

Organizations Unite To Address Concerns With DPS

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

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Students Together Against Racism and the fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha are currently organizing a forum to address a disagreement with Northern Kentucky University's Department of Public Safety. The disagreement centers around the procedures DPS used to disperse a crowd after the fraternity's annual dance Saturday, Feb. 14. Some of those who attended began to fight as the party ended, according to the DPS report.

According to the DPS dispatcher

nearly 75 people began fighting at approximately 2:11 a.m. Saturday morning, Feb. 14.

Steve Ingram, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said the fight was over and students were leaving when the DPS officer called for backup.

"By calling (for backup) they made a futile situation more hostile," said Ingram.

Police units from Alexandria, Southgate, Highland Heights, Cold Spring, Wilder, Fort Thomas and Campbell County were dispatched to the

University Center.

Ingram said he also heard the DPS officer call for backup. "He said his number, and then he said 'I need backup, there are 75 black people fighting,'" Ingram said.

He also said that there were only seven people actually fighting, and only 40 to 50 who attended

the event. Ingram questions why it was necessary to identify the race of the group.

Lilian Olembo, junior, said that

when she was walking back to her dorm room with a group of people she had a confrontation with a DPS officer. She said that the officer told her to go back to where she came from.

Fred Otto, director of Public Safety said, "No officer said anything racial." He said that some people were shouting racial slurs at the officers.

Sophomore Angel Chichester said, "When we were trying to ask questions (police officers) told us to 'shut up and leave.' When we started to walk off, they kept telling us to shut up and leave. We had to explain to him that we were going home, that we lived on campus."

Chichester also said that she felt

the police officers were not treating her with respect.

Otto said that the officers handled the incident as they were trained. "All DPS officers take part in the Cabinet of Criminal Justice training. We receive the same training as local police departments' officers," Otto said.

Michael Norwood, the director of Education Activities for Alpha Phi Alpha said that the "actions that (DPS) took were unprofessional." Two NKU students were arrested for "disorderly conduct," a misdemeanor, after shouting profanities at the DPS officers.

Ingram said that the students who were arrested "did keep talking when they shouldn't have."

Both people arrested were first-time offenders and are currently in the "Diversion" community service program. Once completing the community service, the charges will be dropped.

Of the 75 people DPS reported fighting, no person was arrested for fighting. No injuries were reported.

Elea Mihou, president of S.T.A.R., is currently organizing a forum to discuss the issue. The group hopes to invite DPS and university officials, the fraternity and others who were involved.

"S.T.A.R. is holding this forum to act as an outside party, to mediate. And work toward a solution," Mihou said.

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**-Steve Ingram
President, Alpha Phi Alpha**



Freshman Missy Bricking tries desperately to win free tuition during halftime at Thursday's basketball game against Kentucky Wesleyan.

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Searching For 300

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

In 1983 Nancy Winstel began as the head coach for the women's basketball team at Northern Kentucky University.

Last Saturday, 14 years later, Winstel entered the last game of the 1997-98 regular season searching for her 300th Norse win. Instead, the women's basketball team lost 68-70 in a last-second thriller against the Bellarmine College Knights.

The Norse trailed by 11 at halftime but exploded in the second half to tie the score at 59 with more than nine minutes remaining. However, NKU never led in the second half, and lost when junior forward Julie Stanley missed a last-second shot that would have tied the game.

"We came up short," Winstel said when asked about the loss. "We hit shots in the second half, but we have to start a game with more sense of purpose."

Another factor in the Norse defeat, according to Winstel, was the "lack of leadership" on the team in the first half.

The Norse also had a difficult time shooting free throws. The Knights shot 84 percent from the foul line compared to NKU's 44 percent.

Winstel recorded career win number 299 on Thursday when NKU defeated Kentucky Wesleyan 75-47.



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ONE SHORT: Basketball coach Nancy Winstel has 299 wins at NKU.

"UNITY" Talent Show Successful African-American History Honored

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

A dance to "When Doves Cry," a Whitney Houston song, and a rap song about the food at Northern Kentucky University.

These were among the performances by the winners of the Black Women's Organization's first annual UNITY Talent Show held Friday, Feb. 20.

The program began with Ingrid Rachel singing the Black National Anthem.

There were 12 individuals or groups competing in the talent show. All the contestants either sang, rapped or danced.

According to sophomore biology major Angel Chichester, the talent show's master of ceremonies and BWO treasurer, contestants were judged on costumes and props, group organization, presentation, creativity, technique, crowd response, and overall performance.

In between contestants, there were readings about black history in honor of Black History Month. These readings



The Diamond Cluster Hustlers performed at Friday's BWO talent show.

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honored African-Americans who had significantly contributed to African-American History.

In one black history presentation, reader Jerome Bowles said, "We honor their legacy and appreciate their service, and all of the contributions they have made to these United States."

On deciding to put on the talent show,

Chichester said, "We figured it was a way to get the people together and just have fun."

Receiving first place were NKU freshmen Shayla Rizzo and Hleyani Baloyi who danced to the song "When Doves Cry."

In second was freshman Ingrid Rachel who sang the Whitney Houston song, "I Believe In You and Me."

In third place was sophomore Hlaslan "Zim" Baloyi who performed a rap song about the food at NKU.

Rizzo, a communications major said, "We just thought participating would be fun. We were just trying to do something for the cause."

While the judges were determining the winners, special guest Adrian Hall entertained the audience with a song. NKU Junior Chris Boggs also jumped up on stage and sang.

Chichester said that because of BWO's name, many people assume that the group's events are just for black women. "We're promoting unity among everyone on this campus and everywhere. We put in the 'UNITY' to show that we're for everybody."

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Reporter

Fees are going up.

Housing, meal plans, and parking violations will all increase next semester. New fees include a tuberculosis test and the end of a limit to the Support of Learning Surcharge.

The increase in fees is an annual occurrence. Each year, fees are considered and reviewed on an individual basis according to the purpose of the fees. Some fees change from year to year, while others change over a longer period of time.

Housing and meal plan fees are rising to help pay for the maintenance of the facilities. The dorms and NKU village are considered an auxiliary enterprise, which is intended to operate like an independent business.

General education funds are not appropriated for the upkeep of those facilities. Therefore, the fees increase on an annual basis.

According to the proposal made in the Board of Regents meeting, meal plans will increase by \$15 per semester. Housing fees will increase varying amounts, depending on the dormitory and room occupancy.

A double occupancy room in Norse Hall will cost \$1,032 per student per semester, an increase of \$40. For the same kind of room in Kentucky and

Commonwealth Halls, it will cost \$808, an increase of \$31.

Woodcrest apartments will also see an increase, depending on the number of bedrooms and efficiencies.

People with parking violations will have to shell out more next semester. A normal parking violation will cost \$20 next semester, up from \$15 this semester. The cost of violations for parking in handicapped spots will climb to \$50, a \$20 increase.

The basic reason for this (parking violations) increase was to provide an incentive to follow the rules," Elzie Barker, Director for the Office of the Budget, said. "If the fine is high enough, people might decide not to do that."

Along with an increase for parking violations, a parking garage use fee will be established.

A fee of \$.50 for students and \$1 for visitors will be charged to anyone wanting to park in the garage.

Other new fees include a \$3 TB test fee and new restructured music program fees.

Not all fees are new or increased. Some are a result of a change in policy.

The support of learning surcharge is not rising, but it will no longer be limited. Currently, students are charged \$1 per credit hour, but no more than \$10 per semester for this surcharge. Beginning next semester, the \$10 limit will be eliminated.

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Committee Wants Results From New Fees

By Matt Moses
Staff Writer

For those of you who have \$60 in your pocket, hold it out right now.

South. Northern Kentucky University just grabbed it.

According to a memorandum from September, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Committee on Planning

Technology Advancement is recommending a \$60 per semester technology fee. The existing fee is \$20 per semester, said Chuck Frank, President of the Faculty Senate, and the committee chair.

Frank said, "Students could see improvements right away with the fee, instead of putting it in a general fund."

The 11 member SACS Technology Committee, who worked a year on the plan called the Strategic Action Plan for Instructional Technology, propose using \$40 of the fee for hardware and software and \$20

for staff positions.

Many computers were purchased by Interim President Jack Moreland in 1996-97 for student and library automation as well as 500 additional computers for faculty and staff, the memorandum said. These purchases have left NKU without a ready source of technology funds for this school year and next.

According to the memorandum, there is inadequate staff to support these new computers and to train users, and there is no plan to replace many computers when they become obsolete.

In order to prepare students for the 21st century, the memorandum said, NKU needs up to date software and hardware. However, no money was allocated after the 1996-97 school year for software other than standard software packages. Instruction is

ineffective without technology maintenance, the memorandum said.

In a meeting Tuesday, Frank, also a professor of math and computer science, outlined a plan in reply to numerous "must" statements that SACS gave NKU.

SACS is the group that re-accredits universities, therefore certifying them to hand out certain degrees.

SACS re-accredited NKU in the fall. Some of the "must" statements that NKU must work on completing are, maintaining and replacing technology, providing adequate staff to maintain technology, student computer competency and faculty training on how to use computer technology, the memorandum said.

Frank added, "We set up faculty with computers but don't give them instruction on how to integrate it into their instruction."

In April, Frank said approximately five SACS consultants are coming to NKU to offer suggestions and evaluate the committee's plan to improve and remedy its technology problems.

One of the remedies the memorandum recommends is hiring a Faculty Development Coordinator to assist faculty in using instructional technology. Computer workshops for faculty are also suggested.

Also recommended in the memorandum is the creation of a Vice President of Information Technology. This position would be in charge of technology planning and support across the university.

Frank said, "We are making million dollar decisions without any representation from the President's (Votruba) Cabinet."

The committee hopes that this position would better centralize decision making and planning, and give support for the future of technology at NKU.

Another recommendation is a one credit hour course for freshman on basic computing. In this

estimated five week course students would learn how to use e-mail, Internet search, Windows 95, word processing and electronic library search. Frank said, "This will free up teachers to focus on their discipline."

Another problem facing students is the inefficiency of registration. Long lines and closed classes can result in a frustrating day. The catalyst to this frustration, the memorandum said, is faculty advisors do not have up to date lists of closed courses. This causes them to advise students to take courses which are unavailable.

A recommendation that is more than two years away, said Michael Thomson, Director of Academic Computing, enables students or advisors to register for courses over the Internet. Included in this recommendation, the memorandum said faculty would have on-line access to student transcripts so they could properly advise them.

A final recommendation is the encouragement of freshman by the Office of Academic Computing to buy a computer.

At transitions, the freshman orientation, students and their parents would be shown basic computer packages that are coordinated with students' majors. This would create a standard computer system and software for all students in a major. System purchases would be urged.

However, there is no estimated time frame for the activation of these recommendations. Most are a couple of years away, Frank said. They are simply drawing board answers to the SACS "must" statements and possible technology improvements.

Frank said, the plans may not work out quite the way they were designed, but they are realistic. There has been considerable progress in NKU's technology, Frank said, and the committee wants more students to rely on their own computer. Yet, the OAC will still provide access to computers for students who do not own one, he said.

It is the responsibility of NKU to prepare its students because "More and more professional jobs require computer skills," Frank said.

Change Must Occur Before Re-accredited

By Kelly Sudzina
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University's year has come.

This year NKU must once again become accredited, but this time NKU is a pilot institution, which means that they are completing the process in a new way.

Every 10 years each institution has to go through a re-accreditation process to assure that the institution is up to regional standards.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the organization that sees that institutions in the southern region, like NKU, is meeting those standards.

"It's an accrediting organization essentially just to make sure that educational institutions are satisfying minimal guidelines, just making sure that institutions do the very basic things they need to do to provide services," said Jim McKenney, the self-study director.

SACS provides a book called *Criteria for Accreditation* to every school to provide the minimal guidelines every school is required to meet. In the book there are over 500 "must" statements, the specific things the institution must do to meet guidelines.

For every "must" statement in the book, NKU has a file folder in the library with documentation of how that guideline is being met.

When the re-accreditation process begins, SACS first sends a

committee, called a compliance audit committee, to look at the compiled information. It came to NKU last November and stayed for about four days, going through more than 500 file folders in the library, and then sent a letter to President James Votruba with its recommendations.

"They were very complimentary of our process, of the institution and what we're doing. And we just need to respond to the things that they said we needed to change and clarify," McKenney said.

Out of 500 criteria that the committee examined, it gave recommendations on eight things that need to be resolved. McKenney said, "They've given a report already about the institution, about just a handful, just a few little things, that we need to change."

NKU has a six or nine month period to respond, then a formal report documenting the intended changes will be sent back to SACS. Generally SACS will accept it and NKU will be re-accredited for 10 more years. This cycle is the same for all institutions in the southern region.

But this time NKU is a pilot institution in the accreditation process. NKU gets to decide what issues need work and establish committees to look into what could be done about the issues, as well as SACS coming to look at the documentation.

"We're a pilot institution in a new form or model of accreditation," McKenney said.

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-Jim McKenney

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inated. If a student takes 15 hours, the student will pay \$15.

The money for this surcharge goes to the purchase of classroom material and support of the library. The money raised from the removal of the cap will go directly to improvements of Steely Library.

"The increase in money will help to buy more new books, more computer terminals and more Internet access," Paul Gaston, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said. "The money collected is dedicated for the library. It doesn't pay any other expenses."

Also included in the budget is the \$20 athletic fee. Although there was an attempt to eliminate the fee when football was not passed, it will continue to be charged.

"In the process of investing in the possibility of a football team, we noticed how far behind NKU was compared to other Division II schools," Norleen Pomerantz, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, said.

"This fee will enable us to improve and enhance our athletic program and meet the Title IX and gender equity requirements," she said.

The student government supports many of the fees, but is opposed to the housing and parking violation increases. However, the increases were passed by the Board of Regents as a package.

Overall, fees at NKU are comparative to other universities in the state. In the 1996-97 school year, fees at NKU totaled \$150, which ranked fourth among the eight state-funded universities.

Morehead State University topped out at \$175 per semester, while Kentucky State University had the lowest in the state with \$105.

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

A report released in December 1997 showed the grade seniors gave Northern Kentucky University.

"What Seniors Tell Us," a report from the results of the 1995-96 Senior Assessment Survey showed how seniors ranked topics that ranged from advisors to parking.

The report also showed which benefits seniors took advantage of while they were students.

•17.1 percent of business majors took

more than 8 years to complete their bachelor's degree. Approximately 33 percent of seniors cited "a required course or courses were not available" as a reason for taking one or more extra semesters to finish their degree. Several business majors also cited "work obligations" as another reason for their graduation delay.

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-Department of Institutional Research

•13 percent of seniors never used the cir-

ulation, reference, or periodical services of Steely Library.

"Parking was the lowest ranked service of Northern Kentucky University, closely followed by Financial Aid Services.

"Students indicated that their college experience overall helped to improve their "problem solving and analytical thinking" skills.

Chris Gregory, a radio/television graduate, who took part in this assessment test said that she enjoyed her experience at NKU. "I had a great time and met a lot of people. If I didn't have so many jobs when I was getting my degree, I would have loved to participate more in university activities," Gregory said.

Gregory's experience is similar to others' at NKU. According to the survey, seniors'

involvement in student activities averaged "less than seldom" across the eight extracurricular activities listed in the survey. Almost half (48.1 percent) of seniors in the lowest grade point average group reported spending three or fewer hours on campus. Nearly 50 percent of students work from 21-40 hours per week.

However, most of the students that took the survey did have one thing in common. Nine out of ten seniors strongly agreed with the statement, "I would highly recommend NKU to another student."

The survey is required for all students who have completed 90 semester hours of study. The university is required by the state of Kentucky to assess students that are graduating.

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tion. They're trying this on certain selected topics to see how the process works. And if it works well, then they'll make it the standard model," McKenney said.

There are several stages of this new model of accreditation. It's a two-pronged process. While SACS reviews information on NKU and says what has to be changed, NKU has the opportunity to pick areas to concentrate on what they feel need work.

For the past two years, the self-study committees have been working on four different issues: technology, advising and course offerings, part-time reliance and developmental instruction.

Just in the past two weeks these committees have made their recommendations. Now their recommendations will go through a final revision

and be sent to the SACS consultative committee that will be coming in April. The consultative committee will review the information, then come to NKU and draw their own conclusions and they will write a report and send it to President Votruba.

President Votruba will take this information and decide what to do with it.

"I would feel very confident in saying that as a outgrowth of this entire process that there will be significant changes in the institution in the areas we've discussed. I don't exactly know what the changes will be, but the process has certainly brought all of these issues to focus and it's gotten lots of discussion, it has the attention of everybody and I know it will just not be dropped. We just wouldn't allow that to happen," McKenney said.

DPS officers responded to Woodcrest apartments in reference to a screaming female. Upon arrival, the officers met with a crying female and a male who were having an argument about their relationship. Both persons did not want the presence of the police at the scene and stated that their confrontation was private.

DPS officers responded to Kentucky Hall in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival the officers observed a male and female outside Kentucky Hall. The male was inate and disorderly when approached by the officers. He stated that he and his fiancée were having personal problems which resulted in loud emotional outbursts.

DPS responded to a



woman who had fallen when a concrete step gave way. The woman had fallen on her lower back and was transported to St. Luke East by Cold Spring Squad. DPS took note of other steps that needed to be repaired in the Norse and Woodcrest areas, and reported it to maintenance.

A verbal confrontation occurred between female A and female B. Female A refused to leave the room of female B during an argument. After DPS officers explained to female A that she would need to leave, she agreed and left.

A DPS officer stopped a vehicle on University Drive that had no insignia attached to the rear license plate. The registration for this vehicle came back expired as of December 1997. Upon further inspection the officer observed an insignia for October 1998 on the front plate. However, this insignia was registered to a 1987 Honda, whereas, the vehicle that was stopped was a 1997 Saab. The driver of the vehicle was cited for expired registration and improper display of

Dean's Scholarship 1998-1999 Academic Year

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

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Completion of no fewer than 60 credit hours
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50
3. A declared major at NKU.
4. Attendance in fall and spring semesters of the current academic year and completion of at least 18 credit hours over the two semesters.
5. Enrollment as a full-time student throughout the fall and spring semesters of the award year.
6. Students holding full-year tuition scholarships are not eligible.

Beginning February 27 application forms may be obtained from departmental office. Students must submit applications to a faculty member of their major on or before March 27.

Improved Advising A Future NKU Goal

By Forrest Berkshire
Staff Reporter

During Spring Registration, were you or someone you know locked out of a class you need for graduation?

In a 1993-1994 senior survey, 32.8 percent of seniors at NKU cited "courses not available" as the reason for their graduation date being delayed.

While adding more General Requirement seats is one way to rectify the problem, the major concern of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) self study was the lack of systematic lower-division undergraduate advising, and the related retention and persistence of students.

J i m McKenney, the self-study director, is currently in charge of an Advising Task Force that is taking a closer look at the advising situation at NKU.

The committee's purpose is to generate questions that will be posed to consultants from SACS who will be visiting NKU in April.

The committee has been reviewing the situation at NKU for the past two years and has carried out several surveys to help better understand it. The basis of the Strategic Self-Study proposed by NKU is: in times of budgetary constraint, how can the university better match its instructional staffing and resources to student enrollment?

Some of the ways they have proposed to enhance this is better training of faculty in advising, and the use of technology to aid them. Only 38 percent of the faculty surveyed rated themselves as prepared to advise students in general studies. Sixty-five percent of the faculty felt well prepared to advise students in their major.

Although the faculty at NKU felt the advising at NKU was average, 85.7 percent felt it was extremely important.

There is some discussion as to the reason for the advising problem at NKU. One reason given is that there is no rewards system for professors.

The average time needed for adequate attention per student is estimated to be one hour. Most advisors are seated with 30-40 students, so that is an additional 40 hours of work, outside of class and research time, that they are expected to do for free.

David Emery, Director of the Academic Advising Resource Center, said that for every advisor they have, there are 667 students that advisor is responsible for.

In a survey of ENG 101/291 students, primarily consisting of sophomores and juniors, 24 percent of them said that they were not even aware of who their advisor was, but 97 percent of them stated that they had met with them. Students ranked their advisors highly on average, and 64 percent said they would recommend their advisor to a friend.

However, 48 percent of students surveyed stated their advisor encourages them to assume an active role in their educational planning by learning NKU requirements. Overall, the answers to the student surveys suggest that they are well satisfied with their advising experiences at NKU.

Addressing the issue of training, the Executive Summary from the Self-Study Issue Committee stated: "It is not uncommon for new faculty to be thrown untrained into the deep, cold waters of academic advising. If an institution is going to be committed to quality advising, a system of training needs to be established for new faculty."

In order for this to occur, "Training needs to encompass an understanding of different types of students, institutional and curricular information, and relational skills and knowledge. More is required than merely keeping up with curricular rule changes," according to the SACS report.

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-SACS Report

NKU Squad Head And Shoulders Above The Rest

Out Of Bounds



By Tony
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Sports Editor

Fans who entered Regents Hall last Thursday night for the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball game probably thought they were stepping onto the set of "ER."

With so many key players hobbling around with battered knees, swollen lymph nodes, and dislocated elbows, some of the Norse faithful had given up on their ailing team.

As usual, the NKU cheerleaders refused to give up hope. With their help from the baseline, the Norse shook off their various slings, bandages, and ice packs and smashed Great Lakes Valley Conference giant Kentucky Wesleyan before a sell-out crowd.

Being an unheralded hero of the hardwood isn't easy. Especially at a school like NKU, which is not exactly known for its fiery crowd.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm yelling at a brick wall," said Casey Fisk. Fisk, along with his 16 teammates, may be the most unappreciated athletes at NKU. In fact, about the only time the home crowd acknowledges the cheerleaders is when they start chucking free basketballs and hats into the stands.

"They are the unsung heroes," said cheerleading coach Sandy Hasson. "People don't realize the sacrifices they put into what they do."

Hasson said in addition to practicing 25 hours a week year-round, the squad hosts summer camps and exhibitions to raise money for equipment. In return, the cheerleaders, except for the freshmen, receive \$250 a semester for their efforts.

And \$250 doesn't exactly go a long way, especially when the squad pays its own way to cheer at games on the road.

Sophomore Bill Pilgrim said fans at other universities can be even less accommodating.

"At the University of Southern Indiana, the fans tried to get us kicked out," Pilgrim said. "There just wasn't much space for us. They told us to get the (heck) out of the way."

Despite a lot of adversity, the cheerleaders have used their pep to pave the way to six consecutive trips to the Division II national championships. The past three years, the squad has finished in the top three and appeared on ESPN.

Pilgrim said television exposure is only one of the fringe benefits of being a cheerleader for the Norse.

"We get the same privileges the other athletes do," said Pilgrim. "We get to register early for classes and we get the Athletic Department newsletter in the mail."

Pilgrim's teammate, Joe Haines, also looks on the bright side. "We can walk right into the health center," Haines said. "We don't even

have to swipe our I.D. cards."

Getting an NKU crowd fired up may be as difficult as starting a moose pit at a Barry Manilow concert, but the cheerleaders have a few allies in the crowd to help them accomplish their mission.

Freshman Janine Madonia said the squad really appreciates the efforts of Chris Boggs, infamous leader of the student section.

"Boggs takes care of the fans at the opposite end of the court," Madonia said. "Our job is really fun when he helps get the crowd involved."

Hasson said she hopes the university begins to realize what a positive role model the squad is.

After the KWC victory, at least one Norse fan was impressed by Hasson's squad.

Sophomore Kevin Seibert left Regents Hall Thursday night with a huge grin, clutching a blue basketball emblazoned with the Ameristop logo.

"I love the NKU cheerleaders," Seibert said. "They gave me a free basketball!"



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CHEERS: The nationally acclaimed NKU cheerleading squad performs for the Homecoming Crowd.

Senior Night A Success For Battered Norse



Jeff McCurry / The Northerner
REBOUNDING BATTLE: NKU freshman Adam Norwell (42) battles Norse senior Cliff Clinton (44) for a rebound.

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

It has been said that an animal is most dangerous when it has been wounded.

Someone should have told that to the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers.

Last Thursday the Panthers, ranked No. 4 in the country, entered Regents Hall expecting to cruise to victory. Instead, they were beaten by the battered and bruised Norse of NKU 83-76.

"I think this sends a message out to all of Division II basketball," NKU head coach Ken Shields said following his team's win.

NKU entered the game with several question marks.

Senior center Cliff Clinton, the team's leading scorer and rebounder (15.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game), was nursing an inflamed lymph.

Junior forward Scott Marston, the third leading scorer for the Norse with 11.9 points per game, was returning from a dislocated left elbow. NKU also had two guards, senior Demond Lane and junior Aaron Fehler, with ankle ailments.

The biggest break for the Norse

came when Clinton said he was ready to play.

"I didn't know until seven minutes left in the pregame that Cliff was going to go," Shields said.

"Beating them here tonight with

Cliff's injury was a task that was going to be so arduous. I didn't know if we would do it," Shields added.

Shields said of the prospect of playing KWC without Clinton, "Without him, I don't know if we could possibly beat them."

Clinton, too, was relieved that he could contribute. "Yep. There was a doubt,"

said the Norse senior, following his last regular season home game. "But I don't think anybody can stop us when we're at the top of our game."

Though Clinton did not start for NKU, he did contribute. He scored 15 points off the bench and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Shields said after the game that Clinton had sent out a statement. When asked to comment on KWC head coach Ray Harper's suggestion

that Panther center Antonio Garcia was the best player in the conference, Shields said, "I really think that Cliff is right up there at the top."

NKU junior Todd Clark agrees.

"If he (Garcia) is the best player in our conference then that is just a total insult to our conference," Clark said. "And if he is one of the best players in Division II basketball, then that is just a total insult to Division II basketball."

Clinton said

Garcia is a good rebounder, but that "all he really does is rebound."

Garcia finished with five rebounds and 24 points.

"But most of his points came from one foot out or from the free-throw line," Clinton said. Garcia shot 10-for-12 from the free-throw line.

The Norse were led by freshman Brian Lawhorn who scored 20 points, including three-for-five from three point range and nine-for-nine from the foul line.



Brian Lawhorn

A Lesson In Norse Mythology

Cole's Pit



By Chris
Cole
Sports Editor

The Darker Side of Sports

I never thought I'd be happy to get a tattoo.

But if the NKU men's basketball team continues to be world-beaters and advances to the Elite Eight, I will.

That's because I've got a big mouth. In the Nov. 12 Basketball Preview in *The Northerner*, Cole's Pit sent a challenge out to the team.

"If NKU makes it to the Elite Eight this year, I will have my head, pierce my ear and get a Norse tattoo," I foolishly said.

When the banged-up Norse came together to beat No. 4 Kentucky Wesleyan College last Thursday, I realized I might be screwed.

That's right. Head shaved, ear pierced and permanently marked. Pretty scary sight, huh?

But I'll do it.

I'll do it because I said I would. I've made my bed and I am willing to lie in it.

And though it sucks, I'm more than willing to do it because I believe the team has accomplished more this season than any other team in NKU history.

Even more than the Cluxton, Moore and Minor national runner-up squads.

A lot was written about those teams. They have been anointed and their legacy will live on forever.

If this season's cast—comprised of the extras from years passed and a few new faces—is able to return to Louisville in March, they will have done something that is perhaps as important as their predecessors.

They will have kept the legacy alive and kept NKU on the map. Sometimes keeping your reputation can be harder than earning it.

Cluxton, Moore and Minor never had "doubting Thomases" to worry about, because no one expected anything more than hard work.

This season, the Norse had a standard to live up to. They had to replace the school's all-time assists

leader, all-time rebound leader and all-time basketball free-throw hero.

I can't remember how many times I heard about the nearly 5,000 points the team was losing.

Hell, I can't remember how many times I wrote about the nearly 5,000 points the team was losing.

And when everyone began to write off the program as a school who's luck was running out, the team began winning ball games.

The Listermen continued to dive for loose balls—and even recruited a third in Brian Lawhorn.

Cliff Clinton continued to school defenders and score 15 points every night and Todd Clark continued to perfect his spin-move.

From the very beginning, when

junior transfer Scott Marston dislocated his left elbow during the summer, this team chose to fight the odds.

No Marston dislocated elbow, Clark suspension, Marston dislocated elbow or Marston dislocated elbow (he subsequently dislocated it two more times) was going to stop them from achieving their goal.

Neither were sprained ankles, technical fouls or a swollen Clinton lymph node.

The Norse held their ground. They have won through it all.

And though this squad may not live forever in Norse mythology like the Cluxton, Moore and Minor teams, they may still leave their mark.

And it may be on my left arm.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Name: Cliff Clinton
Sport: Men's Basketball
Accomplishment: Clinton scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds against Kentucky Wesleyan. He also scored 17 against Bellarmine College.



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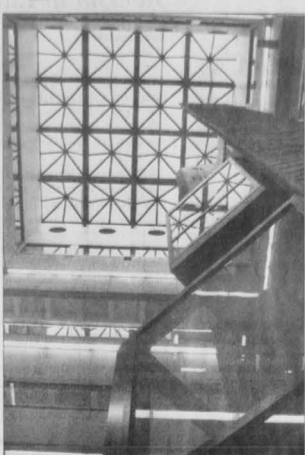
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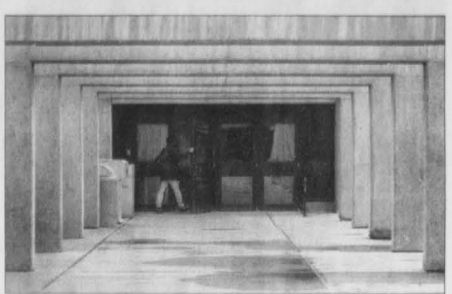
A New Perspective Of Northern



Jackie Conley/The Northern
From this angle, Nunn Hall shows off clean lines and symme-



Chris Mayhew/The Northern
The skylights and the elevator in Steely Library seem to be a sea of triangles.



Lorrie Carmack/The Northern
The entrance way to Steely Library gives viewers a hint of an optical illusion effect.

Visualization

About twenty students from a photojournalism class were assigned to photograph Northern Kentucky University for "Architecture Today."

What these students came out with was amazing.

It was a fresh look at the campus from angles that have never



Rebecca Haven/The Northern
The sculpture by Jack Gron that sits outside the AS&T building was dedicated in May of 1991.



Anna Weaver/The Northern
This Red Grooms' sculpture of D.W. Griffith directing "Way Down East" was missing from NKU in 1985. It was lent to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History as a showpiece for its two year collection of Hollywood memorabilia.

Appreciation

By Anna Weaver
Photo Editor

"The concrete jungle" has become somewhat of a cliché when it comes to describing NKU's campus.

In fact, it's rare that any good comments will come out of having a discussion about the look of the campus.

It has been described as ugly, boring and mundane by students. Fortunately, not everyone has this attitude.

President James Votruba once said that to him the campus radiates vibrance and energy. Not only does he have a positive outlook for the possibilities of this university, he can also look out onto the university positively (it helps that his office has a great view, too).

As a student, however, you may not be as concerned as the President with the vibrance, energy, and the long term goals of NKU. You go to classes everyday and wonder "Was there a sale on concrete the day they decided to build this campus?" And although the "Way Down East" statue is surrounded by heated controversy, your eyes may still marvel at the sight of it for one reason: COLOR!

Then again, you don't attend NKU for the buildings. You come for what is inside them. You come for small classes that are taught by qualified professors at a fraction of the price of other schools.

But aesthetics do matter. For those of us that don't just go to class and come home, students or

faculty that spend up to 12 hours a day here or live here, we have to learn to appreciate the beauty of NKU.

It's not about what the campus looks like, it's about HOW you look at it. If your eyes scan over the campus and all you see is sharp edges of concrete, you're not looking hard enough. Learning to appreciate something means looking at it at from angles you never would have thought of before.

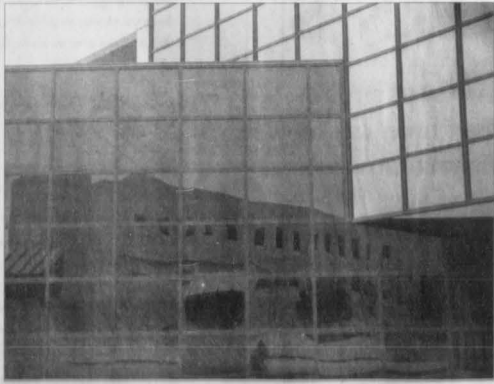
- Okay, maybe the metal box is kind of ugly, but it's pretty neat when you see people sitting in there.
- Try hiking up to Skyline on John's Hill Rd. After that beer, notice how cool NKU looks from a bird's eye view.
- Go down and feed the ducks at Lake Inferior.
- Spend some time hanging out in the grass. It's relaxing and thanks to El Nino we having some great pre-spring weather.
- Look up the next time you're at Steely Library. There are some really cool skylights at the top of the building. You can also have fun riding that neat glass elevator.

These are just some suggestions for helping you get to know NKU a little better, and hopefully appreciate its beauty in the process.

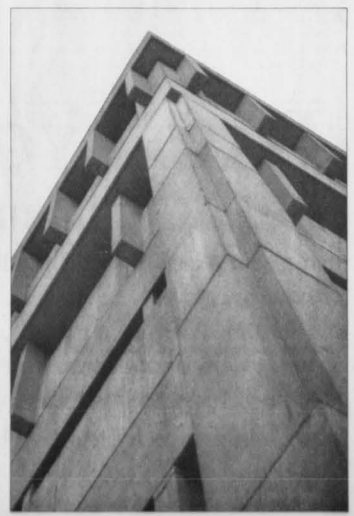
But for the hard nose "brick and ivy or bust" types, there may be no hope for ever seeing NKU as anything but ugly. Building materials aren't what makes NKU beautiful from year to year. It's the people. (FYI- The Natural Science Building has ivy growing on it).



Chris Mayhew/The Northern
Architecture below the University Center and the Administrative Center presents a keyhole effect.



Stacy Ridgway/The Northern
Landrum Academic Center has a fun house reflection in the windows its neighbor, Steely Library.



Lorrie Carmack/The Northern
Nunn Hall was the first building on NKU's Highland Heights Campus. The ground breaking ceremony was in 1971.

A Pose with the Prez

Margie Wise/The
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SMILE: Mildred Patterson, a psychology major from Cincinnati, OH, took some time out from the festivities before Thursday's game against Kentucky-Western to have her picture taken with NKU President James Votruba at the tailgating party which was sponsored by APB.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 26

- Book discussion on Toni Morrison's "Paradise"
- 3:30 p.m. UC Faculty/Staff Dining room
- Cholesterol screening
- NKU Health Office / call 572-5650 for appointment
- An African-American Genealogy Clinic

- 12:15 p.m. UC Theatre
- Military History Lecture series
- 3 p.m. LA 417

Friday, Feb. 27

- Colors of Leadership conference
- Contact Donna Watts UC 352
- NKU symphonic winds

- Concert
- 8 p.m. Greaves Hall

Wednesday, March 4

- Prayer at the Pole
- 12 p.m. Nunn Hall pole

Friday, March 6

- A Night of Simple Elegance
- 7 p.m. UC Ballroom

Future of NKU Photography

by Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

Northern Kentucky University photography professor Barry Andersen wanted to teach before he was even interested in photography.

"Teaching was in my bones," Andersen said.

According to Andersen, his goal throughout undergraduate school had always been to teach at the college level. "In fact," he said, "I wanted to teach physics before I was a photography major."

Andersen said his interests switched to photography after a trip in 1968.

"My serious interest in photography began when I made a trip through Europe to India mostly by trains and buses in 1968. I took a lot of pictures. When I came back, I thought I would take photography classes. I took one photography class and was hooked."

Andersen graduated from California State University Northridge in 1973. "That's where I grew up," Andersen said. "Then I went to the University of

Florida because of its graduate program and faculty."

After earning a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1975, Andersen came to NKU. "I applied to a number of jobs and was fortunate to get a job here. I thought I'd be here four or five years."

Andersen has served as head of NKU's photography program since 1975.

"Since I've been here we have started a program in color photography. There wasn't much color photography in use in the early '70s. In the late '70s and into the '80s, color photography started to gain more popularity with artists, so we now have a color photography class. That was a shift of technology I had to be self-taught in."

"More recently and exciting for me is self-teaching in digital photography. Digital photography is going to revolutionize how photographers work. So we're now teaching that here as well."



Barry Andersen

Andersen is currently the faculty regent on NKU's Board of Regents. "I'm elected to be the voice of the faculty on the Board of Regents, which does make policy decisions about what the university is doing," Andersen said. "I think, most importantly, the faculty regent has access to certain direct communication with the president and can speak about faculty concerns, issues that we feel are important to educating students well."

NKU photography major Greg Wilhelm-Olsen described Andersen as very friendly, kind-hearted, gentle, and a good teacher. "He works way too hard for the amount of money he gets," said Wilhelm-Olsen. "He's always here."

"He's like a dad, a father-figure," David Wischer, a junior graphic design major, said of Andersen. "He's interested in other stuff you're doing besides photography. It's hard to get an 'A' from him, but when you do, you know you deserve it."

Seminar On Slavery

Racism in Literature discussed

Julie Futscher
Staff Reporter

Dr. Robert Wallace, a Literature and Language professor, said when he chose to use "The Heath Anthology" for his literature 208 class, he learned a lot himself.

Unlike many literature books that contain only white authors, "The Heath Anthology" is compiled of many multi-cultural works, including many excerpts from African-American writers. "It is like revealing the secret history of the United States," Wallace said.

In honor of Black History Month Wallace, colleague Dr. John Alberti, and four of Wallace's past students presented, "From Munich to Maysville: Thoughts and Images on Race and Slavery From Students in an American Literature Survey Class."

The presentation included the students perspective on the works in "The Heath Anthology."

Alberti helped to edit "The Heath Anthology", which he also uses in his literature classes.

"I envy my students because they get the opportunity to read diverse literature," Alberti said.

Looking back on his early education, he said he was astonished he could only name one African American author he had read.

"It was like discovering the beauty of the unknown," Alberti said about the literature of different cultures.

"Slavery is like 200 years of Holocaust." Author Toni Morrison said, in a television interview about her novel "Beloved", which is included in the anthology.

This statement was the basis of a paper Andrea Klasterer, a student from Munich, Germany, wrote for Wallace's class.

Klasterer discussed her amazement at Morrison's analogy, and the realization that both incidents represented what could happen when prejudice became societal law.

After reading in "The Heath Anthology" a Native American myth about how the White Man was created, Darla Rosenstiel, a junior education major, created a painting.

The painting represented the difference between the Native American's perception of the American frontier and White Man's perception of that same frontier.

Her painting consisted of a silhouette of head with two profiles, each facing the opposite direction.

Rosenstiel said, the race of the men was undetermined and unimportant.

Each face looked at a different landscape.

One landscape represented the Native American's view of freedom, with buffalo roaming open land.

The other represented the White Man's view of freedom, which is owning a piece of their own land.

"As the sun set in the painting on the Native American side, it rose on the White Man's side."

This was to show the passing of

the Native American way of thinking, and the rising of the White Man's way of thinking, Rosenstiel said.

The vision Kerry Simkonis, a junior radio and TV major, received from the literature in the anthology took the form of a poem titled "The Visit".

Wallace read the poem for Simkonis, who could not be present.

The audience sat in silence as he read. Halfway through the poem Wallace teared up, and paused to apologize for getting emotional.

The last part of the title, "Maysville", came from Catherine Clarke, an education graduate student.

Clarke said after dropping her children off at school one morning in Maysville, Ky., she looked across the river to see Ohio.

After seeing the Ohio river, Clarke said she began to think of the novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin, she had read in Wallace's class."

In the book, crossing the Ohio river meant freedom. From that experience Clarke created an abstract painting.

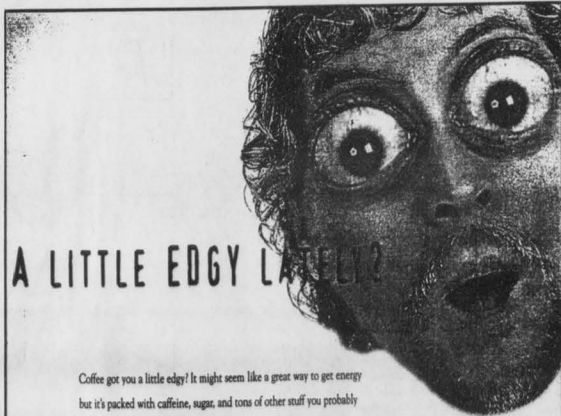
She said the turbulent waters depicted in the painting showed the struggle that human beings of all races go through.

A heart represented God's love of all people. Chains breaking and turning into butterflies were the breaking away of slavery and the hope of a brighter day.

"God's love is with all of us," Clarke said. "No matter what color we are."

"It is like revealing the secret history of the United States."

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TWO MINUTES FROM NKU!

Tests No Big Deal

By Gabrielle Dion
Editor In Chief

One reward of finally reaching 90 credit hours at NKU is getting to take the Senior Assessment Test. Even though the acronym is the same, it's not quite the SAT. Not even close.

My experience taught me that the university treats this test as bothersome, just one more thing that the state makes them do. I can't speak for everyone, but my personal experience with this test shows that the university obviously doesn't care about it.

I knew I had to take the test when I reached my 90 hours in Fall of 1996, but I never received a letter. I graduated in December without ever taking that test. I even went to the Testing Office in November to see if I had to take the test to graduate. I was told there was a computer glitch and

not to worry about it. I didn't receive a letter until January of this year. I wondered why I received a letter now—I am in graduate school at NKU. My diploma was not held, even though this was a "mandatory" test.

Doesn't NKU care about my assessment? I have many opinions of the school, but I never had a chance to voice them. I would have gladly taken out an hour of my time to let the university know what I thought of my experiences as an undergraduate. I would have liked to have contributed to the statistics. But I didn't get that chance. I was told not to worry about it.

I can't help but wonder, how many others were like me? Who else was shoved under the carpet, told not to worry about it? If this test is so important, the university should assure that no students graduate without taking it.

Shape Up Or Ship Out

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

It's Saturday morning. You wake up slowly, getting out of bed around noon. Stepping out of your bedroom, you step on pizza boxes and empty aluminum cans. The smell of stale beer fills your nostrils, and you slowly realize what's happened. You've been invaded. Invaded by the roommate from hell.

Now your friends don't understand. They say no two people are the same and you just have to "adjust" to differences.

But they've never lived with your roommate. They've never had to "adjust" to the smell of fungi growing on old cereal bowls that sit at the bottom of the growing mound of dishes in the sink.

They've never had to "adjust" to the dry mud path that starts at your doorway and ends up at (you guessed it, X marks the spot) your roommate's bedroom door.

Have they ever had to "adjust" to the smell in the bathroom from a roommate who can't aim?

Is it possible that they have had to "adjust" to the idea that the only time to truly enjoy loud music is at 3 a.m. on Tuesday night? Not likely.

But what can you do?

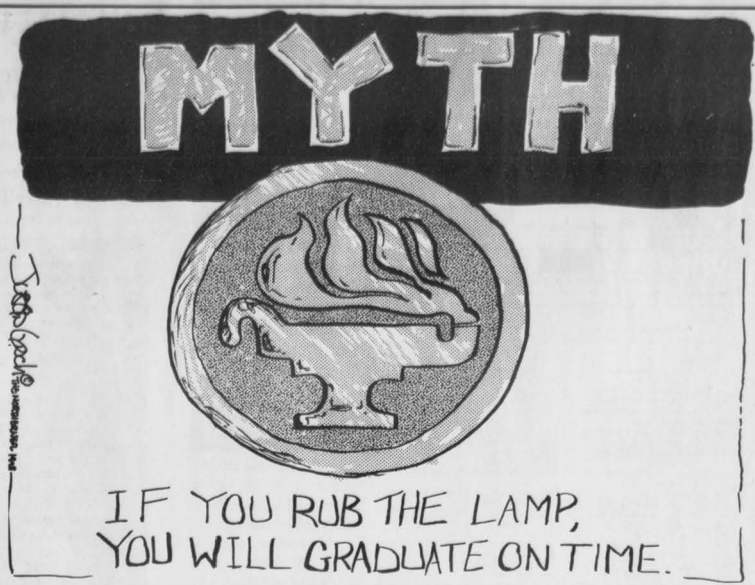
Leave reminder notes hanging up for them? (By the way, be sure to visit my last place of residence, the ensemble decor is "Post-It Note" yellow.)

Maybe try talking to them? Be prepared for a blank expression with the common phrase from them being something like, "uh huh, okay, uh huh, sure man," repeated several times.

Wage war? "I'll show them, I'll be just like them and never clean up everything!" Yeah! That'll show 'em! Don't be surprised when your roommate suddenly feels the two of you now have a common bond.

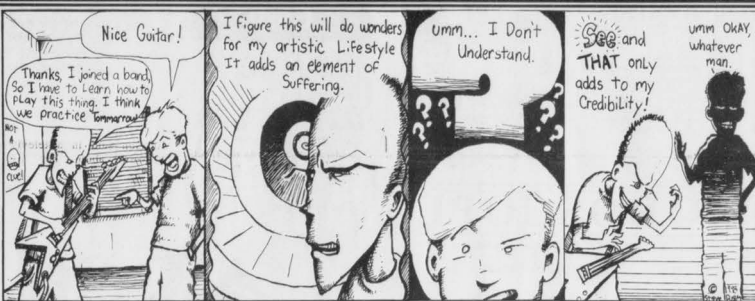
Clean up after them, grin, bare it? Really. That's the only thing you can do. Because they aren't going to change. Realize it now. The only way you can get rid of your roommate is to move.

Don't misunderstand! There are good roommates out there. So if you find one like the two I (now) have consider yourself lucky!



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by Lynch and Durm



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NORTH POLL

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE WORLD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

By Anna Weaver and Suzanne Fleming

Julie Stratton
Theatre
Highland Heights

"I would make the American dream more of a reality because people who work hard deserve rewards."



Leah McIntyre
Political Science
Carrollton

"That everybody's dreams could be attainable."



Tony Plummer
Philosophy
Southgate

"I wish there were a lot less people and I'd make the ones that were left smarter."



T.L. Jackson
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"I'd change the way people act toward different situations."

Kevin Harvill
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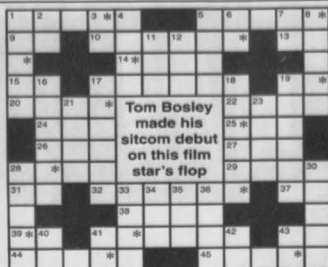


Joey Smith
Business
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"I'd say world peace because of everything that's going on right now in Iraq."

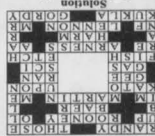


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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- Home Improvement role
 - Amazing Animals (1980-81)
 - Freud
 - 60 Minutes personality
 - Man River
 - Jethro Bodine's portrayer
 - Dickens-Hop's Fenster
 - '62-'63 John Astin series
 - Role on *Fraser*
 - Word in the title of George Segal's series
 - Bruce Lee's *The Green Hornet* role
 - Chow - a Scoundrel; '73 Zero Mostel film
 - Seventh of 26
 - All the Way; '51 Shelley Winters movie
 - Food Lodging; '92
 - Ione Skye film
 - The - Fi Channel
 - Barney Miller role
 - Engrave
 - Prefix for place or finish
 - Actor James
 - Initials for the star of *M*A*S*H*
 - Role on *JAG*
 - Fell's monogram
 - Last name for singing sisters
 - Novak (1963-65)
 - Frank & Olie (1948-57)
 - John Amos' role on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
- DOWN**
- Cube inventor
 - Monogram for the star of *Dangerous Minds*
 - Start of the title of Seymour's series
 - Actor Malik
 - Lois Lane's portrayer
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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Your budget may be stretched to the limit. You may have to find some creative ways to make ends meet.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Stop by the local nursery and pick up some plants to brighten your home. It's amazing what a little greenery can do to raise spirits.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

It is never easy for Geminis to make long-range plans, but it is necessary. Career expectations come into focus.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

An internal conflict may send you down the wrong path. Seek advice from a trusted friend and share your burdens.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

An insightful conversation will make you see a certain someone in a whole new light. Be wary of strangers bearing gifts.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Your creative powers are stronger than ever and you should let yourself go. An outing with friends is more fun than expected.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Stop worrying about the way you think things should be and appreciate what you have. A charity event proves interesting.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Family activities and personal priorities are in focus now. A business discussion makes you want to check the fine print on a contract.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

You've grown tired of the "everything is a crisis" lifestyle. It's time to sit down with family members and let them know your feelings.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

A partnership could prove more fruitful than you imagined. The urge to play hooky is strong, but you need to finish that big project first.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

After spending some quality time with children, you may notice you feel younger than ever. A business problem should be dealt with quickly.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

A dream about a love relationship may come true, but not quite the way you expected. Learn a new skill to make you more bankable in the work force.

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If travel privileges, a professional customer service approach and the convenience of working on NKU's Campus appeal to you, take advantage of this **immediate opportunity** for a part-time (20 hours per week). Student Reservation Sales Representative position today.

Successful applicants will receive training pay and are required to type 20 wpm, be service oriented, and able to work evenings, weekends and holidays. Must also be a full-time NKU student (minimum 12 credit hours) and maintain at least a 2.2 GPA. Must be able to provide proper working documents verifying eligibility to be employed in the USA.

Training pay is \$5.15 per hour for the first 30 days, from 31 days to 6 months pay is \$6.38 per hour, then after 6 months the pay increases to \$6.73 per hour.

Applications may be picked up at Delta Air Lines Campus Reservation Center located on the Lower Level of the University Center or at the Career Development Center, UC 320 or call 572-5900.

<http://www.nku.edu/~cdc/delta.htm>