards at the 1994 NYU First Run Festival for Hannah.

"This is really a first class experience on a feature film," David Thomson, associate professor of communication who is heading up the project, said. "The students will have a chance to work with pre-production, casting, editing, to working with technical equipment."

In addition, the university will be able to keep some of the equipment used for the filming.

"I think this will be a good experience for the theater and communication majors

## DICKERSON: Works Hard

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Community." It theme was universal love.

"My mother has also been very supportive. She has shown me support through her spirit and love. She has helped me get through some tough times."

Most people are unaware that Theatre requires a lot of work ethic that is required of Theatre.

"The process of creativity is something you should ride. Majoring in theatre has taught me about the importance of the process of creativity."

"I didn't find it (theatre), I found me."

He never really experienced stage fright. A performer will always get a little nervous.

"I've always felt comfortable in front of an audience," Dickerson said.

Acting allows him to share someone's experience that they might haven't otherwise experience.

He likes sharing among people. I like people sharing their uniqueness with others who aren't knowledgeable of different cultures.

"When we as human beings understand each other, we get along better," Dickerson said.

He calls that process of learning to understand each other the "Journey of Discovery."

"I want to build bridges."

He expects himself to be tremendously emotional when he graduates. He visualizes his feelings being expressed in tears, joy and reflection.

"I will have a huge feeling of accomplishment. It will be one of the pinnacles of life. It will also be much sweeter being a non-traditional student," he said.

"Being a theatre major and working, I don't have much of a social life," Dickerson added. "My social life revolves around theatre because so much of my time is spent with these people."

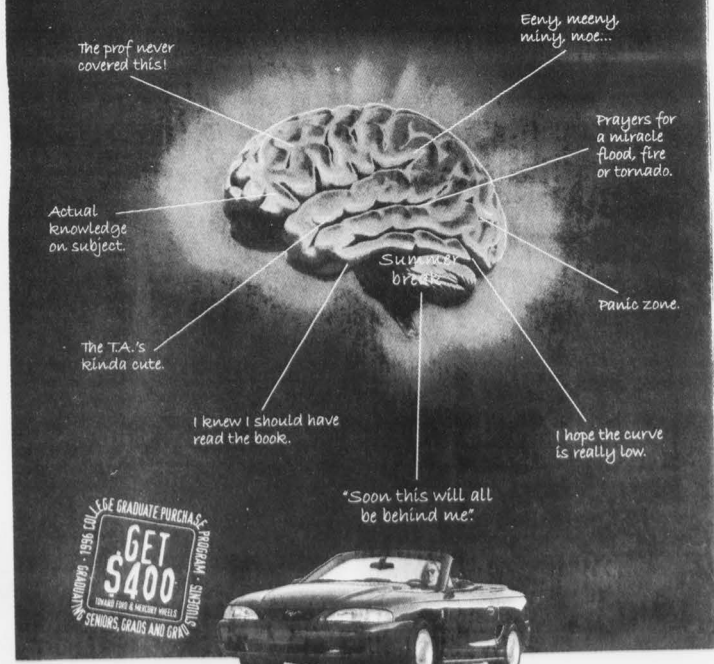
He has no regrets when it comes to his social life because he values service and contributions.

He was the founder of two new student organizations, African American Christian Fellowship and Actors and Issues.

He dreams of owning his own production company that provides and entertainment that focuses on the African American experience.

"I would like to do non-stereotypical productions. The African American experience is not only urban," Dickerson said.

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# SPORTS

The Northernner, Wednesday, May 1, 1996

## Kichler Stays Control

### NKU's ace, looks to make a permanent mark in the record books.

By Pat McEntee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Before leaving NKU, junior pitcher Mike Kichler wants to rewrite the record books. He is well on his way. The 5-11 right hander for the Northern Kentucky University baseball team already has set some single season records for the Norse. He is moving his way up the ranks on the career leaders.

In 1994, his freshman season, Kichler set the single season winning percentage record, by going a perfect 6-0.

Kichler's control has been his most impressive weapon. He has walked only eight batters all season, and 31 in his three year career. He ranks first for the fewest walks per

nine innings pitched for his career and this season, with an average of 1.4 for his career and 0.9 this season.

Early in the season he gave up five walks before turning it around. "I just didn't have the confidence," Kichler said of his control problems.

He got his confidence back and at one point this season, Kichler went without giving up a walk.

"I wasn't going to let a walk beat me," he said.

With another year to play, Kichler ranks fourth in career wins (21) and strikeouts (164). He is sixth in innings pitched (194) and seventh in ERA (2.92) and winning percentage (.724).

Kichler said he would like to finish his career as a NKU career leader in wins, innings pitched, strikeouts and earned run average.

While playing at East Central High School in Indiana he went 7-4 in his junior season and 11-1 in his senior season. Kichler said. He made the all conference team and was named most valuable pitcher twice each. His team went 22-6 in

his final season at East Central and made it to the regional finals.

An injury in his freshman year at NKU forced Kichler to redshirt. Head coach Bill Aker wasn't happy about that, but both he and Kichler agreed that it was probably the best thing for him.

"A lot of learning went on," Kichler said of his year on the sideline. "I really hit the weights."

Kichler subscribes to the philosophy that pitching is 80 percent mental and only 20 percent physical.

He said he doesn't have any routines or superstitions on days he pitches. "I just think about what I have to do to win the ballgame."

"He (Kichler) just wins games," Aker said. "He's a leader."

Aker went on to describe Kichler as a "neat kid" who is competitive, willing to listen and work hard.

Kichler's main goal for next season is to make it to the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament. Kichler said he wants to work on his mechanics to add another 2-3 miles per hour to his 85 mph fast ball.

Aker said Kichler has a good

### The Kichler File

High School: East Central  
Height: 5-11  
Weight: 180  
Throws: Right

	Record	ERA	Strikeouts
Fresh	6-0	4.46	33
Soph	8-5	2.52	64
Junior	7-3	2.47	67
Totals	21-8	2.92	164

chance of getting drafted by a major league team. However, he said he would have a better chance if he was a left hander.

Kichler said of the challenge ahead if he is going to be drafted, "If somebody says I can't do something, I try to prove them wrong."

When his baseball playing days are over, Kichler said he wants to get into coaching. "I think I can help other people out."



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**NO FREE PASSES:** Mike Kichler heaves the ball past third. Kichler has allowed only eight walks this season, and 31 in his 3 year career.

## Norse Golfers Ready for Fresh Start

By Brian Steffen  
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University's golf team found out Thursday it would play in the NCAA Division II Regional in Youngstown, Ohio, on May 6-8.

It will play 54-holes on the 7,001 yard Avalon Lakes championship golf course designed by famous golf course designer Pete Dye.

The golf team has had a strange spring, considering its accomplishments in the fall season. Weather and complacency are partly the blame, senior Tom Walters said.

The Norse are only one of six teams selected to the NCAA regional: University of Indianapolis, Belarmine College, Ferris State University, Oakland University and University of Southern Indiana were the other teams invited.

NKU head coach John Reis said he couldn't be happier for his team, especially his seniors, Walters and Mark Welage.

"It seems like this spring every time we zipped it zugged, but now it's a brand new season. We have just got to tie it up and play. . . We have the same bunch of guys, I don't see any reason why we can't go further," Reis said.

For much of the spring season, the Norse has been looking over its shoulder while many teams haven't been giving them much credit, Walters said.

"We've been laughed at all year. . . They probably think we're a fluke," Walters said. "We're out to shock everybody, show them we belong here."

Teammate Welage says he agrees with Walters and thinks his team has struggled at times this spring.

"The season up until now has been a nightmare," Welage said. "This whole episode woke us up."

Welage said a gut check is in order for the players to refocus on the task at hand.

Reis will be leaving NKU to head the University of Cincinnati golf team next year. The players have credited Reis for the Norse climb.

"It's been a distraction up until now," Welage said. "Now, that we're getting closer to the end of the rope. We can use it for more of an inspiration."

"We want to win it for the old man," Walters said. "He's like one of us."

## Lewin, Biermann Receive Honors

Northern Kentucky University senior volleyball player Kerry Lewin was named the Female Athlete of the Year by the Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association.

Lewin led NKU's volleyball team to the 1995 Great Lakes Valley Conference championship for the first time since 1985. She ended her career with 533 service aces, the most in intercollegiate history.

She earned GLVC Player of the Year in 1994 and 95 and during those seasons NKU had a 60-6 record.

"It's nice to still get some recognition from the area," Lewin said.

Biermann coached the volleyball team to a 30-3 record last season. The softball team placed fourth in the GLVC tournament last season.

-Brian Steffen

## Clark Adjusts To Fast Pitch World

Freshman leads Norse in hitting

By Brian Steffen  
Sports Editor

Freshman Kristen Clark played slow pitch softball her entire life. She began when she was five years old. With a glove in one hand and a bat in the other, her father practiced with her everyday.

She was a typical tomboy. At Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria, Clark would become one of the most prolific softball players in Kentucky history.

Her numbers don't lie.

She batted a robust .653 for her career. She batted over .700 her freshman year in high school. Clark amassed 157 RBIs in one season. She cracked the national RBI record in a season. She broke 47 home runs in the same season.

Clark's statistics make it look as if Babe Ruth had snuck into her uniform.

Then came her graduation in 1994, and after that, she came to Northern Kentucky University. Her softball days were over. At least she thought they were.

During her freshman year at NKU Clark tried her hand at becoming a traditional student. She went to school, then to work and back home, and so on.

She did that for an entire year before she finally bored herself to death.

The solution arrived when NKU's softball coach Mary Biermann called Clark.

Clark listened to Biermann talk about the NKU program, while in the back of her mind she wondered if she could play NKU's fast pitch brand of softball. Clark was weaned on hitting slow pitch where the ball travels a lethargic 15 miles per hour, but Clark, being a gamer and sick from boredom, figured she'd give it a whirl anyway.

In fast pitch, the ball travels an estimated 55 mph. Also, the pitcher stands seven feet



LET'S TOSS: Freshman infielder Kristen Clark gets a little practice in. She has made the transition from slow pitch to fast pitch softball this season.

Jeff McCurry/The Northernner

closer to home plate than slow pitch's 50 feet.

For Clark, the transition has been strange, but worthwhile.

Clark leads NKU in most offensive categories: batting average (.356), slugging (.426), RBIs (17), doubles (5), hits (36), on base percentage (.458) and runs (18).

"It was kind of scary to try something new," Clark said. "The toughest part is the hitting."

Clark said trying to adjust her swing was difficult and it required a lot of patience and plenty of coaching.

She had to change her entire approach to hitting. She used to stand straight up generating her power by using her legs. Now she must use the bat as a tool by making quick adjustments as the ball approaches her. Contact is the key, and Clark has made the proper adjustments.

Staying confident, avoiding frustration and

absorbing experience could make Clark one of the best hitters in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in the future.

Biermann said Clark is making a remarkable adjustment to fast pitch softball.

"None of the ones we've worked with have done it that quickly," she said.

Biermann, who mainly recruits players in Ohio where fast pitch is more the norm, says she must weigh how much players can make the proper transition before she would even consider recruiting a slow pitch player.

Biermann points to Clark's competitiveness and the ability to push herself as the reason for her success.

Clark says she enjoys playing fast pitch because it is more exciting playing defense and running the bases. She has no regrets about giving up slow pitch softball.

## Norse Finish Fourth In GLVC Tournament

By Pat McEntee  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's softball team finished its season on Saturday with a 10-0 loss to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Norse lost in the first round to Wisconsin-Parkside 21-1, but went on to win back to back games in the loser's bracket on Friday against the University of Southern Indiana (2-0) and Indianapolis (3-2).

Revenge may have been a factor in NKU's two losses to Wisconsin-Parkside. The Norse defeated the Rangers during the regular season when Wisconsin-Parkside was ranked first in the nation.

Wisconsin-Parkside escaped the loser bracket and went on to defeat Lewis in consecutive games for the championship. NKU finished the season with a fourth place finish in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

Pitcher, Lisa Cornett was the lone NKU player selected to the all-GLVC team.

## ATHLETES: Excelling In The Classroom Too

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"That other 10 percent (of the student-athletes) are unsure what direction they are headed in, but are in the process of finding what interests them most. But the educational resources that NKU has to offer to its students are outstanding. The Learning Assistance Center is a tremendous tool for any student who needs academic assistance. The student-athletes here (NKU) use the center quite a bit."

The teams at NKU that seem to hit the books the hardest are women's basketball, women's tennis, men's golf and the cheerleading squad, which has both men and women. VonLandor said. The women's basketball team features 10 members who have a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

In relation to how NKU and GLVC athletes stand up academically to conference averages, consider the following: "NKU exceeds the conference average by returning 82 percent of its student-athletes (1992-93) the following year (compared to the 73 percent conference average)."

"All 11 GLVC schools combined return 63 percent of the total student population through one year of tracking. The student-athletes at the same schools returned at a 10 percent higher rate."

"The school with the highest return rate of student-athletes, Quincy University

(Ill.), returns 90 percent of its athletes, while the GLVC's most academically deficient athletic program, St. Joseph's College (Ind.), returns only 44 percent of its athletes."

Jane Meier, NKU's athletics director, said NKU's outstanding student-athletes are recognized by Star Bank as well as the GLVC.

Star Bank sponsors an All-Academic team honoring student-athletes who hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA, or achieve a 3.0 GPA during back-to-back semesters.

The GLVC sponsors an All Academic Team. Last year, more than 300 GLVC student-athletes were named to this team on the basis that they maintain a 3.0 GPA or a 3.2 GPA during the last two athletic seasons.

Students who compete in Great Lakes Valley Conference athletics are driven to do well in school, they know the true value of work and they acquire the discipline to follow a very strict and confining schedule, Meier said.

"They always have to be somewhere at a certain time, so they understand the great importance of being on time and how to work effectively with people individually, as well as in groups on a common goal," she said. "The fact that NKU graduates such a great percentage of its athletes is a wonderful selling point to prospective student-athletes and their parents."

However, before these GLVC athletes strap on their shin guards, lace up their basketball shoes, break in their glove on the ball diamond or take their first golf or tennis swing of the season, they must clear the Proposition 48 hurdle.

"Prop 48" requires student-athletes at every college and university to obtain a minimum score of 700 on the SAT (out of a possible 1,600), or a comparable score on the ACT. Any student-athlete failing to meet the Prop 48 requirements is forced to sit out for one year, without the benefit of playing or practicing with his/her respective team.

The physical education professor at NKU said, was to put "student" back into student-athlete. Lipping said that, as a whole, collegiate athletes are under greater pressure to succeed in the classroom because of the standards they must meet in order to play.

For instance, an athlete is not eligible to participate in athletics without at least a 2.0 GPA and a full-time course load.

"Not only are these athletes more likely than non-collegiate athletes to stay in school and graduate, they are also better prepared to enter the work force upon graduation," Lipping said. "The behavior and work ethic they learn (at NKU) through athletics tends to carry over into their work."

-Pat McEntee

## Ryan a Finalist for IPFW Job

By Brian Steffen  
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University assistant men's basketball coach Pat Ryan is a finalist for the head coaching position at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, a fellow Great Lakes Valley Conference member.

The IPFW job became available when head coach Andy Piazza resigned on March 18.

Ryan has been an assistant in all eight seasons of head coach Ken Shienk's tenure at NKU. Ryan coached Holy Cross High School for eight seasons posting a 142-107 record from 1979-88.

"He's a good man and a good coach with a lot of experience. . . I think he's got a good shot," Shields said.

Shields credits Ryan for much of the recent success of Norse basketball.

Other finalist for the job are: John Williams, St. Francis in Indiana head coach; Mark Scherer, assistant coach Valparaiso; and Doug Nunn, Spring Harbor College in Mich.

Ryan is one of five finalists out of 95 applicants. IPFW will announce its decision on May 3.

**NORSE GET BIG MAN:** Clifford Clinton made an oral commitment, and is mailing his letter of intent to play basketball at Northern Kentucky University next season. Clinton, a 6-7, 240 pound junior-to-be expects to come to play immediately with the graduation of seniors Reggie Talbert and Andre McClendon.

Clinton averaged 21 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots per game at Manatee (Fla.) Junior College. He said he decided on NKU because of the exposure and he liked the players.



# Be dedicated. Be determined Get Smart

Dorothy Johnston Pulse Editor



This is the final edition of the Spring 1996 Northerner.

We budding journalists are proud and grateful to have had you for an audience.

I, personally, thank everyone who took the time to read my sometimes meandering thoughts.

I am a good deal older than most of you. So, on occasion, I've tried to jump back a couple of decades to see things from your perspective.

Many times, it was a trip back to the future. Believe it or not, I actually remember when Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison were famous, live people.

This is my second stab at college. That means I didn't do such a hot job the first time around.

I never knew exactly why I was in college two decades ago.

Truthfully, I really wasn't certain why I came back to try it again. But I decided not to question my decision. I had a blind faith that the answer would come.

And it did.

Not just one single answer. But answers in the form of each person I've met, spoken to or read about here at NKU.

I've watched art majors, business majors, computer whizzes and athletes become friends because they wanted to. I've seen old people (that's me) learn from young people and visa versa.

Narrow minds make problems. And every little thing you learn expands your mind. That was reason enough for me to be here.

Just look at our microcosmic world here at Northerner.

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We get along because we know how important each and every one of us is. We get along because we try to get along. And trying is a big part of learning. That old saying about getting out only what you put in is dead-on-center.

Education is trial and error. We take shots, do our best, (sometimes), and keep on truckin'. We learn as much from our classmates as we do our teachers. We huff and we puff and we puff and we finally graduate.

Education doesn't always make a person rich in dollars-and-cents. And it can't guarantee happiness.

But it teaches us that we are the proverbial masters of our own ships. We have the opportunity to chart our own courses.

I was in terror when I walked into my first journalism writing course. I didn't even know how to type, let alone operate a computer.

Helpful, understanding professors and kind classmates watched as I slowly got my sea-legs.

On several shaky occasions, I took ten deep breaths before entering a classroom.

But I kept telling myself the answer would come, and went on. The value in taking a risk, I've decided, isn't whether it results in success or failure. The value is intrinsically built into the risk. By the virtue of taking it, you win.

I'm not talking about the Evel Knievel-type risk. I'm talking Speech 101-type risk. And the stand up and talk about your art, your story, your history project or whatever type-risk.

Because I was so determined to do this thing right, I pestered my

teachers (and a lot of my fellow students) to death.

For all the professors who tolerated my incessant questions, I have abundant respect. And for those who didn't, I understand. To the students who didn't get out of class early because I had one more question, you're justified in thinking I was a royal pain. But, in my own defense, if I was in the dark about some aspect of the course, chances are someone else was too.

And any teacher who truly believes there are no questions after a lecture has been speaking to deaf ears.

Or that's what I think.

And I kept repeating it to myself as castigating eyes reminded me that silence is golden.

I have been amazed to find what you can learn just by asking. Somehow, in this rather negativistic world we live in, it is almost natural to assume we're not good enough for the job. Or that someone else already has it, or will have it.

Or that the company is "down-sizing." Why even bother asking? Because you have 50-percent chance of being right—they don't need you. And a 50-percent chance of being wrong—they do.

Take the risk—ASK. Sometimes, as I was learning how to walk, I thought it virtually impossible that I'd ever run. I tried not to think about it. The answer would come, I silently chanted.

And so it did. I crawled, I walked and I now do an intermittent little lope.

I don't have to question my decision anymore.

I have received more than I ever bargained for. With my diploma, I'm taking an intangible, untouchable and practically indescribable essence of mental-expansion. How's that for a mouthful?

The value of an education, I've discovered, invisibly weaves into our being. It can't be inherited or purchased. It is doing the work without security, and sometimes without direction.

It's a humbling risk.

It's expensive, time-consuming and stressful.

But with it, we join the circle of life. Because the end is always only the beginning.



Dorothy Johnston/The Northerner

**A littleR&R-** The Northerner staff at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association Conference in front of University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum. The staff took home 9 awards. Left to right: Brian Steffen, senior; Chris Specht, sophomore; Glenn Robinson, junior; Diana Schlake, senior; and John Kirtley, freshman.

## In Their Opinion

"Faith, n.. Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel."

-Ambrose Bierce

"Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable."

-H.L. Mencken

"Society produces rogues, and education makes one rogue cleverer than another."

-Oscar Wilde

"There is such a thing as too much couth."

-S.J. Perelman

"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."

-Herbert Spencer

"To change ones life: Start immediately. Do it flamboyantly. No exceptions."

-William James

## FAMOUS QUOTES

"For the very true beginning of wisdom is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love."

-Wisdom of Solomon 6:17

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TO: The NKU Community

FROM: Dr. Leon E. Boone, President  
Northern Kentucky University  
and  
Dr. Thomas E. Gustin, Dean  
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