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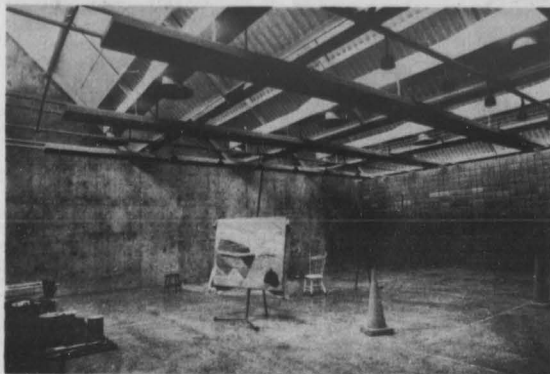
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## Fine Arts move

Since the beginning of this semester, the different divisions in the Fine Arts department have been moving into new facilities such as the art room pictured above. See accompanying story on page five.

## NKU holds Homecoming

Homecoming at NKU will be held this weekend.

The activities begin on Friday, Jan. 28 with a dance at "Guys and Dolls" in Cold Spring. Sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, bash tickets cost \$2 and anyone may attend, according to Steve Toner, director of alumni affairs.

On Saturday, there will be a tour of the campus for alumni, beginning with the W. Frank Steely Library at 6:30 p.m. Toner said the tour will include new buildings on campus which alumni members may not have seen.

A basketball game matching the Norsemen with Bellarmine's Knights is scheduled for 8 p.m. in

Regents Hall Saturday night.

The homecoming queen will be crowned as part of the 25 minutes of halftime festivities, according to Toner.

Queen candidates and their sponsors are: Catherine Fields, Theta Phi Alpha Sorority; Sue Ann Hodges, Alpha Delta Gamma Fraternity; Marcia Kendig, cheerleaders; Melinda Lang, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority; Mary Lee Mohr, Bookstore; Yvonne M. Reutman, Sigma Nu Fraternity; Cyndy Robinson, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; Linda Schaefer, Delta Zeta Sorority; Robin Sittason, Stage Co. of NKU; and Sharon Smith, Golden Girls.

## University Center to open in May

Construction on NKU's \$5.6 million University Center is 75% complete and should be ready for occupancy by May 1, 1977, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs John DeMarcus reported to the Board of Regents last week.

DeMarcus also told the regents that:

\*the Fine Arts Building is complete externally and internal work (carpeting, painting, construction of an orchestra pit, theatre sound and lighting equipment, lockers and stage rigging) is now being completed by a series of individual contracts. The

building will be dedicated in the spring.

\*the intramural track and field is complete, but will be inoperable until spring.

\*the Administrative Center (cost \$5.5 million) is under design. An aesthetic addition to the building, which will include all of NKU's administrative offices, will be an exterior clock which will chime allowing the sounds to be heard over the campus on the hour and half-hour.

\*the new Academic Building (cost: \$6.6 million) is also under

design. It will house the departments of education, psychology and business administration.

\*the vocational educational building, under the direction of the Kentucky Department of Education, is now under construction on the NKU campus and should be completed by January, 1978. NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright told the regents that, because of a mixup in bidding by the state, the building may be red brick rather than concrete, NKU's specialty.

## Faculty to respond to important issues

by Tim Funk

An ad hoc committee of NKU's Faculty Senate has begun examining policy statements regarding tenure, promotion and performance review in an effort to advise the Senate on how to respond to them before a Feb. 14 deadline imposed by President Dr. A. D. Albright.

The policy statements were written by "faculty assistants" appointed by Albright, and cover such issues as university reorganization, missions, tenure, promotion and faculty performance review.

Albright forwarded the policy statements to the Senate for response, and, according to Senate President Dr. Robert Vitz, "If we don't speak now, I'm afraid we won't be asked later."

Several senators present at a Monday, Jan. 24, meeting criticized Albright for "giving us so little time to study such major issues."

Robert Schneider, NKU librarian, said that the policy statements were products of individual faculty members and for the Senate to respond hastily to the contents of the statements would "not be my idea of wide faculty participation."

Vitz said he remembered discussing the issues dealt with in the policy statements "But we always seemed to be talking about them in terms of the future. The future seems to be now."

Vitz directed the ad hoc committee to report back to a special Senate meeting Feb. 14, the day Albright has asked to receive Senate response. Each "response" proposal must be discussed and voted on at the meeting before it can be transmitted to Albright.

Dr. Gene Scholes, who is serving as acting president until Albright returns from a trip to Algeria Feb. 13, told *The Northerner* that the Senate "should view Feb. 14 not as a deadline but as a target date." He added that the faculty is conversant with the issues the policy statements deal with and that such familiarity should speed along discussion on the specific statements.

Albright told *The Northerner* before his trip that he planned to present plans for reorganizing the university and many of its processes at a special Board of Regents meeting in mid- or late March. He said he will need faculty response to the policy statements in time to plan for the presentation to the Board.

The ad hoc committee of the Senate is chaired by Thad Lindsey, literature and languages, and includes: Dr. Arthur Miller, psychology; Dr. Fred Rhynhart, political science; Dr. Robert Kempton, physical sciences and Dr. Compton Allyn, business administration.

## Student Gov't sponsors bus to Morehead

Student Government (SG) will sponsor a bus trip to the NKU vs. Morehead State University basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 2, leaving Northern at 4:30 p.m.

The cost of \$4.50 covers both the trip and the game ticket and may be paid in the Student Activities office, room N304. More information can be obtained from SG members.

SG will also sponsor a bus to the NKU vs. Bellarmine game March 1.

# Lengyel gets hearing on non-reappointment

A hearing today for Dr. Alfonz Lengyel, whose non-reappointment becomes effective June, 1977, will be the last step in the appeals process before the matter goes to NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright.

If the panel hearing Lengyel's case today agrees that he was denied due process, Albright may recommend to the Board of Regents that Lengyel's contract be extended, according to Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the president.

The panel includes Dr. Nick Melnick, Dr. Frank Butler and, as prescribed by the faculty handbook, Lengyel has chosen Dr. Adalberto Pinelo to attend as a peer.

The Northerner has learned that Associate Dean Dr. Joseph Price was originally scheduled to be

included on the panel, but Lengyel requested that he be excluded. Lengyel said that he made the request because he did not approve of the way Price, then acting vice-president of academic affairs, conducted Dr. Leonidas Sarakatsnnis' appeals hearing last year.

Lengyel was issued a letter of non-reappointment on August 22, 1975, three days after testifying at a hearing on behalf of Dr. Leslie Tihany, who was appealing his dismissal before the regents.

On Oct. 16, 1975, Lengyel was informed that, due to the possibility that the timing of his non-reappointment violated the faculty handbook, his contract was being extended to June, 1977.

Lengyel contends that he is being released because of his testimony.



Law fraternity honors night watchman

The Delta Theta Phi law fraternity of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law of Northern Kentucky University recently presented Chase security officer George Burdge, right, with a certificate of appreciation for his years of dedication and service. The 82-year old Burdge has been a security officer at the Covington campus for more than 17 years. Presenting the certificate are from left to right: Sara Sidebottom, president-elect of the fraternity, Edgewood; and Michael Pearson, outgoing president, Fort Mitchell. Burdge, Park Hills, has lived "on the hill" since age seven.

## Lower xerox cost

## SG ideas to be adopted

SG President John Nienaber told The Northerner that he has been assured by NKU President Dr. A. D. Albright that all of the major items in SG's State of the University report, including an academic grievance committee and a tripartite committee of one student and two administrators to allocate the student activity fee, will be adopted.

Albright, though, said that he made a few inquiries about the report and that nothing final has been decided upon.

According to Nienaber, he met with Albright; Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the president; Dr. James Claypool, dean of students, and Dr. Barbara Smith,

coordinator of student activities, and that all of the items in SG's report were enthusiastically accepted. The group did make a few suggestions, Nienaber said. The academic grievance process will be set up so that the student with a complaint must first take up the matter with the faculty member in question and his department chairman.

The rest of the report, excluding two minor personnel suggestions, was passed, Nienaber said. If the report is implemented, the first signs of it to most students may be a reduction in the price of xeroxing items on the library's machine, from 5¢ to 2½¢.

## In driving

## Courtesy comes first

Department of Public Safety Lt. Margo G. Miller recently suggested students and staff use the following safety precaution during the bad weather.

1. Use common courtesy first. Remember it is just as bad for the other guy as it is for you. With a little cooperation and a lot of patience, everyone can make it through without any major difficulties.

2. Remove all snow from vehicles before driving. Driving in bad weather is hazardous enough without following a "mobile blizzard". Snow blowing off vehicles is as dangerous to that driver as it is to others. Also, taillights should be visible to aid others in determining conditions on

the road ahead. If the driver behind you cannot see your brake lights, it could mean disaster.

3. Don't use excessive speed on snowy roads. Plan ahead so you won't have to hurry. Ice can appear unexpectedly, and speed only complicates matters.

4. When parking on campus:  
a. do not block or trap another vehicle from leaving. All vehicles preventing another from leaving its parking space are being towed at the owner's expense.

b. check vehicle lights before going to class. No matter how new the battery, the cold weather and lights left on will drain it.

c. If you need a jump, call DPS at 292-5500 anytime.

## NKU ranks high in ACT

NKU President A. D. Albright released the results of a report today indicating that Northern shares an equal ranking with national norms in the 1975 composite score of the American College Test (ACT), and surpasses the Kentucky norms for the test.

The NKU sample group (854 students) score for fall 1975 was 18.3 -- this ties the national norms (18.3) and betters the Kentucky norm of 17.6 in the composite score.

NKU students tied the national norm in English, surpassed national norms in social studies, and ranked just percentage points behind the national scores in mathematics and natural sciences. At the state level, Northern surpassed the Kentucky norms in all categories tested.

All NKU data were obtained from the American College Test class Profile Service Report furnished to NKU by ACT. Kentucky and national normative data were provided by ACT and represent tested college-bound students. All data were verified with the Atlanta Regional Office of ACT.

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## Resignations threatened

# Publications Board fumes over Heitzman approval

by Tim Funk

A decision by the NKU administration to not accept a unanimous recommendation from the Student Publications Board that the adviser of the school's yearbook not be rehired has left the future uncertain for the Board and the yearbook.

The Student Publications Board voted 5-0 last November to recommend that Susan Heitzman adviser to *The Polaris* (salary: \$500 per semester), not be rehired. According to Board member Bob Freking, the reason for the Board's action was its dissatisfaction with last year's *Polaris*, which had been planned under Heitzman's direction.

Freking told *The Northerner* that the Board found the book lacking in five areas: narrative style; organization and layout; unity; coverage of the year; and image of NKU.

To that list, Freking said he added his own complaint that Heitzman had failed to recruit students for the yearbook staff and "failed to motivate those already on the staff to do good work."

Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the president, acknowledged Tuesday that Heitzman would direct the planning of this year's *Polaris*. He said that he had thought it inappropriate to replace Heitzman "in the middle of the year" and expressed the hope that Heitzman, the yearbook staff and the Board could "work together and put out the kind of yearbook that everyone wants."

He elaborated that he would ask the Board at a Monday meeting to "set expectations and goals for Susan and her staff to work toward." He also revealed that Heitzman has agreed to step down after this year.

The reaction from some of the Board members to the decision to keep Heitzman another year has been intense.

"I resent Scholes coming in, after not having been here the last couple of years and knowing nothing of the situation with the yearbook, and asking the Board to roll over and play dead," Freking, the Board's sole student member, said.

Dr. Michael Turney, who represents the communications department on the Board, said the administration's action "emasculated the Board."

The representative to the Board from the literature and languages department, Dr. Thomas Zaniello, said he would have to be shown that Heitzman recognized the inferior quality of the last yearbook and had a plan to rectify past mistakes before he could see the Board working with Heitzman this year.

When reached for comment, Heitzman acknowledged that "there had been some talk of my leaving" but said she could not comment further until she met with the Board.

Freking said that the administration's decision will mean that "more student money will be wasted." He explained that *The Polaris* was awarded \$15,200 in student activity fee money last year and that the bill this year would be \$20,000. "Considering the product, that's a disgrace. Of course, the administration isn't upset because they don't pay for the book."

Freking said he hoped to take the matter to Student Government and ask it to support his position.

In response to Scholes' plan that the Board work with Heitzman and the yearbook staff, Turney said he



Michael Turney



Susan Heitzman



Bob Freking



Thomas Zaniello

could go along only if no salaries were paid out unless expectation were met. "But I know we'll never get a setup like that," he added.

Turney also said that the administration's action dims chances that the board will become an autonomous group with power to appropriate funds and name salaried editors to the school's three student publications. "Students and faculty now know that they can ignore the Board and get away with it."

Turney also acknowledged that he knew of two persons interested in *The Polaris* adviser position, but

that the Board had no authority to ask them to submit resumes until the administration officially accepted the recommendation to not rehire Heitzman.

Freking, Zaniello and Turney all said that they had initially considered resignation but had reconsidered.

Drs. Joseph Price and Barbara Smith, two other members of the Board, had no comment on the situation. A third member, Dr. Larry Giesman who represents the Faculty Senate, was unavailable for comment.

## Careers, planning

# Chase placement director assists students

Last September, the Salmon P. Chase College of Law of Northern Kentucky University announced the appointment of Ronald J. Deluga as the school's first full-time placement director. Deluga had previously been employed at Miami University where he was associated with several projects, including career/life planning oriented programs. He received his B.S. in Biology/Psychology from Bowling Green State University; he also holds an M.S. in Personnel Counseling from Miami University.

As placement director, Deluga's main objective is to develop a well-

coordinated career planning and placement service which maximizes employment opportunities for law students and graduates.

To reach this objective, Deluga communicates with the legal community about Chase's role in the field of law, the caliber of students selected for admission, the content and structure of the college's law curriculum, the availability of Chase students/graduates for placement and encourages the free exchange of ideas and recruiting techniques.

Similarly, while Deluga continually seeks notices concerning available part-time and full-time

employment, he emphasizes to the legal community how the school's students and graduates can be of great benefit to employers.

Deluga helps students and graduates with specific referrals, contacts and leads, and helps prepare the job seekers for the job search. Preparation for the job search includes assistance in an individual's overall career planning, developing techniques for effective resume writing, and suggestions for successful interviewing.

To further aid the job search, the Placement Office Library contains

career information related to law career planning, law firms, corporations and governmental agencies. New job listings are posted daily in the Placement Office.

Deluga said he feels that finding a satisfying and challenging law career is ultimately the student's/graduate's responsibility. Thus, the Placement Office makes no claims to be a professional employment agency. Its purpose is to make the student a better prepared and more knowledgeable job seeker.



## Life in the Zenith Galaxy

Although Northern normally resembles Moon Base Alpha, the recent snow, ice and wind have added to the spaciness of campus. Shots on the



Jan Kipp photo

roof of the W. Frank Steely library and of the walk from the Fine Arts building reveal the out-of-space look.

### In budgeting

# SACS finds NKU deficient and efficient

by Tim Funk

NKU spends less on instruction and more on administration and operation/maintenance than do other schools of comparable size and type, according to a comparative study compiled by the Faculty Budget Committee using data provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The numbers indicate that, while NKU spends 43.84% of its budget on instruction (academic departments, faculty salaries, continuing education and summer school), other Level Three institutions (Bachelor's and Master's degrees) in SACS devote a median of 45.3% of their budgetary funds to instruction. NKU spends 3.32% of its budget on scholarships, loans and fellowships; other comparable SACS schools spend a median of 5.2%.

According to other results (see accompanying graph), NKU devotes 16.56% of its budget to "institutional support", which includes computer services, duplication, legal affairs, administrative offices and salaries. Other Level three SACS schools spend a median of 12.7% of their budgetary dollars on such administrative functions. In the other area where Northern differs conspicuously with Level three

SACS schools, 18.08% of NKU budget goes to operation/maintenance (including physical plant administration, DPS, and utilities) while comparable schools spend a median of only 13.6% of their budgetary funds in that area.

Dr. Mary Ann Rehnke, chairman of the Faculty Budget Committee, told the Faculty Senate Monday that her committee was in the process of analyzing the results and would report back with findings.

In an interview with The Northerner Tuesday, NKU's Acting Comptroller said he does not put "very much weight" in the data provided by SACS.

"This kind of study is certainly something to look at," Woods said, "but as long as we're in the same ballpark in terms of figures, I wouldn't worry about the discrepancies."

He said that figures given to SACS by schools participating in the survey were unaudited, leaving open the possibility that each school categorized its budget differently. "One school may put certain expenses under the heading of 'operation and maintenance'; another school may list them under 'institutional support'."

Woods also said that the sample used by SACS was very small and that the survey reported median figures rather than averages. "We might even be higher than some of

the averages, while still lower than the medians."

Rehnke defended the survey Wednesday, saying that "this is the only study we could find which compared Northern to other schools of its type and the only one which can give us an indication of what our priorities are now in relation to these other schools."

In the interview Tuesday, Woods also questioned Northern's ranking as a Level three school. "We have a

law school, which would seem to almost make us a Level four school (one that also grants degrees higher than the Master's)."

Rehnke responded that, if NKU is to be classified in a higher level, it would have to spend even less of its budget on operation/maintenance to be in accordance with SACS figures.

A Level four school devotes a median of only 7.5% to operation/maintenance, while Level three schools spend 13.6%.

Southern Association of College and Schools  
Educational and General Expenditures of Member Institutions  
Level III Institutions (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)  
Enrollment: 2501 - 5000

Type of Expenditure	Northern Estimated Expenditures Revised	Northern % of Budget	SACS Median % of Budget
Instruction	14,878,465.00	43.84	45.3
Research	13,000.00	.12	.3
Public Service	-0-	-0-	2.5
Academic Support	304,848.00	2.74	2.8
Libraries	916,083.00	8.23	5.7
Student Services	799,685.00	7.11	6.0
Institutional Support	1,842,861.00	16.56	12.7
Operation and Maintenance	2,011,709.00	18.08	13.6
Scholarships, loans and Fellowships	389,421.00	3.32	5.2
Total	11,127,072.00		
debt service	1,414,317.00		
Total Educational and General	12,541,389.00		



## Building incomplete

# Departments move in

Although internal construction is not complete on the Fine Arts building, the art, music, communications, speech and theatre divisions are in the process of moving into it.

According to Dr. Bill Parsons, chairman of the Fine Arts department, the construction on the theater, black box, gallery and lobby, as well as several classrooms, should be completed by April, or possibly May, depending on the effects of this winter on the businesses involved.

"Actually, the building will not be complete until the disciplines have time to give the building its total essence. I think it'll take a year or longer," said Parsons.

He detailed the total essence as the grey concrete walls being enhanced by artwork and "other such things."

Rather than each division having its own floor, or section, Parsons said, "We haven't designed it so each discipline has a floor, although in some cases we did manage to keep them together."

In general, though, the first floor houses mainly art and theater; the second floor is primarily communications and the upper sections of the theater rooms; third floor accommodates mostly music and the fourth floor is art.

The building was originally designed to have a fifth floor which would house the television studio and broadcast facilities, but it was eliminated due to a lack of money.

Sometime in the future, when the state approves the funding, an addition will be built onto the building for the radio/television division. Until then, the television studio will continue in the trailers of the Keene complex on John's Hill Rd.

Special features in the building include:

- \*a massive, three-story art gallery with a narrow catwalk (entrance on the third floor) suspended above it;

- \*an approximately 350-seat theatre/auditorium with a large backstage area;

- \*a black box or experimental theatre;

- \*a separate scene shop for construction of sets and scenery;

- \*wooden, gymnasium-type floored dance studios;

- \*music practice rooms;

- \*a faculty lounge on the fourth floor;

- \*a student lounge on the third floor, and

- \*skylights in the art rooms.

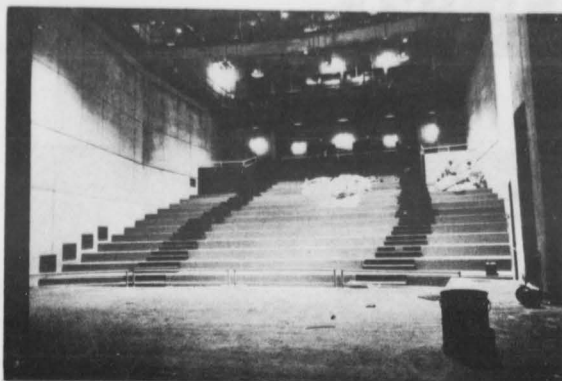
In addition, two staircases are located in either end of the building with one elevator which is located in the center.

The space on the fifth floor of the Science Building formally occupied by the fine arts department will be remodeled for use by the biological and physical sciences, including a special astronomy lab, according to Gary Eith, assistant to the vice-president of administration.

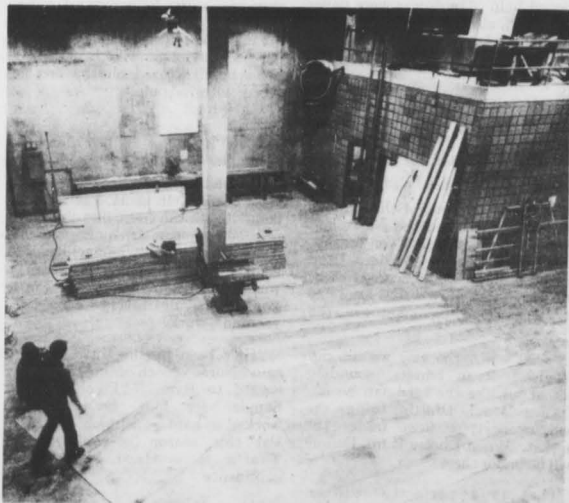
The first-floor scene shop

(above) will enable theater students to construct massive sets and large scenery away from the stage itself. Accented by silhouette lighting, (lower right) the two story band room has a spiral staircase leading to rooms on the second story. An odd-shaped seminar room (middle right) has a basement type ceiling and one glass wall.

The 350-seat auditorium/theatre (top right) will give students the opportunity to work in a professional set-up.



Marilyn Burch photos



# sports

## Norse face teams ranked in Top Ten

by Rick Wesley

No one can accuse Northern Kentucky University of playing an easy schedule. In a five day period, Northern played three teams rated among the Top Ten in Division II. After defeating Youngstown and losing a heartbreaker to Kentucky State at home, the Norse went on the road Saturday night to take on the fifth-ranked university of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The Moccasins handed Northern its fifth defeat of the season, 94-79. Chattanooga (13-2) has now won 20 consecutive games at home over the past two years.

To say that the game was physical is putting it mildly. There was only one official at game time and a ref from one of the preliminary games had to be called in. NKU coach Mote Hils aptly termed the situation as being "bush league."

The lead changed hands several times in the first half. Chattanooga led by six at one point, while Northern led by as much as eight near the end of the period. The Moccasins fought back, however, and a long jumper at the buzzer by Chattanooga's Darrell Yarborough tied it at the half, 47-47. Both teams shot poorly in the opening half - NKU hitting only 39% compared to Chattanooga's 47%. Excellent free-throw shooting (11-12) by the Norsemen combined with 15 turnovers by the Moccasins helped keep things close for the first 20 minutes.

Chattanooga broke open the game with a 28-10 outburst to open the second half. The Norse were never recovered, although they did cut the Moccasin lead to nine midway through the half. Hils summed up

the game perfectly when he said, "I felt that we were the superior team in the first half. But we weren't ready to play at the start of the second half, and that was the ballgame."

Dan Doelman (17), Pat Ryan (16) and Tony Faehr (15) paced the Norsemen. G. G. Gordan led Chattanooga with 21 pts. Yarborough added 20 for the Moccasins.

## Top scorer injures leg

Marian Keegan, starting forward on NKU's women's basketball team, is out for the remainder of the season *The Northerner* learned Tuesday night.

Keegan, a junior, came out of a seven-hour operation for "torn ligaments in her knee" early Tuesday evening. Keegan was operated on by Dr. Frank Noyes, a surgeon whose specialty is athletic injuries.

"Dr. Noyce said that Marian's ligaments in the front part of the knee were completely ripped apart," said Mel Webster, assistant sports information director. "She will probably be in the hospital for about a week then wear a cast for quite a while. The doctor said that, through hard work, she could play basketball next season."

Keegan is the second starter coach Marilyn Moore's team has lost this season. Julie Hill, another forward, was lost for the season early in the year, also with a leg injury.

Keegan leaves this season with an 8.3 point-per-game and 8.6 rebound-per-game average. She is currently the school's No. 1 all-time female scorer with 750 points.



Harry Donnermeyer photo

**SWOOSH** -- Martin "Mote" Hils uses body english to drive through a NKU shot earlier this season. Mote's team stands 10-6 with nine games remaining.

## 'Madman' works the court

# Ryan grows enchanted whiskers and scores

by Steve Martin

Pat Ryan has this new beard, see, and the damn thing is enchanted. Maybe some mischievous leprechaun from County Galway sneaked into Penderly Hall last fall and cast a magic spell on Ryan's young whiskers. Who knows? In any case, facts are facts. Ever since the goatee started showing itself on the face of Pat Ryan, the Irishman has been playing basketball like a madman.

The story behind the goatee started innocently enough. Steve Wright, one of Northern's baseball players, approached Ryan one day at the start of the Norsemen's basketball season and said "Pat, old sport, what say we try to nurture some manly growth on our silky

smooth albeit devilishly handsome faces? We need not shave until you lose your first basketball game."

A rather strange quotation, you may remark. But Steve Wright is a baseball player, you see, and baseball players talk that way. Almost.

The Norsemen, after winning their first three games, lost to Kentucky State early in December, and Steve Wright quickly aborted his hairy project. But Pat Ryan kept his goatee, and two days later he scored 22 points against Tennessee State...and then 19 against Thomas More, and 28 against Franklin College. The mad Irishman was hurling his 6 ft. 2 in. body into a maelstrom of giant arms and legs

beneath the basket, and his own hand would pop out of that vortex and crazily demand the basketball from his teammates. Even crazier, they would pass it to him. And crazier still, he would score with it, and very often draw a foul from one of those opposing giants in the process.

"That's just the way we run our offense," Ryan admits, sounding not at all like the madman he is. "When Dennis (Bettis) brings the ball upcourt, I float under the basket. When I bring it up, Dennis will be under there."

That is a perfectly rational statement from someone who shakes his fist in the air about 200 times every game and passes a

basketball as though he hates the color orange. In short, Pat Ryan is behaving on the court like a charter member of the Irish Republican Army. And after 15 games, Ryan is leading the Norsemen in scoring with an 18-point average. Pat's goatee is definitely doing a yeoman's work.

"He's been playing just super," said Norse coach Mote Hils in regard to Ryan. "I couldn't be happier for him, because he's worked so hard. The main thing for Pat this season is confidence. That's it. Hard work and confidence."

Sure, Mote, sure. Believe anything you want. Just keep that crazy Ryan from shaving.

# Improved schedule could cost tourney bid

by Rick Meyers

It might be a bit premature to make predictions.

After all, Northern's men's team has only played its 15th game of the season. Coach Hils' team entered Wednesday night's encounter at Youngstown with a 10-5 record.

## nk sportsview

The point, or prediction, if you will, is this. Last season, NKU had to wait until the final week of the season to find out that it would miss a tournament bid. This season, the Norsemen will find the answer to that elusive question a lot sooner.

Like this week.

This column is being written prior to the critical Youngstown matchup Wednesday night. If Northern lost to the Penguins it could mean disaster - as far as a bid would go. If NKU pulled off a victory, the road will still be long and hard.

Why? Because, top competition (as always) dots the Northern schedule in the final weeks of the season. Bellarmine comes to Regents Hall on Saturday night, then Hils' troops will travel to Division I neighbor Morehead next

week. Christian Brothers, (Home), Chatanooga (H), Kentucky Wesleyan (A), Central State (H), Xavier (A) all remain on the NKU schedule. If that lineup isn't a murder's row for a Division II team, what is?

The best Hils' team can do against the remainder of the schedule is go 6-4 (including the Youngstown encounter). That translates into a 16-9 record and little hope of post-season play.

But then, Hils wants to play top notch competition. The sixth-year NKU coach dropped five easy victories off last season's schedule and replaced them with five tough games. The improved schedule probably has cost NKU a 20-victory season and a NCAA Division II bid.

**THIS WEEKEND'S TELEVIEWED GAMES** - Saturday, the SEC top spot could be at stake when Kentucky travels to Alabama. The Wildcats will have the advantage as long as 6-11 behemoths Mike Phillips and Rick Robey are on the floor. The Crimson Tide, however, is quicker and their press could mean big trouble for UK. *Northerner pick* - Alabama by two.

Sunday, its UCLA and Tennessee from Atlanta. Expect full court pressure and various zone defenses out of the Vols, who want to exploit the Bruins weakness at guard. *Northerner pick* - UCLA by four.



Harry Donnermeyer photo

**GOBBLE, GOBBLE!** -- Mike "Turkey" Jones fires in two points against Kentucky State last week. Turkey is averaging in double figures for NKU this season.

## Intramurals

There will be a men's intramural table tennis tournament Monday, January 31st in Regents Hall.

Entry deadline is 6:59 p.m. on that day. The tournament is slated to start at 7. All NKU students which have paid the Student Activity Fee are eligible to participate in the tournament.

Winners of the tourney, as always, will receive inscribed T-Shirts. For further information and entry forms, contact the Intramural Office, located in Regents Hall.

Last Sunday, meanwhile, marked the opening of NKU's fifth Intramural Basketball Season.

The Wildcats, led by Jim Stadtmiller's 30 points, displayed the league's most explosive offense by crushing Sigman Sigma Nu, 79-39, Sunday. John "Andy" Griffith led the hapless Sigma's with 25 of his team's 39 points.

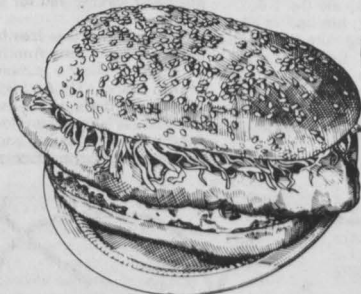
Here is this week's schedule;

12:00	JAZZ vs. Alpha Delta Gamma
1:00	REBELS vs. Dolphins
2:10	PENDERY'S BOYS NO. 1 vs. Cells
3:10	Sunday Schoolers vs. HARD BALLS
4:10	CHASE vs. Nade
5:10	Lakers vs. KING OF THE QUARTS
6:10	OVER THE HILL GANG vs. Gunners
7:10	Leaders vs. BREDS
8:10	pi kappa alpha vs. Wild Cats
9:10	REVENIERS vs. Chase Library
10:10	Sigma Nu vs. WE CAN'T PRESS
11:10	BETA PHI vs. Skyline Taverns
12:10	McVees vs. ROCK'S GANG
1:10	UNTOUCHABLES vs. Bears
2:10	Good, Bad and Knucks vs. WILDMEN
3:10	READING vs. Bad Company
4:10	Critters vs. ZUMSTREINS

### Sunday's Results

HUSTLERS	38
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S.A.M.	55
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JAZZ	54
DOLPHINS	23
PI KAPPA ALPHA	45
CHASE LIBRARY	30
WE CAN'T PRESS	52
REVENIERS	24
WILDCATS	79
SIGMA NU	39
ZUMSTREINS	77
BAD COMPANY	70
CRITTERS	45
WILDMEN	46
READING	70
THE GOOD, BAD, & KNUCKS	52
OVER THE HILL GANG	65
KING OF THE QUARTS	64
LOAFERS	0
GUNNERS	0
BREDS	72
LAKERS	35
SKYLINE TAVERN	2
UNTOUCHABLES	0
BEARS	75
MCVEES	73
BETA PHI DELTA	2
ROCK'S GANG	0
SUNDAY SCHOOLERS	72
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CHASE	76
THE HARD BALLS	63
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# arts/entertainment

## Bowie, Purple Sage rated

by Gary Webb

David Bowie  
Low  
RCA

This is not a David Bowie album. It's an Eno album with Bowie's name and picture on it.

## off the record

For you unenlightened (and you're probably better off that way), Brian Eno is a self-styled synthesizer wizard, making his debut with Bryan Ferry and Roxy Music back in 1972. That relationship lasted for two years until Ferry got tired of Eno's increasingly aimless synthesizer work and dumped him in favor of Eddie Jobson. Naturally, Roxy improved.

But Bowie and Eno were bound to get together. Bowie has expressed more than once his admiration of Ferry and Roxy and, now that Roxy has disbanded, I think Bowie is trying to get his own Roxy Music started. What else can one make of Eno, Carlos Alomar (a Spanish electric guitarist to replace Roxy's Spaniard, Phil Manzanera) and a snare-dominated drummer much like Paul Thompson? Bowie himself is taking Andy Mackay's place on the sax; all the ingredients are there.

Side one, at any rate, is enjoyable—if you like Roxy Music (as I do). Bowie doing Ferry; not bad at all. More than anything, the first side reminded me of Roxy's second album (when Eno started getting out of control), *For Your Pleasure*: songs with a minimum of lyrics and a maximum of bizarre electronic effects.

"Sound and Vision" looks like a good bet for a single; a catchy disco beat with Bowie and Eno going half and half on the lyrics. "Always Crashing In The Same Car" is a straight copy from Roxy: Bowie doing a fine Bryan Ferry imitation and Eno going at the guitar treatments (a la Manzanera). It sounds good but it isn't the Bowie we all know.

Side Two is another matter. Ferry was able to keep Eno in line. Evidently Bowie isn't because Eno goes completely haywire. "Warszawa" is simply unbearable. Co-written with Eno, Bowie and he put on kimono and play Stomu Yamashta for a while until they start chanting and writhing in the background. Samurai rock. Whoopee.

Bowie deserves better than Eno. Dump that chump. Five stars.

New Riders of The Purple Sage  
*Who Are Those Guys?*  
MCA

Of all the country rock bands, NRPS is the one I can listen to with a minimum of pain and suffering.

Not because they play any better than the others, but because they have something which the others clearly lack: a sense of humor. The Eagles, Pure Prairie League, Jackson Browne and others of that ilk take themselves too damned seriously. It could be put down to melancholia they like to play; it's hard to have any humor left after years of singing about your girlfriend leaving you for your best friend.

Not that NRPS is free from that sort of thing. "Just Another Night In Reno" is about a gambler with a broken heart. "By And By When I Need You" deals with a guy whose girlfriend is leaving him (for his best friend, no doubt) and on and on.



New Riders: A minimum of pain and suffering

But when they dry their tears, NRPS can be pretty amusing. Unfortunately, they don't write the humorous songs themselves, but it's the thought that counts. "High Rollers" is a wry look at Hollywood; "I Can Heal You" is about a female faith healer who cures anatomically

and "Red Hot Women And Ice Cold Beer" is self-explanatory.

Country rock can be fun when it's handled correctly. Just listen to a Jimmy Buffet album and see. In the meantime, though, *Who Are Those Guys?* will do. Six stars.

## Through PBS

## Public meets great minds

by Tim Funk

As commercial television becomes more and more cluttered with spin-offs, inane treks back to the Fifties and bionic this and bionic that, more and more TV viewers are discovering the fascinating world of public television.

They are discovering that they need not put up with the local stations' butchered renderings of old movies when PBS offers them unedited, uninterrupted film classics like "La Grande Illusion" and "Potemkin."

They are discovering that they don't have to put up with the noise one gets from Donny and Marie and the Captain and Tenille because PBS is offering "Soundstage" with Bob Dylan and Randy Newman.

And now, with the debut of Steve Allen's witty "talk show," *Meeting of Minds*, viewers have one more reason to tell ABC, NBC and CBS to stick it.

Aired on channel 48 every Monday at 8 p.m. (the same show is repeated on Friday night at 9 p.m.) *Meeting of Minds* is just that—a meeting, in talk show format, of some of the more influential minds in human history.

During the first two shows of February, Allen will welcome Charles Darwin, Emily Dickinson, Galileo Galilei and Attila the Hun to the same stage, a combination that should provoke a good deal of philosophical combat.

In the debut show of this innovative new PBS series, creator-writer Allen said that the key word for the show was "mind." He reminded viewers that today many university students cannot read nor write and that the future of substantive, interpersonal communication is in peril.

With his show, Allen said he hopes to play his small part in improving the thought processes by putting his viewers in contact with some of the world's most famous communicators.

His show does have its problems: some of his guests, including Cleopatra, Marie Antoinette and Attila the Hun were not exactly famous for their minds.

Also, Allen has his guests do the bulk of the questioning of one another and offer the viewer finds a Teddy Roosevelt or a Thomas Paine asking questions that would have been of little interest to the real Teddy Roosevelt or Thomas Paine.

Allen does try to explode the popular myths about his famous guests and he has no small talent for making the dialogue witty even if it concerns a subject so forbiddingly metaphysical that to have spoken it straight would have been a feat in itself.

Allen has not written a comedy for his actors to play out, though. With the help of history consultant, Dr. Robert L. Phillips, Allen has obviously plunged deep into the lives of those he has written into his show. He is interested not only in lively conversation, but also in education.

The best moments of *Meeting of Minds* up to this point have been those when two actors have been able to articulate their characters opposing positions so eloquently that some of the viewer's prejudices and misconceptions, including those of this writer, have begun to crumble, all in the heat of wonderfully exciting arguments. And all this is as close as your living room TV set.

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# Special Services opens program campus-wide

by Debbie Cafazzo

The typical student served by NKU's Special Services Program is one who planned late in his or her high school career to attend college. The student is not prepared academically to attend college, according to Susan Carlin, director of special services.

The special services student might also be one who is psychologically unprepared. Often, one student who is physically handicapped, who is the first in his family to attend college, or someone who has returned to school after a number of years, faces unique problems. "Some students are fantastically prepared," Carlin says, "but they are nervous about coming to college. They need confidence building."

For these students, the program can provide special tutoring, personal counseling, and general advice on how to cope with some of the new situations the students encounters in college.

The program is primarily funded by the federal government, and for this reason, applicants to the program must meet certain requirements. The program is designed for the low income, low achiever student and income level is used as a prime method of screening

Student tutors must tutor in their major.

"We're actively seeking both tutors and students," said Muff. "I'm not sure most students know about it, because the campus-wide program is only two months old." applicants. The government also requires that applicants have the potential to complete their education, so a personal interview is conducted to determine students' motivation and reason for being in college.

In order to meet the needs of those students who need tutoring, but do not qualify under the federal requirements, Special Services has created a campus-wide tutoring program open to any student with a below-c average who is recommended by his or her professor.

Ray Muff, tutor coordinator, says that a student need not ask his professor for a referral if he feels he needs help.

"If he feels more comfortable coming here first," Muff says, "we can make the contact with the instructor and arrange for a referral."

The tutoring staff for most academic subjects consists of 30 student tutors. These tutors are paid \$2.50 per hour, and are required to have at least a 3.0 average.

Tutors are trained before they give their first tutoring session. They usually work with one or two students and spend a maximum of three hours a week with each student. Throughout the semester, the tutor must file progress reports to Special Services.

"We encourage the development of a personal relationship," Muff says. "Often, the student feels inferior, and the tutor doesn't really feel expert enough to give instructions. Also, age differences can be a factor. It helps for both of them to be relaxed."

Muff says the program will try to cover at least the introductory courses. He has sent referral forms to all departments.

"If someone requested a tutor for a subject and we didn't have one," Muff says, "we would find one."

One subject which is not tutored by students is Freshman Composition. All tutoring in this

area is done by faculty members, under the direction of Fran Zaniello. This program, called the Writing Lab is funded partly by the university, and partly by literature and languages department.

Some students are referred to the Special Services federal program by their professors, others come through the financial aid office. When the program began in July, 1975, the Special Services staff spent a lot of time trying to identify students eligible under federal income regulations through the financial aid office.

"We now have students coming to," said Carling. "We serve about 150 students, which is double the number we had last year."

Carlin says the underprepared student is a fact of life at Northern, but that the program has enjoyed great success as far as improvement in grades and subject retention is concerned.

## around northern

### Ham classes

Radio buffs can take advantage of two continuing education courses offered at Northern Kentucky University.

*How to Become a Radio Amateur I* is designed to bring the student beyond the requirements for code and theory of novice class license. Beginning Tuesday, February 1, the class will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in room S 317. Instructor Bill Martin, K4JBV, will use AMECO and ARRL study material. The cost is \$12.

*How to Become a Radio Amateur II* is for persons who have a basic knowledge of radio theory and code and wish to obtain the general class license. It begins March 15 at the same time and place as above.

For more information and registration, contact Kenneth J. Beirne, office of continuing education, 292-5324.

### SG Elections

Student Government will hold special elections for freshmen, sophomore and at-large representatives on Feb. 9 and 10. Petitions are available at Student Activities Office, N 305.

### Relaxation

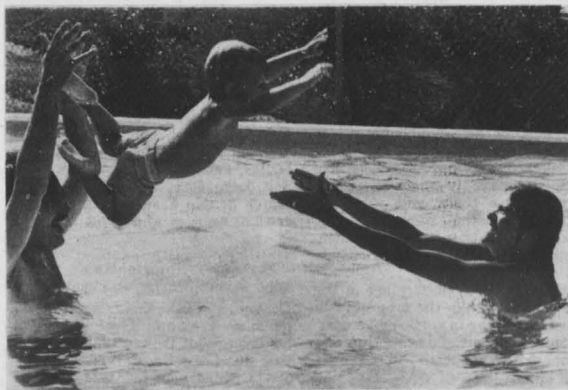
The Office of Testing and Psychological Services will be offering a relaxation program to train people to control their anxieties. The program will begin Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. in room S230.

### New TANK sched

Effective Jan. 31, the bus schedule for buses coming to Northern will be revised by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) due to cutbacks within the company.

According to TANK authorities the new schedule will be:

buses leaving the terminal	
7:20 a.m.	buses leaving Northern
8:20	7:55 a.m.
9:10	9:00
10:00	10:05
11:05	11:00
Noon	Noon
1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
2:05	2:00
3:10	3:00
4:10	4:00
5:08	5:12
6:10	5:50



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### Think positive...think summer

Not too long ago, this scene was a common occurrence at the campus pool, located behind the Early Childhood Center on John's Hill Rd. Ridiculous? Not really. After all, it's only 144 days till summer begins.



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# NKU students have problems to conquer

by Ken Colston

In the basement of the NKU library (the first floor), there can be seen an ear-muffed boy who hovers around the Greek section, always in motion. He jerks between shelves, slings aside unhelpful books, rarely drops to read in a chair. The coat he is always wearing (regardless of weather) is scarred by cigarette burns and coffee stains. His hands shake so badly that he can be heard holding his legal-pad notes. His smiles of discovery are marred by frowns of impatience and disgust. Though he is real (I swear I watch him frequently, hiding in my corner out of view) he seems a caricature representing NKU's handful of serious students.

## northern lite

The serious students at NKU are rushed and burdened by time like serious students nowhere else. We are studying here because we did not study in high school. The good high school students have gone to better universities. We have NKU. Because we frittered away high school, or because high school nearly frittered away us, we need to be in constant intellectual motion. We face the dual burden of catching up what we neglected and still doing what college expects to do. Before reading the *Aeneid*, we must go back and read Edith Hamilton. Serious students at other universities, with Edith Hamilton behind them, can party on weekends, can watch T.V., can incubate and stretch and molt between assignments.

Serious students at NKU must not only study more, we must also study more on our own. We need to

spend more time on our feet in the library because we have fewer professors and courses to help us. In a small public college with a small faculty, the chances are greater that a whole discipline is unrepresented. For example, Greek and Latin, once considered the mainstays of education (and, at some places, still), are not even taught here. And if they were, it wouldn't help much.

The English Department doesn't offer a course in Greek and Latin Literature (in English translations) and the Philosophy Department doesn't offer a course in Plato or Aristotle. At large state universities, where these courses are taught, serious students can get time-saving guidance in subject which here we must forge into dizziness on our own.

We must also work more on our own at NKU because, in a small state college, the chances are greater that a whole department is filled with incompetent professors or that one pretentious buffoon dominates one whole area of a discipline. (I must be careful when I draw examples here because it is also true of a small state university that the pretentious buffoons know your face and would not mind disfiguring it.) Sometimes we must slowly slug solitarily through a 1,000 year stretch of History (or Philosophy, or Literature) because all the related courses are taught by one incompetent professor. Sometimes we graduate History majors (or Philosophy) because all the English professors (or Philosophy, or Physics) were stupid. Sometimes, because we stumbled through hours of independent reading in Literature, we graduate unskilled History majors, inarticulate in Literature, the same cycle of catching up ahead in graduate school.

## National parks need help

National parks, as well as state parks throughout the nation will once again staff their facilities with college student summertime help.

Opportunities appear to be expanding into many support accommodations and facilities surrounding the park areas. Some national parks will hire as many as 3,000 college students for the summer period.

Several hundred private camps throughout the nation will once again be seeking college student summer employees in varied capacities as counselors, swimming instructors, music directors, and general activities such as maintenance, cooking, etc. Students with special talents in the area of entertainment or horse handling abilities should investigate these opportunities.

Students desiring summer employment in the various recreational areas throughout the nation should apply early. Students interested in obtaining additional

detailed information may request a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Dept. SJO, Lock Box 4000, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Summer in Spain

Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. offers a program to students each summer to travel and study in Spain, with courses ranging from elementary Spanish to literature and cultures.

Last year, the group was lodged in Universidad Laboral de Tarragona, on the Mediterranean coast, where they lived and attended classes. The summer included trips to London, Paris, Tarragona, Monserat, Barcelona, Valencia and others.

All persons interested should write to Dr. A. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201. Space is limited.

## Summer opportunities

### Sing and dance at Disneyland

Singers, dancers and musicians throughout the country can audition for the Disney Entertainment Work Experience Program at Disneyland and Walt Disney World beginning Feb. 11.

The program puts college entertainers to work for the summer utilizing their entertainment talents and making them eligible for college credits.

Selected applicants will receive scholarships to the program, a grant for housing costs and a \$1,000 stipend for the summer. The auditions are open to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors currently in college.

In addition to performing in the parks, students in the program will receive training in voice, movement, composition, arranging, acting and other skills. Students will also have the opportunity to study privately

with selected faculty.

The work schedule for the Disney college program is eight hours a day, five days a week. This includes performances, workshops and rehearsals.

Auditions will be held in Chicago, Feb. 11-12; New York, Feb. 14-15; Washington D.C., Feb. 17; Atlanta, Feb. 19; Miami, Feb. 21; Orlando, Feb. 22; Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 25; Dallas, Feb. 26; Houston, Feb. 27; Salt Lake City, Feb. 28; Seattle, March 5; San Francisco, March 6; and Los Angeles, March 7-8.

Further information and applications can be obtained from Disney Entertainment/Work Experience Program, Entertainment Division, Walt Disney World, P. O. Box 40, Lake Buena Vista, FLA. 32830. Telephone: (305)824-4206.

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# Kerry Sue and Billy Bob Boone strike again

This is Billy Bob Boone, the sweetest swingin' hottest hoofin' hardest hittin' sugarest shootin' ATH-OH-LEET ever to sling sweat for the Bristoe Beboopers. But now I'm president of Epsilon Gamma Omega and the BMOC here at Northern. Biff Bilker used to be Numero Uno, but me and him had a Strohoff. Nuff said.

game at halftime, sorta like the charity game we had at the Riverside Semi-Orthodox And Friends Against Fluoride Church. Well, I recalled for Biff how a few things went wrong with that game, like how the donkeys would lose their inhibitions, so to speak, and blaspheme the church floor. And how the Reverend Mr. Simm slipped on a funny-clump and almost broke his hip. And how the Reverend Mrs. Simm got all excited and told us to get our asses outta there. Then Biff said oh yeah, and didn't say nothin' after that.

Then my girl Kerry Sue wanted to know if bein' a member of this committee meant she couldn't run for Homecoming Queen. And I said hell no, Kerry Sue, you've got every right to run. And she does, too. She meets all the qualifications. She's a registered Republican, she has two first names, and she's got an American flag decal on the bumper of her Eldorado.

Anyway, Kerry Sue came up with this wild idea. It seems her Uncle Fred moved down to Pike County for a few years and got rich. Then he moved on to Hawaii. Kerry Sue doesn't know the whole story, since Uncle Fred won't say much without his lawyer. But like I said, Kerry Sue came up with this wild idea. She thought that since the weather has been so cold lately, maybe we could pass around Hawaiian leis to all the students. She said Uncle Fred

would send'em to her, and the Epsilon Zetas could pass'em out. That sounded like a nice little gimmick, so we all gave her the go-ahead.

It's funny how a little germ of an idea like that can grow into a monster. If we had known those fuzzy necklaces would have been snatched up like that, we would've

ordered more. It was the biggest rush on a product I ever saw, considerin' the advertisin' for it was so scarce. All we did for a build-up was have Kerry Sue and her Epsilon Zetas traipse through the Nunn Hall lobby in grass skirts and shout "If you want an EZ lei, see us!"

Hell's bells, buddy, those girls were mowed clean in two minutes!

## column as you see 'em

Seein' as how this paper comes out a cat's toenail before Homecoming, let me tell you about the Homecoming Committee I formed. It was made up of the joint membership of EGO and Epsilon Zeta, my girlfriend Kerry Sue's sorority.

The first thing we did was look up the big attractions of the past Homecomings. Then we knew we were in trouble. The biggest attraction for he students was to come out to the game and watch Mote Hils nurse a migraine. But Mote may not be cooperatin' this year, so we had to think up somethin' new.

Biff Bilker thought maybe we could have a donkey basketball



Jan Kipp photo

Mounds of snow piled by plows on the plaza in front of Nunn Hall show the extreme depths Mother Nature has gone to in order to give Northern Kentucky and most of the U.S. the worst winter in years.

## Letters: class officers nonsense, handicapped lots, disregard for building

### Carelessness

Dear Editor:

As I walked through the Landrum Academic Center recently I saw cigarette burns in the carpet, and advertisement fastened to the drywall with masking tape in the main entrance hallway, and litter scattered about. I am particularly concerned about this in view of the fact that the building has been opened for only a month and has just been dedicated.

I am taking this opportunity to remind everyone of their individual responsibilities with regard to the care of facilities here at Northern. It is possible that a careless few are causin' the problem; however, I

would like to reemphasize the importance of this issue. Masking tape, for example, is completely ruinous to drywall, and the unsightliness of cigarette burns and randomly discarded trash is unnecessary and, I think, completely unwarranted in an academic environment.

Please do your part.

John DeMarcus  
Vice-President For  
Administrative Affairs

### DPS unconcerned

Dear Editor:

On January 21 as I was entering Nunn Hall I noticed one of our handicapped students driving around Lot B three times and still not finding a parking place in one of the spaces provided for the handicapped. Three other cars were there that didn't belong there. When I called the Department of Public Safety concerning this, I was told, "We can't be there checking the handicapped lots all the time."

Why is DPS so unconcerned?

(signed) Eunice Rhodes

### Soph president

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter, not as a member of the newspaper staff, but in my official capacity as sophomore class president.

Since I am a duly-elected representative of all of Northern's sophomores (and elected by quite a mandate, I must say), I feel it is my duty to report to my constituents on my activities since the election last fall.

Unfortunately, there is nothing to report. I have not been contacted by one person since that fateful day when I was swept into office. I was not even notified of my victory. My opponents made no concession speeches, I had no inaugural, have not yet met with the other elected officers of the sophomore class and, in fact, would not know them if I ran over them. Nowhere is it written what my duties are. No one knows and no one really seems to care. I am either all-powerful or I am powerless.

This being the case, I am choosing the former status. Since nowhere are my duties, or limitations thereof, outlined specifically, I am taking this opportunity to issue a few Presidential decrees.

1) From this day forth, the sophomore class has no other officers but myself. All other officers are hereby dismissed from their offices and their vacancies will be filled when I feel like it.

2) From this day forth, the sophomore class will hold no more elections. It is my opinion that class elections serve no useful purpose and my successor will be appointed by me when I feel like it.

3) From this day forth, I will be known as "Benevolent Dictator" of the sophomore class and all orders

and/or decrees issued by me must be obeyed under penalty of my displeasure.

4) As Benevolent Dictator, I expect to have a chauffeured limosine at my service 24 hrs. a day. Whoever hands out state cars at this university is ordered to procure me one at once.

5) The Department of Public Safety is hereby ordered to put themselves at my disposal at once, not only as personal bodyguards, but as an agency with which to enforce my decrees.

Enough decrees for now. In the last five minutes, I have done more work than in the last five months and, frankly, I'm exhausted.

Should someone wish to come forth and tell me why I cannot do these things, I should be more than happy to listen. However, without any previously-written guidelines for sophomore class presidential policy, these decrees will most certainly stand and must be obeyed. It is too late to write policy now.

Besides, "Benevolent Dictator" always looks better on a resume than "Class President."

Benevolently yours.

(signed) Gary S. Webb  
Benevolent Dictator of  
the Sophomore Class



# THE Northerner's View

Friday, January 28, 1977



*It's back to the drawing board*

## Is Fine Arts Building real work of art?

The Fine Arts building is a misnomer. It is neither fine nor artistic. The architects must have had their T-squares mixed up with Z-bricks. The building should have been dropped square in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle instead of next to Lake Inferior.

A cursory tour of the building reveals a multitude of design deficiencies and these deficiencies are not of such a nature that they can be corrected with the mere addition of a few splashes of paint or swatches of carpeting. We realize the building is "unfinished," but, as our list reveals, these errors in design and construction may indeed "finish" the building.

In a fourth-floor office adjacent to one of the drawing rooms the ceiling misses meeting the wall by about three inches. Plywood slats have been inserted to support the ceiling.

Drawing students will be hard-pressed to appreciate the benefits of the non-functional skylights with light filtering glass. Actually, there is not much sky for the skylights to light, since as far as we can tell, they have been positioned backwards. Of course, this is in line with the lighting scheme of the rest of the building.

The lights in some rooms are directional, rather like spotlights instead of the regular fluorescent

type. The theme of the building seems to be one huge theatre and the students can't have any tickets.

The classrooms, if you can find them, are so small that some professors have vowed to remain in the Science Building for as long as they can. Also several rooms are trapezoidal instead of the normal rectangular shape. One of the planners must have been a euclid fan.

Overall, the planning and design of the building is very poor. The misuse of space is pitiful. A three story art gallery hardly appears necessary. Two theatres, a large dance floor, plus a large practice room for the music students leaves little room for classrooms and seems to have slighted the other divisions of the department. The stairwells are big enough to accommodate several more classrooms, but then the space might be needed to take up the overflow of those students that can not get onto the building's one elevator. And it is doubtless that some unfortunate student will plunge to an early death either from the cat walk overlooking the art gallery or from the end of the overhanging stairwell.

But isn't read

Some of the finished rooms which have been used for holding speech classes have basement-type ceilings (with pipes and ducts running parallel) which makes for superb acoustics. It reminds us of a dungeon.

It seems that there certainly was a lot of hot air that went into the planning of this building; unfortunately it's not enough to heat it. Anyone that has had physics knows that heat rises so while we're heating the ceilings of the theatre, black box, stairwells, band room, and others, we will be sitting on the floor shivering. This may seem an invalid criticism to those of you who have ventured into the building this week with its tropical temperature. This will soon be reversed when the heating system regulates itself. And we are confident that it will be snowing in speech class.

We think the whole move is a bit premature, maybe even a waste.

-Randy Ormes  
-David Jones  
-F. L. Wright

## The sign says 'no smoking'

There is proof that many college students cannot read. Just take a look at the number of students who smoke in classrooms where no-smoking signs are posted.

There is no such thing as a non-smoker. There are those who smoke and those who are forced to breathe the smoke. No one is immune.

This disregard for smoking regulations is widespread. Teachers as well as students pay no attention to regulations prohibiting smoking in classrooms. In the past both have dropped their ashes onto carpeting or chalk trays when ashtrays were not available. Some justify this saying that the reason they use the floor for an ashtray is because no ashtrays are available. But if there's not supposed to be smoking in the first place why should there be ashtrays?

It is sad that the university wastes so much money trying to furnish the buildings, when in reality what they are doing is providing

expensive ashtrays for the cigaret smokers at NKU. In the future the university could save itself the cost of carpeting, furnishings and especially no-smoking signs.

It does no good to enact laws which prohibit smoking or introduce measures calling for special non-smoking areas to be established if these laws are not going to be enforced.

We worry about the quality of the air we breathe, the amount of polluting agents emitted by large industries and fail to notice the amount of pollution in an average classroom at NKU caused by only a few thoughtless people.

The most unfortunate aspect of the dilemma is that the administration has not seen fit to enforce smoking regulations at NKU. What is even worse is the fact that there should be a need for them to enforce these laws at all.

-Colleen Wood

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