

OH, KENTUCKY SUMMER: NKU sophomore Kristin Hopf soaks up a few rays behind the Residence Halls on Easter Sunday.

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Muddy waters



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Mike Fogelman, 8, cleans up in a puddle after playing behind NKU's baseball field during Saturday's doubleheader against Dayton.

Northern denied state Center

by Steve Rohs
Associate editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—State grants established last year by the Kentucky General Assembly to fund outstanding university programs will not be available to NKU, a special committee announced here Monday.

The committee recommended that the Council on Higher Education (CHE) allocate about \$1.8 million from its Centers of Excellence project to programs from the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Murray State University.

UK's two programs—aging and computational sciences—were awarded \$400,000 and \$368,000 grants.

Applied microcirculatory research and collaborative advancement of teaching profession programs at UL received \$394,723 and \$265,276

awards.

An ecosystems studies program at Murray State was given a \$389,000 Center of Excellence.

The announcement disappointed NKU Provost Lyle Gray and faculty members who had expressed optimism that Northern would receive a grant for one of three proposals it submitted to the committee.

"I think the legislature had hoped to see a wider distribution than now appears to be the case," Gray said Monday afternoon.

NKU, with Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and the UK community college system received no funding from the program. Western Kentucky University received a \$57,000 developmental grant, but not a complete Center.

The committee also awarded four Endowed Chairs, a state program that

gives \$500,000 to a university for an excellent field of study when a private group donates the same amount.

UK, UL and Murray State each received Endowed Chairs for aging, computer science and applied ecosystem ecology, respectively.

Kentucky State University received the fourth endowed chair for humanities.

"We are recognizing excellence, not equity here today," said CHE Chairman Burns Mercer at the meeting.

"Giving an equal piece of the pie to everyone is always an easy thing to do," he said.

In February, each state university submitted proposals for the Center of Excellence grants. NKU's proposals were for applied visual art, interdisciplinary study of literature and mathematical sciences.

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Poster contest for cancer

NKU network to attack attitudes about smoking

by Omar Hacker
Staff writer

The McDowell Cancer Network, which has its northern Kentucky office in NKU's Albright Health Center, is conducting a poster contest as part of a five-day cancer awareness program for Kenton County fifth graders, said Regional Coordinator Faye Parker.

The posters will be judged by a member of the NKU arts faculty, and the winning poster will be used on a billboard in Covington.

"The purpose of the tobacco education program," said Parker, "is to reach students before they begin to experiment with cigarettes and smokeless tobacco and to discourage those who may have already begun."

Parker said that during the program students are shown films and slide presentations that teach them about the harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke and illustrate its effects on the body.

She added that a guest speaker, see Cancer, page 3

This week

Special Honor: Graduating seniors Amy Barlage and Barb Buemi received special recognition from NKU's Alumni Association during the Senior Awards Luncheon last Wednesday (April 15). For details, see story, page 6.

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Newsmaker



Opus has transcended his quest for pickled herring, given up his diet, quit "Billy and the Boingers" and gone on tour. Why not? He's famous.

Opus and his friends in the comic strip *Bloom County* were honored last week. Or rather, their creator was honored. Berke Breathed, whose cynical yet creatively funny sense of humor appears in the comic strip across the nation, was given the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning last week.

The *Northerner*, in an effort to satisfy the need for greatness and to get Milo off our backs, carries *Bloom County* every week.

Salary increase

AAUP reports 3.9 percent rise in faculty pay

College Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Faculty salary levels continued their slow climb in 1986-87, registering a 5.9 percent gain, a new study of 1,900 institutions by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) says.

Even after allowing for inflation, faculty members this year are making 3.9 percent more than last year.

The AAUP says it's the best increase in more than 15 years.

The hikes, however, still leave the average college teacher with 10 percent less purchasing power than he or she had in 1970, and AAUP officials fear rising inflation rates could slow future gains.

An Education Department study released in March reported faculty salaries in 1985-86 rose 6.4 percent, but real salary increases were only 3.4 percent after being adjusted for inflation.

"It's the best increase in 15 years," says AAUP spokeswoman Iris Molotsky. "But using 1970 as a base, purchasing power has yet to catch up, and there is concern about inflation increasing again."

Since the early 1980s, schools have worked to bring up lagging faculty salaries to stem a "brain drain" of top teachers into more lucrative careers in

other fields. Administrators repeatedly say the effort is a major reason why tuition has gone up much faster than the inflation during the decade.

Average salaries for full professors rose from \$42,300 last year to \$45,530 in 1986-87. Associate professor salaries averaged \$33,820, assistant professors earned \$27,920 and instructors salaries averaged \$21,330.

The study shows northeastern, mid-Atlantic and Pacific states registered the largest salary increases.

Full professors at doctoral institutions in Pacific states, for example, averaged salaries topping \$55,600, while those in Rocky Mountain states earned only \$44,020.

New England full professors at baccalaureate institutions earned nearly \$44,000 while those in the west and south-central states made less than \$33,000.

"The study presents a contradictory picture this time," Molotsky admits. "Some states are in financial trouble, particularly oil-producing states, but some are discussing the quality of education and realizing you can't have high quality without increasing teachers' salaries."

Some states, moreover, see teacher salaries as a way out of their budget problems.

Ambassadors organization seeks members

by Todd Davis
News editor

The presidential ambassadors—a select organization of top sophomores, juniors and seniors who represent NKU on on-and-off-campus functions—are now accepting applications for new members.

"Students who wish to apply must have been a student at NKU during the current academic year and have a 3.0 grade point average," said Adviser Suzanne McGonigal.

McGonigal said applications are available in University Relations, room 701 of the Administrative Center.

"It's a new group and I feel it will expand in the next couple of years," she said.

McGonigal said members host university events, conduct campus tours, and generally act in the role of ambassadors—as the name suggests.

McGonigal added that the ambassadors are top scholarship students, and one advantage of the organization

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ROTC visits 6-week camp to 'advance' students

by Debbie Schwierjohann
Staff writer

NKU's ROTC attended a three-day mini-camp April 2-5 in Fort Knox, Ky. where members participated in exercises designed to prepare third-year military science students (MS III) for advanced camp.

Advanced camp is a six-week leadership practicum. "We need to evaluate the cadets' leadership potential at mini-camp before they can go on to advanced camp," said ROTC's Major Gary R. Cole.

The entire MS III class from Northern attended the mini-camp. They were split into squads and platoons consisting of cadets from 12 other universities and col-

leges from the Second Region.

"It helps cadets get used to working together with people they don't know," said Major Cole.

They participated in exercises such as patrolling, night and day land navigation, and tactical exercises, which are scenarios designed to measure the tactical proficiency of the cadets.

The MS III class from NKU performed quite well at these tasks as rated by cadre members from the various schools. They also received high rating during peer evaluation sessions.

Several members of the fourth-year class (MS IV) attended the mini-camp acting as proctors and graders for the night

land navigation course.

"We evaluate them on many different aspects," said Major Cole. "It ranges from things such as the equipment they use, promptness in keeping the schedule, and briefing before, during and after the exercise."

The cadets were on a five-point scale with five being the top slot. Out of all the cadets only three can receive five points and only three can receive four points. "All the rest get three points. Cadets receiving one or two points get sent home," he said.

"The MS III's are always in the limelight from the time they arrive until the time they leave," said MS IV senior Robert Thompson. "Last year as an MS III, I wasn't expected to be an expert. This

year as an evaluator, I have to be good."

The cadets are rated very closely on their overall leadership. "We also rate how they follow," said ROTC senior Ernie Perdue. "After all, they can't be good leaders unless they are good followers."

"I found myself pushed beyond my limits," said Perdue. "Now that I look back, I find it was a very challenging and rewarding experience. It's nice to know that I can be pushed beyond my limits and realize that there are no upper limits."

"The things I learned translate back to the classroom," said Thompson. "I see students choke when they have to give a speech or presentation. This experience has helped me to be a good public speaker as well as an achiever."

From The

Wire Notre Dame names games

The Office of Student Activities has wiped out the name of more than 100 of the 662 teams entered in this spring's annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament because—in the words of

Assistant Vice President The Rev. Peter Rocca—they "were unfit for publishing, and they were terribly gross."

The teams' names have been replaced by numbers in the schedule.

Rocca said dropping the names was done to avoid provoking President Theodore Hesburgh, who in 1983 was so offended by team names he threatened to stop the whole tourney.

Chief warns students not to 'slur' school name

In a memo, University of Missouri at St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite Barnett has asked faculty and staff members to stop calling the school

"um-sil," the slurred acronym for UMSL.

Barnette said U of M system President C. Peter McGrath has asked to stop the slurring but did not enumerate the penalties for those who couldn't stop.

Five-hundred students go on purposeful spree

Some 500 North Carolina State students ran through campus during the night conducting panty raids, shouting obscenities, blocking traffic and then awaking campus Chancellor Bruce Poulton from a deep sleep by singing "Happy Birthday Bruce" outside his official residence.

The following day, freshman Darryl Black explained the outing as "a spontaneous protest against (dorm) visitation policies."

Winona State cuts out bathrooms in building

Students have discovered Winona State University's new Rochester (Minn.) 30,000 square foot, \$3 million academic building was built without bathrooms.

Pee Sjeger, the appropriately named architect for the project, says the decision to eliminate bathrooms was a budgetary one—but not incorrect because of "an overabundance of toilet facilities" in an attached building.

Some rockers still take a political stand

WASHINGTON—The Irish rockers of the band U2 opened their United States tour in Tempe, Ariz., earlier this month. And although the music was post-New Wave, many of us were hearing echoes of the 1960s.

Cody Shearer

U2, very successful on both sides of the Atlantic since debuting in 1980, makes no bones about its social and political concerns. The band's 1985 album "The Unforgettable Fire," ended with a ringing elegy to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., titled "Pride (In the Name of Love)." Songs on other U2 albums have dealt with IRA (Irish Republican Army) bombings, unemployment and on the band's current release, drug addiction.

Not your typical mainstream AM radio fare, these four musicians take themselves quite seriously. Learning that Arizona's Republican governor, Evan Mecham, nixed the Martin Luther King holiday in the state, U2 turned its first night concert stop into a platform for condemnation of the state's chief executive and a reaffirmation of civil rights and ideals.

The story was covered nationwide. In the 1960s such a stand by a top recording group would have been commonplace. Then, rock and politics seemed natural allies. But in recent years, mainstream contemporary musicians have steered clear of political rhetoric, mainly to protect personal profits.

Of course, since the enormously successful Live Aid concerts of summer 1985, the music and entertainment industry has contributed its considerable fund-raising power to innumerable causes, from the farm crisis to AIDS.

U2 itself was the major force behind last year's "Conspiracy of Hope" tour, the proceeds of which went to Amnesty International, the human rights group. Amnesty's U. S. chapter hopes to mount a two-month rerun of the tour this summer. Stopping on six continents, the multi-group tour will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the United Nations universal declaration of human rights.

Such events, however, have so far been much more notable for their star power and revenue than for their explicit political messages. The issues involved, after all, have been pretty safe: Not many people oppose feeding star-

ving Africans or aiding chained political prisoners.

In addition, big-name rockers have ducked political entanglement when it has arisen. Mega-star Bruce Springsteen declined to comment in 1984 when his hugely-popular but ironic song "Born In the USA" was considered an anthem for the Reagan reelection campaign. And when was the last time you heard of a rocker performing at a fund-raiser for a political candidate based on the politician's views rather than personal friendship?

Still, there has been a handful of artists in recent years who, like U2, have incorporated political themes into their acts. For many, U. S. involvement in Central America has been the catalyst. Californian Jackson Browne and the less famous Canadian Bruce Cockburn are two who have openly reacted to death squad violence in El Salvador and contra murders in Nicaragua.

With lyrics like these, there is no mistaking thrust on Browne's most recent "Lives in the Balance" album: "On the radio talk shows and TV/You hear one thing again and again/How the USA stands for freedom/And we come to the aid of a friend/But who are the ones that we call our friends—these

governments killing their own?"

And Springsteen himself, long concerned with the cause of Vietnam veterans, seemed to harken ominously to events in Central America on his recent live double-record set, the fastest-selling album in history. Introducing his remake of the song "War," Springsteen recalled his own generation's anguished decisions over whether to fight in Southeast Asia.

Warning that "next time they will be looking at you," Springsteen explored his fans to get the facts. "Blind faith in your leaders, or in anything."

Will more artists follow U2's lead, and make political controversy part of their act? Whether they do so is not going to trigger a new generation of political activism in this country. Nor should it. Pop stars with slogans are

not a worthy substitute for substantive political involvement on the part of young people.

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Cancer

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usually a doctor, a nurse or a dentist, makes a visit. They also tour a cancer treatment center.

The program should probably be implemented at the third or fourth grade level because some students have already started using tobacco by fifth grade, said Parker.

Use of smokeless tobacco among youngsters is a particular concern of the program.

"One of the reasons we're doing this is that the use of smokeless tobacco has increased dramatically among children and adolescents in recent years," Parker said.

The McDowell Cancer Network is a state-funded affiliate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. It is composed of nine districts serving eastern and central Kentucky.

As region coordinator, Parker is responsible for 13 area counties. She said that their main purpose is to educate people so that cancer can hopefully be detected early enough to be treated effectively. They also do referrals, informing cancer patients of the various services available to them.

Students

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is it allows the student to "give something back to the university."

"Recently, the ambassadors assisted the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce with a membership drive," McGonigal said.

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Editorial

Desegregation

NKU falls short of policy for faculty

The idea of racial discrimination at NKU is a sensitive issue.

The question: Does it exist? The answer: It depends on who you are talking to at the time.

Black students and faculty have expressed the view that the administration doesn't really care about them.

Administrators argue that they treat blacks on campus as they do any other minority—handicapped, etc.

This university has about 120 blacks, making it about 98 percent white, the lowest number of blacks per capita of any college in Kentucky. And it doesn't seem as if that is going to change.

The only noticeable influx of blacks recently has been recruitment of black basketball players.

But there's a logical reason for this. The counties that make up northern Kentucky consist of about the same percentage of blacks as the university. So it is understandable that NKU doesn't have more blacks. And many Cincinnati blacks probably don't have the money to pay out-of-state tuition. The small black population isn't necessarily the administration's fault.

But what has blacks, such as history professor Michael Washington, upset is that the universi-

ty adopted a desegregation policy five years ago that called for recruiting more black faculty and students. According to Vice President for Student Affairs Cindy Dickens, the university has lived up to the student end.

But it certainly hasn't lived up to hiring more black faculty members. Washington is the only black male faculty member, just as he was five years ago. In fact, many part-time blacks have opted not to attempt to become full-time faculty leaving "disgruntled," according to Washington.

Another situation blacks are angry about is the decision by the administration to fund only a full-time counseling position rather than a complete minority student office.

This is where administrators are caught in a Catch-22 situation.

Their main concern certainly isn't to recruit more blacks. But they can't say that or they appear to be racists.

This university surely couldn't be hurt by integration. In fact, it should be encouraged. White NKU students will work with and associate with blacks the rest of their lives.

And if the administration adopted a policy of desegregation, it should stick by it.

"BUY AMERICAN!" AND SUPPORT ABSENTEEISM.



Ohio vs. Ky. : Battle of the Bridge

I had been pushed to the limits of my usual peaceful and tolerant demeanor. He had made one too many flippant remarks, one too many cheap put-downs of my beloved Bluegrass homeland.

Steve Olding

And end would come this bitter verbal conflict. Two would enter the confrontation. Only one would come out victorious, the other to be swept away in the dustpail of time.

We would have it out at a neutral site, directly under the Central Bridge. I came from the Kentucky side in my bass rig, he sped out from Cincinnati's public landing in his over-priced and gaudy ski-boat.

There was no need for any pre-battle discussion, we both knew the ground rules. My foe started quickly and decisively:

"Hey, Olding," he screamed, "what's the difference between a cow and a Kentucky woman? ... One is fat, has flies and moos. The other has a tail."

I came back, "Oh yeah, well where do Ohioans hold their family reunions? ... In prison."

He looked a bit rattled after that one, but he responded: "What day is it when a garbage truck comes to Kentucky? ... Christmas."

That one hurt. From that point on, I knew this would be my toughest contest yet. I would have to use my best Ohio "digs" to dump this Ohio acorn. I mean, buckeye.

"Hey, you Cincinnati scalawag," I yelled, "how many Ohioans does it take to cross the river? ... Just one—one to swim across, and everyone else can walk across the scum."

But this guy was tough. He hollered from the deck of his Cruisecraft, "Hey, briar-hopper, why

don't Kentuckians own BMWs? ... You can't buy what you can't spell."

He left me an opening with that one, and like the seasoned pro that I am, I went for the quick kill.

"Oh, yeah, chili-breath? Do you know what the best form of birth-control is in Ohio? ... Nudity."

I could almost hear Dick Enberg saying, "Oh, my!" after that one. My Ohio opponent almost fell out of his boat after that shot.

He was in trouble and he knew it. In his half-blinded confusion, he began to tell a knock-knock joke, but quickly stopped himself. He finally screamed, "Oh, yeah, Olding! Well, your mama!"

"Your mama," I mused to myself. I had this turkey on the ropes. All I needed was one last dig to put this midwest mutt in his place. But before I had the chance to silence my opponent's incoherent mumbblings, I heard a voice from overhead.

"Hey, you two river rats, have you ever heard about the war between Ohio and Kentucky? ... The people in Kentucky keep throwing hand-grenades across the river. The Ohioans keep picking them up, taking the pins out and throwing them back."

I could tell from his bright-red T-shirt that we were dealing with an Indiana dig artist. Before I had a chance to say anything, he got back into his green Chevy pickup truck and sped away.

"Damn Hoosier," I thought to myself, "Ever since that movie they think they're God's gift to the world. But they shouldn't be much of a problem, they've got Bobby Knight, don't they?"

Steve Olding, the features/sports editor of The Northerner, is a senior majoring in journalism and political science.

Team still upset with tennis story

To the editor:

This is a gesture for us to try and set the record straight about an article written by Chipp Lewis, in April 8's *Northerner*. The article was titled, "Coaching void causes tennis confusion," but the only confusion that we can find is in the reporting of this article and the final draft that was printed.

As tennis players, we realize that despite being on a team together, tennis is an individual's sport. It's a sport that is pretty much self-motivated, so we find it impossible to blame our record on anyone except ourselves.

Lack of a coach is not our excuse for how we are playing, and none of us have ever stated otherwise. Hence, we have reached the reason for our letter: We've been taken advantage of by being used as a scapegoat by the writer of the story!

When Chipp approached us he said he was interviewing all of the sports teams and forming a story around the general overview of the new athletic administration. We, of course, voiced our opinions, both good and bad, but what came out (in the article) was all the bad.

However, what ever happened to the other team's comments? Point—we've been made to look like fools.

There were some quotes that were intended to remain "off-the-record," but evidently Chipp chose to ignore that. There were also some misquotes and quotes used the wrong text, but there is nothing to do now to apologize for the reporter's carelessness.

"We've been taken advantage of by being used as a scapegoat by the writer of the story."

To the men's basketball team, we are sorry for the misrepresentation of our statements—we were not trying to point you out as the heavies.

We realize that basketball is the big money-making sport at NKU and that the players earn their uniforms, shoes, etc.

But why can't all of the teams at least have uniforms? We would all like to participate in our chosen sport looking like a team and feeling pride for the university we represent. As a Division II school, we realize that shoes, and warm-ups for everyone is difficult.

But other Division II schools manage; why can't we?

We don't blame this on the actual ballplayers. This deals with the way the budget is distributed and handled. In order for us to be fully suited, we'd have to have money-raisers which is hard to do with only six players.

The women's tennis team would just like to apologize to the basketball team, the administration, the temporary tennis coaches, and all others who took offense to the article—we meant you no harm.

And, as for our "fill-in" coaches, we thank for caring enough to help us in our time of need.

Lastly, we'd like to say that the person that wrote this article obviously has something of a grudge with the new administration and used our team as a cop-out to save his own reputation. Maybe, instead of criticizing the new administration, we should take a closer look at the reporter behind the story.

Because, obviously he can't distinguish the difference between a grudge and good reporting.

The Women's Tennis Team

Churchill Downs congratulates Northern Lites

To the editor:

Churchill Downs would like to congratulate the members of the Northern Lites for winning the NKU Derby Volleyball Classic. We wish the university the best of luck in competing with

other university winners in the infield on Derby Day May 2. We urge all Northern students to come and support your team in the tournament, while enjoying the greatest two minutes in sports—the 113th Kentucky Derby.

Churchill Downs would like to thank all other participating teams, as well as the intramural and recreation department for conducting the tournament.

Larry B. Sinclair
Churchill Downs, Inc.

Readers say Mohrmeyer's views are unwarranted

To the editor:

We would like to comment on the letter by the so-called "well-traveled" student in last week's *Northerner*. What makes him so qualified to make such statements about black students at NKU? To the best of our knowledge we do not see how someone of his nature can make such an accusation. If we as black students don't see a "running wild racism," then we would not have claimed it in such a way.

We feel (Zane Grey Mohrmeyer) had no authority to discuss the issues; as this person does not have the knowledge shared by most of the black students.

It is only we who know exactly what is going on. There is no way he can see things in the same regard as we do. We are definitely suffering from something here. It is not necessarily what one may consider "running wild racism," but it does seem to be something that has disturbed a lot of us.

Mohrmeyer writes: "They then supported their charge mainly by commenting upon the disorganization of the minority affairs office."

Where could he have gotten such a claim from?

The fact is, this office does not even exist. This is what we are fighting for! At this time we would like to extend

a cordial invitation to Mohrmeyer and others who may feel as he does to our next Black United Students (BUS) meeting on Thursday (April 23) at 12:30 p.m.

Lastly, we would like to discuss the comment pertaining to the recruitment of primarily black basketball players. Whoever the coaches choose to represent NKU's basketball team is their own (decision). The black student never even thought that NKU's basketball team would end up as it has. No one held a gun to the heads of those people involved in the recruiting process and said, "If you don't pick mainly black men to represent NKU's team, then we will blow your head off."

However, this was not the case.

The recruiters made their choices based on talent. While this person was "traveling," as it was so well put, he might have wanted to make a detour to Northern some years ago when the basketball team was not predominantly black. Would this person then make such a claim?

Like Mohrmeyer wrote, "If you feel you have a case, then work to correct it," we too feel that the next time someone feels they have just cause to comment on something, then they should know a whole lot more about what is going on around them.

Angela Booth
Christina Booth

SG's Rosiek needs student input on food service

To the editor:

The food service contract with ARA expires this summer, and as a result, a special committee has been appointed to evaluate the bids received from interested companies who desire to operate food service at NKU.

The committee has allocated one seat for student occupation. As a result, SG President Duane Froelicher has appointed me to voice student con-

cerns at the committee meetings.

In order to better represent and lobby our concerns at the meetings, I am encouraging all students to send me, in writing, your comments on this matter.

I am open to all comments about the present food service and/or any suggestions you feel pertinent to the issuance of a new food service contract. I am honored to represent you on this com-

mittee which is investigating this matter.

I welcome and encourage input on this matter.

Any correspondence delivered through the campus post office need not be stamped. If you wish, you may respond by phone at 572-5930, at your convenience.

Please send all correspondence to:

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Seniors honored at awards luncheon



Joe Ruh/NKU

Bob Knauf, NKU vice president in charge of university relations, presents graduating senior Amy Barlage with the University Service Award at the annual Senior Awards Luncheon.

by Brenda Parrish
and Susan Jefferies
Staff writers

Several graduating seniors received awards last Wednesday from the NKU Alumni Association during the association's annual Senior Awards Luncheon.

The main purpose of the luncheon "is to welcome graduates into the Alumni Association and to recognize outstanding academic excellence and community and university service," said Jan Kreutzler, president of the Alumni Association.

An award is given to a student who "shows an outstanding level of ability and an outstanding level of dedication," she said.

The "Outstanding Student" in each major was honored by their respective department as well as the awarding of the Paul J. Sipes Award and the University Service Award.

The Paul J. Sipes Award is given to the student that best displays the qualities of honesty, industry, and character as well as scholarship.

This year's recipient is Barb Buemi. Buemi has worked with mentally ill adults and other social problems and concerns.

Community service involves "seeing a problem and realizing that each person has a responsibility to act in order to solve that problem," she said.

Buemi was quick to point out that though community service doesn't pay much, it has other benefits. Buemi told

the story of "dancing around the room with a 42-year-old man" and the thrill she felt helping him write his name for the first time.

She also described the joy of helping a man with Down's Syndrome and finding out later that he was the same man she had worked with when he was a child.

Besides receiving the Sipes Award, Buemi was named Outstanding Student in sociology.

Amy Barlage received this year's University Service Award.

Barlage is involved in several school activities including Student Government, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, *The Northerner*, Campus Republicans, the teacher's aide program and the honors program.

Barlage said her favorite activities are SG and sorority.

In addition to working with several campus organizations, Barlage was on Northern's Dean's List for four semesters— as well as the National Dean's List—while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.46.

Barlage admits that her work and service at Northern kept her busy, but she said she wanted to do it. "That's what made Northern so enjoyable for me," she said.

Alumni Family Scholarship Awards were also awarded at the luncheon. Several relatives of NKU alumni received a full scholarship for the next academic year and a stipend for books.

Studies, experts say pornography roles are varied

by Kathleen Bryant
Northerner contributor

Viewing violent pornography may temporarily increase aggression and strengthen already existing callous attitudes about violence and sex crimes, according to recent research and local experts.

Pornography, however, in and of itself, does not cause criminal behavior and may serve the function of informal sex education in a sexually repressed society, experts say.

Dr. Daniel Ling, who has written many articles on pornography and violence, writes that extensive exposure to pervasive violence and vic-

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Group discusses 'half-cookie' theory

by Kristi Pendergest
Staff writer

Relationships that are good, live and vital, are subject to change, said Katherine Meyer to a small group of NKU students last Wednesday (April 18) in the Albright Health Center.

Meyer, expressive arts therapist and adult student services coordinator, and Pat Dolan, director of the Women's Center led a discussion in "Relationships That Empower."

The purpose of the discussion, Meyer said, was to "dispel the half-cookie theory," which is the feeling like you're not a whole person until you're coupled with someone else.

Another purpose was to dispel the myth that being a couple was not the only legitimate form in society, she said.

According to Meyer, one reason we relate to others is "we see a quality in them we don't see in ourselves," but "if

we see this quality in someone else, we must have a thread of that potential in ourselves."

"We keep getting involved in relationships where we see ourselves mirrored back at us," Meyer said.

Dolan said that people who tap into

some quality we like in ourselves, such as creativity, can bring it into life. We also tend to be attracted to people whose status we wish to achieve, Dolan added.

We sometimes project what we want a person to be and in the end we're crushed when the man/woman turns out to be someone different from what we thought, Meyer said. We have to realize that this is our need, and we can't expect other people to fulfill that need, she said.

Meyer said if we can keep the power inside ourselves, we can continue to empower ourselves even if a relationship breaks up.

At the end of the discussion, the group was asked to write down the qualities they look for in a partner. They also were to ask if those same qualities aren't already mirrored in themselves.

The qualities the group prized most from relationships were honesty, emotional security, sense of humor, friendship, intimacy, respect and spontaneity.



Pat Dolan

Faculty to seek alternative funding possibilities

by Steve Rohs
Associate editor

Although three proposals from NKU will receive no state funding from the Centers of Excellence program, the faculty involved intend to pursue future possibilities.

"We can go somewhere else," said art professor Kevin Booher, who helped write a proposal recognizing NKU's applied visual arts as a Center of Excellence.

"I've been here 13 years. I know that instead of funding it in three years, we

can get it done in 10," Booher said.

The sentiment in two other departments that submitted proposals—literature and language and mathematical sciences—was similar.

A special committee announced Monday that the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Murray State University received the only available Centers of Excellence.

Although Northern received nothing, NKU math department chairman James McKenney said the effort of writing the proposals was worthwhile.

"Anytime you take a long period of time to look carefully where you're going, it's not a waste," he said. "There was a lot of gratification in the institution recognizing the quality of our program."

The university chose the three proposals from 11 that were submitted, said N. Edd Miller, chairman of the NKU committee that decided which proposals would be sent to the state level.

The applied visual art proposal suggested new equipment be purchased and new faculty hired to enhance the student-run First Floor Design Studio.

"It is the notion of the old academy-apprenticeship idea," said Booher. "You work with a master to learn to make a product."

The interdisciplinary study of literature proposal linked literary studies to other fields of knowledge, said department chairman Paul Reichardt.

"The Visiting Scholars Program would bring major figures in the field of relating other disciplines to literature," Reichardt said.

The Center would include bringing a
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Grants

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The committee evaluated 38 proposals for Center of Excellence grants and 13 proposals for Endowed Chairs grants. NKU did not apply for an Endowed Chair because the university could not solicit a \$500,000 donation, Gray said.

Committee chairman Arliss Roaden said the grants were designed to "identify high-priority programs universities have and make them better."

He added that the programs can give schools statewide, regional and national recognition.

"Quality breeds quality," Roaden said at the meeting. "These programs can act as an avenue to attract what I like to think of as Nobel Prize-winning faculty members to the campuses in this state."

Roaden said the "mission," or overall goal, of each university was an important consideration.

"Each proposal we awarded grants to was well within its university mission," he said.

When asked if the committee favored UK as the "flagship" university of the state—a staple of the CHE's strategic plan—Roaden said "no criterion was considered except the quality of the proposals."

"It was coincidental that (UK and UL) got two Centers," he said. "But it should

not be any surprise to anybody that these two received them because of their quality."

"We were unmindful of any political influences if there were any," he added.

Although he would not give any specific reasons why NKU proposals did not receive an award, Roaden said there were several criteria the committee used. The program should:

- ☐ Address the strength of the institution.
- ☐ Enhance the quality of the initiative.
- ☐ Make feasible the recruitment of quality faculty members and students.
- ☐ Have a superior foundation on which a Center of Excellence is placed.
- ☐ Help enhance the economy of the state or region.

Roaden said the committee favored proposals that requested funding for personnel—faculty and work-study students—over those which included money budgeted for equipment.

"That's exactly counter to what they said initially," said NKU math department chairman James McKenney, who helped write Northern's math proposal.

"Proposals were not to have recurring costs embedded in them—that refers to faculty," he said.

Two of NKU's proposals—applied visual arts and mathematical sciences—

requested high-tech computers as a part of their budgets.

"There were other fine proposals besides those given awards," Roaden said. "Some were a bit premature, and did not have a long history of excellence. Others did not seem like high priorities of the institutions."

"Each of the programs we accepted had an economic impact," said committee member David Reyes-Guerra.

Reyes-Guerra said he also looked for the "strength of intelligence" in each of

the institutions.

"New, vibrant young minds working on these projects give you potential for Nobel Prizes," he said.

NKU Provost Gray, who was a member of the committee that established criteria for awarding the Centers, questioned the committee's tendency to give the grants to universities with graduate programs.

"I think the regional schools like ourselves stress teaching," he said. "And if you're talking about excellence in education, you've got to include that."

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Tennis team accurate in charges of sport bias

Some advice to the women's tennis team. Don't give up.

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Nick Brake

The "minor" sports have been getting the shaft at Northern for years. And now the women's tennis team is looked on by the administration and some other athletes as a bunch of crybabies when really all the players did was expose a problem that plagues a number of Northern sports.

But don't quit girls. Keep fighting until you at least have satisfactory financial backing, and whatever you do, don't be intimidated by athletes from other sports.

Sure sports like basketball raise more revenue, but should you suffer for loving tennis and choosing to play it over a more financially successful sport? Granted, a sport like basketball deserves complimentary treatment for earning as much money as it does, but you deserve at least a nice uniform and decent warm-ups.

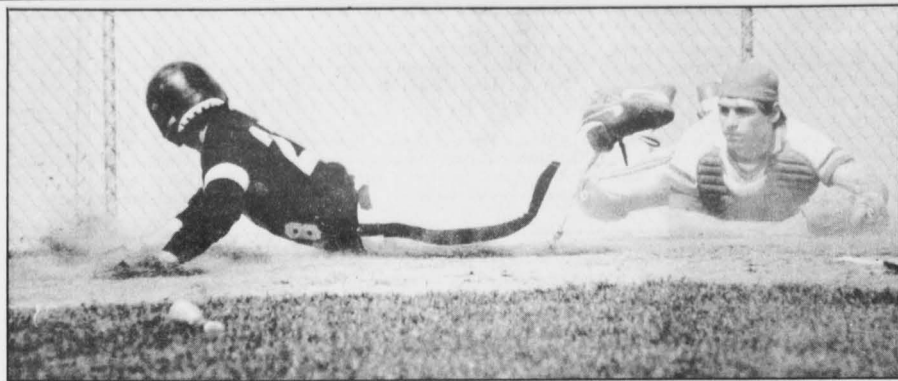
It is also important for all parties involved not to make this affair into a game of name-calling. It is not the tennis team vs. the basketball team or the minor sports vs. the major sports. It is merely an injustice concerning the minor sports on this campus and the athletic administration at NKU.

Athletes of the major sports teams rallying around the administration should sit back and take an objective view of the situation instead of backstabbing their fellow athletes.

Speaking of the administration, newly-appointed athletic director Ed Thompson should be taking a hard look at the current situation.

Thompson must weigh the options of cutting back a program so far that it makes the university look bad, or cutting the sport altogether. The first thing that he did when he came here was look for ways to cut back, seemingly less concerned about what program he's cutting.

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Steve Seidl dives safely into home in Saturday's game against the Dayton. NKU swept a doubleheader from the Flyers.

Norse baseball strives for .500

by Steve Olding

Features/Sports editor

A situation desperate but not hopeless may be an appropriate summation for the rest of Northern's baseball season.

The Norsemen, facing a near must-win situation with each remaining game, have brought themselves back to within two games of .500 after winning three of four this week.

On Thursday in Louisville, the Norsemen split a doubleheader with Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) foe Bellarmine.

Ken Johnson scattered four Knight hits as Northern took the first game, 4-3. The victory improved Johnson's season record to 4-2, the best on the team.

Deron Rucker supplied the big bat for the Norsemen, going 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Rucker, after a slow start, has raised his batting average to .381, tops on the team.

Both teams got off to a quick start in the second game and after three innings the score stood at 5-5. But Bellarmine's Kent Crabtree shut out the Norsemen the rest of the way and the Knights took advantage of atrocious Norsemen defensive play.

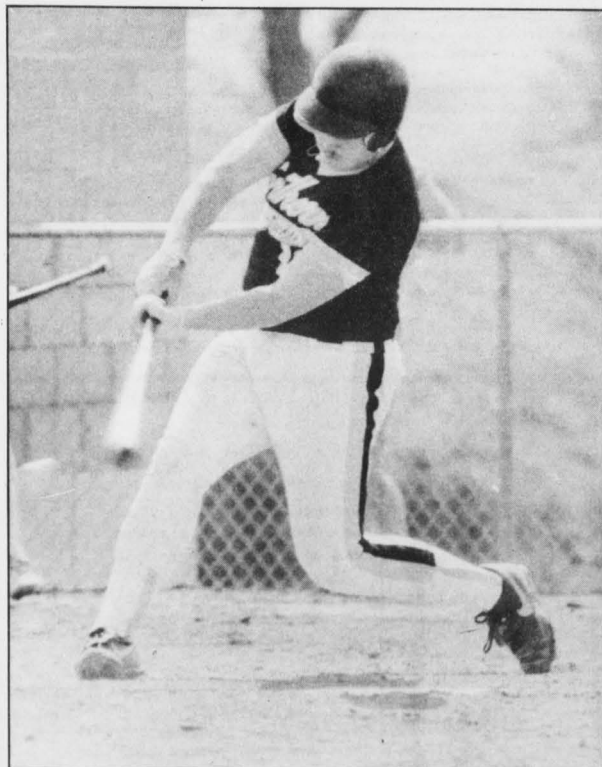
Bellarmine turned eight Northern errors into nine runs and blew out the Norsemen, 14-5.

On Saturday, however, NKU returned home to sweep a doubleheader from the University of Dayton.

Dan Logan and Jim Buhrlage blanked the visiting Flyers, throwing back-to-back shutouts.

In the first game, Northern jumped on Dayton's Bob Brewer for four runs, and behind the five-hit pitching of Logan, cruised to a 7-0 laughter. Gary Flowerdew and Rucker supplied much of Northern's

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Northern's Dan Logan, seen here taking a cut, teamed with Jim Buhrlage in pitching back-to-back shutouts in Saturday's doubleheader with Dayton.

Lady Norse look to stay undefeated in GLVC

by Dane Neumeister

Sports editor

Coach Jane Meier's NKU softball team faces its biggest test of the season this week as the squad tries to keep its first-place standing in its division.

NKU, which has an 8-0 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference—first place in the conference's southern division—took on Bellarmine Monday and then played Wesleyan on Tuesday. Scores were not available at prestime.

Despite both games being played at home, Meier says neither team can be taken lightly and Northern just needs to

continue to play well. The Belles are currently tied for second place with Southern Indiana in the southern division.

NKU, which has lost only two games since its spring Florida trip at the beginning of the season, has a 14-8 overall record for the year.

Meier, who has had to compensate for the loss of starting senior shortstop Maria Reinert, seems to have found a capable replacement in second baseman Holly Hanna. Hanna's change in position has allowed Meier to insert Lisa Barnett into the lineup at second base.

"We've lost some defensively with Maria's injury, but I'm really happy with

Lisa Barnett's play at second," Meier said. "She's hitting well and her on-base percentage is high. It's something you don't expect from a freshman."

Barnett has hit for a .344 average and her on-base percentage is over .500.

Meier's defense has also been shored up by the strong play of third baseman Lisa Brewer.

Hitting .324 with 11 RBIs, Lyn Gamble has also impressed Meier.

"Lyn has done a really nice job for us," Meier said. "She's been our third left-fielder this year. She's probably the fastest on the team."

Meier has also received good pitching

from her two-sophomore hurlers, Amy Brown and Amy Serrano.

"The key is the consistency that they (the pitchers) have had all year," Meier said. "They're throwing strikes and that's all we want them to do." Both Brown and Serrano have records of 7-4.

Northern, should they come out of the regular season holding the top spot in the division, will have a tough row to hoe in the GLVC tournament.

Lewis, which is in first place in the GLVC's northern division is currently ranked No. 13 in the nation in NCAA Division II.

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timization of women, whether sexual or not, tends to desensitize the viewer to violence, crime and the plight of the victim.

Research studies have shown a temporary increase in aggression after the viewing of violent pornography.

Linz, an NKU graduate who is now a faculty member with the psychology department at UCLA, writes that much of the violent pornography conveys the

idea that women enjoy violence, aggression and pain, which may negatively affect men's attitudes about things like rape.

"Anything that takes the humanity out of sex, that is violent and dehumanizing, may contribute to men viewing women in that sort of negative light," said Dr. Paul Bishop, who teaches NKU's human sexuality course.

Studies of convicted sex offenders,

however, show that the criminals had less exposure to pornography than non-offenders, suggesting they are sexually blunted and have been taught negative attitudes about sex.

"Those who are most affected are those who are unstable and maladjusted already," Bishop said. "Most sex offenders are poorly educated about sex and have somehow missed the sexual exposure that normal adolescence provides."

The effect of viewing pornography may be more attitudinal than behavioral.

"Viewing pornography has subtle effects in attitude formation about the

nature of relationships," Bishop said.

"However, people don't blindly imitate what they see, it is assessed and evaluated in accordance with the individual's beliefs and values."

A recent national survey using a random sample of 2,500 adults showed that one-half of the men and one-third of the women were exposed to pornography while in high school and the most common effect was providing sexual information.

"Pornography provides informal sex education in a sexually repressive culture which has no formal system of sex education," Bishop said.

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offense, combining for five of NKU's 10 hits.

While Logan's performance in the first game was a tough act to follow, Buhrlage was more than up to the challenge. He allowed just two hits. And with the help of Steve Williams' two-run homer during a three-run fourth inning, the Norsemen took the finale, 4-0.

While chances for a GLVC title are all but gone, Bill Aker's squad is still hoping

for a strong finish. If the past week is any indication, the Norsemen should be able to climb out of the GLVC cellar and back over the .500 mark.

But in this rollercoaster, up-and-down year nothing is certain to remain the same for Northern. The Norsemen's finish this year could be strong if they can overcome their greatest opponent—inconsistency. However, it remains to be seen.

Brake

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Last year NKU had \$9,252 allocated for women's tennis in its budget, compared to \$41,337 for volleyball and \$85,943 for women's basketball.

Other sports have suffered as well. Women's cross country has a mere \$2,060 to work with, golf \$9,160, and men's cross country about \$6,000.

Certainly with the different expenses each of these sports require compared to the amount of income they generate, they can never be (and should not be) evenly financed.

But the administration should at least try to cover the basic needs of each of its

various sports programs.

The tennis team has taken too much flack for merely exposing a problem that haunts many sports at Northern. The administration, as well as other teams, should not close its eyes and ignore the problems.

If administrators looked at the situation, they may be in for quite a shock—the women of the tennis team were right all along.

Nick Brake, a sophomore journalism major, is the former sports editor of The Northerner.

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national literary conference to NKU, he said.

The proposed Center in mathematical sciences would have allowed NKU to develop an area of software engineering, McKenney said.

"We would be able to extend the work we do by purchasing state-of-the-art equipment," McKenney said.

"I think everyone is exhausted

physically and emotionally because we've been put on hold until now," said art professor Barry Andersen, who helped write the applied visual art proposal.

"But we don't feel the university has been diminished. The fact still remains that we have good, energetic faculty. We do a good job, and that's not going to stop."

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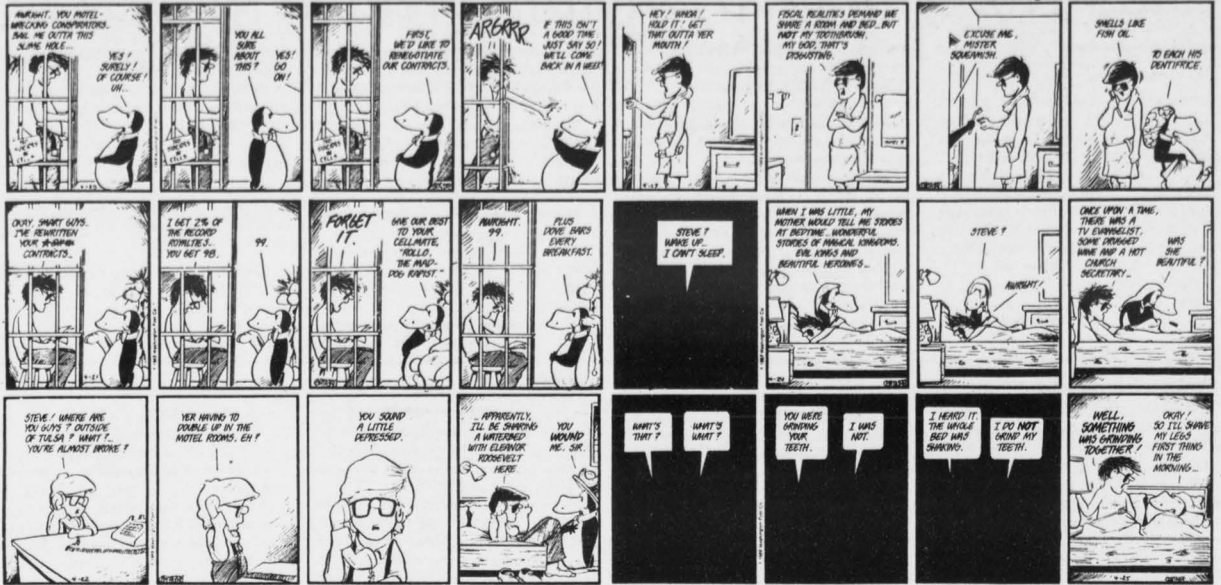
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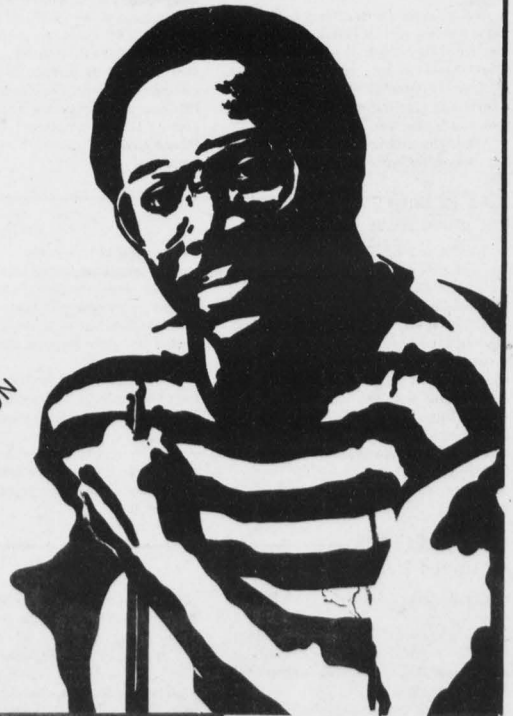
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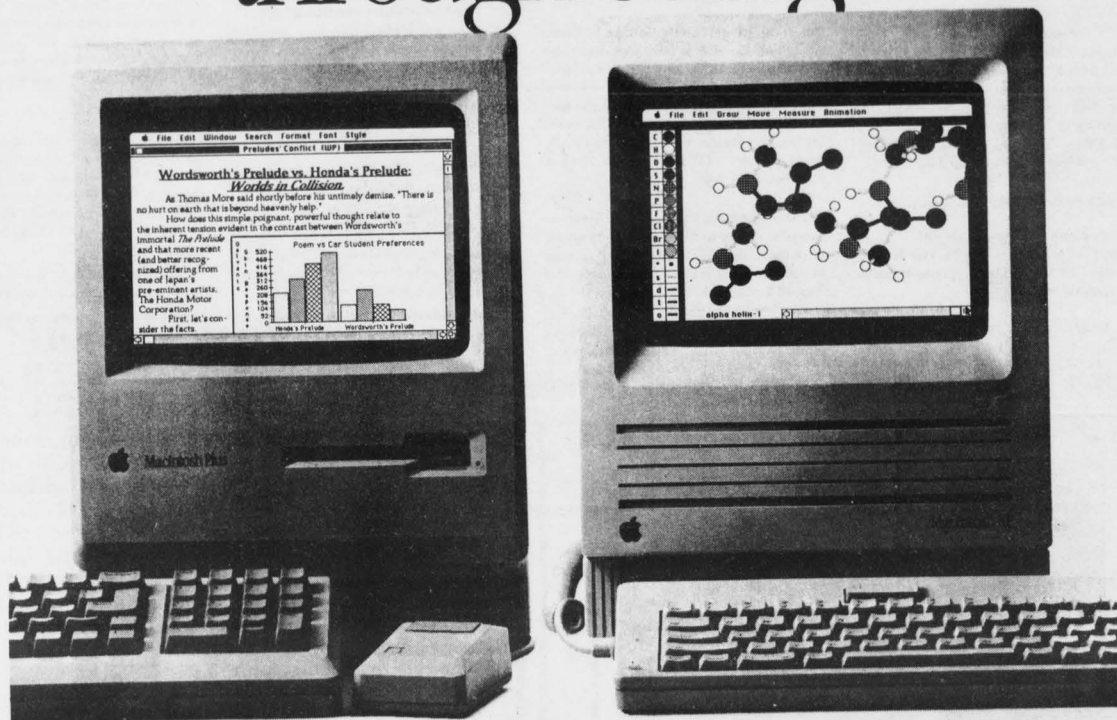
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