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Baptist Student Union Getting New Building

A big trade occurred on campus with the end resulting in Northern Kentucky University gobbling up 4.36 acres of land on John's Hill

Road.

In exchange for the land, the Kentucky Baptist Convention (who provide the Baptist Student Union) has been granted permission to build their student center in the grassy land in between Lot E and the Landrum Academic Center.

"They were going to build their building on a four-acre site on John's Hill Road, and if they had built on that site, the building would

built on that site, the building would have been an obstacle at a time when we widen and realign John's Hill Road," said Mary Paula Schuh the director of campus planning.
"Once they put a close to a million
dollar building on the site, the state
is not going to buy the building so
that would have dictated the design of the road."

or the road.

Negotiations between NKU and
the Kentucky Baptist Convention
resulted in a swap of land. NKU is
now the owner of the acreage, and
KBC signed a forty-year lease for
the usage of the state-owned land in
front of I and the second of the state-owned land in

the usage of the state-owned land in front of Landrum. "We feel like all the land between here and John's Hill Road is very valuable to the closeness to the core
of the campus," Schuh said. "We
gain title to both pieces of property,
they build the building on the site,
they pay for building it in its entirety, including utility connections to the site and all the underground util-ities, they maintain the building, they furnish it, they replace the



DIGGIN' NKU: The new Baptist Student Union building is expected to be completed by the summer of '97. Plans are that they will move in before the fall semester begins.

furniture when it wears out, they replace the carpeting when it wears out-it's entirely their responsibility." Both the administrators of NKU and BSU are pleased with the end

be on campus is because it will pro-vide us with more opportunities to work with students, to provide the things that we like to provide, to help students in all the other areas to their students in all the other areas to their lives in addition to the educational part of it," said Bill Ellis, Baptist Student Union's campus minister. 'It's a positive thing for the universi-ty, in that they are getting the prop-erty we own here. They would like to increase their land m going to help them and it's going to

be able to have more exposure since we're right in the middle of cam-

The new BSU center is not state

"It is funded completely and enurely by the Baptist churches across the state of Kentucky," Ellis said. "It's being built by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and there are churches all across our state which make up that conven-

The building is going to be a little over 7,000 square feet with several different components to it, said

"It will have a large central lounge area where students can sit,

prayer room, a classroom area, a computer room for students to write research papers, a computer to dial up to the campus computer system to check E-mail." he said. "We'll have a kitchen area for lunch with a refrigerator and microwave, a large multi-purpose area part for chapel services, and recreation-type stuff-pool tables, ping-pong, foosball, bumper pool; those kinds of things for students to relaw." computer room for students to writ

The building will envelope all that BSU wants to portray to the students of NKU.
"Sanctuary is a good word

for students to relax.

because a sanctuary is a place where you pull away, in not have or rest, he said. "It's not designed as a place

to hide from the world. What we're trying to do is to provide a place where students can come to take care of some of those other things that they need to take to care of on campus. It's not because the cam-pus doesn't have good facilities, but it's to give some more and some additional facilities with a campus that continues to grow and continue to have a unique population. We're just trying to help provide some extra facilities for that usage."

The funding for this project is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$750,000 with "absolutely no state funds used whatsoever," said Carla Chance, vice president for adminis-

"People that sit in pews in Baptist churches across the state have said. "We think this is an important thing and we want to provide it for stu-dents at Northern regardless of their religious affiliation because we think it's an important thing," Ellis said. "We said it was important, we got the money to do it, and we are ing to do it

Having a Baptist Student Union building on a state-run university is not that uncommon, said Chance. Of the other state-run universities, a BSU building can be found on each of those campuses, she said, and there has been little or no problems with religious organizations having with religious organizations having their building in the middle of cam-

"There have been a couple people "There have been a couple people who believe in the separation of church and state. You can make that argument," said Ellis. "Separation of church and state is not the same as separation of church from the state." I think we can work

can provide some very positive things for the campus."

Ellis is looking forward to sharing BSU's new building with the NKU

community.

"Anybody that is on campus can go there," he said. "It's not just for Baptists, it's provided for all students on campus regardless of their religious affiliation or denomination. We're not in the business of

trying to switch people over from one affiliation to another." Even though it is being built on state-owned land, KBC is taking full responsibility for the building. NKU will only take on a few minor details

pertaining to the land.

"The only thing we are doing is snow removal and that is because snow removal and that is because we are set and equipped to do it." Schuh said. "If they didn't do it well enough or in a timely way, we don't need the board of claims or the liability, because we do own the land, they are just leasing it."

Chance said the landscaping will

also be done by the university, this to insure that the lawn is cut at the same time as the rest of the university, "To keep the lawn as uniform as

Ellis hopes to have the building up and running by the time NKU students come back from summer

"If it stops raining, we're going to ish it sometime this summer and by the fall semester, we'll be in it full-time," Ellis said.
"It's going to help the students out

because we'll be able to provide for more students and that's the bottom line."

Guilty To Second Degree Misdemeanor: Probation

By Diana Schla Editor in Chief

No jail time, that is the most important thing to Gerardo Salinas, who plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of second degree criminal mischief in the Campbell County

Courthouse. Salinas, 20, turned himself in and was arrested and

charge for damaging two Northern Service jeeps. He had attended a party in the dorms which was broken up by DPS officers. Salinas. who admitted that he was drinking, admit ted he threy cinder

blocks into the windows of the vehi-cles, breaking windows and damag-ing the bodies of the jeeps. "It's never going to happen again,"

"It's never going to happen again.

Salinas said.

Because this was his first offense and because "he did turn himself in, he was given a 90 conditionally suspended sentence for a period of two

pended sentence for a period of two years," said his lawyer, Bill Hillman. He has been ordered to serve 40 hours of community service, Hillman said and which will be under the supervision of Dean Bill Lamb. "He also has to attend an alcohol alcohol awareness program," Hillman said. Sailnas was ordered to pay for the damage he caused to the vehicles.

damage he caused to the vehicles, which Hillman said was close to

Donald McKenzie, assistant direc-tor for public safety said that since is

ras a first time offender " looking to put him away. The family is going to make restitution and that is really what we wanted from him."

Besides all the state probation,

samas is on social production with his fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha. "The 'J board' [Justice Board of the fraternity] got together and put me on social probation which I think means I cannot attend any Pike par-ties or gatherings," Salinas said. "I don't know how

don't know how long that will last." He is also not allowed to go to the dorms for a period of time.

period which which is deter-mined by Dean

"Dean Lamb will tell me for how long, I don't even tell me for how long, I don't even know what will happen if I do go to the dorms," he said. "I just know I'm not allowed in the dorms." Salinas, who is a native Honduran, said he was not aware of the reper-cussions of the laws he broke. He

cussions of the laws he broke. He said he knew it was wrong, but "alcohol is not an excuse, but I would not have done things like that sober. I have to be more careful if I drink.".

Hillman said that if Salinas should get into any lenal trouble general.

get into any legal trouble, especially in the 90 day probation period, he could spend time in jail. "He would go to jail for at least the 90 days that were suspended," he

DPS said things on their end are find; the vehicles have been fix, restitution has been ordered.

"I think the courts were fair," McKenzie said.

Smoking: A Growing Concern On Campus

By Becky Bergman Staff writer

Around campus you can spot them huddled together shivering outside school buildings. Sometimes they group together in packs and herds in an attempt to stay warm during the winter months.

months.

They are people of many different shapes and sizes wearing anything from jeans or sweat pants to dresses and business suits.

They are segregated to certain areas in restaurants, banned from

ny public office buildings, isolated in public transportation facil-ities, even forced out of buildings right here at NKU. This separation stretches beyond age, race or economic status. It is the newest form of segregation. It is the iso-lation felt by the American smok-

According to recent polls. Kentucky ranks highest in the per-Kentucky ranks highes in the per-centage of current smokers in all of the 50 states. About 50 million people in the U.S. currently smoke a total of 570 billion cigarettes per year. There is no question that smoking has become a huge part of society not only in the home, but as a social habit atso. Smoking is a habit that has been traced back to the early 1500s when Buropean explorers arriving

when European explorers arriving in the western hemisphere observed Native Americans smoking the leaves of the tobacco plant in pipes. By the early 20th centu-ry the pattern change when smok-ers were consuming more than 1,000 cigarettes per capita each year. During WWII, physicians endorsed cigarettes and they were included in ration kits. Today, smoking is taken much more seriously. It is serious enough to effect ously. It is serious enough to effect the lives of millions of people, including the deaths of over 148,000 per year.

Despite these startling statistics, smoking has been steadily increas-

smoking has been steadily increas-ing among women and teenagers. According to the NKU Core Drug and Alcohol Survey for 1995, 46 percent of the students at this uni-versity use tobacco. The national average lies just at 38 percent.

average lies just at 38 percent. Judith Marksberry, a senior psychology major, said that she smokes a pack-and-a-half a day, costing over \$20 a week. She began smoking at age 26 and has been smoking for 28 years. She began smoking because she went on a diet and din't want to eat as much. She said, "Now I still need a diet but I cortinue to smoke." a diet but I continue to smoke

a diet but I continue to smoke."

Marksberry graduates Dec. 14, and plans to quit. She plans to use hypnotism in a program called "Smoke Free For Life." She said, "I don't want to die. It's a proven fact that smoking can take you right

Junior Adam Kessler is also a smoker. He believes smokers should have the freedom to smoke should nave the recount to smooth when and were they want. He said, "Smoking is a legal act, therefore it should be allowed in public places. I don't mind sitting in a designated smoking area, but to be banned from the building completely is unfair."

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Smoking is a very annoying





Jeff McCurry/ The Northerner
MARY PYTHON: Mary Chesnut, coordinator of student
activities tries on a snake for size... Christmas is
around the corner, but she said she'd prefer a scarf.

friend smokes like a chimney, but I refuse to let him smoke in my

Baumer agrees with smoking segregation because he believes that protecting the right of the smoker infringes upon the rights of the nonsmoker.

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Dr. Carol Ryan teaches a class at NKU called Health and Physical Education for the Elementary Classroom Teacher. She hopes teaching a smoking prevention section in this class will aid in the education not only

in future teachers but in their in future teachers but in their young students as well. She said that in a survey studied by her class of a group of five and six-year-olds recognized Joe the Camel right along with Mickey Mouse. About 30 percent of five-year-olds recognized him, while a section 30 percent of six-year-olds. starling 90 percent of six-year-olds knew who Joe the Camel was. It is true that the tobacco indus-try is one of the most profitable businesses in the country. In 1985 cigarette sales contributed approx-

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Latvian Native Looks For Welfare Solution



Chris Specht/The Northerner originally because she wanted to help major, said the conditions in Latvia forced her to study abroad. While she originally study afficiently adjusted work to help the people in her native country, she has since found a need for breakup of the Soviet Union. changes in her adopted country's social welfare system.

Graduating senior Sandra Sargent wants to use her education in America to make a difference internationally. Sargent a social work and history major, is looking forward to graduat-ing in December so she can move on to graduate school to expand her edu-cations.

Sargent, from Riga, Latvia, came to Sargent, from Riga, Latvia, came to the United States three years ago to work at a summer camp and has stud-ied all over the world in places like Denmark, Sweden and Germany. Sargent said she picked Northern Kentucky University because it was small, affordable and close to her Ft.

Thomas, Ky. home.

"The condition of my country was very bad. I could not study in my

very ball. I could not study in my country," said Sargent. Sargent said although "the first month was strange and hard" that she didn't have too hard of a time adjust-ing because of helpful staff and the availability of resources on campus.

but because I'm not going back, I awart to use my social work with international studies," Sargent said.
Sargent hopes to study international relations and conomics in graduate school and has already been accepted to Detroit Mercy University, but is still waiting to hear from other schools, in particular George Mason University, near Washington, D.C.
Sargent has her own ideas about

"In my country there is a saying: 'Those who don't work, don't eat.""

-Sandra Sargent

social welfare, and doesn't think she

"My goal is to help people, but not in the established ways. Social work in America is putting bandages on the wounds, but is not treating the wounds. Welfare is not a cure. It is very illogical and dependent to sup-port people on welfare," Sargent said.

Those who don't work, don't eat."
Sargent explains that in Latvia,
nothing is free and everyone has
assets, wealth, and is involved in the
labor market. She also said that working is rewarded with day care and
health benefits.

health benefits.

Sargent said the biggest difference between Latvia and the U.S. is that Latvia is a very social, new capitalistic society whereas the U.S. is an individualistic, old capitalistic society.

With her education and international experience, Sargent hopes she can help the world work towards a more productive social subfine society and the productive or the subfine society and the subfine society.

Productive social welfare system.

She credits her advisor, Tony
Mazzaro, director of social work, for
helping her throughout her education
at NKU.

"He helped a lot to show me how the American school works," said

Sargent.

Mazzaro believes that Sargent has been invaluable to the social works,

"She's been an exceptional student and an asset to the program because she brings a unique and different per-spective," said Mazzaro. "It's good for the other students

Breakfast Important Part of Christmas

By Laura Biddle Staff Writer

Santa Claus, cookies, ornaments,

Santa Claus, cookers, ornaments, children laughing.

These visions of Christmas come alive on Dec. 7 at "Breakfast With Santa," sponsored by the Activities Programming Board.

"Breakfast With Santa" brings the

true meaning of Christmas to NKU faculty, staff, students and their children, said "Breakfast With Santa" Coordinator Angie Gabbard.
"Breakfast With Santa'

ties everything together and gets people in the spirit Christmas," said Gabbard. "It's just Business

his wife, vo of their chil-

dren to last year's program.

They said everyone enjoyed the program so much that they are attending it again this year.

"There was so many activities for the kids," said Tracie. "It wasn't just go eat breakfast and watch Santa walk

The program begins at 9 a.m. with a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and

eggs.

APB sets up booths where children can make their own ornaments, decorate cookies, get tattoos, and win prizes, said APB Advisor Mary Chesnut.

When Santa arrives, he reads "A Night Before Christmas," asks the chil-

has his picture made with each child,

has his picture made with each child, Chesnut said. APB also shows movies at the end of the program. Chesnut said. "You could tell they really put a lot of effort into it," said Mrs. Fibbe. Fibbe said the involvement of tradi-

She said the college students impressed her.

She said the college students related to the children and treated each child like brothers and sisters.

ke brothers and sisters.

"They took time with each child," she said. "You got something out of the college kids that you don't with adults." "You just can't say enough good things about the "Breakfast" With Santa." With Santa, Mrs. Fibbe

"Breakfast With Santa" the Grand Finale of Northern Noel Week, Dec. 2-6,

Everyday during that week, APB will special events to celebrate mas.

Different activities include decorat-ing the lobby, wreath decorating, sand art, photo buttons, and free hot chocolate for students, said Gabbard

APB will have their "Big Stocking

Giveaway" on Friday.
Students can win such prizes as stereos and cameras, said Gabbard.

"Breakfast With Santa" tickets must be purchased in advance in the Student Activities office, said Chesnut. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and

Students Cope With Parenthood

Richard Wyatt is a 28 year old freshm who is interested in eventually going onto law school. He has a bigger interest in his 2-year school. He has a orger inderest in this 2-year old daughter. Richard has sole custody of her. "The biggest problem I've faced so far is dealing with professor's expectations of being in class when my little girl is sick," he said. "If there's a conflict between the welfare of my child and class, well its not much of a

choice."
For the typical student, finding enough time to organize academic responsibilities with other priorities such as work and social engagements is a difficult task in of itself. But many Northern Kentucky University students have an additional responsibility of caring for children with partial or no assistance from the child's other parent.

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Ava Nienaber is an adult learner specialist with Student Support Services. "If I was in need of help, for any reason, Student Support would be the first place I'd turn to," she said. A grant from the Department of Education allows low income, first time students, and/or those with a disabilities to receive numerous services such as academic advising, free tutoring, computer skills, and career counseling, she said.

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ing, she said.

Katrina Campbell is another freshmen with children, a boy age 4 and a girl age 2. She's attended vocational school and was ready to jump to a four year institute. She said because of the programs offered through SSS she is better able to organize her time between school and home. "Ican come in before classes and get my homework done. There's just not always enough time at home with the kids."

tered when one of her children becomes sick.

tered when one of her children becomes sick. "I'el either have to bring them to class or risk losing points. If I bring them to class, I don't get as much out of the class then." The Early Childhood Center, located in the Business-Education-Psychology building, offers students an on-campus day care facility for children ages 3-6. The Center is currently on a waiting list. Karen Schmidt, the Center's director, said now is the time to start planning for next fall.



COLLEGE DAYS: Children spend the day in Business-Education-Psychology building while

The Center has a primary purpose of serving students first, then NKU faculty and staff, and if any space is still available, then the outside community. The Center is open from 7:30 am-5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Ms. Schmidt said one of the more common questions she is asked is whether the Center's hours will be extended. "We've done studies before and at this time there just isn't enough

betote and at this time there just isn't enough support for it."

The Women's Center also offers many dif-ferent services for single parents. One specif-ic service is a single parent's support group which routinely meets on Wednesdays at 12:00 in BEP 111. Katherine Meyer is a coordinator at the Women's Center. She said though no exact numbers on just how many single parents are at NKU are kept, she finds many like Richard and Katrina in her

University 101 classes. More single parents are finding their way to NKU because of the efforts of Candace Sellers at the Re-Entry Center. Ms. Sellers is an assistant director at the Center. She said it is funded through federal grants and operates

to serve as a community resource as well.
"Our main purpose is to provide preparatory services before they enter school."

Ms. Sellers also runs special training work-Ms. Sellers also runs special training work-shops for single parents and homemakers throughout the year. Active recruiting through employment agencies and other out-lets help her find people for the workshops. "Things have changed over time. These began as just training seminars but now are geared to some sort of training and educa-tion," she said. Travis Leta is another single parent fresh-man. He has a four vear old boy. Jake. At the

man. He has a four year old boy, Jake. At the age of 22, he said he felt the timing was right for him to go to school. Like Richard and Katrina, he said getting into a routine of studying and time organization has been the most difficult adjustments he's had to make. "I'm just trying to get my feet wet this semes-ter," he said. "Next semester I looking to pos-sibly join some other groups on campus." With the many services offered around

NKU, Travis and other students like him have several options to help make their many responsibilities a little more manageable.



Resident Advisors

By Colin Copes Staff Writer

A select few of Northern Kentucky University's students living in the dorms are receiving some pretty nice perks-but they are paying the price for them.

Resident Assistant's, or

RA's, act as a liaison between residents and the university. To be considered employment a candidate must be in good aca-

demic standing with a 2.2 GPA, a full-time student on campus for a year and a sophomore with a good understanding of the NKU campus and community. Any candidate must also posstrong interpers skills and leadership abilities.

Potential candidates are interviewed and put through a series of team evaluations by other RA's and the Residence Hall Director. Once accepted the new RA is provided room and board which includes a 10 meal plan for Woodcrest and Morse Hall efficiencies 15 for all others, and a salary of \$875 distributed in \$25 weekly stipends.

-Jenny Kennedy

RA's are prohibited from outside employment and other large time consuming activities must be pre-approved. Roles for RA's lude team member, coun selor, community builder, educator and administrator.

RA's must plan and pro-duce 5 to 6 programs for their are on duty"

hall during a semester They must also three weekend duties

during a semester and one third shift duty every three weeks. Working a minimum of eight hours a week at the lobby desk in the hall is also ired.

"If you are here you are on duty." Jenny Kennedy said. Kennedy, who is an RA in Commonwealth Hall, says the ability to schedule all of your duties is the most crucial part of being an RA. "If you don't have time management you will never succeed as an RA." Kennedy said.

Meeting students needs as they make the transition from home life to college life is one of the RA's most complicated tasks. "You do have an effect on peoples lives." Kennedy said. Each RA us responsible for 21 people in their hall. Kennedy said some students want the RA to solve all their problems for them and this adds to the difficulty of the job.

Despite the long hours at the desk and the immense responsibility, Kennedy feels living on campus and the easy access it provides is a nice perk.

As you walk down the third floor of Commonwealth Hall you can easily note the fruits of Abby Schlachter's Schlachter, a junior education major, is another one of NKU's Resident Assistants. Each door on the floor is covered in decorations and other college life parapherna-

Schlachter, who hails from Cincinnati, says while several of the people in her charge are from Louisville most live about an hour away.

Schlachter points out most students adapt well to resi-dential life and notes very few ever get kicked out.

What is the weirdest the that ever happened to Abby Schlachter in her role as an RA? That's one question she let slide.

Are Team Players Being There Goes A Long Way

By Diana Schlake Editor in Chief

Having a friend on campus is one the most important issues an incoming freshman faces. Resident Advisors are there to fill

that position.

Enter Jenny Kennedy, a junior industrial and labor relations major, who has become a friend to 21 freshman living in Commonwealth residential hall.

residential hall.
"Freshman have a lot of prob-lems: getting used to college... they always want to talk about their day." said Kennedy. "They want to talk about all their problems, which I really don't mind, but it's very, very really don't limb, but it's very very time consuming, so in order to be an efficient R.A., you've got to have some sort of time management." To Kennedy, being an R.A. means wearing a different hat for many dif-

ferent situations.

"You are there to offer counseling, academic as well as social.
You're there to plan programs for them. You're there to be a role them. You're there to be a room model, to make sure everything is safe in the dorm. You're job is not safe in the dorm. You're job is not to interfere in their lives, it's to be there if they need you," she said. "You're not their mom, you are more like an older friend that is there to help them."

To become an R.A., one has to be interviewed, and Kennedy said there are other issues that may or may not make you a candidate for being an R.A.

being an R.A.

"The majority of the other R.A.'s re very active in other campus ctivities and they are hired because

modes, for the freshman," she said,
Kannedy has a long list of organizations she is involved in. She is
the Chief Justice in Student
Government, the fellowship chair in
the septice fraternity, Alpha Phi
Omega, the recruitment chair in
Activities Programming Board and
a member of Norse Leadership
Society, Being and R. A. also means
she, devotes eight hours a week at
the desk in the dorms and having
"duty weekend," where she has to
be on campus the entire weekend in

be on campus the entire weekend in

case of any emergencies.

How does she have time to participate in those organizations as well as being an R.A. for 21 fresh-

"Time management... and no social life," she laughs. "What I have of a social life starts late at

concerns for

The biggest concerns for Konnedy are that the girls on her Theor have activities to do and they have hin while living on campus. "We plan community activities and gootal activities. A lot of the thackwell get a movie and sit out in the lobby and watch it," she said. "We do shall decorating contests, poetry readings and dances. We go shopping a lot in the afternoon."

swing, Kennedy said those are great to go to because the freshman have no idea how good the teams are. "I went with a couple of mine last weekend," she said. "Those are

weekend, she said. Inose are good to go with the residents, right on campus. It's fun."

The down side of being an R.A. is the desk hours, she said. For eight hours straight, and duty weekend, starting at Friday at 4:30 p.m. and running through Monday at 8:00 a.m., she spends 16 hours at the

desk. er is not a lot to do but watch
"There is not a lot to do but watch
T.V. do homework and talk to whoever stops by," she said. "But
everything else is not bad, I have
fun."
In order to keep herself "sane."
Kennedy said her and the other
R.A.'s try and go out at least once a
week to get away from the pressures
they endure during the week.
"An outside life is needed, obviously, we need a semblances of a
social life just to keep our senses of
humor." she said.

There have been times where she considered herself a babysitter, but for every bad experience, many good memories have been formed.

Community Atmosphere Found In Residence Halls

By Diana Schlake Editor in Chief

Being an R.A. is not all fun and games, but for Matt Saner,

and games, but for Matt Saner, it's a lot more fun than work. Saner, who is a junior business marketing major has been an R.A. for one semester, and has had good experiences so far.

"I love it," he said. "What I

like is that it's never the same thing; there's never any monoto ny in it."

ny in it."

Being an R.A. has many responsibilities, he said. First and foremost, he said, is that part of his job is to be there for them because they are away from home and they are living in different signature transfer. ferent circumstances.

ferent circumstances.
"It's one of those jobs where
it's tough to be off campus. It's
a 24 hour-a-day job, it really is,"
he said. "The responsibilities
vary from disciplinarian to
friend to parent to advisor to you
name it, it runs the gamut sometimes."
Saner has the

Saner has the responsibility of 22 freshman on his floor in Commonwealth.

Having freshman is a little

more challeng-ing than older students, but he said he is not put off by that

challenge.
"Freshman come in with all "Freshman come in with all these notions of college... it's going to be a party, we can skip classes and sleep late, and now they know it's not like that." he said. "It's amazing. From roughly 14 weeks ago, nobody knew anybody. We were new, they were new. Now the adhe-sion, that has formed is amaz-ing."

ing."

Part of being an R.A. means
Saner has to plan activities to
keep the dorms from becoming
boring and monotonous.

They are required to do a cer-tain amounts of programs throughout the semester to keep the community involved and to keep the residential village alive. "But it's the spontaneous ones

"But it's the spontaneous ones that sometimes wind up being the best," Saner said.



play to having huge snowball fights against the different floors, he and 'his guys' have a

great time.
"Family is important to My 22 guys... we are like a family," he said. "I know something unique and special about each of them."

"I know something

unique and special

about each of them."

Although consider him-self a role model for them, he realizes importance of his job. "We share a

-Matt Saner

hrough a lot through the course of the semester." he said. "If there is a potential suicide or a divorce in the family- we can talk and I think it helps."

Saner is in the fraternity Alpha
Tau Omega and the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, which
he said is important to balance
his life.

He and the other R.A.'s go out together to "blow off steam" and to talk about the problems they are having with the residents.

"We try to maintain a tight knit group," he said. "We rely on each other because this job can bog you down sometimes."

He's been lucky, he said.

"The extreme for me has been

to bust up a party of alcohol, other R.A.'s have had it much worse," he said. "I have a great bunch of guys. I won't complain one bit."

Because all-nighters aren't always spent in the library.



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Stress During Finals is Problematic

Some students handle pre-finals stress somewhat like junior anthro-pology major Michelle Davidson does:

ore:

"I go looking for the nearest chocolate thing. I go find the saddest movie I can and cry through the
whole thing. Because it makes me
feel better. And I make my brothers'
lives a living hell." she said.

Others handle it more like senior
history major Sarah Adams does:
"The only way I get things done is
to be stressed out. Then I let myself
crash after it's over," she said.

According to a pampblet put out
by ETR Associates, "Stress is anything that puts pressure on us. It is
part of life."

part of lite."
The pressure of final exams can be a stressful part of life for students, but there are ways to deal with it.
NKU offers several different options to students to help deal with stress.
As a personal counselor at NKU
Health/Counseling/Testing Center,

Lisa Barresi encounters many dents who are dealing with stre any stu-

The counseling center offers tress and test anxiety workshops for roups of students and personal ounseling for individuals dealing

with stress.
Everyone has their own personal outlets they use to relieve stress, Barresi said. These methods could be anything from yoga and tai-chi relaxation and meditation to playing sports, working out, reading or

writing.

Many students who have problems with stress have lost these techniques somewhere, and the counselors encourage them to get back to their own methods to relieve the

multitude of outlets for stress is important for dealing with stress, but there are other ways to manage it. Two key aspects to stopping stress

before it starts are eating healthy and getting good sleep, Barresi said. "You can't do too much if you can't do those two things," she said. The paring—This involves good study habits, time management, a good night's sleep, and a good breakfast. "Come into the test with a little time before to prepare and tell the time to got much time to get necessary to the proper search when the study with the start you always sat incided. "Sit in the start you shall be shown they study with the study with th

•Sit in the •Sit in the same seat you always sat in— this will provide a feeling of com-fort and possibly help you remem-her answers. ber answers, because it pro-vides the memo-

•Sit in front.

Anxiety increas-es when you see people working. •Take a few

deep breaths before you look at the test. This will slow you down, curve anxiety and set

University Wellness Coordinator Sue Roth also said taking deep breaths is an important way to releive pre-test anxiety.

Roth described stress as a circuit breaker. When too many little things or one big thing pile up, stress

occurs. "You don't have to overload the circuit breaker," Roth said.

Roth said that dealing with stress begins with identifying the stress and realizing there are options to dealing with it.

dealing with it.
"People react without realizing they have the opportunity to step back and look at how they want to act on it." Roth table position,

Roth said there

Roth said there are five steps to managing stress:

*Alter— This involves managing stress and managing vor time.

*Avoid— This involves learning how to say no to

how to say no to taking on more than you can han-dle and other ways

of preventing stress form starting.

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Secretise is a great way to releive

stress.

Campus recreation offers open fitness, intramural leagues, aerobics tai-chi and yoga for students.

The attendance at campus recreation picks up in mid-semester, but drops off during midterms.

Roth said this is due to the fact that people don't see exercise class-es as productive; they see it as a frivolous, fun thing that isn't impor-tant when the rush of final and the holidays begins. Roth said this is ironic because during the high-stress period is when people need to exercise the most.

exercise the most.

Stress can be dangerous. Stress can't be avoided, but there are some

"don'ts" to stress.

"People want to take a pill to relieve stress," Roth said. Many people use alcohol, cigarettes and drugs to relieve stress, when actual-

If y they are exaggerating the stress.

These substitutes for stress relief actually magnify the affect of stress and make the person using them feel worse.

Dealing with stress is about trus ing feelings, Roth said. Emotional symptoms of stress overload are feeling tired all the time, feeling apathetic, or having relationship problems

Stress symptons are also physi

"Stress for many people can manifest itself in physical prob-lems," Baressi said. Migraine headaches, stomach ulcers, muscle tension and sleep disorders are a few of the ways stress shows itself

The reason that stress makes a person sick is that the body's defenses aren't strong enough to keep the body running smoothly.

Barresi said.

Baressi said that many students
who come to the counseling center
for help know that their problems
are stress-related, but don't know
what led to it.

The counselor's job is to talk

them through the problem to get to the root of where it began. "Talking is often a stress release," Baressi said, "Talking about it can clarify it. When [students] understand why, they have more control over it."

And The Award Goes To ...



Joe Ruh/Northern Kentucky University

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HER FRIENDS: Maries
Gerding, winner of the Kentucky Association For Development
Education's (KADE) Guststanding Developmental Studenfi, of the Ye
1996 Award, (middle) stands with the people who nominated her. (Pro
let to right) Paul Bills, Director of the Learning Assistance Program
Lamb, Dean of Students, Dale Adams, Student Support servic
Counselor, Norteen Pomeranta, vice President for Student Affairs, Suai
Mospens, Director of Student Support Services.

"I think Marlene is one of our most interesting students because she's been able to bridge the gender gap so well," said Lamb. "Here's a grandmother who is in Student Government... she's is one of the best reflections of NKU's students. She exemplifies our non-traditional students.."

Adams said Gerding has overcome many obstacles before and during the beginning of her college career.

"She had questions about whether or not she could make in college. She has unbelievable determination and excelled as a student. She has gone where younger students dare not tread," Adams said.

said.

Many members of Student Government agree with Lamb.

"Marlene is an inspiration to us all on Student Government.
Marlene is such a dedicated student she sold her car to travel to
Burpope for school. I think that shows her dedication to NKU and
to SGA," said Greg Mecher. a Student Government senator.

"She's a very organized and prepared person. She always has a
smile on her face and she's a fun person to work with," said Holly
Watson, a Student Government senator.

Watson, a Student Government senator.

Gerding was nominated by Susan Mospens in the Student Support Services. She said Gerding shows tenacity day in and day out, and if NKU needs more students like her.

"The energy she puts in is amazing," Mospens said.

To be nominated for the award needed, a student needs to demonstrate outstanding achievement in academic performance or sendemic progress, has shown motivation in overcoming obstacles to educational goals and has demonstrated outstanding service to school or community.

Ellis said Gerding has shown each and every quality on a daily basis.

basis.

"I think Marlene personifies the kind of students we have here at NKU. We chose Marlene because whatever has been dealt to her, she has taken with grace and fought hard to for all that she has accomplished.

Gerding received recognition at the annual state conference of KADE, a plaque and \$100.

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At 7-0, Norse Living Up To High Expectations

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team defeated Pikeville College (Ky.), Saturday at home 95-46 on Saturday, Nov. 23 to clinch the John L.Griffin/Lion's Club

The Norse defeated Ashland 101-65

The Norse defeated Ashland 101-65 on Thursday.
This marked the ninth time in the 15 year history of the tournament, that the Norse have won the tournament.
Before the game started, a banner was lowered from the ceiling to acknowledge the Norse's accomplish-ments last season. The black and gold barner displayed the words, "National Finalists 1995-96."

The 49 point margin of victory tied a school record set in 1984 when the Norse beat Franklin by the same mar-

gin.

Pikeville won the tip, but that was about all the Bears could do against the Norse's defense. On their first possession, the Norse forced the Bears to commit a shot-clock violation.

The two teams traded baskets for a while, but the Norse started to pull

lead in the game. NKU raced to a 24-11 lead ten mi

rese into the game. The Norse lead rew from there to 35-18, and they nded the half with a 45-22 lead. NKU continued to pile up the points

once the game was out of reach for the

Senior forward LaRon Moore was senior forward Laikon Moore was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He scored 52 points in the two games (31 vs. Ashland and 21 vs. Pikeville).

21 vs. Pikeville).
Junior center Cliff Clinton was
named Best Defensive Player.
Sophomore guard Kevin Listerman
helped apply NKU's hard-nosed

steals.
"He (Listerman) is one of the

int on the floor." out want on the house out out of the plays so out out of the said. "He plays so

you wan so-coach Ken Shields said. "He plays so hard. I've never seen a player play harder than Kevin." "It's a mentality." Listerman said. "You have to believe a loose ball on the court is yours. If I can come up with three or four loose balls that gives that many more possessions. In a

IT'S SHOWTIME: IT'S SHOWTIME: Senior LaRon Moore gets an easy two points. He was named MVP of the John L. Griffin/Lion's Club Tournament after scoring 52 points in the two games to lead the Norse to the Championship.

games to lead the
Norse to the
Champion ship.
The Norse go on
the road this
weekend to
attempt to win
their third tournament of the young
season at
California (Pa.).

Beat Goes On For Norse On Florida Trip, But Road Ahead Doesn't Get any Easier

By Pat McEntee

The No. 2 Northern Kentucky University men's basketball conti-ued its early season hot streak Florida with two wins over Florid College and

Southern College and the University of Tampa.

The Norse continued to shoot the ball poorly, but still defeated sixth ranked FSC 61-50 on Monday, Nov.

The Norse faced a much taller lineup than their own against Tampa, but the Norse were able to come the obstacle for the 79-65

FSC returned eight letterman from a team that made it to the NCAA Division II Tournament last season. Tampa returned three starters and eight lettermen from

starters and eight between the last year.

Against FSC, the Norse shot 33 percent from the field, but used their free throw shooting to clinch the win. They hit 15 of 17 free throws in the game as opposed to FSC which shot less than 50 percent from the strine. from the stripe.

Junior center Cliff Clinton v the exception for the Norse. In his

return to his home state, Clinton piled up 21 points on nine of 17 shooting from the field. He hit all

shooting from the field. He hit all three of his free throw attempts. Clinton also added 16 rebounds to help give the Norse a 45-43 edge over FSC in that department. Kevin Listerman dished out six assists to lead the Norse.

Todd Clark came off the bench to contribute three blocked shots in only seven minutes of play. FSC failed to put a player in double figures for the game. In the Tampa game, the Norse were led by Clinton again. He had 19 points and 19 rebounds. He finished the two Florda games with 40 points and 50 rebounds. points and 30 rebounds

Senior Paul Cluxton finished with 16 points against Tampa, 12 coming

on three pointers. Senior Shannon Minor scored all 15 points from behind the arc.

The Norse hit the road once again to Pennsylvania to play in the Observer-Reporter Holiday Invitational this weekend. The tournament is hosted by California University (Pa.).

University (Pa.).

The Norse will face Westminster
College in the first round on Friday
at 6 p.m. Westminster, an NAIA
school is 5-1 thus far and is ranked
No. 17 in NAIA.

If the Norse win that game, it
could set up a showdown with

California on Saturday, who advanced to the Elite Eight last season along with NKU. California will play St. Francis (Ill.) in the first

Women's Team Rebounds After 0-2 Start

By Pat McEntee Sports Editor

After starting the season 0-2, the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team returned home and took out their frustration on Thomas More College.

The Norse beat the Saints in convincing fashion, 95-47, on Tuesday. Nov. 26 at Regent's Hall to improve their record to 1-2.

"I think it was really important for us to with this game," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said.
"We're still not where we want to

coach Nancy Winstel said.

"We're still not where we want to be," she added. "We need to focus on what we need to do to get better."

NKU started the game on a 22-2 run and never looked back. The dad was 24 at the half and it only got worse from there for the Saints.

While it may seem the lon-sided

While it may seem the lop-sided victory would be a record for the Norse, it is not. They outscored

victory would be a record for the Norse, it is not. They outscored Kentucky State by 91 points in 1992. The Norse shot 53 percent from the field in the victory, led by junior Allison McCarthy's 8-11 shooting. NKU had five players score in double figures. McCarthy had 21, followed closely by senior Regina Webb's 19 points. Shannon Roddy finished with 15 points and hit all four of her three point attempts. The Norse out-rebounded TMC 48-27, including a 24-15 edge on the offensive glass.

Dana Morningstar had seven ounds to lead the Norse. She also

rebounds to lead the Norse. She also added seven assists and two steals. With more than a week without a game, Winstel said the Norse are working to get ready to win the Perkins/NKU Classic this weekend

Norse Drop Two On The Road To Open Season

By Kevin Goheen

The 1996-97 season began on the road in Rochester, Mich., for Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team. The road

women's basketball team. The road was not too kind. Head coach Nancy Winstel's team dropped consecutive games to Oakland University, 75-48, and Lake Superior State, 85-70.

Against Oakland, senior for

Against Oakland, senior forward Dana Morningstar led the
team with 19 points on 8-13 shooting. The rest of the team shot 10 of
32 (31 percent). guard Kelly
Penhorwood was the team's neth
injhest score with nine points.
NKU had its only lead of the
game at 5-4 after a Morningstar layup 2:26 into the contest. Over the
next 10 minutes. OU was able to
build a 21-11 lead. Only once did
the lead fall below 10 the rest of the
half as the Plonners took a 37-19
lead into the locker room.

The sec The second nair was more of the same. NKU could only get as close as 16 points once. For the game, Oakland out-rebounded the Lady Norse, 47-27, including 18-4 on the offensive boards, NKU also hurt themselves by committing 23 turnovers, 14 of them in the first half. These turnovers but no 23 turnovers, 14 of them in the first half. These turnovers but no 23 turnovers. half. These turnovers led to 32

turnovers, 14 of them in the first half. These turnovers led, to 32 Oxland points.

In the second game against Lake Superior, similar problems plagued the Norse. Thirteen more unrovers led to 16 points for 18 NEU could only manage two points off of six Laker turnovers. Morningstar picked up her second dout of the game with 13-41 left in the first half and LSSU went on an 11-0 run to take control. Again, NKU went to the lockers facing a large deficit. 45-28.

This time the Norse came out and played a better second half, cutscoring the Lakers 42-40. Momingstar second and 11 of her points in the second half. Regina Webb came off the bench, after starting the first game, to score 14 points and grab six rebounds. Shannon Smith led the team with 17 points, including 11 in the first half while Morningstar sat on the bench with foul troubble.

For the game, NKU shot only 39-4 percent and was again out-rebounded, 45-38. LSSU also outscored NKU from the free-throw line, 25-14





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Wish List For All

W ith the Christmas Season soon upon our university ty, there are many items, things, stuff, whatever... that Northern Kentucky University is in desperate, desperate need of obtaining,

There is, of course, stuff that the university doesn't necessarily need, but wouldn't it be great if we could just have it because we want it!?

Here is the humorous (which means please don't take every word literally) and much anticipated (there could be a little sarcasm found in places) Northerner Christmas Wish List, in the popular Top Ten Format...

A luxurious bus (with a VCR and whirlpool) to trans port the men's and women's soccer teams (not clubs) to all their games, (a bus they don't have to share with the basketball team ever.)

Number 9...

Cute little mini-football helmet paper weights (with the cool Norse logol to give out to all the faculty who have helped The Northerner staff completely filled up the Viewpoint pages with their insightful comments on topics concerning Number 8...

A few Pepsi machines (located in discrete locations across campus) for those on campus who still miss diet Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew.

Number 7.

Brand spankin' new Apple (Mac) computers for all the professors who own IBM or have no computers to use at all while they are hard at work campus.

Number 6...

A new science building located somewhere in the core of campus (but not as far away as the new ceramics building) for all the aspiring scientists who don't feel the need to hike over hill and over dale to get to class. Number 5...

Flights on Delta (to Siberia) for all those who think Delta is really going to do anything for the students and campus

Number 4..

A set of Jack Stands for Landrum (on sale at Sears) because they are Craftsman and guaranteed for life (unlike the building itself.)

Number 3...

A recreation room in the University Center for the students to recreate between classes (kids need their recess... we need our pool game!)

Number 2...

Keeping Title IV alive and kicking on campus in the form of a women's soccer team, without having to endure years and years of football debates and argu-

And the Number 1 item on The Northerner's Christn Wish List Is...

Thousands and thousands of brand new, up-to-date research books for the nice shiny lonely bookshelves that are currently standing silently unused in Steely Library. (Let's face it, that wish is also found on every academic person's list as well.)

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NKU. SGA Looking To Future



Dear Students,

On Saturday December 14,
Northern Kentucky University will
hold its first ever Winter
Commencement. Iurge all students
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fer this event to be as meaningful as
Spring Commencement. Germony,
For this event to be as meaningful as
Spring Commencement, we need all
of your support. I would like to recognize all the past administrations of
SGA, who have worked so hard for
this to occur. In the article
"Saunders Reaches Out", it basically said I was the one responsible for
organizing the first Wingle
Commencement Ceremony. This is
not the case. Everyone should thank
all of the past presidents and senators of SGA, who worked on this
project.

project.

As the fall semester draws to a close, I am very proud of the hard work and success Student Government Association has experi-

enced this semester. We hope to continue our hard work throughout the "next semester. Tim Yacks, Felicia Shields, Allison Schmidt, Travis Turner and all the senators are the ones responsible for all the events and success of SGA this year. I would also like to congratuate all the winners in the SGA election. Next semester we will be discussing women's soccer, football, making more people aware of SGA and working hard on issues concerning students.

ing students.

You have probably seen some tables around the University with tables around the University with Student Government Association on it. This is an attempt to get more stu-dents to know about SGA and to here your concerns. That is why we are here. SGA is working hard to promote awareness in hearing the stu-dents and listening what "you" have

I would like to take this opportuni I would like to take this opportuni-yto applaud the The Northerner for the excellent coverage of SGA events as well as issues which are affecting students.

If you need any help or have ques-tions or concerns, please do not hes-titate to call the SGA hotline at 572-5149.

Sincerely, Christopher D. Saunders

Black and Gold Success

On Saturday, November 23, 1996, the ished gentlemen of Alpha Phi Fratemity, Inc., Rho Gamma Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Gainma chapter, hosted their Second Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant at Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall. The title of the pageant exemplifies the colors of the fra-ternity. In addition to displaying the most intelligent, talented, and positive women at Northern Kentucky University, it at Northern Kentucky University, it serves as a retention program for minority students (particularly African American students). I believe that the 1996 Miss Black and Gold Pageant was a success. If you were not present, you really missed out on a momentous event. really missed out on a momentuse event. We had five specucular contestants that work hard and long to prepare for the pageant. The contestants this year are as follows: Ms. Jennifer Adkins (Freshman); Janette Baker (Freshman); As Jiana Benon (Sophomore). As Autricee Sims (Senior); and Ms. Chanel Wheeler (Freshman). Each contestant is a winner; but to highlight a few in Misch Chanel Wheeler (Second Runner-Up); Ms. Jennifer Adkins (First Runner-Up); and the 1996 Miss Black and Gold Pageant Winner is Miss. Antriece Dawnielle Sims. As winner, Ms. Sims will participate in future community ser-sice endeavos with the Alpha Phi Alpha fratemity, treated to functions and/or and represent the chapter at events and represent the chapter at Desiric, Regional and National Pageant Competitions. On behalf of the distin-quished gentlemen of Apha Ph i Alpha Fratemity, Inc. Rho Gamma chapter, I would like to extend a sincre special "Thank you" to the judges for the 1996 Miss Black and Gold Municipal Law Center, May Chestnut, Mr. Anthony Gaines. Mr. Greg Harris, Dr. Clinton Hewan, Ms. Michelle Pereson, Ms. Gaines. Mr. Greg Harris, Dr. Clinon, Mr. Hewan, Ms. Michelle Peterson, Ms. Roshsam Cochrum. Ms. Tiffanie Bright. Ms. Lillian Olembo, and individuals whom I may have failed to mention. Certain suggestions for improvement have been noted, and I promise NKU. "Next years' Miss. Black and Gold Pageant will be even better;" Miss. Black and Gold Pageant will be even better;"

With Football, University Can See Little Support

To the Editor:

With regard to Mr. Ellis's response to my "jeremiad," if it is elitist to believe that the students who enter my classes should be prepared to the pre-scribed level of expertise, then I am elitist. If it is an error to think that our part-time reliance must be curtailed, than I am in error.

But, is it not in fact elitist and self-serving to postulate that a bachelors degree, rather than a sound and appropriate educa-tion, is indispensible to realiz-ing the American Dream? Is it not reckless to argue that we should continue to exploit parttime faculty grievously because they make a contribu-tion? (I have consistantly advocated turning as many

part-time positions as possible

into full-time.)
You called NKU a wreck. I said that America is being wrecked by a pervasive dumb-ing down brought on partly by a relaxation in educational standards. That you are not standards. That you are not aware of this problem suggests that you are in an enviable state of innocece.

The now almost certain reali-

ty of the board choosing to put scarce resources into a football team means that most university units have little hope of increased support. Under those conditions it becomes even more imparitive to consider soberly what this institution

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Student Says Improving Academics Should Not Take Back Seat To Funding Athletics

I would love to pick up a copy of the Northerner and read that Northern Kentucky University has a football team. That would make myself and many other students and faculty members elated. Norse football would certainly provide an added financial security for the university, as well as, more supports and increased school enter-

students and increased school spir it. The thought of sitting in a state of the art facility surrounded by friends and professors cheering for our football team with a box of popcorn in one hand and a soda in the other would make me proud. Not to mention that I would like the opportunity to try out for the

Not only will NKU get a foot-

ball team and a new stadium to play in, but it will build a new soc-cer field, a new softball field, and new tennis courts. This is wonder-ful news for our Athletic

Department.

The Board of Regents is going to vote on this critical issue in January. But before they cast their vote, I would like to remind them

vote, I would like to remind them, y fellow students, and faculty that we have internal issues that must be resolved before we pursue the football program.

First and foremost, we are an institute of academics, and that should be our first priority in the NKU community. And right now that the standard is the standard that the standard is the standard that the standard t importance and relevancy to us. Whatever happened to the pos-

sibility of a new and updated sci-ence building that the Student ence building that the Student Government Association fought for so hard last year? Have our priori-ties changed that much in a year, or are we being clouded by the exist-ement of a proposed sports team? And what's the deal with leaving Steely Library with a skeleton bud-get? The library staff, bless their hearts, cannot provide the student

hearts, cannot provide the student body with proper research materi-als, or a longer operational period because they have the lowest budget of all universities in the State of

Kentucky.

Interim President Jack Moreland was quoted in the Northerner on November 20, "I think increasing student life, which football and woman's socier would obviously take part in, goes along

way towards, No. 1, recruiting stu-dents and, No. 2, retaining stu-dents." I agree whole heartedly with Mr. Moreland, we need a way to recruit and retain students at

NKU.

We will recruit and retain students at Northern Kentucky
University if we stay focused on
providing the best curriculum in
education, and not necessarily the

best program in sports.

If we work as a united force, we can accomplish the best of both worlds. The student body and faculty have to work together to pre-serve and increase the level of edu-cation while providing a high stan-dard of athletics at NKU.

Sincerely Yours, Sean C. Jones

Academic Reputation Versus Football Funding

Dear Editor,

The idea that for only a \$20 increase in the student fees each semester we could have an NKU semester we could nave air Mx football team is very enticing. I know how much fun NKU basket-ball has been and I remember how much fun high school football was. But don't be sucked in by an isolated image and false advertising. Take a minute and look at this

from a broader perspective.

No university can run a football

team on the amount of money sug-gested in the recent football report. There are many more costs than the report accounts for and even winning teams rarely break even. At some point those additional dollars are going to have to come from moneys that should go to the improvement of instruction and ervices at the university.

Already NKU's ability to offer

an adequate education has been weakened by less than adequate

funding from the state and by less than responsible resource alloca-tions from the administration. Academic Affairs-that part of the university charged with instruction-currently

receives less than half the university's "...don't be sucked in by an isolated image and budget false advertising." Though enrollhas increased dra-matically in the

past ten years
we have not
reinvested our
additional revenue in more full
time faculty. The library is woefully underfunded, little has been
done to place technology in the
classroom, and we face serious classroom, and we face serious challenges in recruiting and retain

Every college student and alum-nus should understand the follow-

ing. The value of a diploma is directly related to the academic reputation of the university that grants it. As the institution's acadma it grants will

uate school pro-grams and prospective employers. As the reputation rises, every student's investment of tuition, fees and hard work will pay -Rudy Garns

off in better job off in better job opportunities and a higher quality of life. No doubt, students and alumni have an important stake in their university's academic reputation. While some have joked that his is "No Knowledge State College", the label is no laughing matter when you're job hunting. Even a successful football team

Football is the wrong investment for NKU right now ment for NKU right now. Will stu-dents be willing to pay \$20 for football and additional \$20 fees for enhancing the library and improving technology? Which is more important? Aren't there more cost effective ways to increase school morale, provide more activities for students and at the same time enhance the quality the same time enhance the quality of education at NKU? I know

So once you we considered now much fun those few Saturday afternoons would be consider also what is to be done the other five or six days when classes are taught. And consider also what you'll want that degree to mean after

Rudy Garns Associate Professor, Philosophy

A Play For Football

GUEST COLUMN BY TOM ZANIELLO, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

FOOTBALL NOW, DISCUSSION LATER: MESSAGES INTERCEPTED FROM ATT PHONE LINES

"Job Seekers Jam Phones For NKU's Coaching Post"—Kentucky Post Headline

SCENE: Local 7 of the Unemployed and Under-employed Football Coaches Association of America (UUFCAA)

CHARACTERS: Coach Bupp, Coach Pulque, Coach Momerath, etc.

PHONE: Ring!

COACH BUPP: Coach, there's a call for you.

COACH PULQUE: Thanks, coach. Hello, this is Coach. Yes, I've been trying to reach NKU for hours. How many times did I try? Once, but I really meant it sincerely. How strongly do I feel about this position? I feel real good about it. I'm ready to go the whole nine yards. Give it a 110 per cent. My current position? Working for a construction company, but that's only because the last team I coached worth 0-9-1. The tite? Neither team showed up and the 37 fans there went ballistic on me and tried to burn me in f-e-g, whatever that is. How many assistant coaches would I need? Seven, but not all of them need to be full-time and two of them can teach math. Me? I'd teach Creative Financing 101. Yes, thanks, I'll be looking forward to your call.

COACH BUPP: Who was that, coach?

COACH PULQUE: That was NKU, coach, looking for a football coach.

COACH BUPP: I heard that part, coach. Nice of you to settle for only 7 assistant coaches, coach. I told 'em 9.

COACH PULQUE: You already talked to NKU, coach?

COACH BUPP: Yes, coach. So did everyone else here. We're desperate. Too many universities are cutting back on football for lack of atten

COACH MOMERATH: What are they doing with the money they save buying books for the library?!

[ALL THE COACHES FALL ON THE FLOOR CONVULSED WITH LAUGHTER.]

PHONE: Ring!

COACH MOMERATH: Local 7. Coach, it's for you.

COACH BUPP: Yea, I'm Coach Bupp. No TV deal? No endorsements? No ear? No jacket with "coach" on it? Are you crasy? (ASIDE TO OTHER COACHES: It's some cockamamie eghead from NKU who says the deal is a set-up, but no big perks from the get-go. The perks get fazed in later, whatever that means.] Yea, thanks, count me in! PHONE: Ring!

COACH PULQUE: Coach, it's for you, ESPN

COACH MOMERATH: Yea? What baskethall team? This is football territory, hone; Oh, yea, I heard something like that. National championship finals of Division II, lost by only 7 points, rated 1 or 2 in current pre-season polls, more spectators every game... well, that 's not bad for baskethall. Would 1 think the football team would equal that? Listen, honey, are you one of those Title IX chicks hired by the media to make things rough for us regular guys? Ain I you never heard of the Super Bowl? Yea, I know Division II don't have no Super Bowl, but Division II has lots of bowls of their own. We just need to pump some more money into Division II football and bingo! (the whole card) you got a bowl bid. Little lady, you sound a little dubious. What sport you play in college ... the dance team?! [ALL THE COACHES FALL ON THE FLOOR CONVULSED WITH LAUGHTER, Do. You were all-American field hockey. Yea, I know it, Indian game, right, with sticks or sunthin? No.7 Well, honey, just give me a call when we announce the bidding for the cable rights and I'll put your pretty little self right up there in the front row. Bye.

COACH PULQUE: Hello. Coach, it's for you.

COACH BUPP: Thanks, coach. Yea? Oh, yes, sir! Speaking candidly, frankly, honestly, and sincerely, I'm deeply honored. I can be there tomorrow, if you need me. No? Not until classes are out and the faculty are away? Sure, no problem, sounds like a good idea. Yea, that's ok. Bye.

COACH MOMERATH: Who was that, coach?

COACH BUPP: It was Dean Erpenbeck, coach.

COACH MOMERATH: Didn't know they had a dean by that name,

COACH BUPP: Well, maybe he wasn't a dean, coach, but he certaint knew a lot about learning and library fees. Said the situation is a go, they've already spent enough money on acadermic stuff, and they're ready to interview me.

ALL THE COACHES HIGH FIVE AROUND THE ROOM SCREAM-ING: UUFCAA! UUFCAA! UUFCAA!

COACH BUPP: But, coaches, I'll remember our deal: whoever gets the job as head hires the others as assistants. The office is big enough ... used to be a game room or something in the University Center. They'll call it the Norse Coaches Lair. I'll tell them to keep the video games in the room just in case

COACH MOMERATH: Just in case what, coach?

COACH BUPP: Just in case we get bored giving interviews to the

[ALL THE COACHES LINE UP TO SING A CHORUS OF "TOMORROW" FROM "ANNIE."] —THE END.

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By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndic

December 1 through December 7, 1996 Aries (March 21 - April 20)
This is a time when it might be a good idea to step back and take a look at the big picture; it may





Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Sometimes people take advantage of you, and there isn't much you can do about it. Move on to something new and leave the past behind. Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Geminis might be bored, but this isn't a good to start a new project. Tie up loose ends and fi what you have already started.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Sometimes you just have to pick yourself up and get on with life. Cheer up by going out and getting some holiday shopping done.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
ou are feeling the weight of responsibili
uestion is, did you put it there or did so
se? It is important to know the answer.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

re is an extreme need to bring order to your
onal life. Do not allow anyone to dominate
thinking.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
have to find a way to share your feelings with
e you love. Don't hide behind your emotions,
ress them.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
may not be aware of what is really going on
in a certain organization. There is a good
ice you will be rewarded for your effort. Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
Your materialistic love of luxury and comfort may
get you into deep water financially. Spend wisely
this holiday season.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Too much disorder and confusion can lead to petty quarrels and arguments. Think before you speak You have the power to change it all.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

s deep friendship will grow even more as it is nurured. Show your appreciation and share your ideas
with your loved ones.

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