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## SG votes to hold forum on tuition increase

by Kathy Dauer

Student Government did not vote to support a statewide 10% tuition increase as SG president John Nienaber had thought they might. Instead they voted Monday to hold a Student Forum today to find out where Northern students stand on the matter.

The Kentucky Council on Public Higher Education is presently considering a tuition increase for Kentucky colleges and universities. Eastern Kentucky University's Student Senate passed a resolution on March 1 opposing the increase.

The following day the ECU Student Association sent letters to other university groups urging them to send representatives to a meeting on March 20 and 21 where students from many schools will discuss the problem. Nienaber said he and other SG members will attend, but want to reflect the opinions of Northern students as well as their personal feelings.

"I'm not in favor of a tuition increase," said Nienaber, but admitted he sees no better solution to the current situation. He explained if there is not a hike, the state legislature might act in a variety of ways.

"The legislature may feel there is a need for a shift in emphasis from higher education to the secondary and primary institutions in the state," said Nienaber. Or, he said, they might opt for a Zero Growth Budget, meaning that the colleges and universities would be forced to operate on the same budget as the previous year, therefore probably having to cut some teachers' salaries.

Nienaber pointed out that Northern's increase would be used here and would not go to someone else downstate, for example.

"When the legislature meets again next winter they may decide to raise the tuition outright, since they do have that power," Nienaber



John Nienaber

concluded.

SG members seemed to be divided on the issue during discussion at their Monday meeting.

Mike Monce, sophomore class representative, brought up the idea of a Student Forum. Said Monce, "this is one of those issues where clarification is necessary, and both administration and students should get together." Monce said he hopes many students attend the Forum "so this thing can be worked out."

Nienaber said the forum, which will take place March 18 in Nunn auditorium, will be attended by Albright or another member of the Council. He added one objective of the meeting is to get students to understand what is going on.

A lot of students, such as sophomore Larry Hoh, reacted negatively to a story in the Kentucky Enquirer last Thursday which said that Nienaber felt SG would support the Council. Hoh wrote a letter to students which he had copied and handed out in Nunn Lounge (see Letters, Page 2). In the letter Hoh urged students to "oppose the tuition inflation and stand up for your rights as a student."

Said Hoh, "it was basically my spontaneous reaction to the wording of *The Enquirer* article." After talking with Nienaber and other SG members, Hoh said he understands their views and has "taken a more mediocre position."

After the Student Forum is held today, SG will vote on the matter at their next meeting, March 28. The Council is due to meet March 30 to decide whether or not to propose a tuition raise, said Nienaber.

## NKU delays change

The change of scenery on campus expected last fall has been postponed, according to NKU president Dr. A. D. Albright.

The original landscaping plan called for a "mixture of evergreens and deciduous trees" to be planted around the plaza area last November.

However, the master plan for Northern's campus is presently being updated to accommodate the growing number of students and the plaza greenery project will be included in that overall planning, Albright said.

The project will include not only buildings and parking space, but also trees and shrubs to be planted around all 300 acres of the campus. The trees will be species indigenous to Kentucky, added Albright.

No date has been set for beginning the plaza project itself, but, Albright explained, it will not be something that happens all at once. "A few trees may be planted here and there" starting this spring, he said.

Johnson and Johnson, an Ann Arbor, Mich. firm, is in charge of the master plan and will survey the grounds.

Albright also said a separate project "under the auspices of the biology department" will soon be set up, possibly behind the row of houses on John's Hill Rd. This will include a small nursery where a plot of ground will be worked up and some young trees planted.

When the trees are larger in a few years, they will be transplanted on campus to fit in with the rest of the greenery plan, said Albright.

### Notice

Increased tuition will be discussed today, Friday, March 18, at a Student Forum, which will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Nunn Auditorium. All students have a vote in this forum and are urged to attend. Dr. A. D.



Fur coats and knitted hats will soon disappear from the playground next to the early childhood center as warm weather arrives. See additional picture page two.

Marilyn Burch Photo



## Tired of winter?

Join the kids at the early childhood center on John's Hill Rd. any week day for some fun in the springtime sun.

# around northern

Professor John M. Lindsey of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, will discuss implications of the recent copyright act at the Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association meeting on Wednesday, March 29. He will address the group at 3:30 p.m. at the University of Cincinnati Faculty Club. Hospitality hour and dinner will follow with an address by the organization's president elect Shirley Echelman.

Reservations are open to anyone concerned about the copyright controversy. Fee is \$12, payable by March 19, to Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Checks may be sent to Thomas J. O'Connor, Bethesda Hospital, 619 Oak St., Cincinnati, OH 45206.

Beverly Veach, Northern member of Phi Beta Lambda, placed second in the state-wide competitions in the Executive Secretarial Contest, held at the PBL convention March 3-5, 1977 at Louisville.

The contest consisted of oral dictation at speeds of 120, 110 and 100 words per minute. The dictation had to be transcribed with 100 percent accuracy.

Ms. Veach, a freshman at NKU, competed against sophomores, juniors and seniors from colleges and universities throughout the state.

Santana and Nils Lofgren will appear in concert at Memorial Coliseum, University of Kentucky, on Wednesday, March 30, 1977. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Tickets sell for \$5 and \$6 and are available in Room 203, Student Center from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information contact the Concert Office at 606/257-1608.

"The Strange Case of the Missing Electron" is the theme of Friday's lecture-discussion by Physics instructor Dr. Frank A. Butler.

Everyone is invited to participate at 2 p.m. in S422. Coffee will be provided.

The talk, sponsored by the Philosophy Club, is the fourth in a series of five discussions on "Philosophy, Mathematics and the Natural Sciences."

Next Friday, April 1, Dr. Leslie Tomlin in Astronomy will speak on "Infinities, Eternities and the Ghost of Christmas Past."

The 1977 Polaris staff is looking for a few good pictures of the January/February snowfall. If you have taken some pictures and would like to see them in the yearbook, simply leave your name and telephone number in the Polaris' mailbox, Student Activities office, N 304. Picture credits will be given.

## At Center

# Beer may make menu

Rumors came from High Places that, contrary to all previous notions, it might be legal to sell beer on Ky. state university campuses.

The new University Center cafeteria might need just such a boost to attract a regular clientele and at the same time make that extra revenue required to pay the bills. After all, they can't count on dormies arriving en masse for chow three times a day like other campuses. What a break! And beer's a low-cost, high-profit item at that!

Visions of a pub-like area featuring pizza and a dance floor to attract the students back to campus on weekends came to the mind of Director of Purchasing Donald Ransdell when he heard of the possibility.

Because "dollars are stretched pretty tight right now" in expenditures for the University Center, Ransdell suggested that various student groups could each "kick in a few bucks" to decorate an area and get it going.

There are some small problems, but one very big one demands attention - the attorney general's 1976 opinion supplementing statute 224.020 of the Kentucky Revised Code (KRS). What?!

In part, the Attorney General writes,

"A state university campus is a public place and the school buildings located thereon are public buildings...so that the drinking of alcoholic beverages on the campus or in the buildings is a violation of KRS 244.990...and as state universities are schools established for educational purposes...they are prohibited from obtaining a license to sell alcoholic beverages on campus."

It seems, however, that there

may be a loophole. The University of Louisville "two or three times a semester obtains a malt beverage special temporary license," explained Dr. Hammond, U of L vice-president of student affairs, which enables them to sell beer at particular functions on campus.

Generally, these activities take the form of Friday night "beer fests," according to Hammond and Jenny Layman in Student Activities there. Layman describes these events as "very popular" with the students, "as well as a means to maintain some control over the flow of alcoholic beverages" into the campus facility where weekend activities take place.

The KRS statute governing the special license "shall authorize the sale of malt beverages at retail... for special temporary occasions such as picnics, bazaars and carnivals."

The license is valid only for the individual activity but renewable for subsequent functions, said Hammond.

At NKU, according to one former concert committee person, the special license would have been available for special events like concerts, but some university administrators opposed the plan.

Another problem with selling beer on campus is making sure that "minors not possess or purchase liquor nor misrepresent age." In other words, someone would have to hassle with checking i.d.'s.

The U of L checks identification as persons enter the "fest" area and marks all "21-or-older" with wrist tags, said Layman.

To make these activities accessible to more students, she also suggested lobbying at the upcoming assembly session for a 3.2 beer law applicable to 18 to 21 year-olds. This, she said, "is a more reasonable expectation than lowering the drinking age."

## Letter says

# Oppose tuition increase

Dear Editor,

It is amazing that NKU students approach their student elections each year with such nonchalance that the student who is the best advertiser is the student who gets elected. Political views have been ignored aspart of the election due to voter apathy. The serious consequences of this voter apathy must then be endured by the students of Northern.

An example of one such grievous mistake is the election of John Nienabor to the Student Government presidency. John Nienabor continues to work against rather than for the student. His recent decision to support the state bill to raise tuition is indeed a poor example of work for the students. By this decision, which contrasts the decisions of Student Governments across the state, John

Nienabor has put a heavy burden on the student who is serious about study but must work to meet payments for his college tuition.

As a concerned, paying student, I urge the support of all students at Northern Kentucky University to actively seek the reversal of this decision. ACTIVELY OPOSE THIS TUITION INCREASE, and stand up for your rights as a student!

(signed) Larry Hoh

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# in focus

During recent luncheon

## Former news producer speaks candidly

by Suzanne Britt

"We come into your home during dinner and before you go to bed we give you information and we had damn well better be right and...accurate," said Mr. Av. Weston, Executive Producer of ABC Evening News between 1969 and 1973.

Weston's resume also includes a year as producer of documentaries for ABC's 'Close Up.' Although he is not presently affiliated with any one network he says he is in the fiction business. He has produced six dramas for each of the networks and he recently taped a game show. He is also president of Weston-Ferber. When asked if he is thinking of getting back with a network he coolly replied, "No one is asking."

Weston as the featured speaker at a luncheon given by the CCM Broadcasting Division and the Society of Professional Journalists in the faculty center of the University of Cincinnati, Thursday, March 3.

His career in television goes back to Fred and Edward R. Murrow but Weston retains a youthful appearance and self-assured attitude. He gave his experienced view of some familiar journalistic terms. He acknowledged, for example, that news is a very commercial business. Some organizations, he said, are responsible however, and they decide to "pour money back into the program."

In Cincinnati, he said, "WKRC has clearly made this decision. They are investing in new equipment "to give better, faster news coverage." This, he pointed out "gives reporters more thinking time," and he added that

it expands the amount of news.

Comparing print news with television, he said the way the news is conveyed is one of the advantages. "Print cannot capture the emotions of a woman whose child has just been rescued in a fire."

Newspapers, on the other hand, have the advantage of being able to stop the presses while waiting for a story. Television news operates at a given time and, he added, that many times, as producer he had to go with a story that was not complete or leave out one because of time.

"Television also has fewer correction boxes," he said interjecting a few vivid examples of newspaper bloopers.

People in television have a responsibility to the viewers, he said, that is sometimes overlooked. He said he could recall three letters he had gotten from viewers who said, "You saved my life" by including some bit of information in the newscast.

As an example, he said he had hesitantly included a short eye test at the end of a newscast that allowed viewers to check their vision. Soon after, he said he received a letter from a man who had used the test, found his eyesight weak, and visited a doctor. The doctor found a tumor behind his eye which the man had removed, saving his eyesight and his life.

In response to questions concerning trends in television, Weston said of the "happy talk" news format that "television news is part of television and television is show business. They (anchormen) are as much stars as Laverne and Shirley or Sonny and

Cher." As a result of this, he said, "you can have people who have journalistic qualities become stars" and further that "the anchorman can show the same emotions as the audience. I incur that the anchor people are the most flexible elements on the news conveyor belt." Their strength, he added, is in their editorial voice.

Weston, who was one of the select newsmen to accompany former President Nixon on his China visit, said that the news gatherers' strength must be in self censorship, especially while gathering political news.

He said there are rules for some cameramen that if they are called to film an event that appears staged, they should "pack up and get out." For most politicians he added, the printed handout has been sophisticated into the 12 o'clock news conference."

Although self-censorship is important to newsmen it may be carried too far today. Some newsmen are afraid to check into the possible country club scandal, he said, because the editor plays gold there. On a theoretical level, he said, you should "give 'em hell."

When he produced ABC's 'Close Up' he said lawyers would review

a film and say, "you will get sued but if your facts are straight we'll back you up." Today, he said, "too many newsmen lay back because the lawyers or managers want it that way."

One objection from the audience came from an investigative reporter who said he objected the "superficial, quick film, quick flash" nature of television news. Television news is a "headline service, this is given" said Weston. "For a long time juniors regarded themselves as microphone holders" and they asked such questions as, "How do you feel, Mrs. Wilson, now that your house has burned?" He pointed out that this trend is changing.

A popular question asked newsmen is "where does responsibility lie?" Looking at his listeners who were all involved in some capacity of news, Weston stated his answer briefly: "Herb Klein (director of communications for Nixon presidential campaign in 1968) ran one of the most sophisticated propagandistic shows ever. I know because I was one of those at the other end of the line when we got calls from the White House. You have the final responsibility."

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# sports

## Northern baseballers have 21-game streak

by Rick Meyers

Northern Kentucky University's men's baseball team has already opened the spring baseball season. And, from all indications, manager Bill Aker's team is picking up exactly where it left off last fall. Winning.

as Gulf Coast (Fla.) and Austin Peay next week.

In all, NKU will play some 16 games during spring break. Aker hopes this will get his team ready for the local competition and impress the NCAA selection committee when it comes time to hand out tournament bids.

### nk sportsview

The Norsemen entered last week's spring opener with Campbellsville sporting an excellent 20-1 fall record and 19-game winning streak. NKU advanced that to 22-1 and a 21-game streak by beating Campbellsville twice (8-1 and 5-1). NKU pounded out 23 hits in those two games.

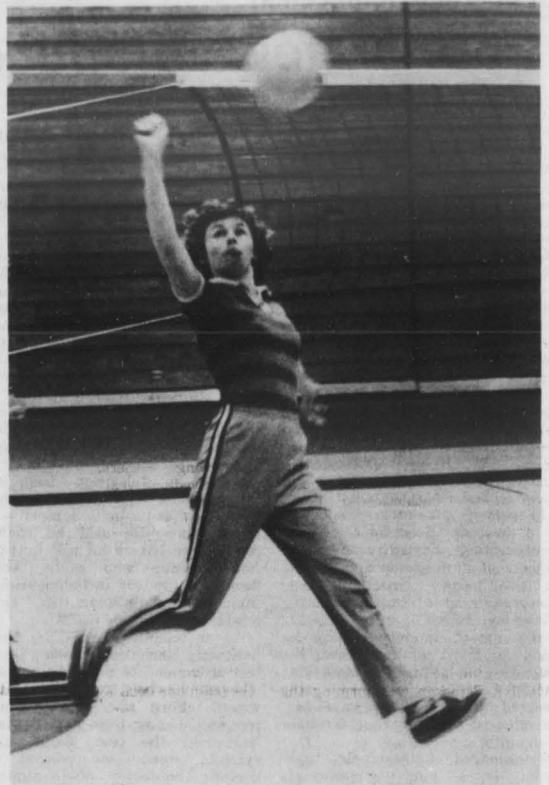
Last fall Northern racked up some pretty impressive statistics. The Norsemen hit an astounding .485 as a team in 21 games. Not only that, NKU pitchers allowed less than one earned run a game. NKU, of course, climaxed the fall by beating major-college teams Louisville and Xavier in the Northern Kentucky Invitational Baseball Tournament.

Today NKU will open its Florida schedule against some pretty impressive competition. The Norsemen will face Marietta (of Ohio) College and Volunteer (Tenn.) State today and play such powers

In other news, the NKU athletic department has not officially released the 1977-78 men's and women's basketball schedule, but you can expect to see some new faces on the agenda for next season.

For example, the Norsewomen will play major-college powers Indiana University and Ohio State. The men will open at Eastern Kentucky University and will have a Florida trip of their own (to play Rollins and South Florida). NKU will also play nationally acclaimed Oakland City College. Oakland City was ranked nationally among NCAA Division II schools this past campaign.

Since I haven't picked a loser in the past three weeks of NCAA action (I'm 6-0 including the prediction that NKU women's team would lose last week), this week I'll really have to go out on a limb and say it will be Kentucky (no big surprise) that will win the NCAA Tournament. Look for Syracuse as a dark horse, although UCLA will



Jan Kipp Photo

### Volleyball power!

This team member shows real teeth-gritting determination in her valiant efforts to trounce the lowly, inflated leathery orb, sometimes referred to as a volleyball. A Northern photographer was able to uncover the secret of her success: it's practice, practice, practice! (By the way, the ball made it over the net.)

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# Pre-Title IX athletes Last of the pioneers

Twenty years from now, when Karen Logan's daughter is leading the New York Lady Knicks to the WNBA championship, and Lucy Harris' niece is signing her first pro contract for five million dollars, Nancy Winstel and Sarah Kelsch will remember when a volleyball player from St. Thomas High School and a cheerleader from Augusta were part of a women's basketball team that went to a national college tournament. They will remember when making a college basketball team required no high school experience...because, in the case of Nancy Winstel and Sarah Kelsch, there was NO high school basketball team to play for.

Winstel and Kelsch are the last of the pioneers, the last of the pre-Title IX athletes. At Augusta High School in 1972, for example, Sarah Kelsch was allowed one medium through which she could express herself athletically. And she took it.

"I was a cheerleader," Sarah laughed, and pumped her arms in a silent cheer. "At Augusta, you were either a cheerleader or you were nothing." After graduating from Augusta, Sarah attended Maysville Community College for two years, then transferred to Northern in 1974, the same year Marilyn Scroggin was forming the first Norsewomen basketball team.

When I saw the notice about women's basketball tryouts, I figured 'What the heck. Why not?' I'd been playing softball since I was 11 or 12, so I knew I had the basic skills." As it happened, Sarah needed only one quality to become a Norsewoman-tenacity. "At the first tryout there were maybe 15 girls there. Then after a couple of days there were only 10, and I was one of them. I'd never been taught anything about basketball, so I'm glad Coach Moore had the patience to bear with me."

Kelsch's determination paid off. At the end of the season, Sarah was named the Norsewomen's most improved player. "I was lucky to be at Northern when they were forming their first team," Sarah said. "If I walked in now, with no experience, I'd never make it."

"That first year was the most fun," remembers Nancy Winstel, "because we really didn't know what we were doing. We didn't have any tradition to work with."

Nancy found herself on the first Norsewomen team by accident. A member of St. Thomas' volleyball team for four years, Winstel was preoccupied more with volleyball than basketball. But during one Sunday volleyball session, Nancy began shooting baskets with Marian Keegan, one of the Norsewomen.

"The team had already been formed three weeks," Nancy said, "but Keegan suggested I go talk to Coach Scroggin (Moore), so I did. I

tell you, after the first couple of practices I thought I'd die."

But Winstel recovered, and finished her career last Friday with 781 points, second to Peggy Vincent, and 688 rebounds, second to Teresa Rump, even though Nancy has been plagued the last two seasons with a fragile right ankle.

Both Winstel and Kelsch are retroactive redshirts. Although the two physical education majors were classified as seniors last year, both chose to utilize their remaining year of eligibility...a tricky decision, since both women have had to combine their basketball activities with their student teaching.

"It's pretty tough, working basketball around teaching," said Nancy. "If Sarah and I had not gotten permission from our supervising teachers, we couldn't have played this year. But I'm glad I played. I've learned a lot this year that I can apply as a coach."

Even though this past season has been one of hard luck and disappointment for Northern, losing two games in the Southern Regional and finishing the season 19-11, Kelsch has no regrets.

"I've really enjoyed it," said Kelsch about her career as a Norsewoman. "Just being part of the team has been worthwhile. And the backing for the women's program has been great. We flew to Colorado two years ago (for the national tourney); we flew to South Carolina this year. It's nice to know that the athletic department and the college believes in us."

They're just looking to the future, Sarah.

## Softball practice

There will be women's softball practice beginning Monday, March 28. Those who would like to participate please attend practice at 2 p.m. on the baseball field behind Regent's Hall.



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## Ya put your right foot in...

Ya take your left foot out, and that's what karate's all about. NKU sophomores Bill Schwierjohann and Jim Daley ready for the April 23 karate tournament to be held at Regent's Hall.

## Spring Baseball Schedule

March 5 1:00 p.m.	*Georgetown College	Away	March 30 1:00 p.m.	*Pikeville College	Home
March 9 1:00 p.m.	*Campbellsville College	Away	April 1 3:00 p.m.	UC	Away
March 12 1:00 p.m.	*Georgetown College	Home	April 2 1:00 p.m.	*Wright State University	Away
March 13 1:00 p.m.	*Xavier University	Away	April 4 1:00 p.m.	*Eastern Kentucky Univ.	Away
March 18 10:00 A.M.	Marion College (O.)	Florida	April 6 1:00 p.m.	*Winnington College	Home
March 18 1:00 p.m.	Volunteer State (Tenn.)	Florida	April 11 1:00 p.m.	*Central State Univ.	Home
March 19 10:00 a.m.	Morehead Univ. (Ky.)	Florida	April 13 1:00 p.m.	*Hanover College	Away
March 19 1:00 p.m.	Gulf Coast College (Fla.)	Florida	April 15 1:00 p.m.	*Indiana Central College	Away
March 21 10:00 a.m.	Austin P. Ray St. U. (Tenn.)	Florida	April 16 1:00 p.m.	*Centre College	Away
March 21 1:00 p.m.	Brooklyn College (NY)	Florida	April 18 3:00 p.m.	Thomas More	Home
March 22 10:00 a.m.	Monmouth College (NJ)	Florida	April 22 1:00 p.m.	*Union College	Home
March 22 1:00 p.m.	Otseola College (O.)	Florida	April 23 1:00 p.m.	*Franklin College	Home
March 23 10:00 a.m.	Cleveland State (Tenn.)	Florida	April 24 1:00 p.m.	*Xavier University	Home
March 24	Monteville Inv. Tour.	Birm. Ala.	April 27 1:00 p.m.	*Miami of Ohio	Away
	*Monteville		May 1 3:00 p.m.	Thomas More	Home
	*Northern Kentucky		May 2 1:00 p.m.	*Central State Univ.	Away
	Birmingham Southern		May 11 1:00 p.m.	*Union College	Away
	Illinois Benedictine		May 14 1:00 p.m.	*Miami of Ohio	Away
March 28 1:00 p.m.	*Campbellsville College	Home		Div. II Champ.	Springfield, Ill.

## Tennis squad swings way through Tennessee

While Northern's baseball team breezes through balmy Florida, and Ralph Hopkins' golf team swings their way through Myrtle Beach, S. C., you can bet Roger Klein and his tennis players aren't going to be just thokking around.

Coach Klein's tennis squad leaves Northern today on their southern tour through Tennessee. On their way down the Norsemen will engage Berea and Cumberland,

then will visit Tennessee Wesleyan and UT-South Sewanee.

The squad will then stay in Nashville for at least three days, challenging teams from David Lipscomb, Belmont, Fisk and Vanderbilt. The Norsemen's remaining spring schedule features some of the top Division I schools in the region, including Dayton, Cincinnati, Eastern, and Miami (O) University.

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# arts/entertainment

For Oscars

## Rocky KO's King Kong

by Tim Funk

On March 28 at 10 p.m., Hollywood will pat itself on the back for the forty-ninth time when it once again hands out its Academy Awards to those movies, actors and technicians it considers the best of 1976.

### caught in the act

In previous years all an awful movie like "Towering Inferno" or "Love Story" had to do to receive multiple nominations was make enough money.

This year, a seemingly hipper industry has refused to bestow its more valuable nominations on the "King Kongs" and "The Omens." For example, the Academy passed up Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson, both of whom appeared in the hugely profitable but critically embarrassing "A Star Is Born," and embraced foreign performers like Giancarlo Giannini ("Seven Beauties"), Marie-Cristine Barrault ("Cousin, Cousin") and Liv Ullmann ("Face To Face"), who appeared in films that Middle America has never even heard of.

This time around, too, Hollywood nominated its first female director ever (Lina Wertmüller, "Seven Beauties").

The movies that Hollywood considered the best of last year were, by and large, both critically successful and boxoffice-worthy.

"Rocky," a low-budget movie about a down-on-his-luck boxer who suddenly, through some fluke, gets a shot at the title, won the hearts of audiences critics and the film industry, which awarded it 10 nominations.

Also receiving 10 nominations was "Network," a slick comic attack on the television industry which wowed most critics and thrilled a good portion of the audience that sat through it.

Hollywood also liked "All The President's Men," the suspenseful cinematic version of how two freshman reporters brought a government to its knees.

Rounding out the coveted "Best Picture" category: "Bound For Glory," a beautifully-photographed biography of folk balladeer Woody Guthrie and "Taxi Driver," a stark portrait of a potential political assassin who, ironically, emerges as a type of hero.

So, which films and performers will fall by the wayside and which will go down in history as Oscar winners?

A category-by-category analysis has to look like this:

**BEST PICTURE** - The battle for THE award shapes up as a close contest between the two most-nominated films, "Rocky" and "Network," with "All The President's Men" vaguely in the running as a dark, dark horse.

"Rocky" is the result of a success story that would warm any Academy voter's heart: an unknown named Sylvester Stallone wrote a movie and refused to sell it to Hollywood (which wanted Burt Reynolds or Ryan O'Neal for the part) until he was assured the role for himself. The movie was made on one-twenty fifth of "King Kong's" budget and, yet, has gone on to make everyone involved with it a millionaire.

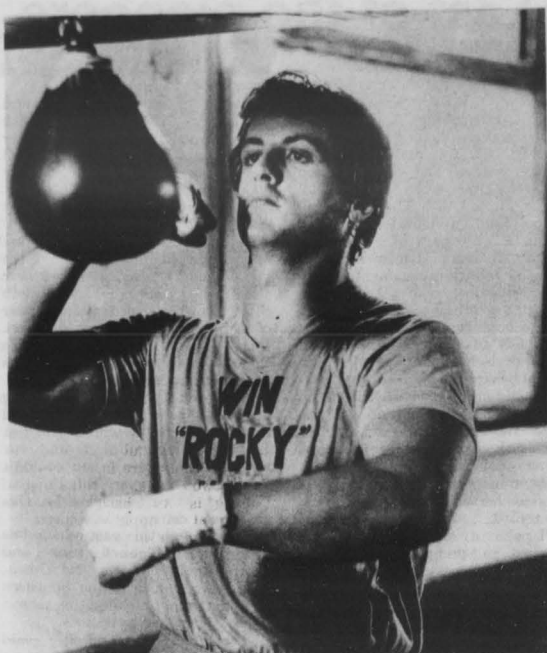
"Network" is a respectable hit, but it lacks the emotional appeal that makes "Rocky" the one to bet on.

Forget "Bound For Glory" and "Taxi Driver."

**WINNER** - "Rocky."

**BEST ACTOR** - The sentiment for "Rocky" is strong enough to make Stallone, who was a nobody a year ago a la Jimmy Carter, the man to beat.

There is some feeling that the late Peter Finch could win as a posthumous recognition of his fine career. Yet, James Dean, a fine actor and a good deal more popular than Finch, lost under the same circumstances in 1956, as did Spencer Tracy in 1967. Many Academy members who liked "Network" may also deliver their



Rocky (Sylvester Stallone), an average club fighter, trains for his last big chance, when he is matched against the world champion, in "Rocky," a United Artists release.

votes to William Holden, the film's other male star, and, thereby, split the "Network" vote.

Robert DeNiro seems a more formidable opponent for Stallone, since people are still talking about his performance in "Taxi Driver." Although he has already won an Oscar, DeNiro is an attractive contender for a Hollywood that considers itself more with it than it used to be.

**WINNER** - Stallone.

**BEST ACTRESS** - Faye Dunaway has never won an Oscar and Hollywood may likely see just the right opportunity to give her one for her lauded performance in "Network." Dunaway will be hard to beat because she is a strong, highly visible actress working in a Hollywood where roles for women are hard to come by.

A superstrong "Rocky" trend could make largely unknown Talia Shire the winner and Liv Ullmann

cannot be dismissed, either, due to her formidable international reputation.

**WINNER** Dunaway, unless it's "Rocky" all the way.

**THE OTHER CATEGORIES** - Relatively easy winners to predict include young Jodie Foster, best supporting actress for "Taxi Driver" and the much-played "Evergreen" (from "A Star Is Born") as best song. The best camerawork of the year: Haskell Wexler, "Bound For Glory."

"Rocky" could pick up two more awards in the best director (John G. Avildsen) and best supporting actor (Burgess Meredith) categories.

When all is said and done, "Rocky" will be the one people remember from 1976, thanks to Oscar.

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Attention film buffs. Word is that Paul Newman's new flick "Slapshot" will be screened Fri. March 19 at the Erlanger Showcase. "Slapshot" which concerns the foibles of a pro hockey team and their hilarious solution to dwindling crowds, promises to be very good and shouldn't be missed by any hockey fan. Let's just hope the film shows up this time because it didn't last week.

# Skip classes to read on impulse

by Ken Colston

What began in this column as an inarticulate criticism of incompetent faculty has grown into a campaign. Even The Northerner staffers have joined the diatribe. We have begun to complain noisily, but so far none of us has suggested a way to circumvent the classroom. I would like to advise the serious student to skip his classes and take up Impulse Reading.

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Impulse Reading is reading what you want when you want. No plan, no limits. It is a reading riot. In a day's reading, the initiate might stray from Henry James to A. N. Whitehead to Nietzsche. From this literary vagabondage, he learns as perhaps no other educated man can that all knowledge is not bound between the covers of a few books but is contained in bits and pieces in many books.

Impulse Reading is endeavoring to match your mood with a book, to drive away bad feelings with appropriate inspiring words. This is sensible. If a student is sweating out a day in which he is plagued with the frustration of being punished by his country for his intelligence, doesn't it make more sense to let him read Hofstadter's *Anti-Intellectualism in America* right then rather than making him wait for a course in American Intellectual History? A needed book is also an adhesive book. When you are reading a book you need, a mysterious glue is secreted by the soul and seeps into the mind where it catches otherwise evasive details.

So Impulse Reading is a way of taking the pain and burden out of reading. It is a blatant rebuttal to those educators who believe that thinking is painful and study is hard and that there is no avoiding these two facts. Nonsense. Reading is only hard when you don't want to do it. You are no more conscious of reading a book that balm a bad mood than you are of breathing during a close basketball game. You may feel worn and exhausted after finishing,

but while reading you will hardly notice the strain.

And Impulse Reading is more fruitful than planned reading. If Thoreau is right and all thought is by analogy, then Impulse Reading creates the most thought because it certainly creates the most analogies. It leads to analogies and comparisons between the most incongruous books. For example, reading Shakespeare all day and nothing else is deadening. But reading Shakespeare on the very same day you read James is a great way to learn both authors. What is it that James does with his female protagonists that Shakespeare doesn't? That is the difference between prose and poetry? Between drama and the novel? These and other questions will come to mind if you read Shakespeare and James synoptically. And the analogies and questions compound and fissionate the more variety you read in a day.

Range is the best pace for the initiate. The youth who would know literature is best off reading a huge variety of it. A survey is better for a youngster in thought than specialization. Read Impulsively.

## news shorts

"A recommendation that alumni be allowed to purchase the student activity fee card if they want to participate 'in student affairs' was submitted to Dr. James Claypool, dean of student affairs, Tuesday, according to Dr. Barbara Smith, coordinator of Student Affairs.

"I think it was a very wise decision on their part," said Claypool. "It's added revenue," he said, "because the facilities are already here. Moreover, it might bring the alumni back to the university, he added. 'This seems to be the best solution,' the dean explained.

According to Smith, alumni will be able to purchase the student activity cards for the "same rate as students \$10 per semester."

Sociology majors, Darlene Goodrich and Laura Dorsey are seeking streakers to find what motivated them to streak. Goodrich and Dorsey are studying theories of deviant behavior and any streakers or information leading to the whereabouts of streakers is needed, call 261-4446 or 331-1024.

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## Editor challenges organizations to action

With the weather apparently changing and spring break upon us, thoughts in the minds of seasoned Northern Kentucky University veterans turn not only to exams and summer, but also the traditional Rites of Spring.

Begun in the spring of 1973 as a welcoming of the season and as a possible comic relief from the approach of exams, it is one of the few traditions in this young institution. It also may become a defunct tradition.

During a discussion with Coordinator of Student Affairs Dr. Barbara Smith, The Northerner found out there is only "a 50/50 chance" Rites of Spring will occur this year. Smith said, "Nothing can be done until we work out the staff," referring to the recent resignation of Steve Roth, head of special programs, and the understaffing of that department. She also mentioned the possibility of advertising for temporary position, but did not seem hopeful.

At this point, we could comment on the slow process of the administration taking care of the problem or on the outrageous fact that our student activity fee money is not going to the sort of things it is expected to go to (i.e., concerts, Rites). That, however, probably would do no more than fill the editorial space for another week and not get the continuation of a great tradition.

For this reason, The Northerner staff proposes an alternative plan. For a moment, forget the people in the Student Affairs Office. Who exactly benefits from the celebration of Rites of Spring? The students, and, to a point, probably the staff as well. It's fun, it's different. Okay, then, why shouldn't they do something about having it? Why don't they circumvent the burgeoning bureaucracy and red tape and just do it themselves?

Ridiculous, you say? To the contrary. If every student group or organization on campus would sponsor some sort of frivolous event which would typify their groups, it could be pretty interesting and possibly a whole lot better than one person thinking these activities up. Now, remember the people in Student Affairs. With a couple of meetings with someone from that office, a master plan and schedule could be worked up and specific parts might actually be financed by the fee money not being spent on special programs.

And, to carry this plan one step further, it would really be interesting to have each department come up with some kind of event to occur during the week. We're sure even the teachers dedicated to the serious endeavor of learning could come up with a creative and innovative event.

Programs in the past have varied widely: from tricycle races to spaghetti eating contests, from bathtub races to obstacle courses, from dunk-the-teacher booths to skateboard races, from concerts to art show. Just corner anyone who was awake and at NKU during the last three years and they can tell you the wild things that have gone on.

In order to launch this extravaganza, since leaders are usually hard to come by, The Northerner will throw in the glove and sponsor a pinball tournament or marathon (the form is yet to be determined) and I, as editor-in-chief, will

volunteer to head the organizational meetings with Student Affairs. In other words, I hereby challenge the other campus organizations, the departments and anyone else who wants to, to join this staff in presenting the best Rites of Spring ever.

The guidelines are simple. Contact Student Activities in N304, leaving the event to be sponsored, a name and phone number where a representative can be contacted. The week, if enough people respond, will be one of the last

two weeks in April, to be determined after approval from Dr. A. D. Albright and others in charge.

Be creative. Do something that your group has in common, then turn it over to the general level so that anyone could participate. Or do something traditional, like balloon tossing or turtle races or open air concerts and plays. Anything -- just do something to show the administration that we all want this tradition.

-Maryevelyn Wilson

## Let us eat yogurt and radishes!

Last week the federal government took another step to protect us defenseless Americans from the hazards of living. The FDA decision to remove saccharin from the market because of supposed relations of the sugar substitute to cancer raises questions in many people's minds about the fine line between protection and infringement of personal rights.

The saccharin decision was based on research done in Canada that showed that rats fed the substance developed cancer. So saccharin is added to a rapidly increasing list of banned foodstuffs which includes red dye No. 2 and cyclamates.

The most disturbing aspect of the issue is that one tends to doubt the validity of research where small animals are fed outlandish amounts of a material and the results are then generalized to include people who consume much less of the substances. It was revealed that in order for people to consume an amount of saccharin that was comparable to that fed to the experimental rats, the would have to drink 200,000 glasses of diet soft drinks a day. I challenge anyone to find someone who drinks that much in a year. Similar statistics were revealed in the cyclamate and red dye No. 2 cases, also.

But despite the outrage of consumers, the FDA decision stands. Leaving millions of people who depend on sugar-free products without a substitute because some Canadian rats OD'd on the most common sugar substitute seems rather unfair.

Last weekend I heard several news accounts of people who were stockpiling the sugar-free products before the market shelves are depleted. I also heard an interview with a ten-year old diabetic who "had a sweet tooth like any other young boy" but who now was left with no alternative but to live without sweets.

Another point which should infuriate consumers is that cigarettes, despite their very real link with cancer, continue to stay on the market while these products with very shady connections with cancer in experimental animals are removed. Before we start getting angry letters from all you smokers and all the Kentucky tobacco farmers in our reading audience, let me explain that I am certainly not in favor of removing cigarettes from the market. That will probably never happen because the government is getting a substantial bite in tax money from the sale of every pack.

What I do advocate is letting Americans have a choice. This is supposedly a free country, and we are supposed to be rational, thinking creatures who are capable of decision-making. When it was determined that cigarettes caused cancer, it was ruled that a warning had to be prominently placed on every pack and on every advertisement for them. My question is why can't the same thing be done with products containing other questionable materials?

Displaying such warnings that the product contains a material which is possibly dangerous to one's health seems a much more viable solution than whisking the substances off the market. Each person, aware of the consequences, could then make a decision about whether or not to partake of the products.

It seems that if the FDA does not soon realize that Americans should be responsible for their own health we will be reduced to diets of yogurt and organically-grown radishes. But you can bet if it ever came to the point, somewhere scientists would be feeding rats 200,000 servings of Dannon yogurt daily to determine if that, too, is going to kill us.

The feds are going to continue to control what we can and can't consume until enough people get riled up to do something about it. Let's not wait until it's too late. Why not write a letter to the FDA or your congressperson or Jimmy or someone today and protest the treatment of consumers like blind, ignorant fools.

Weight-watchers of the world, unite. We have nothing to gain but pounds.

-Jan Kipp

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