

# THE NORTHERNER

Volume 29, Number 27

Independent Student Publication of Northern Kentucky University

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

## Snapshot:

### News

#### THOU SHALT NOT...

A bill on the Governor of Kentucky's desk would permit the Ten Commandments to be posted in public schools. Find out what NKU officials think about displaying the commandments.  
Page 2

### Features



#### COASTING ALONG:

The tallest, fastest and only looping wooden roller coaster, Son of Beast, opens this spring at Paramount's Kings Island. If you thought The Beast was scary, wait until you meet his offspring.  
Page 8

### Basketball Lookback



#### RELIVE THE SEASON:

Check out the special replay coverage of key games in the women's basketball season that led to the Norse victory in the national championship game. Special Keepsake Pullout  
Pages 5 and 6

### Viewpoints

#### BREAK BLUES:

Student Express Vacations caused a headache for NKU spring breakers when it gave little compensation for a 49-hour flight delay, charged extra for bad meals and "free" drinks and added insult to injury by being rude. Seven nights in Cancun was hardly worth it.  
Page 3

### Website of the Week



#### KING OF THRILLS:

If you just can't wait until Paramount's Kings Island opens on May 29, check out its website at [www.pki.com](http://www.pki.com). You can get info about your favorite rides or download a video of what the newest addition, Son of Beast, will be like.

### Today's Forecast

High 52  
Low 43  
Partly Cloudy



### Index

Classifieds ..... 10  
Campus Calendar ..... 8  
North Poll ..... 3  
Contact us:  
Editor in Chief 572-6128  
Main Office 572-5260  
Business Office 572-5232  
Fax 572-5772  
E-mail [northerner@nku.edu](mailto:northerner@nku.edu)

## Reviews will grade professors

By Aleashia Walton  
Staff Reporter

Tenured professors at Northern Kentucky University will receive post-tenure reviews beginning in 2001. Tenure, which allows academic freedom in the classroom, now gives professors who need it time for improvement.

Former Kentucky Sen. Tim Philpot introduced a bill in March 1997 that proposed the use of post-tenure review in state universities and colleges. Faculty Senate member Chuck Frank said NKU chose to write its own post-tenure review, preventing the state legislature from imposing the Philpot Bill.

"It's important for the university to protect academic freedom and accept the responsibility to police

itself," Frank said. "There's a reason universities grant tenure. Tenure allows professors to have academic freedom and discuss controversial issues in the classroom. The Philpot Bill would have interfered with that."

A subcommittee of the Faculty Senate spent two years writing the post-tenure review. Members of the subcommittee were Professors MaryCarol Hopkins, Philip McCartney and Ray McNeil.

McCartney said, "The post-tenure review policy was created by our Faculty Senate in partnership with the university's administration—not imposed by a governing body outside of the university. Our policy stems from the annual performance review each faculty member undergoes, and features an

effort to work with the faculty member to return to satisfactory performance."

The post-tenure review grades all aspects of a tenured professor's performance, including teaching methods, the amount and quality of research done by the professor and community and university service. Any of these areas can be the focus of review.

The review requires professors to alter their performance methods if they receive two unsatisfactory reviews in a row. The department's post-

tenure review committee decides on a development plan to improve the professors' performance, and the professor then has two years to improve. If there is no improvement during this time, the professor may be fired.

The post-tenure review document states, "The intention of post-tenure review is not to abridge our long-standing

tradition and practice of academic freedom... but rather to strengthen the responsibility of faculty to effectively perform their job duties."

Another option of the review is to have a college-wide review committee consisting of one elected faculty member and one alternate from every department.

"The concept of tenure serves the long-term best interest of the university. In addition to protecting academic freedom, it prevents the creation of a 'revolving door' syndrome in which faculty feel comfortable in which faculty feel comfortable."

See **TENURE**, Page 2

## "We all scream for ice cream"



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

ABOVE: Students gathered when the ice cream man paid a surprise visit to campus in his yellow truck that played the tune "The Entertainer." RIGHT: Phi Beta Sigma members Enoch Morgan (left) and Carleton Robinson (right) enjoyed their ice cream sandwiches on the way back to their dorm room.



## Together in 2000

May graduates will commence all at once

By Anna Weaver  
Editor in Chief

Northern Kentucky University graduates will get "star" treatment this year at commencement.

For the first time since 1987, an all-university graduation ceremony will be held at the Firststar Center in downtown Cincinnati.

NKU President James C. Votruba said he made the decision to change the ceremony location after talking to students and faculty.

During the previous ceremonies in Regents Hall, each college got its own commencement, so on a graduation day there might be as many as five ceremonies.

Also, Regents Hall has limited seating and the number of tickets graduates could give out to family and friends had to be restricted.

Votruba said the lack of ticket limitations was one of the reasons the Firststar Center was chosen to hold graduation.

In addition, the ceremony will encompass every college and graduate all students at one time.

Votruba said there were too few times NKU gathered as an entire university. He said the graduation ceremony would be a time to celebrate not only the graduates but the university itself.

He said other advantages to using the Firststar Center were to make family and friends more comfortable. In Regents Hall, guests have to sit on bleachers without backs and not all of the stairs have rails.

Votruba said another advantage of the

See **FIRSTSTAR**, Page 2

## Intellectual property protected

By Alisha Stewart  
Staff Reporter

"It really gave me a rush," said Dr. Penny Summers, who recently received the Faculty Leadership Award. "It was very rewarding to be recognized by my peers for leadership. It's really something special."

Summers earned the award, given by Faculty Senate President Gail Ragsdale, for her role in developing an Intellectual Property Policy for Northern Kentucky University. Summers led the Intellectual Property Committee, which consisted of various members of faculty from different departments around the university.

"We are rather stingy with this award," said Ragsdale. "We wanted to recognize her for her personal work."

The Intellectual Property Policy, which became effective when passed by the Board of Regents in January 2000, protects the faculty's right to profit from the fruits of their own intellect. The primary purpose of the policy is for faculty members to be able to gain from their own knowledge. The term "intellectual property" refers to materials that may be patentable, copyrightable and trade-

markable.

Summers said the committee talked about the philosophy of what the faculty does and who should have the right to their materials such as books, journal articles, study guides, syllabi and tests, just to name a few.

"We share our knowledge so freely," said Summers. "If we can't hold onto anything that we feel is ours, how can we be of any value outside of the university?"

Summers said the Intellectual Property Committee's goal was to have this policy in place by January



Penny Summers

## Campus entrances will change as construction continues

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

Some entrances to Landrum and the Natural Science Building are now inaccessible due to construction of the new Natural Science Building.

According to a notice sent to all students from Director of Public Safety Don McKenzie, these changes are necessary in order to construct a tunnel and to make plaza and landscape improvements.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of Campus Planning, said the date for the changes to occur was March 28. Although the changes had not yet happened at press time, Schuh

said it would happen at any time.

Schuh said they asked Monarch Construction to delay fencing off these areas until it was absolutely necessary. She said once the area is closed, it would not re-open until the completion of construction, which would likely be about two years.

Schuh said the exterior stairs will not be affected, but the concrete area above the stairs will be demolished.

"If you went to the top of the stairs, you wouldn't be able to go anywhere," Schuh said. Schuh said the change will cause some inconvenience, but it was something that could not be avoided.

Schuh said students and staff who park near

the Natural Science Building frequently use the exterior stairs at the Natural Science Building. Some students use that stairway as a shortcut to Landrum. However, Schuh said students would now have to go through the Natural Science Building.

"It's a less direct route," Schuh said.

Schuh said they have had to close exits to buildings before. She said the door would be available for emergencies only.

Schuh said although the situation is temporarily inconvenient, it will be worthwhile in the long run. She said they would be adding shrubbery and other landscaping as well to make the area more attractive.

# Bill would allow posting of commandments

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

A bill currently on Gov. Paul Patton's desk would allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed in public schools, according to Mark Pfiffer, communications director for the Kentucky Legislature.

Senate Joint Resolution 57 currently only applies to elementary and secondary schools. However, a similar bill in Indiana allows posting the commandments in government buildings.

Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba said he would not initiate the posting of the Ten Commandments at NKU.

"I don't think that's the role of the university," he said.

Votruba said he believed posting the Ten Commandments at NKU "really does cross the line of church and state."

Votruba believes such an action would be harmful to the purpose of the university because of the diversity of people that NKU attracts.

Gerald Richards, chair of the Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy department, is also concerned that international students and non-Christians might feel that the Ten Commandments excludes them.

"As a public university, it would probably create problems with the wide range of religious orientations," Richards said.

Mark Bogie, assistant coordinator of International Student Affairs, said he does not think posting the Ten Commandments would make an international student feel uncomfortable.

"I personally don't think they should be posted at the university, but I don't think it would be offensive," Bogie said.

However, international student Burhan Muhamedali said he would find the posting of the Ten Commandments at NKU offensive.

"If America is so diverse, these things that could bring conflicts of diversity should not be done," Muhamedali said.

He said he would not feel unwelcome because he is a minority with tolerances for other cultures and religions.

"But it would remind me I am a minority," Muhamedali said.

Bill Ellis, campus minister of the Baptist Student Union, said the posting of the Ten Commandments is not a cure-all for society's ills.

"Posting the Ten Commandments is secondary to living the Ten Commandments," he said.

Harold Orndorff, campus minister of Christian Student Fellowship, said the posting of the Ten Commandments would not bother him.

"If they posted the seven pillars of Buddha it wouldn't bother me either," he said.

Similar bills in Indiana and South Dakota have already been signed into law. Indiana agreed to drop the law.

According to Americans United for Separation of Church and State, similar bills in Colorado and Florida were introduced and withdrawn by sponsor.

Other states with pending legislation include Mississippi, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri and Oklahoma.



File Photo  
Gov. Paul Patton will sign or veto a bill this week that would allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in public schools. Indiana and South Dakota have already passed similar laws.

## TENURE: a checks and balances system

From Page 1

pled to make their top priority the enhancement of their vitas in preparation for their next job," McCartney said. "Tenure is not meant to prevent the University from ridding itself of faculty members who consistently fail to carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner."

Hopkins said the review will not have a negative impact on the tenured faculty.

"In schools with similar policies and procedures, the actual process is set in motion very infrequently, only triggered by a faculty member who seems to be performing inadequately," Hopkins said. "In most such cases, the faculty member is counseled by colleagues and given assistance in improving—and does so. Occasionally, very rarely, the individual is gently guided toward early retirement."

In addition, Hopkins said the post-tenure review will help more professors than it will hurt. "Until now, the chair has had the responsibility of deciding whether a faculty member is satisfactory or not," Hopkins said. "This policy allows for input from faculty peers and also allows for a specified amount of time to make specific changes. It's sort of a one-last-chance policy."

## FIRSTAR: aimed to unite NKU graduation

From Page 1

Firstar Center over Regents Hall is the community will get an idea of how large the university is. NKU will be able to attract more speakers and honorary degree recipients by having only one ceremony, he said.

In the Regents Hall ceremony, graduates get their names called and receive their degrees from Votruba. This aspect of the ceremony will not change.

Votruba said the ritual reinforces NKU as an upclose and personal university.

"I get something out of looking into [the graduates'] faces and congratulating them on their success," he said.

Kathy Stewart, associate director of University Relations, said she estimates the ceremony will last about two and one-half hours. She said there will be about 850 graduates participating.

Stewart said putting the ceremonies together into an all-university graduation will raise the bar and improve the celebration. Also she said one reason for the change was that students were unhappy about the limit of tickets available at Regents Hall.

Another concern students had about the ceremony was wanting to share in the celebration with their friends from other colleges, Votruba said.

However, this year's graduates and guests will have to pay for parking for a longer off-campus ceremony. Votruba said he chose the Firstar Center because

there is "no other facility in Northern Kentucky to hold a university-wide commencement."

He said they decided against an outdoor ceremony on campus because there was no place large enough to hold the estimated 7,000 to 8,000 guests attending.

He compared NKU to the University of Cincinnati's outdoor ceremony.

"UC has an option if there's bad weather. We don't," he said.

The pomp and circumstance of the ceremony will also change this year. Votruba said that along with an effort to internationalize the campus, the procession will begin with 70 students all carrying flags representing the countries NKU students are from.

The ceremony will also include performances by NKU's orchestra and choral group. Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton will speak and receive an honorary degree. Balloons will

drop at the end of the ceremony. Following the ceremony there will be a reception in tents outside for each college.

Ron Ellis, assistant vice-president of University Relations, said the ceremony should not cost NKU any more than it did at Regents Hall. He said funds to pay for graduation come from the state budget, not from state fees.

The ceremony starts at 4:30 p.m. May 13. Chase Law School students graduate at 12:15 in Regents Hall.



File Photo

Thomas Zaniello, director of the Honors Program, said participants in the program are eligible for living in the honors/scholars dorm. He said honors classes could possibly be held in the dorms.

## Dorm designated for academics

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

Kentucky Hall's Cumberland Wing will become a dorm exclusively for honors students and students receiving academic scholarships.

Thomas Zaniello, director of the Honors Program, said the honors/scholars dorm is an experiment that they hope will have very beneficial results.

He said it is based on the idea "that when you are trying to recruit really strong students, putting them all in one building helps."

Kim Vance, director of Residential Life, said there are approximately 66 available spaces in Kentucky Cumberland. Zaniello said there will be many more people eligible for the program.

However, Zaniello said a large

portion of the honors students do not live on campus because the majority of the recruitment for the honors program is done within the Tri-State area.

He said the honors/scholars dorm is mainly intended for first year students. Zaniello said he is not sure if returning honors students can live in the honors/scholars dorm as well.

Zaniello said he is able to foresee the dorms as being an extension of the classroom setting.

"You could easily imagine an honors class held on Wednesday nights in the dorms," he said.

Although only honors students and recipients of academic scholarships are eligible to live in Cumberland, Zaniello believes that it will be beneficial for the entire Residential Village.

Zaniello said there have been events such as poetry readings and coffee houses held at the Honors

House.

He said they would now be able to hold such events in the Residential Village and the entire student community would be able to participate.

"It would unite the Residential Village," Zaniello said.

Vance said one concern that has been raised about Cumberland being converted into an honors/scholars dorm is where current residents will have to move.

Vance said current residents would live in traditional dorms if they so choose.

"We aren't going to force anybody into a more expensive housing option," she said.

Vance said this is not the first time Residential Life has altered the living arrangements in the dorms.

"We have to change to fit the needs at the time," she said.

## CALL NOW! WORK NOW! RESTAURANTS

FULL SERVICE, FINE DINING, FAST FOOD,  
DELIVERY, FAMILY STYLE, MANAGEMENT,  
BARS & PUBS, NIGHTCLUBS, COUNTRY CLUBS,  
HOTELS, CONCESSIONS, DIETARY, PRODUCTION,  
CAFETERIA, HEALTHCARE

### NOW HIRING

CALL 1-877-991-9292

FREE SERVICE



RESTAURANT JOB LINE

## Now Hiring!



The Home City Ice Co. of Wilder, Kentucky, is now hiring for part-time and summer employment.

We are taking applications for office, production, and delivery positions.

We offer very flexible hours and competitive pay. We will work around school schedules.

Call for more information or stop in to apply:

The Home City Ice Company  
5 Plum Street  
Wilder, Kentucky 41076  
(606) 441-1700  
www.homecityice.com

## Church and state: intertwined?

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

In a spirit of faulty logic and revisionist history, the Kentucky General Assembly has passed a bill celebrating the "biblical foundations" of our current system of laws.

According to Senate Joint Resolution 57, teachers and schools are "encouraged" to post and teach historical documents "including the influence of the Ten Commandments on the founding of the U.S. laws" in public schools of Kentucky.

The bill now sits on the desk of Gov. Pat Patton, awaiting only his signature to be enacted into law.

In effect, what they are saying is the laws of the United States and the state of Kentucky are basically codified versions of the ancient Jewish Old Testament Law. And they are celebrating this supposed fact.

I was under the impression that we live under some form of democracy in this country, a representative democracy in the form of a republic.

Yet if we live under a set of laws derived from the literal interpretation of the scriptures, that constitutes a fundamentalist government. A Republic, according to Webster's Dictionary, is "A state in which the supreme power rests in the citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by their representatives."

Newspapers are routinely filled with our elected representatives warning the public of such states as Iran, whose form of government is derived from a form of Fundamentalist Islam. In that country the dominant scripture, the Koran, is the law, and it is ruled by a council of priests.

So what are we to derive from this mixed message, that while our set of laws which are supposedly based on ancient Judeo-Christian doctrine is to be held in the highest esteem, a country based on Islamic Law is evil and wrong? Is it that they are wrong because they do not adhere to our religion?

But wait, that sounds like the instituted promotion of one religion over another by our government. I was told there was a separation of church and state in this country. Well bro, think again. The Christian right is alive and well and once they get "their man" in the White House, this sort of thing will be commonplace.

The quality of history taught in America's public schools is already distorted and revisionary enough, do we need formal legislation promoting this even more?

Most of the 22 amendments proposed for this bill concerned which great pillars of integrity and morals should be quoted in the language of

the bill.

My personal favorite was the proposal for Thomas Jefferson, our slave-owning, adulterating third president every school child is programmed to revere during the course of their elementary "education."

Yet if my memory serves me right, I believe I was taught in Sunday School that one of the commandments is "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

So, then, one of the founding fathers, who was instrumental in the making of the laws of this country, and who supposedly followed these commandments upon which said laws are based, was in direct conflict with them. Oh, but wait, we're not supposed to teach this stuff in schools, because it is not positive. Instead we will continue to rewrite history with such fallacies as our law is built on the ten commandments.

That sounds good, and besides, it lends credence to them. After all, who is going to argue that a law is wrong after they are brought up in an education system that basically says that the laws of the United States are the Word of God. Anyone that disagrees must therefore be some sort of heathen heretic who deserves to burn for all of eternity.

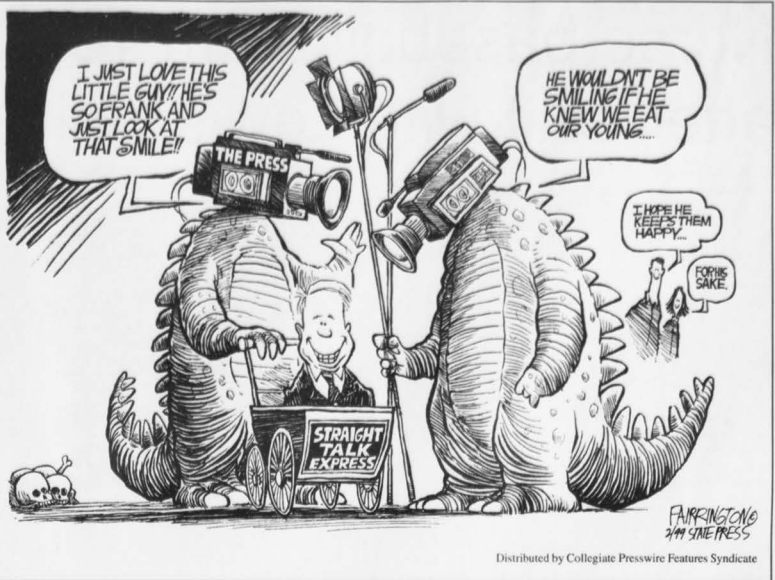
I can see it now, a whole generation of children growing up, believing their country's laws are the Word of God incarnate, the violation of which will damn their immortal souls to hell, where they can burn forever with all the Muslims and Buddhists and anyone else who disagrees with "our" brand of religion.

After all, that was the original point of the Ten Commandments. The Old Testament Law of how to live.

Ask one of them, if one of the commandments states "Thou shalt not kill," then where does the government derive its right in exercising capital punishment?

The whole point to this lengthy tirade is that it is dangerous for us as citizens to allow our government to dictate and interpret our history, and the role that religion has played.

Perhaps our representatives should leave the religious origins of our laws to scholars that are more qualified to tackle such issues. Then they would have time to worry about what they are elected to do, figure out a budget. There is the very real possibility this session that the Democrats and the Republicans will not be able to put aside their differences and actually come up with a working budget. But they seem to have no problem making arbitrary rulings about the role of religion in our laws, while the taxpayers spend tens of thousands of dollars while they debate on issues they are not qualified to rule on.



Distributed by Collegiate Presswire Features Syndicate

## Company causes spring break blues

By Sarah Baker  
Staff Reporter

My friends and I were nothing short of disappointed with our travel agent, Student Express Vacations, when we finally arrived in Cancun for spring break. We were nothing short of disgusted by the time we returned home. Let this be a warning to future travelers, especially spring breakers.

An agent, according to Webster's dictionary, is one who acts for or in the place of another by authority from him. So I probably shouldn't even classify Student Express as a travel agent.

Our long-awaited spring break started with a 49-hour flight delay for a charter flight on Allegro Airlines scheduled by Student Express. By the way, we didn't get the tickets for this until the day we left. Because this was supposedly the most extreme problem the company had, the president of Student Express greeted us and apologized for the delay at the Cancun airport. It was now late Sunday night and he

explained everything possible would be done to extend our stay to the full seven days we paid for.

Wednesday came along and there was still no word about when we would be leaving. We walked to his office, which was inside a local hotel, to get some answers. I was shocked.

The man who joked with us at the airport had turned into a finger-pointing, cursing man in severe need of a copy of "Customer Service for Dummies."

As the spokeswoman for my group I made our points. Outside of our delayed flight, we were upset with the VIP pass we paid extra for. It included meals and drinks. The first meal was a powdery, flaky tortilla with a pile of green peppers cooked until they were soft and chicken so dry it could have absorbed the Gulf of Mexico. After standing in line outside the tent the food was served from, we stood in the blazing sun to because there was no dining area. We bought our own meals after that.

As a "VIP" we were promised drinks during the day. One booth was set up for what seemed to be hun-

dreds of VIPs resulting in a 30-minute-long wait in line.

After I expressed each concern I listened to him weasel his way out of any responsibility. MTV was filming its spring break shows from Cancun. "But MTV's here," he said.

My last spring break was a joke. I was hungry and I felt like I'd wasted my money; but I got to see a couple of celebrities so it was OK. Does Student Express really think college students are so impressionable? Did this company expect products of higher education to prioritize an MTV taping over their food and money?

We wrapped up his rebuttal with, "The plane took off late. That's too damn bad."

I was trying not to be an irate customer but it was difficult. When I told him this, he asked us to leave.

We were told the hotels didn't have room to keep us two days longer because the next week's worth of spring breakers would arrive as scheduled. So we headed to the airport on Friday. This is where Student Express got in its last punch.

Before we could check our baggage and receive a boarding pass for a flight that we paid for months ago, we were told to sign a waiver. Without signing, we could not board the plane back to Cincinnati. This waiver granted us a whopping \$71.14 refund for the two missed days and a \$200 credit towards another vacation as a "good will gesture." I guarantee I won't be using this company again, no matter what the discount. We paid \$861 each for a seven day vacation in Cancun but only spent five. We missed 28 percent of the trip and were offered an 8 percent refund. In addition, any legal fees necessary in enforcing this agreement are the responsibility of the customer. I believe I may not actually receive a refund at all without further action.

Do yourself a favor. On your summer vacation, grad break or next spring break, skip the meal packages, schedule your own flight, and be sure to check the reputation and history of the company providing the vacation. In my experience, there was nothing student or express oriented about Student Express Vacations.

## NORTH POLL

### What do you think the women's basketball championship will bring to NKU?

Ronnie Paoletto

Theatre  
Gifford, Ind.  
"It will bring more money for the girls' sporting events."



Betsy Walker

Theatre  
Edgewood  
"It will bring more attention and financial aid to other women's sports like volleyball and soccer."



Josh Beshears

Theatre  
Bright, Ind.  
"I think it will better the women's basketball program but it probably won't have a large effect on the overall campus."



Jason Mascoe

Aviation Administration  
Alexandria  
"It will draw more students and sports to NKU."



Barbara Faulkner

Pre-business  
Independence  
"It will give us more recognition and a better reason for students to come here."



Kare Miller

Theatre  
Richmond  
"It will make NKU more noticeable and help us grow as a university."



#### THE NORTHERNER

Editor in Chief: Anna Weaver  
Executive Editor: Kelly Sudzina  
Managing Editor: Forrest Berkshire  
Production Manager: Jeffrey B. Williams  
General Manager: Kelly Castleberry  
Business Manager: Katie Kerth  
News Editor: Rick Amburgey  
Features Editor: Jeffrey B. Williams  
Assistant Features Editor: Scott Wartman  
Sports Editor: Bruce Reller  
Assistant Sports Editor: Jason R. Crisler  
Copy Editors: Cherie Haas & Peter W. Zubaty  
Photo Editor: Melissa Riggs  
Assistant Photo Editor: Kristen Colwell  
Distribution Manager: Elea Mihou

Staff Reporters/Photographers: Sarah Baker, Hlevani Baloyi, Regina Bertolotti, Melanie Dawn Brooks, Mike Brown, Dave Capano, Aaron Carter, Caroline Davis, Jonathan Divita, Katie Herschede, Melanie Goodman, Cassie Guy, Dave Lindsay, Tina Newberry, Jayne Price, Christie Schulte, Tracy Schuster, Alisha Stewart, Kelly Simon, Stacey Tieman, Cindy Folsom  
Faculty Adviser: Pat Moynahan

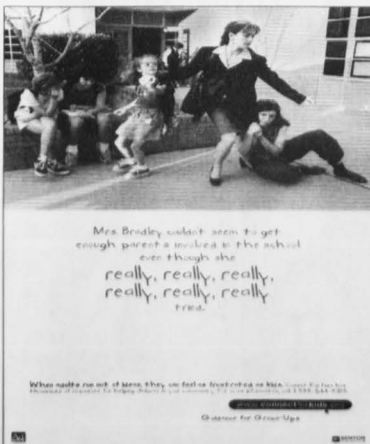
University Center, Suite 209  
Highland Heights, KY 41099  
Main office: (606) 572-5260  
Business office: (606) 572-5232  
Editor in Chief: (606) 572-6128  
Fax: (606) 572-5772  
E-mail: [northerner@nku.edu](mailto:northerner@nku.edu)  
Online: [www.thenortherner.com](http://www.thenortherner.com)

#### EDITORIAL POLICY

The Northerner welcomes all letters to the editor and editorials. We request that they be less than 600 words, typed and sent preferably via e-mail to [northerner@nku.edu](mailto:northerner@nku.edu). The Northerner reserves the right to refuse any letter to the editor or editorial and to change spelling and grammatical errors.

The Northerner is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press and the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association. Publication is weekly on Wednesdays excluding university observed holidays and final examination weeks.





# 1999-2000 NORSE FORCE

## Division II National Champions

### Norse prove last year was no fluke

By Kelly Sudzina  
Executive Editor

At the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball Coach Nancy Winstel said, "I want people to come out and watch us play. I want them to know that last year was not a fluke."

Apparently it wasn't a fluke.

Not only did the Norse return to the Final Four at Pine Bluff, Ark., they brought the NCAA Division II National Championship trophy home with them. In a question and answer column for *The Northerner* Basketball Preview last November, Sports Editor Bruce Reller asked Winstel, "How hard it is for you to replace six players that are gone from last year's squad?"

Her response was, "It's tough. Five of them were played since they were freshmen without missing a beat. We are experiencing some growing pains."

This time maybe pain is pleasure.

The 1998-99 team had five players that had played since they were freshmen. This year's team had seven players that have played at NKU since they were freshmen—and four of them still are. Winstel may not have anticipated early on that this year's team would be even better than last year's, even though there were so many young players.

In fact, the only senior on the team, Lisa Geiman, is a soccer player turned basketball player. She joined late in December to add depth when injuries occurred.

We at *The Northerner* wanted to give everyone a chance to look back on some of the most important games and moments that marked this year's season.

One of the Norse's early losses was to Bellarmine on Jan. 8. The week after that the Norse beat the University of Missouri-St. Louis in a reverse-reflection of the Bellarmine game. That and the Southern Illinois University-

Edwardsville game in February were surprisingly easy victories by the Norse against two of their more competitive Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents. The game against St. Joseph's College marked sophomore All-American Michelle Cottrell's 1,000th point. Junior Michele Tuchfarber had scored her 1,000th point on Jan. 31 against Kentucky Wesleyan.

Winstel earned the title of IKON/WBCA Division II National Coach of the Year and learned of it at about the time she was coaching her girls to prepare for the Elite Eight.

In the first game of the Elite Eight, NKU faced the College of St. Rose (N.Y.), ranked No. 1 in the nation, and defeated them and Western Washington the next day. They went on to defeat North Dakota State University by nine points in overtime to win the national championship.



Fans cheered on the returning women's team at the pep rally March 26, the day after the championship game.

Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

## NKU loses, learns after Bellarmine

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

A basketball game that began as an upset by NKU ended as a classic case of the story of the "Tortoise and the Hare."

The Norse came out of the gate strong, but fell 76-72, victims of the Bellarmine Knights, at the game played at Regents Hall Jan. 8.

The statistics of both teams were very comparable. The height of the players on both teams were very similar. Both teams had three players that measured at more than 6 feet and both had one player under 5 feet 5 inches.

The Norse dominated most of the first half and went into halftime with a ten-point lead of 37-27.

Eight minutes into the second

half, Bellarmine had narrowed the deficit to one point with a score of 46-45.

The rest of the second half moved like a roller coaster, with both teams scoring an almost equal number of points.

The critical point of the game came with just under three minutes remaining. Bellarmine hit a three-point shot to take the lead at 70-68.

The consensus of the Norse was,

although they did play their best game, it was a game they should have won.

Forward Amy Mobley said they knew it would be a tough game and they were ready.

"We were prepared. We practiced all week," Mobley said.

Center Kristin Polosky, who scored six points, believes the number of three-point shots Bellarmine made helped them

recover.

"We shouldn't have relaxed so much," she said.

Bridget Flanagan said she thought the team had a chance to win until Bellarmine made its last three-point in the final minute of the game.

Key players in this game for the Norse were Michelle Cottrell and Polosky, who combined to score over half of the Norse's points.

## 24-game winning streak starts with UMSL

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

The Jan. 15 women's basketball game was just like the Jan. 8 game against Bellarmine—only backwards.

Last week, NKU lost momentum against Bellarmine and never got it back. This week, they gained momentum by the second half against Missouri-St. Louis, beating them 89-68.

With that the Norse are now 10-2 for the season.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel said the

Norse worked harder against UMSL than they did against Bellarmine. "We lost our aggressiveness in the Bellarmine game," she said. "Today, we did pretty good. We were more aggressive, especially on the boards. This was a big game for us. UMSL is a pretty talented team."

One of the main reasons the Norse were able to build a big lead in the first half against UMSL was the play of freshman Bridget Flanagan, who came off the bench to score eight of her 11 points midway through the half.

"Bridget is a great player," said Winstel.

"We needed her to step up. She needed to bring some attention to herself. We actually have three very good freshmen who will do great at any time."

Right before the half, UMSL cut a 19 point NKU lead to 11. Then, freshman Amy Mobley hit a three-pointer just before the half to stop their momentum and give the Norse a 14-point halftime lead.

It was a team performance overall, said Flanagan. "We got our shots off quickly. We got on the offensive boards, and we hit the shots when we were open."

Flanagan said, "I was happy with my performance. I shot the ball well, especially at the three-point line. I knew it was going in."

NKU goes through a stretch of games in which they play all Great Lakes Valley Conference teams the rest of the regular season. As the games progress, the Norse need to stay together in order to do well, said Flanagan. "We need to keep playing as a team. That's the number one thing," she said. "We need to keep playing how we have been playing and stay aggressive."

Bruce Reller: Where do the freshmen fit into the picture on this team?

Nancy Winstel: All three have the opportunity to play. Bridget Flanagan can really shoot the ball and plays good on defense. Amy Mobley is a great post player. Kristin Polosky is a center who is very fundamentally sound. She is very valuable. She can post up and put the ball on the floor.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

Amy Mobley became a key member of the Norse as the season wore on.

## NKU takes down SIUE by 3

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

Jan. 29 at Regents Hall, the number one ranked Great Lakes Valley Conference team, Northern Kentucky University, faced number two ranked Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

With four seconds to go in the game and the Norse leading 59-56, SIUE went down the length of the court. Cougar Misi Clark threw up a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer but was fouled by Jessica Jensen in the process.

Coach Nancy Winstel threw her jacket down in desperation and raised her arms, calling for the crowd to make noise. The rest of the team joined her, and the fan support reached a roar to distract the shooter. Clark, one of the top free throw shooters in the country, missed all three free throws to let the Norse pull off the win.

Winstel said, "We didn't want to foul the three-point shooter. They beat us down there last time on free throws. We tried to get the crowd into it. Our fans got the assist on the last play."

Winstel said the Cougars played them tough the whole game, and it was great to pick up a home conference win.

"Southern Illinois really got after us. They should be commended. Their intensity was very high. They are the biggest and strongest team we have played in the conference. We were able to hang on. They are number two in the conference and you have to win the home games," Winstel said.

The game was close throughout, but the Norse were able to secure the victory with their free throw shooting. NKU made 13 of 15 free throws in the second half and 20 of 23 overall in the game for 87 percent shooting. "That was a huge difference in the ball game," Winstel said.

One reason the Norse are playing better defensively this week is the play of freshman Amy Mobley. She scored nine points and eight rebounds against SIUE. "I feel more comfortable with myself and with the team," she said. "I have more leeway. I have more confidence to score. On the boards, I work my butt off."

Winstel said, "Amy is starting to shoot the ball. She is so physically strong. Early in the year, she wasn't shooting the ball. We ask her to do a whole lot as a freshman."

In order for the Norse to continue to perform like they have been, they need to keep working hard, NKU junior Heather Livingstone said.



Anna Weaver/The Northerner

Heather Livingstone said NKU would be "hard to stop," and she was right.

"We need to continue to come with intensity and play good defense," she said. "We need to come ready to play and we'll be hard to stop."

The Norse are now 14-2 and 9-1 in the GLVC.

1999-2000  
Norse

11 Heather Livingston



15 Suzie Smith



20 Michele Tuchfarber



21 Rebecca Bell



22 Michelle Cottrell



24 Lisa Geiman



31 Julie Cowens



32 Amy Mobley



33 Bridget Flanagan



34 Kristin Polosky



44 Jessica Jensen

## Cott's 1,000th

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

The Norse kept right on rolling with a 100-75 win over St. Joseph's College Feb. 17.

NKU controlled most of the game as it went on a 20-4 run in the first eight minutes of the game and took a 20-point lead into the half.

The Norse again used the three-point shot to its advantage in the first half, making 7 of 13.

NKU kept up its dominance in the second half, putting out the easy victory.

In that half, a milestone took place for the Norse. Sophomore Michelle Cottrell scored her 1,000th point with 13 minutes to go in the game.

"It feels great," said Cottrell about the accomplishment. "It means I'm improving."

Cottrell finished the game with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The offensive attack has been one of the keys to success lately, said coach Nancy Winstel.

"We're understanding each other," she said. "We're breaking and pushing the ball. On the half-court offense, we are moving the ball inside and outside."

Despite the Norse success, there are still things the team needs to improve, including free throw shooting.

"We need to do a better job and be consistent at the free throw line," Winstel said.

"We need to push the ball up a little more. We need to come out and be ready to play. We need to play team ball and stay hungry."

With the win, NKU improved to 21-2 and 16-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner  
Coach Nancy Winstel honors Michelle Cottrell and Michele Tuchfarber for their 1,000th point achievements.

## Coach of year

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

None of what the NKU women's basketball team has accomplished this season would have been made possible if it wasn't for the coaching of Nancy Winstel.

The Norse have won 21 straight games, are 29-2, ranked second in the nation, and are heading to the Elite Eight for the second year in a row.

Because of all that, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has named Winstel the 2000 IKON/WBCA Division II

National Coach of the Year.

Winstel has coached 17 years at NKU and has an overall record of 359-120.

She was recently named Great Lakes Valley Conference Coach of the Year for the second straight year.

Winstel has worked every year to help make her ball team the best they possibly can be and to make them NCAA Tournament contenders every season.

With her guidance and coaching, Winstel has led her teams to 10 NCAA Division II Tournaments and, last year, to the Final Four in Pine Bluff, Ark.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

**Bruce Reller:**  
What is your philosophy on teamwork?

**Nancy Winstel:**  
Basketball is all about teamwork. Everything revolves around the team. The coach has to prepare them. We are all part of it. We all share our failures and our successes. We are like an extended family.

## Equation for success

By Jason R. Crisler  
Assistant Sports Editor

MC=1000. Albert Einstein couldn't have said it better.

Michelle Cottrell scored her 1,000th point Feb. 17 against Saint Joseph's with 13:11 left in the game.

"It feels great," Cottrell said. "It means I'm improving."

Oh, Ok. What it means, folks, is that Cottrell is going to be the most prolific scorer in Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball history.

You'll never hear her say that. I doubt Cottrell reads her own hype. I doubt she cares.

I think Cottrell would trade her 1,001 career points for a national title. But this column is for you, Cottrell, whether you like it or not.

Cottrell can pass Peggy Vincent, and her 1883 points, and become the all-time points scorer.

A lot needs to happen, though. Assuming she avoids a major injury (knock on wood) and she maintains her career 17.9 points a game average, she will have a very realistic chance.

More importantly, Cottrell will need to play in enough games. If NKU can play in about 30 games a season during Cottrell's four years here, I guarantee she will pass Vincent.

"It feels great," she said. "It means I'm improving."

Very few athletes would make a statement like that. Very humble words for someone averaging over 17 points and nine rebounds a game in her sophomore year.

Cottrell says she's getting better. Cottrell wants to get better. Look out Division II.

She's leading the team in field goal percentage and I could argue for getting her five to 10 more shots a game.

That's OK, I doubt she cares. Will she pass Vincent?

A few more Final Fours and maybe a national title and she should play enough games.

Of course a few more Final Fours and a national title and I have a feeling the points she scored won't matter to her.

Just ask her.

## #1 St. Rose falls victim to Norse squad

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

Before the NKU women's basketball team could play for the championship March 25, it first had to topple two of the top teams in Division II, College of St. Rose (N.Y.) and Western Washington.

The Norse upset St. Rose (N.Y.)

Wednesday, ranked No. 1 in Division II and 34-0 entering the tournament, 60-50.

NKU trailed the Golden Knights as far as many as 10 points in the second half before rallying for the victory.

St. Rose led 44-41 midway through the second half before the Norse ended the game on a 19-6 run.

Freshman Bridget Flanagan scored

all 13 of her points in the second half while junior Michele Tuchfarber added 14 points. Michelle Cottrell contributed 13 points for NKU in the win.

Thursday the Norse also had to come from behind late in the game, this time against Western Washington, 80-74.

Western Washington's All-American Celeste Hill gave the Norse fits all night, scoring 28 points and grabbing

eight rebounds.

NKU combated Hill by shooting 50 percent from the field and out rebounding Western Washington 32-31 in the game.

The game seemed to be over when NKU held a 75-68 lead with 36 seconds remaining, but back-to-back threes cut the lead to a single point. Once again, Cottrell was the difference, converting

a three-point play with time running down to push the lead back to four.

Junior forward Julie Cowens led the way for NKU with 19 points and Tuchfarber added 15. Also, Cottrell came away with 14 points for the Norse.

The victories improved NKU to 31-2 and extended its winning streak to 23 games.

## Perfect ending to an incredible season

By Jason R. Crisler  
Assistant Sports Editor

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

At the 1999 NCAA Women's Division II Elite Eight, the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team traded off the court, heads low, some players crying, after the loss to Arkansas Tech University ended their season two wins shy of a championship.

Few expected NKU to return to national prominence after an off-season highlighted by change; in all, the team lost six players

and welcomed four new faces. "I thought it would be a rebuilding year," sophomore All-America forward Michelle Cottrell said.

NKU upended the College of Saint Rose (N.Y.) and Western Washington to reach the title game, but North Dakota State, owner of five national championships in the 90s, stood in the way.

Thanks to the play of Cottrell, the NKU bench cried again. This time, tears of joy replaced last season's disappointment as Cottrell's 23 points and 19 rebounds helped NKU take over the game in overtime and claim the school's first national championship in any sport, 71-62.

Unlike the Norse, North Dakota State was not new to the pressures of a title game. Saturday's game marked the eighth time in the '90s its women's team had been to the championship game and five times it came

away victorious.

This year's Bison team was looking to uphold the tradition. It finished third in the final Division II poll and, coming into the game, seemed to have an advantage, thanks to superior size.

The Bison front line featured 6-foot senior Jayne Evers, who was the Rawlins/WNBKA Division II National Player of the Year, as well as 6-foot-3-inch Jayne Boeddeker and 5-foot-10-inch Amanda Gehrke.

Jayne Amundson, NDSU's shooting guard, stands just an inch shorter than Cottrell, NKU's primary post threat.

"The whole year I've played against taller players," Cottrell said. "I just stay aggressive." She said she usually has a quicker first step than most

post players and she can use her athleticism to gain an advantage.

NKU jumped out to an 11-6 lead early in the first half.

NDSU roared back with a 13-5 run to take the lead, 20-18. The Bison entered the locker room clinging to a 33-29 lead.

Cottrell took over after the intermission. She scored 12 of NKU's 28 points in the half.

Despite Cottrell's scoring binge, NDSU built a seven-point lead, 41-34.

The Norse clawed back with a 10-3 run of their own, in which freshman Amy Mobley had six points to help NKU tie the score at 44.

The Norse led by four points, 57-53, with less than two minutes to play when Gehrke

hit two free throws and Amundson hit a jumper to tie the score.

With five seconds to play and the score knotted at 57, NDSU had the ball underneath NKU's basket with a chance to win. The Bison inbounded the ball to midcourt where one of their players dribbled two or three times upcourt and heaved a shot with an NKU player guarding her closely. A whistle sounded from one of the refs. Was the Bison player fouled? The referees called a traveling violation and the ball went to NKU with 8 seconds to play.

With a chance to win after the Bison turnover, the Norse inbounded the ball to Cottrell at the free-throw line. Cottrell was double-teamed as she shot and the ball rimmed out-of-bounds.

In the extra period the Norse put the clamps on NDSU defensively, holding them to just five points. Cottrell personally outscored the Bison with six points in overtime.

The Norse destroyed the NDSU's press and secured the victory by lobbing the ball over the Bison's heads for three uncontested layups; one by Jessica Jensen and two by Julie Cowens. Despite the advantage NDSU had in size, the Norse continually drove to the basket for layups. Michele Tuchfarber said it was instinct to take the ball to the basket, not a part of the game-plan.

The final seconds ticked away and the Norse bench began to drop to their knees, holding hands in anticipation of the upcoming victory. "All those hours of practice paid off," Tuchfarber said. "No more games and you're the only one left standing."

As the buzzer sounded, Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team huddled at halfcourt with looks of joy and screams of triumph, for they had earned the right to say they are National Champions.



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner  
Julie Cowens carried home the Division II National Championship trophy after the win in Pine Bluff, Ark.



10 d.m.

Telephone: 502-647-3533, ext. 212.

[illegible]

# The 'Son of Beast' scheduled for spring

## A world record roller coaster comes to the Tri-State

By Alisha Stewart  
Staff Reporter

Even more frightening than his dad, the world's tallest, fastest and only wooden looping roller coaster, the Son of Beast, opens this spring.

The Son of Beast represents the largest investment in the history of Paramount's Kings Island, enabling the park to set seven new world records.

"The addition of the Son of Beast at Paramount's Kings Island is appropriate for the magnitude of the millennium, and it fulfills our commitment to invest more than it took to build the entire park in 1972," said Tim Fisher, executive vice president and general manager. "With the addition of the Son of

Beast, we have clearly become the wooden roller coaster capital of the world."

The coaster will be a sequel to Paramount's Kings Island's The Beast, which is recognized by enthusiasts and experts around the world as the best wooden roller coaster ever made.

Tim O'Brien,

author of *The Amusement Park Guide*, and southeast editor for Amusement Business, a trade publication, said the Beast is his favorite wooden roller coaster.

O'Brien rated The Beast as the best classic roller coaster in the world, according to an article that appeared in *USA Today*.

The

world-record breaking 218-foot height on the Son of Beast was a spin-off of this being a sequel to The Beast.

"We had two requirements; we wanted this to be a terrain coaster, one that follows the wild, hilly contours of the land, like The Beast," said David Focke, vice president of maintenance and construction at Paramount's Kings Island. "And we wanted it to be the only wooden looping roller coaster on the planet."

"The Son of Beast will be the millennium coaster; it will stand as a monumental symbol of Paramount's Kings Island's commitment to quality in the world-class rides and entertainment," Fisher said. This history making, one of a kind hyper-thrill ride will bring the park a total of eight world records. "We are the undisputed leader in providing the best family entertainment in the Midwest," said Fisher.

### The Son of Beast brings seven world records to Paramount's Kings Island:

- The world's tallest wooden roller coaster (218 feet);
- The world's tallest wooden roller coaster drop (the 214-foot first drop and 164.11 foot second drop);
- The world's fastest wooden roller coaster (78 mph);
- The world's only looping wooden roller coaster;
- The combined total for the most feet of wooden roller coaster track at any park in the world (22,619 feet - almost 4.3 miles);
- Also the park will be tied for the most wooden roller coasters at any park (5); and for the most roller coasters at any park (13).

# Another student wins on 'The Price is Right'

By Kelly Simon  
Staff Reporter

Rod Rodney bellowed the words "Come on down" for another Northern Kentucky University student. This time it was for Whitney Norton of Villa Hills, Ky.

Norton, a former NKU student, lived her dream of landing a spot as a contestant on "The Price is Right" game show.

Norton went from a spectator of the game show to the top winner of the day and made it to the "showcase showdown."

Excited and unsure of what to expect, Norton and four friends, including NKU students, Bryon Berberich and David Bailey, flew to Los Angeles for a two day trip.

Norton said she received the tickets from her friend Shannon Otto because Otto could not use them.

The day's adventure began at 5:30 a.m. when Norton and her friends left their hotel for the CBS studio in Hollywood, Calif. Once at the CBS building they waited in line for a couple of hours.

Norton said, "The line was really, really long and you don't even get guaranteed a seat."

At 8:30 in the morning, priority registration started, she said. That means the CBS employees begin to let people into the building and mark a number on each person's ticket, Norton said.

Norton and her friends were numbers 291 through 295. The line was cut off at person number 315.

After barely making it inside, Norton and her friends toured the building and were told to be back in the studio at 11:30 a.m. for interviews with the producers.

Norton said everyone had to fill out paper work and show identification while sitting facing each other in numbered spots on two long benches.

Contestants for the game show are preselected before the start of the show by the producers, Norton said.

The producers interviewed groups of 15 people at a time asking different questions of individuals.

Berberich, an undeclared sopho-

more said, "We really didn't have any clue that any one of us would get picked."

He said out of all five friends the producers asked Norton the most questions.

After a few more hours of anxiously waiting, Norton said the show started at 2:30 p.m. She said once the audience was seated, the producers went over the studio's rules on what to do and what not to do during the show.

After a few minutes into the show, Norton was the fourth contestant to be called down to start the first bid of the day.

Norton said her biggest fear while walking down the aisle was that she would never leave the contestants' row.

Her fear didn't last too long because she won on the fourth prize, a dishwasher, when she bid \$400.

As she walked on stage, Norton debated on whether or not she should kiss Bob Barker.

After kissing Barker on the cheek, Norton played "Freeze Frame," a game where a list of prices or num-

bers circulate and the contestant must pull a lever when they feel the correct price of the item is highlighted.

With the help of the audience, Norton won an entertainment center and a big screen television totaling over \$4,500.

Norton said, "I was just jumping up and down. I knew I had won, but I was totally out of it. I was amazed by the whole show itself. This is a show you watch and then you are on it. It doesn't really hit you that you're on national television with millions of people watching."

When it came to spinning the wheel to see who went to the "showcase showdown," Norton said she won by spinning 45 cents.

At the "showcase showdown," she passed up a bedroom set and pontoon boat for the second showcase. Her showcase included a collection of 10 designer bathing suits, a six night and seven day trip for two to Miami, Fla. and a 1999 Jeep Wrangler.

"I was overwhelmed. I was excited about the whole showcase," she said.

She quickly looked to the crowd to find her friends, especially Berberich who owned a Jeep Wrangler, to see what they thought she should bid. Berberich first told her to bid \$21,000 and then changed his mind and said \$22,000. Norton bid \$22,150.

Norton's competitor under bid by \$10,000 and she ended up over bidding by \$600. She said if she would



Photo Contributed

Bob Barker, the host of "The Price is Right," is pictured here in the CBS logo. The show kicked off its 28th season last September.

have bid \$21,150 that she would have won the showcase.

Berberich said, "We were all pretty upset that she went over."

"It was a sore loser for about a split two seconds," Norton said.

She felt mad at first, but then tried to put everything into perspective and to be thankful for what she had won. She walked away with a dishwasher, an entertainment center and big screen television.

The show aired on television on

November 3, 1999. Norton and her friends went to watch the show at Barleycom's in Alexandria, Ky. that afternoon.

The showcase aired again on March 23.

Coincidentally, NKU student Tim Glover appeared on the game show a few weeks prior to Norton's appearance. On May 24, 1999, Glover finished with two sets of bowling balls and two sets of bowling shoes.

**you know that little voice inside that says "I can't"?**

**this summer,**

**[crush it]**

Bring your "can-do" attitude to Camp Challenge. Where you'll get paid to learn how to become a leader and acquire skills that'll help you meet the challenges you'll face in your career. Apply today at the Army ROTC department, with no obligation. Before that voice tells you to take a vacation.

**ARMY ROTC** Unlike any other college course you can take.

**FOR INFORMATION CALL 745-1062**

**Overachievers**

**apply here.**

Goings after what you want. Getting it yours on. **Providing** you have what it takes. People like you are finding **SUCCESS** and enjoying all its rewards at Fifth Third Bank. We're one of the most profitable banks in the country and a diversified financial services company. **Business** here is anything but business as usual. We're **SMARTER**, quicker to react and totally driven — just like **YOU**.

If you are finishing your degree or have just completed it, we invite you to consider starting your career here! Gain all the advantages of expanding opportunity, individual property and high visibility when you invest your talents in one of our dynamic positions:

**Sales/New Account Representatives**

**\$8-12/hour (Commensurate with experience)**

Our Advantages:

- Tuition Reimbursement
- Flexible Hours
- Great Experience
- Excellent Benefits
- Advancement Opportunity

For these positions, please call Jack Payne at 513-744-0863, or send/fax your resume to the address below indicating Job Code: JTPR04.

We offer some of the best benefits in the industry, including excellent compensation, profit sharing, 401(k), exceptional medical benefits, discounts on banking products and educational assistance. Please forward resume, indicating appropriate Job Code, to: Fifth Third Bank, Remote Processing Center, P.O. Box 2581, Cincinnati, OH 45201-0581. Fax: 513-744-0863. 4115. Email: jobs@53.com. Fifth Third Bank is an equal opportunity employer.

**Fifth Third Bank**

[www.53.com](http://www.53.com)

Nothing Hard to Do. The Only Bank You'll Run Into.

**Campus Calendar**

**Thursday, April 6:**

- Women in Transition 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. UC 232.
- AA meeting 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. UC 232.

**Monday, April 10:**

- Survivors Support Group 3 p.m.-4 p.m. UC 232.

**Tuesday, April 11:**

- Common Ground 3 p.m. UC 303.
- AA Meeting 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. UC 232.

**Wednesday, April 12:**

- Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.
- Quilt Gathering 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. UC 303.



# NKU student majors in 'wrestle-mania'

By Rick McCulley  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wanted to do moves like a professional wrestler, besides in your living room? Have you ever wanted to body slam or drop a fierce elbow on someone? Well you can.

Roger Ruffin is the name of the person who can make it possible for you. Ruffin is the owner, trainer, and promoter of the Northern Wrestling Federation, Cincinnati's local wrestling school.

Ruffin has been in wrestling for more than 17 years and has been training the students at

the school for the past five years. He has also worked for the World Wrestling Federation for the past 16 years as a referee and appeared in Wrestlemania 8.

There are about 40 wrestlers who train, but Ruffin says he has about 15 students who show up every practice.

One of the wrestlers who is training now is Northern Kentucky University's own Wes Clarke. Clarke has been training for eight months, and he has wrestled in an open house show as "Wild Wes Worthy."

Clarke is an education major, but he hopes to make it in the big time of wrestling.

"If you want to do this, you have to go to

wrestling training, eat right and train hard," Ruffin said. "You have to have the heart to get into this."

Ruffin also has female wrestlers in the NWF. One wrestler is named "Sin-d" who has been wrestling for two years. She is 5 feet and 5 inches and 110 pounds.

She said, "I've been a fan since I was a little kid."

Sin-d has had various bumps and bruises and once cut her head open in a show in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I think it's great that women can go out and wrestle and do the work just like the men," she said. "The ones who are in there for the look, it's pathetic. They should have to work like everyone else."

Ruffin said, "We take small steps and try to fill smaller buildings up first before we move onto larger ones. We have been successful because I've been working with successful people such as my wife. She is the glue that holds this together."

Some of the NWF's mottos that everyone at the school live by are: "Take pride or get out," "Bustin Loose," and "We'll sell you the entire seat, but you only need the edge."

"We're attempting to bring back more family entertainment shows where parents and kids can come and have fun," Ruffin said.

Still interested in slapping the taste out of someone's mouth? If so, Ruffin says if anyone is interested they should come prepared mentally and physically and don't underestimate it.

Ruffin said, "This is a sport and entertainment. It takes athletic ability to do this if you can believe you can do it, do it. Nine times out of 10 students tell me, 'I can't believe it's this hard.'"

The NWF works together with another wrestling organization called the Mountain Wrestling Association.

Ruffin said, "You don't see two different

wrestling companies working together today. It's unheard of, but we do it successfully," Ruffin does more than just "teach you

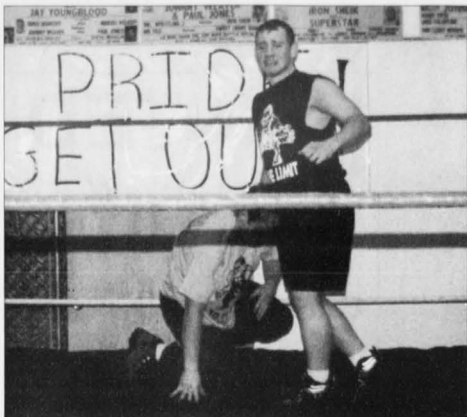


Rick McCulley/The Northern

Roger Ruffin, referee and owner of the Northern Wrestling School (left), looks on as NKU's own Wes Clarke destroys his opponent.

The NWF is getting bigger and better each and every week and if you are a wrestling fan and appreciate the sport, you might want to give this a look. The NWF wrestles up to 12 times a month doing shows on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information contact Ruffin at (513) 541-9NWF or call the NWF Hotline at (513) 588-4NWF. The NWF is located at 2616 Colerain Ave. in Cincinnati, Ohio. The price for the yearly course is \$1,800 but can be paid weekly. Classes are on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. You can also check out its website at [www.nwf.wrestling.com](http://www.nwf.wrestling.com).



Rick McCulley/The Northern

Wes Clark takes pride in his wrestling abilities and he hams it up for the camera as he sets his opponent up for his next move.

# Lecture series probes natural mysteries

By Cindy Folsom  
Staff Reporter

Monday, April 10 will begin a three-day lecture series at Northern Kentucky University presented by The Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics (CINSAM) on the mysteries of the natural world.

According to a press release, Monday's lecture on cloning: "From Bioethics to Reviving the Extinct Mammoth" will be jointly presented by Dr. Steven L. Stice of the Georgia and ProLina, INC.

Stice has more than 12 years experience researching animal cloning. In 1988, he produced the first cloned rabbit and recently he produced the first cloned transgenic calves. Stice was also the first person to receive a U.S.

patent on cloning animals and the embryonic cells of cattle. The focus of his lecture will be cloning's future potential and the ethical issues raised by technology.

On Tuesday, Dr. Sylvia A. Earle will present "Exploring the Deep Frontier." Earle is currently the leader of the Sustainable Seas Expeditions, a five-year study of the National Marine Sanctuaries, which is sponsored by National Geographic. Her recent accomplishments include her recently published book "Wild Ocean" (1999), and she is a resident explorer for the National Geographic Society. The lecture will focus on linking exploration with education.

The series will conclude Wednesday with "Exploring the Amazon Rain Forest for Novel Natural Medicines and Anti-Viral Drugs from Tropical Vines and Giant Termites" presented by Dr. Eloy Rodriguez of Cornell.

Rodriguez will be presenting his latest findings on tropical medicines from the Amazon and Africa, including his discoveries of natural antiviral, anti-bacterial and tumor-inhibiting substances isolated from birds, termites and plants.

Dr. James Luken, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said lectures will provide interesting information for the students and for the people of the community.

Dr. Gail Wells, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said another objective is to inspire and

motivate students by exposing them, as well as the faculty, to nationally known speakers who are the best in their fields and have had access to state of the art equipment.

"I think it would be very inspiring and motivational for the students to see all the pieces fall together from everything they've learned in class," said Wells.

Luken explained that this would be possible because each speaker will directly relate to the work the students are doing in class. Wells said that on the final day of the series, NKU math and science students will be given the opportunity to present and be judged on their work. Students will display and compare what they have learned in class beside

the work of the speakers.

The award for the winning poster-board presentation is \$500.

Biology major Jeremy Gibson will be one of the students presenting his work on Wednesday. He will present "The Thoracic Temperature and Its Effects on Female Response Signals and Platydeppia Homovivans."

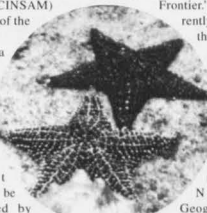
Gibson said his research was mostly done in the San Mateo Mountains in Mexico and took almost a year to complete.

Gibson said he isn't nervous,

but he is excited about his presentation.

"It's exciting to me because the research I've done was very interesting and it isn't very often that people take an interest in anything related to science."

The lectures will be in BEP, room 200 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For information contact Dr. James Luken, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at 572-6938.



**Hot BBQ Sauce.**  
Just one of 12 tasty ways to top our grilled chicken.

Our tender, grilled chicken sandwiches are made with crisp lettuce, fresh tomato and onion. And with 12 signature sauces to choose from, the only one who can top it is you.

**5 FREE WINGS**  
With purchase of 12 Buffalo wings.

Not valid with any other coupon or offer. Not valid on Tuesdays. One per person, per visit. Offer expires August 31st, 2000.

**42 M.L. Collins • Cold Spring • 781-5464**

**BUFFALO WILD WINGS**  
GO! BUFFALO WINGS

Do it for someone you love



Ziggy Marley, musician

Tonight, make it vegetarian

For more information, contact: Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine  
5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404 Washington, DC 20016  
(202) 686-2210, ext. 300 [www.pcrm.org](http://www.pcrm.org)

When my children came into my life, I realized how important it is to eat well—not just for them, but for me too. After all, I'm not doing them any favors by taking chances with my own health.

Food can be powerful medicine, and the best prescription is to eat more low-fat vegetarian meals. The more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains you eat, the more your body will thank you. For a tasty way to help prevent illness, try some black bean chili, Jamaican jerked tofu with vegetables, or pasta marinara with broccoli.

PHOTO © 2000 SHARON L. GARDNER / PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHARON L. GARDNER

**LSAT**

The June 12th LSAT is approaching!

Get the score that gets you in.

Classes begin:  
Wednesday, April 26th

Call today to enroll!

**KAPLAN**

1-800-KAP-TEST

[kaptest.com](http://kaptest.com) AOL keyword: kaplan

Kaplan gets you in.

## -TV-CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- Popular game show host
  - Rachins of *Dharma & Greg*
  - Golfer Ernie
  - Ending for child or Turk
  - Albion resident
  - Setting for *The Love Boat*
  - Actor on *Then Came You* (2)
  - Adder's result
  - Hard; '88 Bruce Willis movie
  - I Love Lucy* role
  - Quantum (1989-93)
  - Vaudevilian Olsen's initials
  - Charles Ingalls, to Laura
  - Monogram for a Beetle
  - Word with revolve or jus
  - More
  - James-Jones connector
  - Alex Trebek's province of birth: abbr.
  - 1958 Vincent Price anthology series
  - Cooper (1992-97)
  - "Lost You"; 1970 Elvis Presley hit
  - Joanie Cunningham's portrayer
  - Lowest dollar amount on the *Jeopardy!* board
  - Nighttime personality
  - Droops
  - Adams or Johnson
- DOWN**
- Pendulum's partner, in film title
  - Wednesday; '73 Liz Taylor film
  - Amazing Animals (80-81)
  - Role on *Bonanza*
  - Cruces, N.M.
  - Landers
  - "I to Be in Love"; '76 Carpenters song
  - First name in cosmetics
  - Topper's portrayer
  - The Pedro Beach Burns; '77 sitcom
  - Through; '94
  - Stephanie Hodge sitcom
  - The Wild (1965-70)
  - Theatre; '49-'57 anthology series
  - Marie, actress on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
  - On with; equal to
  - Lynde Show (72-'73)
  - Prize for the winners on *Family Feud*
  - Plant pest
  - Family (1982-89)
  - Ones, to Col. Klink
  - File drawer, perhaps
  - Sinatra's second
  - Heston's org.
  - Head covering
  - Comment from Chance on *The Waltons*
  - Glass, for one



© TVData Features Syndicate

## HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

April 2 thru April 8, 2000



**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**

Life has become too complacent, and you feel the need to shake things up. There's nothing wrong with change.



**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**

A secret may be discovered, and the outcome isn't as bad as you feared. Use caution when working with heavy machinery.



**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Prove that you do have a sense of humor. By laughing at yourself, you can relieve stress and ease tension.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**

Take the time to listen to a friend in need. Find ways to motivate yourself to finish all those projects.



**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**

Make sure your life isn't so busy that you ignore your friends in the process. Get your priorities in order.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**

Someone may offer you the opportunity to make some changes in your life. Keep your mind and your eyes open.



**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

There's a good chance you will have to make some compromises if you want to work things out with a loved one.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**

It is amazing how a phone call can change the way you look at the world. Believe in yourself and know you did the right thing.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**

Working on your mind and expanding your horizons are important. Don't forget to work on your spirit, too.



**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**

Quit sitting around the house waiting for something to happen, and get into shape. Moving your body helps lift your spirit.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

Spend more time with a romantic partner and get to know all sides of him. Encourage a relative to seek medical help.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

If you aren't comfortable giving a loan to a friend, don't do it. Help find an alternative way to get the money.

**Born this week:**

March 26 - Alan Arkin  
March 27 - Mariah Carey  
March 28 - Reba McEntire  
March 29 - Eric Idle  
March 30 - Paul Reiser  
March 31 - Al Gore,  
Christopher Walken  
April 1 - Debbie Reynolds

## FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, CLUBS, STUDENT GROUPS

Student organizations earn \$1,000-\$2,000 with the easy campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today!  
Contact  
campusfundraiser.com,  
(888) 923-3238, or visit  
www.campusfundraiser.com.

## LANDSCAPE HELP WANTED

Mulch, mowing and flexible hours  
No experience needed  
Call 581-0788

**LOST SET OF KEYS FOUND**  
on 3rd floor of BEP by Psychology Department  
Security beeper on key ring  
Key to Satum  
Turned into Psychology Dept.

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS**  
BS ASCP/ NCAMLP  
Call Army Health Care:  
502-423-7342.  
Army Health Care.  
**Be All You Can Be.**  
www.goarmy.com

**Call Now!  
Work Now!  
Restaurant  
Job Line  
1-877-991-9292**

## WANTED

**MEN & WOMEN**  
for the  
**KY NATIONAL GUARD**  
SMP or OCS  
**OFFICER PROGRAM**

You will receive **FREE COLLEGE TUITION**,  
\$ 255.00 a month for 36 months through MGB,  
KICKER BONUS of \$ 350.00 a month &  
weekend drill pay.

**LIMITED OPENINGS**  
**CALL**  
**1-800-GO-GUARD**

Be a part of the  
30th Anniversary year  
of *The Northerner*!



We are now taking applications for **ALL** paid positions  
for the 2000-2001 school year.

- Editor in Chief
- Executive Editor
- Managing Editor
- General Manager
- Business Manager
- News Editor
- Features Editor
- Sports Editor
- Copy Editor
- Photo Editor
- Cartoonist
- Distribution Manager
- Online Editor

Stop by UC 209 to pick up an application  
and return it by April 14 to Anna Weaver  
in University Center 209 or Pat Moynahan in Landrum 133.