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Science Building To Re-Route Traffic From Nunn Drive



Construction To Begin In Summer Of 1999

By Wayne Yeager

The sound of automobiles will oon be silenced on part of Nunn

When construction begins on the new science building, it will require the closing of Nunn Drive in front of the grassy bowl area, and the change may become permanent.

The new science building, scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 1999, will stretch from Nunn Drive to just in front of Kenton Drive. This will require the closing of Nunn Drive to automobile traffic in front of the build-

ing.

"As you drive down Nunn
Drive, you will get to a sign that
says, "For Service Vehicles
Only," Mary Paula Schuh,
Director of Campus Planning,

"then you will make a connection to Kenton Drive using parking lot C, which will be made more like a road," she said.

After the building opens in the fall of 2001, Nunn Drive may remain closed normagently.

remain closed permanently

"I have been concerned about Nunn Drive since I first arrived on the campus," President James

Vortruba said. "So many students cross Nunn, and it is hazardous. I want to study whether we can push traffic out to the perimeter of

Schuh said the closing of Nunn Drive has been anticipated for 10

years.

Along with the closing of Nunn Along with the closing of Nunn Drive, parking lot D, which has approximately 185 parking spots, will also be eliminated for the new science building. Schuh said the parking garage should be done by the fall of 1999

and would elevate some of the problems the elimination of parking lot D would cause.

Cashing In At The Dorms: **APB Hosts Casino Night**

"Come on baby. Give it to me," whispered junior Sara Lockhart as she gently patted the side of the

"Yahoooo, I did it! I just hit two bowties," Lockhart yelled to her friends as a blue light flashed

Dockstart yelected to feel refresh as a other gent tassets on top of the whirring slot machine and shiry quarter-size coins splashed with a rapid ping-ping-ping into the waiting metal tray.

Two machines away, senior education major, April Kinman hollered, "Wow, I just won 40 coins," as she quickly grabbed her winnings from the mattarty into her Styrofoam cup, ready to move on to another onne.

"My adrenaline is just startin, to flow now," said "My adrenatine is just startin, to flow now, said Steven Ingram, sophomore sociology major. As Ingram dealt two cards face up to each of the play-ers and turned up an ace for himself, he warm, "You can bet a minimum of \$100 or a maximum of \$1,000 at my table, but you might want to buy mis-can egainst my possible dealer's Blackjack" (an ace and one fine-green). and any face-card).

"I've only been dealing Blackjack for about 30 minutes, but already I like this job," he said, as he turned up a queen on his ace completing a "Blackjack," and scooped up all the players' \$100

chips.

At a large table nearby, students crowded in to At a targe tance nearry, students crowded in to place their bets, as sophomore marketing major, Angel Chichester barked "all bets down." She passed out large red dice to the next waiting player, while co-worker Mark Johnson waved a long elbowed chief and the player of the player of

No, these students didn't run off to Las Vegas, nor No, these students didn't run oft to Las Vegas, nor were they gambling at a riverboat casino in Indiana. They were the workers and players at Kentucky Hall Casino Night sponsored by the Activities Programming Board at Northern Kentucky University on April 20.

New APB advisor, Deonte Creasy said the event

was originally scheduled by former advisor Mary Chestnut. The event got "snowed-out" on Feb. 4. Creasy was working in public relations for the Metro Transit Authority when she saw a newspaper article announcing the vacancy for APB advisor, and took the job. "I thought the Casino Night was a great idea, so rescheduled it for April 20, but the credit for coordinating the event should still go to Chestnut," said Creasy.

coordinating the event should still go to Chestmu," said Creasy.

Casino Night is one of the many events spensored by APB just for students who recide at NKU. "The cost for this event was \$1,700, which is paid for by the allocation Activities Planning Board receives from annual student fees," Creasy said.

APB volunteer, Emily Hastings was busy handing out Styrofoam cups filled with \$7,000 in free "play money" to students who entered Kentucky Hall. Hastings said the students use the play money for all the games. "The object is to win as much money as possible in three hours," said Hastings.

With every \$5,000 won, the students "purchased" an orange ticket which was put into a gold cylinder

with every \$3,000 won, the students "purchased" an orange ticket which was put into a gold cylinder drum. At 11 p.m. tickets were drawn for winners of gift certificates good at any Media Play shop in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Five gift certificates were awarded, one for \$5, two for \$10, one for \$25 and a grand prize certificate for \$100, won by Kentucky Hall resident T. J. Schmitz who works at WDFN

Two employees of Saturday Night Coin, the com-Iwo employees of saturday Night Con, the com-pany who brought the equipment and money for "casino night" to NKU, said they travel all over the United States with their games. Based in Morehead, KY, SNC puts on fundraisers and non-profit casino nights at colleges and corporations in 23 states, from New York to Florida and Colorado to Texas.

SNC currently employs 42 professional casino dealers and has several larger trucks with a regula-tion-size 14-foot craps table, a roulette wheel and table, a triple crown racing wheel and other gaming

Anyone interested in sponsoring a "casino night," or who would like more information about SNC car call or send a fax to (606) 783-9931.

Wheel Chair B-Ball



The 1998 Wheel Chair basketball game was a success this year at the Rights of Spring festival. The women's team took home the trophy, winning 26-25.

Great American Insurance Co. Donates \$6,000 For High-Tech Computer

By Wayne Yeager Staff Reporter

\$6,000 seems like a lot of money, but for the math and computer science department, it equals one computer. The math and computer science department used a \$6,000 donation by Great American Insurance Company to purchase a high-level computer.

computer.

The new computer, which cost approximately \$5,900, will be used for upper level computer science classes and calls the advanced computer lab its home.

"We need to have more powerful computers for graphics classes," computer science professor Kevin Kirby said. "We need large monitors and evaluations of the profession of the

and good video. Those kinds of computers are difficult to pay for out of the budget." According to Gail Wells, chairperson for the math and computer science department, the

type of high end computer needed for graphics ses runs about \$4,000 - \$6,000 per com In return for the donation, Great American

Insurance gets recognition from the depart-ment, which in turn leads to visibility to the

"They are (Great American Insurance) pleased from NKU graduates," Wells said. "They are doing it in support of good students. Plus, it allows them to actively recruit on this Great American Insurance could not be

Women Gather To 'Take Back The Night' Women unite! Take back the night!" was one of

From the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area participated in the 10th annual "Take Back The Night" march. The Northern Kentucky

The Northern Kentucky
University Women's Center was a
co-sponsor of the event.
Katherine Meyer, coordinator
of the Women's Center, said the

event is necessary to raise awareness about vio-lence against women. In a pamphlet discussing sexual violence Dr. Nora J. Krantzler defined it as,

"I want the world to be a safe place for women." Meyer said.

"We are fighting for the right to go out and be safe at night," NKU Department of Public Safety Sergeant, Charlene Schweitzer ".There are a lot of

Schweitzer, also helped sponsor the event. Schweitzer said women need to take back the right of their own security.

The event lasted about two and a half hours. Katherine Meyer emceed, and the local choir, Muse.

performed. Women survivors of sexual violence spoke to the crowds. Keynote speaker Holly Broach-Sowels read from her book, "Daddy don't".

Transcend your past."

She talked about the need for a new way to

define "survivors."

The word she used for the survivors was "co

Broach-Sowels said "conquerors" do more than

live through their sexual abuse, they rise above it.

"Do you want to be a survivor, or do you want to be a conqueror?" she asked the crowd.

Meyers said despite the fact that the march has

Meyers said despite the fact that the march has been going on for the past ten years, many people still don't know the extent of the problem.

"Unless we do something publicly no one is going to know about it." she said.

She said this is the first step to educating people, and letting them know sexual assault is happening.

"I hope people will hear womens' stories and take them to heart." Meyer said.



Women's Center Katherine Meyer participates in the "Take Back the Night" events.

"Any time someone forces another person to have sex, it is sexual violence. Sexual Violence is also called rape." re in need of healing." Broach-Sowels said, "Don't merely survive,

the many chants heard as several people marched across the Ohio River into Ky. on April, 23.

Last Tuesday about 200 people "...There of

women out there in need of healing.

-Charlene Schweitzer

NEWS

ReEntry Center Relocates

By Kelly Sudzina

The ReEntry Center at Northern Kentucky University, a program within the college of Professional Studies, moved on April 27 from the offices in Albright Health Center to its own building at \$96 Johns Hill Road.

The ReEntry Center is funded by the Cabinet for Workforce Development for adult and technical Education. It promotes educational and training opportuni-ties by providing services and programming for people exploring educational and vocational choices. The Center is also a resource for people who are seeking information about NKU before they begin the admissions

Uninterrupted services will continue within the following projects: Kentucky Single Parent Service Center, Single Parent Career Workshops, Equity Service Center, Career Preparation for girls and young women, Information Outreach and Equity News Alert.

The ReEntry Center staff members can be contacted at their new telephone number 442-9619, new fax number 442-9623, email reentry@nku.edu or home page at www.nku.edu/~reentry/.

(Information obtained from www.nku.edu/~reentry/ and press

SACS Consultants Make Recommendations

By Judy Bonhaus Staff Reporter

Students and part-time faculty will be the big winners if recom-mendations from the consulting committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools are implemented.

Students will have better advis advisors who are better ted, more effective developmental programs, and training in how to use technological skills made available through new tech-

Part-time faculty will be treated as essential team members in education and recognized for their contribution to the university. They will be compensated with better salaries, access to benefits,

oetter saaries, access to benefits, and adequate support services. The consulting committee worked on campus, April 20-23, gathering information for a formal report to President James Vortuba. They met with students, faculty, and administrators to discuss recommendations presented to then University's SACS self-study

ommittee.

The self-study committee examined the topics of develop-mental programs, advising, part-time faculty reliance, and techno-

logical planning.

During their exit interview at the Lucas Administrative Center on April 23, the consulting committee made recommendations in the specific areas studied.

Developmental Programs

ing students deficient in at least one area or having some restric-tion on their admissions, NKU has a clear commitment to serve under prepared students in the

developmental program.
"The mandate for regional state universities is to make a difference in the students we have," Dr. John O'Connor, consultant from George Mason University, said. "It is the delta between what they come in as and what they go out as that we get measured by. That's our important task."

dents, a visible between part-time and ful-and authorita-tive leadership serve these stuthe dean or vice ___

provost level to assure effective-ness of the program. A strategic plan for developmental education

plan for developmental education should be designed by this person. Developmental students should not be segregated from the rest of the students. They should be allowed to declare majors before taking developmental courses so they can be in contact with courses and faculty where they have the greatest interest.

greatest interest.

Late registration should not be allowed for developmental students because it is too hard for them to catch up. Mid-term grades for new and transfer students should be provided.

Supplemental instruction is ndorsed for subjects that have high failure rates. Peer and pro-

ant.
First-year programs should be institutionalized and continued. The Running Start program should be offered throughout the

year, not just in the summer.

As chair for the NKU self-study
of the developmental learning
component, Prince Brown, associcomponent, Prince Brown, associ-ate professor in the sociology, anthropology, and philosophy department, said he was pleased with the recommendations.

from our reports," he said. "It showed that we honestly "We will create a more appropriate balance attempted to make -NKU's Five-Year are. I'm confident we'll see some results. We have

dynamic leaders who are looking for solutions to problems."

Advising

A fundamental university phi-osophy of advising should be developed to provide both professional and faculty advisors with a set of guidelines and principles to help them insure better and more sistent academic advising ser-

To improve communication, a university-wide advising council should be established with broad representation from the academic

community.

The role of the Academic Advising Resource Center should be enhanced so that the director will provide the primary leadership for the advising process.

Faculty advisor training should be uniform throughout the univer-sity and should include a generic

sity and should include a generic faculty advisor handbook.

Outstanding faculty advisors should be recognized and rewarded. The role of advising in the tenure and promotion policies should be established. Effective advising and first year programming are significant factors in student success and reten-

tion. The hiring of one professional advisor for each college should be considered. Transfer credits should be corded at the beginning of the student's first semester and the possibility of losing transfer cred-it later can be eliminated.

Fran Zaniello said, "I liked that they talked about the freshman year programs and that they sugecific advisors

gested specific advisors."

Part-Time Faculty Reliance
Darlene McElfresh, president of
the Association in Support of
Non-Tenure Track Faculty, took
part in discussions with Dr. Judith Gappa, SACS consultant for part-

ne faculty reliance.
"We felt for the first time were listened to," McElfresh said.
"Dr. Gappa understood our situation is in desperate need of repair.
There were about six of us who talked with her and we all walked out about a foot off the ground."

Of part-time employment con-ditions, Gappa said policies are primarily developed in depart-ments. "This leads to inconsistencies in employment across the university. As valued members of the faculty, they should have the expectation that they will receive decent and consistent treatment and will not be exploited."

Some suggestions she gave: salary practices

said the next step timers as other "We will provide appropriation in the reaccedi-temployees and forms of support for employees and forms of support for employees and reward perfor-mance, access to benefits for coninstruction.

tinuing part
timers, multiple
year appoint
ments, early notification of
appointments and evaluation pronotification of cedures with appropriate use of

Gappa noted that a salary se is already being consid-

Part-time faculty should be rart-time factive should be integrated into departments by being invited to participate in department meetings and by being accepted as part of the community. They should be provided support services, equipment, and office sense. office space.

Gappa recognized that part-time faculty reliance is more complicated than numbers and ratios in various departments. She will address the underlying reasons for

the reliance in her written report.

Technology Planning

For integrated leadership,

SACS consultant Dr. Paul Gandel of the University of Rhode Island,

A new network should be devel-A new network should be devel-oped. The names, academic com-puting, administrative computing, and media services, should be changed to reflect one network.

Communication should flow easily through all levels of the university. The vice president of technology should be accountable to everyone in the university and this position should have overall responsibility for the identifica-

responsibility for the identifica-tion and resolution of strategic issues in information technology. Technology demands increased funding. Funding options other than fee increases should be con-

All areas of information and technology, including the libraries, should be included in planning.

Training in basic skills needed by today's students should include not just technology, but informa-tion gathering, evaluation, and tion gathering, ex synthesis skills.

James McKenney, SACS Self-Study Director,

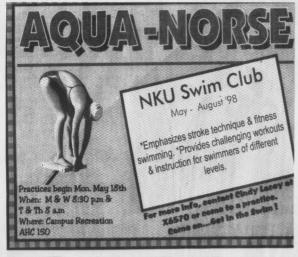
chair of the visit-ing self-study ing self-s

-NKU's Five-Year merge written Strategic Agenda reports from the consultants and submit a formal report to Votruba

in about a month. "The best gift we can give our new president is information like this," McKenney said. "Every issue we talked about has absolute, direct impact on stu-

Votruba said: "The timing of the Voltruba said: "The timing of the self-study report couldn't have been better. Many of the recom-mendations from the consulting team are already included in our five year strategic plan. They gave us valuable input. I'm anxious to receive their written report and receive their ten report and

NKU will have five months to formally respond to the compli-ance portion of the report. After the SACS Commission reviews the response, there will be a for-mal vote for re-accreditation at its annual December meeting. If all goes as well as expected, NKU will receive formal notice of re-



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Beiting, Meyer Receive Lincoln Award

Recipients Exemplify Citizenship, Achievement, Service

By Lorrie Rack Staff Reporte

Two community leaders were the co-recipients of the seventh Northern Kentucky University Lincoln Award on Tuesday, April 21.

Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting and Daniel Meyer were presented with the award by NKU President James Votruba at a dinner ceremony held at the Metropolitan Club in Covington,

The Lincoln Award was named in honor of Abraham Lincoln, who was born in Kentucky in

According to literature provided by NKU's University Relations Office, the Lincoln Award was established in 1992 to honor area individuals who have had a tremendous and positive influence on their community

who live there.

The recipients "Each of our award win-Museum Center exemplify the ners superbly represents Board of Directors. qualities of outthese causes." standing citizenship, notable

distinguished service_

in their profession, and contributions to their community.

Beiting is pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa, Ky.,

and is founder and chair of the Appalachian Project.

100,000 people each year in 13



of Kentucky's Appalachian

Meyer is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Cincinnati Milacron, Inc., a word leader in advanced manufacturing technology and factory

He is also a trustee and former chairman of both the Greater Cincinnati Chamber

Meyer is current-ly serving as gener-

-James Votruba al chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Area United Way _Campaign. "This award represents a com-

mitment to service, fidelity to noble causes and a sense of turning challenges into opportuni-Votruba said.

"As in the past, each of our award winners superbly repre-sents these causes and helps



place in which to live and work," Votruba said.

Past recipients of the Lincoln Award are: Gary R. Bricking, Judith G. Clabes, Clement L. Buenger, Merwin Grayson, Jr., Sr. Jean Patrice Harrington, William J. Keating, Carl H. Lindner, Kenneth R. Lucas, Dr. O,dell M. Owens, John E. Pepper, Hery E. Pogue IV and Wm. T. Robinson III.

According to University Relations Director Ronald Ellis, there were more than 215 guests

at the awards ceremony.

Entertainment at the awards dinner was "A Broadway Medley," performed by senior Sandra Dugan-Knuckles and junior Yanna Weinstein, voice performance majors, and by nior theatre major John Gardiner

The performance was directed by NKU music professor Nancy Dysart Martin, and was accom-panied by Neal Richardson on synthesizer and Toni Sholar on

Upcoming Events at NKU

By Kelly Sudzina

The NKU Foundation will have their annual board of directors meeting on Thrusday, April 30 at 10

Annual Student Awards Reception for stu-Sociology, Anthropology and Applied Cultural Studies will be on Friday, May 1 at 2 p.m. in Landrum 203.

The Annual Africana Award and Recognition Ceremony will have a reception in the University Center mezzanine on Friday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Call 572-6684 for details Sponsored by the Office of African-American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services.

Alumni Club will have their first meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 at the alumni house Dinner will be provided Their voting meeting will be on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 at the alumni house. Call Lisa Rohrer at 431-1671 or Gina Holt at 578-0301 for more informa-

A DPS officer was citing vehicles parked in the Kentucky Hall 20 minute zone when he observed a student decal on the rearview mirror of an Ohio vehicle that appeared counterfeit. The owner of the decal was arrested for possession of a forged instru-

A DPS officer observed the driver of an Ohio vehicle traveling north University Drive that failed to stop at the red traffic light before turning east on Nunn Drive. The officer attempted to pull over the vehicle and the driver failed to yield. The driver was arrested for disregarding a traffic control device, resisting order to stop the motor vehicle, failure to



produce proof of insurance, possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of mar-

A DPS officer received a call from dispatch to come to the station. Upon arrival the dispatcher reported that a male student was found on the second floor of the Fine Arts building with an injury to his head and was unconscious. Two students took the injured

student to the nurse's office. The nurse looked over the injuries and felt that they were more than twelve hours old.

A DPS officer observed an Ohio vehicle traveling east on Kenton Drive following another vehicle approximately one to two feet from the bumper at an estimated speed of 30-35 miles per hour. The driver then swerved into the right turn lane without signaling and failed to stop at the stop sign at Kenton Drive and University Drive. The driver was arrested for following too closely, disregarding a stop sign, reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and other sub-

Congratulations

The Department of Literature & Language salutes its award winners in foreign language studies:

Poreign Language Students of the Year:

Grace Chimombe Jennifer Von Hagel

Le Prix de Grands Efforts: Tanya Boyle Le Prix de Grand Retour: Erin Seitz Le Prix FLES*: Gindy Suetholz K1 Premio FLES*: Alexandrina Gonzalez

And we wish bon woyage to those student: studying abroad: William Kevin Rossell, Bridget Manning, Michelle Viers, Greg Krupp, Bugo Ong, Daniel McDonald, Casey Ashcraft, Erin Seitz, Elizabeth Bittner, Donna Eichorst, Greg Shelton, and Cindy Suetholz!

The Department of Literature & Language congratulates its award winners in English

Bill Byron Award for the Outstanding English Major Angela Vaughn Thad Lindsey Award Renea Frey Lindsey Leadership Award Ericka McIntyre Lindsey Book Awards Donna Hoffman

Aaron Zlatkin Stallings Scholarship

Donna Hoffman SUMMER

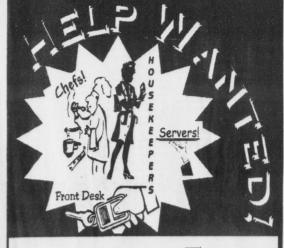
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YEAR IN REVIEW



Some Of Our Other Faves

Most Ridiculous: Woman Blacks Out. Damages Five Cars

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

"It was the freakiest thing I've ever heard of," said Nancy Roth.
Roth, a Northern Kentucky University alumna, was driving home from the eye doctor's office when she blacked out, drive the verong way into Lot J and crashed into five parked cars.
Roth had gone to get an eye exam where she was given eye drops. She left her doctor's office and was driving south on University Dr. when she felt like she was going to pass out, so she turned in to the circle outside the Business-Education-Psychology building, said Fred Otto, Director of Department of Public Safety.

Most Uncalled For: Students Get Into Fight Over Parking Spot

Wednesday, February 18, 1998

The Cold Spring Life Squad trans-torted NKU student Elisa Grubbs to St. Luke Hospital East Tuesday, Feb. 10, to examine bruises on her right arm after she was assaulted by a male NKU student from Loveland, Ohio.

student from Loveland, Ohio.
The incident occurred at 12:05 p.m.
in parking lot Ain front of the Albright
Health Center. Twenty-five-year-old
Grubbs and the other student were
heading toward the same parking
place. The name of the male student
was not released and Grubbs could not
be reached for contact. She pulled in
first and he pulled up behind her. She
got out of her car to go to class. words Inst and he pulled up behind her. She got out of her car to go to class, words were said and he got out to fight, said Don McKenzie, Assistant Director of Department of Public Safety, Dean William Lamb said, "There ought to be fined infortant things in life than a parking spot."

Most Controversial: **Presidential** Floor Make Over

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

According to the Office of Campus Planning, plans have been drawn for renovat-ing 3,000 square feet of the eighth floor of the Lucas Administrative Center where the

President and his staff have their offices.

Some officials have estimated at least \$150,000 would have to be spent to complete

Best April Fool's: Landrum Sinks: Fifth Floor Now Plaza Level

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

On Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00 p.m. Landrum Academic Center sunk nearly 30 feet creating three sublevels to the building that once stood almost 75 feet

Students, faculty and staff members who were in the building said it did not happen suddenly but sunk slowly over the course of one hour.

(Honorable Mention: "Co-dependent Student Publication Kentucky University")

Biggest Trouble Maker:

A Student's Opinion On Symphonic Winds

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

Let me put it this way, the concert was so boring that I had time to notice that one player had on polka-dotted socks, when he should have had on solid black ones like the rest of his group.

The percussionists played well, but evidently they really liked to talk.

Best DPS Report:

Wednesday, September 3, 1997 Watch Out for Falling Irons While reaching into her closet an iron fell from the top shelf and struck a student in the face. There was a small cut on her nose. She said the blow caused her to lose consciousness for a short while.

Rop Six Stories of '97-'9



NKU's Part Time Faculty Becomes 'Degrees Of Shame'

January 21, 1998

With SACS re-accredite with SACS re-accretation, the issue of part time faculty salaries and benefits was raised. An organization was formed to support the con-cerns of the part time facul-

"We are gypsies. We go from uni-versity to university, day after day, teaching," said Darlene McElfresh, a Northern Kentucky University part-time faculty member in the Literature and Language Language

Department.

As well as teaching at NKU, many part-time faculty members also teach at other universities in the Cincinnati area.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, 60-70

full-time and part-time faculty as well as students gathered to view "Degrees of Shame: Part Time Faculty, Migrant Workers of the rmation Economy." A discus-followed that specifically

focused on the part-time faculty sit-uation at NKU. The video conclud-ed that part-time faculty are exploit-ed in America's educational system Part-time faculty members typi-cally receive \$1,250 per course

cally receive \$1,250 per course taught. The actual rate per course varies but rarely exceeds \$1,600. Several different characteristics such as the number of courses taught in the past as well as the degree they possess define the exact rate the part-time faculty member sess define the exact

Assuming the part-time faculty member (who received \$1,250 for a course) spends five hours in class preparation and grading assign-ments per week, they earn roughly \$9.76 per hour.
Also, according to Barbara

NKU Welcomes

ourth President

members receive no university health insurance benefits, "Only a paycheck and Social Security benefits after they reach 65," she said.

Dr. Michael Adams, a history and

Dr. Michael Adams, a history and geography professor compared the differences between faculty and staff (non-teaching) positions at NKU. He questions the universi-ty's distribution of funds from fac-

ulty to non-instructional staff.

"As an educator, our primary emphasis should be to educate," said Adams. "We should have the

majority of our efforts in the class-room. They aren't."

According to the NKU
Department of Institutional
Research, enrollment decreased 5

percent from Fall 1993 to Fall 1996. Although no faculty posi-tions were eliminated, non instructional staff positions increased by

11 percent.

Adams said this increase in non-instructional faculty to "the simple instructional faculty to "the simple fact that administrative policies do not keep in mind the community." He also said that several non-instructional faculty members are needed to operate the university. Although NKU enrollment declined in the Fall semester of 1994 as well as the Fall semester of 1995, the number of classes the uni-

1995, the number of classes the university offers has risen steadily. According to the department of Institutional Research, no full-time positions were added to address the increase in class offerings.



December 3, 1997

A whirl of activities sur

new NKU President Jame Votruba last semester. A parade, an installation

ceremony and an inaugur al ball kicked off the cele-brations last December. The Northerner has cov-

ered many different topics

about our new president, from his personality, to his goals for the university, to

Voices program. Recently, the president, who is now

his Visions, Values and

the president, who is no serving his tenth month

fall, asked during a

since school began in the

With friends, family and col-leagues new and old in the crowd, Dr. James Votruba was officially installed as the fourth president of

instailed as the fourth president of Northern Kentucky University.

Betly Votruba, the president's mother, traveled with other family members from East Lansing, Mich. to attend the ceremony. She said she was very emotional throughout the ceremony.

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The ceremony was more about the university than the president though, said Rachel Votruba, the new first lady of NKU.

"Jim's involvement in the Vision's process has been so important to him and so this is a really nice celebration to that," she said, referring to the president's Visions. Values and Voices

Though both President and Mrs Though both President and Though both President and Though the months, she said the NKU community has been great.

"It's the first place we've lived where we really felt at home right away, It usually takes a year."

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton spoke during the ceremony. His message was about the importance of moving the Commonwealth's higher education system into the next century

"We must embrace change," he

Patton made an analogy between changes in education and changes in transportation over the

People may be resistant at first, but change will always occur, he

"We're not dropping things alto-gether," he said. "We're just adding new dimensions."

Dr. Clifton Wharton, Jr., gave Dr. Clifton Whatron, Jr., gave the installation speech. Dr. Whatron has been involved with higher education for 45 years, including as president of Michigam State University from 1970-1978. That is where he first met President Votruba. Whatron said vKU's new presi-dent has three powerful assets. "First, there is his own base of academic and administrative experience.

sity that has built its reputation in the liberal arts, education, sciences and business of tomorrow. exciting and rewarding quest. "Finally, you have a governor and a legislature who recognize Rethinking their mission, who they serve and how, will be an

the vital need for postsecondary education in Kentucky's future."



Wednesday. November 5, 1997

Two of NKU's biggest events of this school year were the administration's decision to put football plans on hold and Kentucky's passage of a bill to build a new science center. This story high-lights the November Board of Regents meeting at which both issues were dis-

Science Receives Funding, Football Gone

By Kevin Goheen

The Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents closed one book of history last Wednesday while welcoming the opening of another.

The Board voted unanimously to accept President James Votruba's recommendation that the school discontinue plans to start a Division II football team until the current athletic department can reach higher funding levels and meet national gender equity requirements.

evers and meet national gender equity requirements. Votruba also told the Board he received word that morning about the approval of the full \$38 mil-lion the university has been seek-ing to fund a new science build-ine.

ng. The Kentucky Council on Post secondary Education was sched-

uled to meet in Frankfort on Monday to give its formal recom-

uled to meet in Frankfort on Monday to give its formal recommendation to the one-phase plan. "This is a good day for us," he said. "We would not have this building today, if it weren' for our faculty traveling down that road." "We got this because we deserved it," said Board chair James Poston, Jr., in thanking all of those involved in the project. Votruba said the new building will give the university a chance to integrate different sciences with each other. Integration is key to the future of science studies, Votruba said. He used the awarding of a recent Noble Prize to a biochemist as an example of this change in focus. "This will be a new awar in science buildings," Votruba said. NKU Regent Alice Sparks said word of the science building is "tremendous news for NKU."

Funding used to come directly from the Kentucky state legislature, but the new council was created a couple of years ago in an attempt to remove capital construction away from the political arena. Sparks has been involved in the state PTA since 1988. She said for the council to stand up and approve this amount of money sends a strong message to the state about the direction it wants to take in higher education.

The Board's vote on football brings to a close a debate which has gone on for more than a year.

The Board received the final gootball report from two NCAA consultants last week. The report gave six recommendations the consultants felt would benefit the school's athletic department best.

Based on that report, Votruba sid he could not responsibly rec-

ommend that the university go forward with any football plans in the immediate future.

Immediate future.

Sparks, a proponent of football when the Board initially approved it back in January, read from a prepared statement moving that the Board approve Votruba's recommendation.

Board approve votrula's recommendation.
"Based on the facts at that time, the Board approved the recommendation with the stipulation that no university funds be used for this purpose (football implementation). It has become apparent that this is an impossibility if Title IX requirements are to be met-which is an absolute necessity and that community financial support does not seem to be adequate."

Sparks did say in her statement that one positive effect of the football issue was the awareness it brought about concerning the needs of the athletic department.

Controversy Haunts Statue

By Kelly Sudzina

To some, the colorful "Way Down East" sculpture in front of University Center is a tribute to a pioneer in American history. But to others it is a racial slur that needs to be

addressed.
"We should take very seriously the way that our environment impacts students on this campus. There are a group of students who are very offended," James Votruba, the president of Northern Kentucky

onenoed, James vortupa, the presi-dent of Northern Kentucky University, said.

The issue of the racial implications of the "Way Down East" sculpture was brought to the surface again on Sept. 29 when Lowell Truit, a senior theater major, spoke at a Student Government Association meeting on Government Association meeting on behalf of those students who feel the statue is inappropriate. As a result, Chris Saunders, president of SGA, has appointed the Grievance and Affirmative Action Committee to look into the issue. Recently there has been a change in leadership, but they are still gathering information under the new chair of this committee, Missy Marck. "Way Down East" commemorates the contributions that Lillian Gish, Billy Bitzer the cameraman and criffith made to cinematography. Dr.

Griffith made to cinematography. Dr Griffith made to cinematography. Dr. John DeMarcus, who was vice-president at the time of the installation of "Way Down East" said, "The sculpture is not intended to reflect any of Griffith's ideas, which we were not fully versed in, but to depict one of the present season in the contract of the present season in the present season in the contract of the present season in the contract of the present season in the p tributions to cinematography made by the three people which it recog-nized—and their Kentucky connec-

complex issue on this campus.
Cheryl Nunez, director of
Affirmative Action and Multicultural
Affiairs, said: "I think that we are
faced with, on one hand, an argument
for freedom of expression and even
for, more importantly, the value of
criticis acreacement is femouster. But artistic expression as it stimulates the debate, inquiries and learning. And on the other hand we have the concerns of those who are offended by

ne and it will the sense that they will be offensive to all. It is clearly offen-

"The Birth of a

Americans and other people of color, Nunez said. Also it was an impetus to acquirement of hatred, power, and stereotypical views stereotypical views om that informed per spective, the piece for me symbol little more than a celebration someone who's legacy is very n tive," she said.

Dr. Prince Brown, associate

fessor of sociology and African-American studies, also feels that it American studies, also feels that it may have negative connotations. "I think the mainstream American culture celebrates events and images without giving any consideration about how those images and those events impact the descendants of African culture," he said.

On the other hand, Dr. Berger.

On the other hand, Dr. Barry

Andersen, art professor, said that he understands he feelings dents that are understand note that D. W. Griffith

Brad Scharlott, a communications professor, said: "He was the greatest movie director in the silent era. In y some majors, one of t movie directors of all tir

The sculpture was never intended to propagate any of the racial ideals that Griffith may have had. DeMarcus said. "Some people that have made contributions are less than perfect. Certainly D.W. Griffith has his blemishes," he said. Truit feels that Griffith was send-

ing out a strong message, even for 1915. "The Birth of a Nation" caused Ing out a mean and a Nation" caused racial riots, hangings, mob fights and other acts against African-Americans and other minorities. "This film was a trail-blazer for it's time, but that does not excuse people dying and the transfer of that ideology," he said. Votruba is in support of the creation of some kind of plaque or plate that would provide a historic perspectation of some kind. "We can learn that good, well-intended the property of the creation of the company of the compan

tive on Griffith. "We can learn a lot from D.W. Griffith, it sounds to me. We can learn that good, well-inten-tioned people at times make things that in retrospect they wish they had-n't made. We can learn that people

entirely. It could be sold or donated where it could be better appreciated. Votruba suggested NKU could loan it



Wednesday December 3, 1997

The "Way Down East" sculpture remains for the time being on the plaza in front of the University Center. A taskforce was put together by the Student Government Association to bring to the forefront the issues that the NKU com ue. The taskforce conclud-

ed to recommend that the statue be moved to a less prominent area of the can pus. The Northerner has covered the issue through-out the year, bringing up many different points of view about the artwork

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January 21, 1998

ocess of allocation of

student fees for campus orga-nizations has been a major concern for The Northerner this year. We investigated the

Least Newsworthy

College Students Bowl: Alleys A Good Alternative For Many

Wednesday, October 15, 1997

It's the weekend and what is

You could always go to a nightclub or a movie. However there is an alternative to these places, bowling.

NKU's Dry Campus **Policy Questioned**

Wednesday, October 1, 1997

What if you could buy a beer with your lunch in the cafeteria? Or keep a six-pack in your down room? Or sell beer at your student organization's next function?

Sorry, that won't be happening here for a long while.

Worst of the Worst

Worst Headline:

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Football Too Tough To

It was supposed to say, "Football Too Touch To Tackle." The headline got cut off when it went to press.

Worst Mess Up:

Wednesday, September 10, 1997

The bomb was discovered in professor Datta's car.

This was a mistake in the story "Bomb Threat Turns Up False Alarm." Yes, it was a false alarm which means, obvi-ously, that there was NO bomb. It was supposed to read, "There was no bomb discovered in professor Datta's car."

Worst News Week:

The week of February 11. We were out of school for most of the week due to Blizzard Of '98: Wrath of El Nino." Anything remotely worth covering as a story was cancelled. So we ended up with a great many pictures of the snow. Lots of snow. White snow. And lots of

Best of the Best

Best News Week:

The most controversial news and break ing news came during the third-to-last week of *The Northerner*. On April 15, 1998, *The Northerner* published three stories that told of extravagant spend

stories that told of extravagant spend-ing, malfunctioning equipment and the underpaying of employees. On the front page, the story of Delta Airlines and how they pay their employees working downtown more than the employees located at Northern Kentucky University ran. Accompanying this story was the story of the presidential floor make over. Officials had estimated the renovations at \$150,000. While Carla Chase, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, supported the estimations, President Votruba claimed that he wanted to keep costs to a minimum for the project.

Alongside the presidential make over story ran a story about the tornado sirens at NKU. The sirens, which were tested every month, had only worked six of the 12 weeks. Funding available for a presidential

floor make over, but not for tornado siren repair during tornado season? Don't worry---we didn't understand

Longest Story:

In the Entertainment issue of *The*Northerner Jennifer Turnau, business manager at the time wrote a review on the local band 'The Websters.' The story filled an entire page of the section. Therefore, Jennifer Turnau, now Executive Editor, receives the longwinded award

Fee Board Policies Questioned

neral Manager

Last year the Student Fee Allocation Board lowered the budget of some student organiza-

What criteria did they use to justify these budget cuts'

Who is on the board that makes these decisions?

Recently questions have been raised by the Student Fee Allocation Board which focus on

the process the board uses to determine the funding for various

determine the funding for various student organizations. Director of Student Activities and non-voting chair of the Fee Allocation Board Ernest Britton said, "(Right now) the only way we can judge the success of an

neir money." The Fee Allocation Board ca only approve or amend budgets submitted by student organiza tions. The current system does not allow the board to determine if goals for the previous year have

been met. "This is useless," said Bryan Servizzi, a Fee Allocation Boomember. "It's a waste of time

just give groups money because they ask for it." At Thursday's meeting Britton said, "We have decided as a group there are flaws in the system and

we need to make improvement

The groups funded include: Student Government Association, Licking River Review, The Lost Cause Review, The Northerner,

the Student Bar Association.

Britton discussed in Thursday's meeting that more emphasis needs to be put on setting goal-based objectives for all student organi-

"My goal is to ensure that w plies the Fee Board with the info mation needed to make its fund-ing decisions," Britton said. "I am concerned that the present system does not require any goal setting or submission of docu-mentation validating successful use of student fees; instead it requires only the submission of a

Preliminary discussions have centered on obtaining outside verification that organization goals have been met, as well as audits of the organization and letters of

support.
At February's Fee Allocation Board meeting alternatives to the current fee allocation are to be

Committee Selection

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The board consists of 6 faculty members, 5 student members and the Student Government Association President.
According to the NKU Administrative Regulations all members are appointed by the President. Student representatives are recommended to President Votruba by SGA President Chris Saunders.
Currently five of the student members on the board are or have been members of the Student

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Allocation Board, Saunders said that he also appointed a student representative from WRFN who

NKU Administrative Regulations state that student members of the Fee Allocation Board must exhibit leadership qualities. Saunders said many times these leaders are in the Student Government Association. "My goal in mind in picking

students is to pick the be dents to represent Northern and the best interests of the commit-tee," Saunders said.

In May of 1997, the committee

that Saunders recommended approved a \$1124 increase in Student Government Association's budget. This Student Student budget. In. Association's budget. In. Increase allowed for a \$500 tech-increase allowed for a \$5024 Licking River no. Increase allowed for a \$5024 Licking River no. Increase allowed for a \$5024 Licking River no. Increase allowed for no. Increase allowed for a sound for seven works and and board budgeted is \$3554, has worked in the past. We approximately 10% of \$GA's found many of these groups sold that the current funding total budget. In the student system was not serving the interests well. The student fee where the student interests well. The student fee where the student sin board has changed the process for allocation of students.

appointed intensers to what's in the best interest of the students in all organizations," Saunders said. There is no process currently for interested students to apply

for membership to a committee however anyone can ask Saunder

There are no changes for the recommendation of student board

members planned.

The next fee allocation meeting will be held Monday, February 9th at 1 pm, in University Center



Student Government Association last Fall. He went on to run for President of SGA this Spring, losing to Greg Mecher by four votes.

SGA Vice President Resigns ical science and English major, and SGA senator said, "I wish the student body would realize that this is a conflict between two people and

Chris Boggs resigned from his position as Executive Vice President of Student Government Association on Monday. Boggs cited irreconcilable differences between himself and SGA President Chris Saunders for his reason-

"This is a decision I've been fighting over the past three weeks," said Boggs, "I didn't make this decision easily. I feel like I'm letting people

disagreements con-cerning the athletic enhancement fee as well as differen beliefs helped in mak different ing his decision.

SGA will not offi

cially review Boggs' letter until next Monday. Saunders said, "Student government will be fine, we

are heading in the right direc

not student govern-ment."

a closed meeting was held on Monday to dis-

Boggs). On Monday a subcom

th Spencer, sophomore psychology major, and SGA senator said that the SGA Senate was unified in the action they wanted to take. "Senate felt (the e-mails) were an embar-

mails) were an embar-rassment and it didn't reflect well in the Senate. We wanted to take action because it

s (see saucous for take action because it lake student government was falling apart. It wasn't falling apart," Spencer said.

Wednesday,

November 5, 1997





A Year To Enjoy...

From Upper Left Clockwise:

•Clouds roll over Northern Kentucky University last Fall.

•A student enjoys the fall weather outside the University Center.

*April Kinman, education major, enjoys the new couches at the Baptist Student Union.

•Students sort through free CDs as they gather around the WNKU table at last semester's Freshfusion.

•Russel Proctor, communications professor and Regent, addresses the university during Pride Week.

*Students at the University Center celebrate President James Votruba's installation as the NKU's new president.

*Students and Faculty members participated in this year's Shakespeare Festival in the Landrum Academic











SCRAPBOOK





A Year To Experience



The 1997-98 school year enabled the university to grow in many ways:

•Red Groom's "Way Down East" sculpture (Center) was the center of much dialogue and controversy this school year.

From Upper Left Clockwise:

•Students look down from the catwalk outside the University Center.

•Balloons are released after President James Votruba's Inaugural parade.

•Katherine Meyer, Wo-men's Center Coordinator has fun in the snow during the "Blizzard of '98"

•The Black Women's Organization has a bowling night in early October.

•Jenny Benjamin is crowned Homecoming Queen.

•President Votruba speaks at the December graduation.

Although it is fun to look into the past, NKU's definite goal is looking toward the future.

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Last Time On Hey U. The Soapbox

Well, it's closing time at *The Northerner*. It's our last issue of the school year. This is always a time for the staff when we not only thank God that we didn't go insane, but also it's a time to reflect on the year

God that we didn't go insane, but also it's a time to reflect on the year passed.

We started last summer with little knowledge of what was to come. And thirty issues later, we look back at what we've accomplished. We have a new President leading our university that we've already been able to harrass. We have a new Student Government President that will.—I'm sure—be harrassed a great deal in the year to come (Good Luck, Greg.—you'll need it). We have a new parking garage and a new science building on the way—which means we will be able to carry on our not-enough-parking whining for at least the next few years. One lesson that we learned this year is that in a controversy, you're never going to please everyone. We reported about different individuals and groups who were either happy or sad about not getting to see football for a while. We brought the part-lime faucity's concerns out of the dark and let that issue be heard. And currently we waiting to tell the public about how different people are relieved or angry about whatever they decide to do with the Red Grooms sculpture. We've heard so many different viewpoints now on all these issues. And I'm proud to say that The Northerner has been a key factor—every week we provided the Viewpoints page, a forum for discussion on these hot topics. We had some crazy stuff happen this yeai.—We had students fighting over parking spots. We had a woman crashing into cars with the residential Installation student event we saw the University Center packed way over fire code regulations (for reason: free food). We saw way too much snow in February. We saw a silly looking dragon prancing around at basketball games. (Just had to get one last shot in at Hey U.)

We saw this campus actually step out and support their beliefs this

We saw this campus actually step out and support their beliefs this year. Many people don't realize how difficult it is to start an organization on this campus, and to really keep it going. I would like to congratualate two new organizations that formed this year—A.F.E.S. and S.T.A.R.— for advocating what they believe in and providing the rest of the campus with the ability to stand up too. Way to go, goys.

We saw technology grow by leaps and bounds. NKU is about to purchase a second T1 line to the Internet, which shows how much good out technology fee is doing us. We are really soaring when it comes to our knowledge in the technical world. NKU had a choice to make a few years ago—we could get shead or fall way, way behind. It took a great deal of money and effort, but it was worth it. NKU is getting way ahead.

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The Northerner shed some light on many different organizations, people and events this year. Sorry we can't cover them all, we wish we could. Maybe someday, the way we are going, we will be able to cover

a great deal more.

But for now it's "Closing Time," like the song says. And, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." I wish The Northerner staff a great next year. You don't need luck—you've got

Well, it's our last newspaper of the year, and it's time to get this one to bed. It's been a great year, and I wish everyone much luck and success for next year. I'm out of here. Goodbye, NKU.

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NORTH POLL

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST EVENT TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR AT NKU?

Sheila Roger Physical Education Independence

Ben Schwipps

"It's my first semester here.

I don't really know."

Milan, IN

"The President's thing with the big balloons and the dragon and stuff.



Jonathan Edwards Monticello

er and got rid of foot





Carol Skilbeck Journalism Cincinnati

"I went to The Diary of Anne ak and I thought they did an excellent job."

> John Carroll Florence

"The bomb threat."

English and Biology Florence

"President Votruba coming into the campus. That change and transition."

.Just Thanks

On March 27, a benefit was held of March 2/, a benefit was field at the Forth Thomas Community
Center to raise funds to purchase a van equipped with a hydraulic lift to transport me in my power wheel-chair to work and to my volunteer activities. The van I currently own is seventeen-years-old with 100,000 miles and severe body rust. I would like to take this opportu-

nity to thank everyone who took part in this endeavor. In particular, Alice Sparks, secretary of the Board of Regents at Northern Kentucky rsity, who graciously donated Omversity, wno graciously donated for raffle a week's stay in her Florida condominium. I would also like to thank everyone who gave their time to organize this event, all those who donated goods and services, everyone who attended and anyone who helped make this event

The support from so many, many I have never met, is truly gratifying.

Don't Hide The Statue

If President Votruba listens to the recommendations of the D.W. Griffith "Way Down East" task force, nothing has been accomplished in addressing the issue of racism at NKU.

Recently the task force was formed to address Red Groom's D.W. Griffith statue at Northern Kentucky University. They recommended to the president that the statue be moved to a less dominant place on campus. Also dominant place on campus. Also dominant place on campus. Also they said a plaque should be included that explains the history, controversy and contains an apol-

Just move the statue to a less dominant place? This is consis-tent with our society's treatment of racial problems. Just move the statue. Just move the problem. Move it out of the front of every-one's mind. Of course the prob-lem will still be there, just hidden so we don't have to think about it

To me, that is more symbolic of racism in our society.

The statue was purchased and brought to NKU to celebrate a Kentucky artist who contributed to movie-making technology. No one at this university purchased it because of racist content.

Moving the statue to somewhere less dominant would be a mistake, in diging no we would be accorded.

In doing so, we would be acknowledging that there is a problem, but that our university does not have the backbone to fully address it. Instead we would be compromising. I don't think that sends a positive message to anyone concerned with racial issues.

with racial issues.

Another suggestion from the task force was to include a plaque with an apology on it. Speaking with several people about this, they all have the same basic opinion. To keep something on this campus, but to issue an apology for it being here, is an insult.

In the 1934 Supreme Court Case, Brown w. Board of Education, a lifter girl named Linda Brown wanted to go to the school only five blocks

from her house. The school was-n't full and the little girl met all of

n'i full and the little girl met all of the requirements to attend— all but one. Linda Brown was African American. And African Americans weren't allowed to go to Caucasian schools. The Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision that the "sep-arate but equal" clause was unconstitutional because it violat-ed the child's 14th amendment rights by separating them solely on the classification of the color of their skin.

of their skin.

A unanimous decision. One
Supreme Court Justice stated that
the country needed a unanimous decision on this issue, the court

decision on this issue, the court could not have a split decision, because it may be representative of a split nation. There should only be two options for Red Groom's "Way Down East" sculpture. It either needs to stay where it is, or it needs to be removed from the campus.

Students With A Cause

The fight against racism, the need to stop the destruction of our environment, the battle against violence towards women.

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demanded these people to "get real."
When people deny the problem of environment racism it reminds me of why the problem still exists. It's because of them. People that are close-minded, in denial, and privileged. These are the reasons environment and the problem still exists.

Last week, the Animal, Plant and

Last week, the Animal, Plant and Earth Society brought in a photogra-pher who had journeyed to Malaysia to talk about the destruction of the rainforest in Bortieves in the rainfor-est is threatened because the logging companies are destroying their home. I had always been aware of the destruction of the rainforest and been concerned with the global effects of killing animals and plants that lived three. However, I had never thought about the people that lived in and off the rainforest. the rainforest.

When I did learn about them, I got angry. How could they do that? How

has no word in their language for war? How can we destroy a culture that has a zero percent murder rate? To be afraid to walk down the street at night. To be afraid to leave the windows open after dark. To be afraid to trust. To be afraid when your abuser

trust. To be afraid when your abuser will be paroled. These are issues that women deal with every day. "Take Back The Might" is an annual event that helps women cope with sexism, and violence that occurs against them. Women that are victims come to "Take Back The Night" to help them

"Take Back The Night" starts with a march across the river to Newport. Women and men chant "What do we want?" "SAFE STEETS!" "When do we want them?" "Whow!" "What of we want them?" "NOW!" and demand an end to sexual assault. Speaker and singers gave a powerful and uplifting ceremony at the Newport courthouse. On the way back over the river, we were given candles and walked in silence in rememberence of the women who could not come to take back the night. could not come to take back the night. The women that didn't survive sexual

As I was walking back over the bridge into Ohio, the cold river wind was blowing all around me, but some-how my candle stayed lit. I was amazed at how the little flame could upstand the strong river winds. I finally made it across the bridge I look down and realized my candle hadn't made it. I turned to my side and immediately a friend relit my

candle.

This experience somehow became symbolic in my mind. Whether it's nacism, sexism, or the destruction of our environment, there are people that chose not to put up with these things. To lead the fight isn't leasy, but they can endure strong opposition that constantly wants to put them out. If the opposition pets the best of them, they'll have someone at their side to pick them up and re-light them.

At NKU we have strong leaders, and people that are willing to stand up to strong opposition. Student organizations can make a difference on this campus, and their impact even goes

campus, and their impact even goes beyond this campus.

Offensive Is As Offensive Does

"Thinking of leaves is offensive to me. When I think of leaves it reminds me of branches. That reminds me of limbs. That reminds me of trunks. That reminds me of a tree that was in the south. That reminds me of a plantation. That reminds me of ...well you

the trees. Wait that can't be right because the fire would remind meist because the fire would remind meist of the south. That would remind me of the South. That would remind me of the Civil War and that water, but wait. With that line of thought, water would remind me of ships. Ships would remind me of travel. That might remind me of a travel. That might remind me of a travel. That might remind me of a travel. That only the ship would remind me of a travel. That might remind me of a work would remind me of... well you know. the trees. Wait that can't be right

Is this beginning to get ridiculous? In class the other day it took me five In class the other day it took me five minutes to obtain 13 signatures of 15 people in the class. It was a spur of the moment thing. They knew the issue. Silly was the response.

I am a Junior PSC Major, have a

I am a Junior PSC Major, have a son that will begin here in the Fall of 99 and three other children who will most likely attend. The scenario I described above may well be reality by then if we begin removing, manipulating and moving things that offend by mere remind me to remind me to by mere remind me to remind me to remind me...dizzing, foolish, political

very left.

Speaking of moving. What in the world makes Katherine Meyer think that if the sculpture IS offending where its at, that it would be any less offending say, down by the pond?

This is exactly what feel goodism is all bett. It's exactly what feel goodism is all sets. about. It's not a solution to anythin but, if the intention is there and we ut, if the intention is there and we all eel like we belong everything is oney and roses.

John Hope Franklin of th

President' Advisory Board on Race, USA Today 3 March, 1998 statement that all "White Americans can't say, 'well, it was my greatgrandaddy (who owned slaves)." They are the direct beneficiaries, even in 1998, of the opportunities and greed that existed in the 18th and 19th centuries. They need to see the connection between slavery and their privilege today." is as racist a statement ever made by anyone. There is no soft way to say it any-more. "Cet over it" and move on is to insensitive, but there are hundreds."

insensitive, but there are hundreds of thousands of Black Americans out thousands of Black Americans out there who have taken up the American Dream. So instead of "Get over It," I will say Justice Clarence Thomas, General Colin Powell, Prof. Walter Williams, Rep. J.C. Watts, the most distinguished Mr. Ward Connerly of California and so on and so on sort of California and so on and so on and so

on.

The politics of hate continually drudged up by Prof. Hewan, S.T.A.R. and the likes is not a dialogue about

mission to continue allimiture account and other such nonsense. As J.C. Watts the Representative from Oklahoma has said, "If liberals can't best you, if they're losing on the issues, they do one of two things. They either call you a bigot or racist. Or they sue you."

In conclusion, the debate has gone beyond moving it as an option, that only serves to patronize both points of view for a later confrontation. "If you have y

it in place" or "remove it all together."

If you argue from the principles of integrity and morality the decision simple "KEEP IT and DROP IT."

Gene Brown PSC

Country Addressing Racial Issues

To the editor, This afternoon, April 22, in Landrun 506, there was a lecture regarding politics and race. This lecture was part of an ongoing series designed to pro-mote understanding of the problems of racism in the United States. At first when I left this lecture I was per-plexed, instead of a lecture on ideas that promoted understanding and working towards racial harmony, I was feeling that I had actually been subjected to an hour of accusations of being a mindless drown, who through some mystical Pavlovian conditioning had been transformed into a self aggrandizing bigot. The lecturer stat-ed that all white males in the Unites

they are superior to all others, and that this mind-set led to the belief that only they should rule society, and be unquestioned in doing so(especially by persons of color). Was it possible that the lecturer actually argued that racism and its institutionalized prac-tice is a unique condition to those societies that are composed of a majority of whites? That sort of logic would imply that since the white race is unable to create a multi-cultural egalitarian society, it is inferior to all other races. Surely a lecture series on racism in the United States was not intended to do this.

I mean, I know that our track record Alan Gates

towards minorities is atrocious, but aurely we should begin to accept it and in its memory begin to mend the wounds that our society has created. Maybe the first step in healing is step-ping back and taking stock of where we stand. I believe that the different races in this country are making progress. Slow progress, yes, maybe too slow, but read progress. If one were to count all of the different cau-tures and races that do live here, and tures and races that do live here, and not just assume that there is only to he or she would find that it is a m



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Faculty Follies: Has 'Disney' Theme

The third annual Faculty/Staff Follies will take place Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall at Northern

Rentucky University.

President James Votruba will be the Master of Ceremonies and all faculty and staff have been invit-

ded to participate.

This year, there will be a "Disney" theme. The participants only have one dress rehearsal with all the acts together right with all the acts together right before they begin serving food. "That's why we call it the Follies!" said Barbara Herald, the benefits manager at NKU who is an ex-officio member of the Benevolent Association. Food will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Herald said they will be offering assorted homemade.

be offering assorted homemade cookies, vegetables, cheeseballs with crackers, Swedish meatballs and lemonade. There is a 55 admission per per-

son that will include food and entertainment. All proceeds go to the NKU Benevolent Association. The Benevolent Association was first organized in Dec. of 1905

1995.

Leo Calderon, the executive assistant to the president, said, "To kick off the Benevolent Association they thought it would be a good idea to have kind of a talent show for the university community." community.

Herald said, "And since we had no talent we decided to call it the

ollies."
The Benevolent Association's mission statement says the orga-nization is their to "provide suste-nance to faculty and staff who are experiencing changing life cir-Herald said, When employees

are experiencing circumstances but of their control, they might

need a little help to get by and NKU wants to be there for them. Calderon said, "The purpose of the Benevolent Association is to provide financial assistance to

faculty and staff,"
"Instead of collecting for things like that, we decided to go ahead and set up an association where we could go ahead and, through-out the year, try to collect funds so we can go ahead and spend the money when the need arises," Calderon said.

A fund was created so people can donate money if they want to

can donate money if they want to and things like the Follies help to

and things like the Follies help to raise more money.

"Now people can even donate money or have it taken out of their paycheck," Herald said.

All NKU employees are eligi-ble to receive money, they just have to contact the Benevolent

Association and fill out the necessary forms, And it is all confiden-tial, Calderon said.

Herald said, "Last year all our money went to the flood victims

that worked here at Northern,"
"Ten NKU families were helped directly and several truckloads of supplies were sent to the affected areas for other flood vict reads NKU's Faculty/Staff Follies

The show usually has about half faculty and half staff participa-

"I think this is one of the few times faculty and staff come together to do something fun,"

"This is not only for faculty and staff, it's for everyone here on campus," he said. Calderon said in the past every-

one who has been a part of the follies has had a good time

putting on the show.

He said, "Through the talents and resources of people throughout the campus, we were able to make it fun."

La Link to the Past



Jodi Schwegmann, a senior theater major, talked with Dr. Carrol who was in character at La Link's Shakspeare fes

Aqua-Norse New At NKU

A recent graduate student from Indiana State University, Cindy Lacey came to Northern Kentucky University 6 months ago and noticed immediately that something was

immediately that something was missing.

As the new Aquatics and Fitness director, she was surprised to find out that NKU did not have a swim team or any type of swim club. And if she has her way, HEY U. will have to start suiting up in a pair of swim trunks to root on NKU's new swim team.

team.
"But first we have to start out small. Eventually I would like swimming to be added to NKU's athletics but first there has to be an

To build up interest Lacey has

started a new student organization, the Aqua-Norse, that will be open to faculty, staff and students. She said that the purpose of the organization is to provide a challenging workout for all levels of swimmers.

Matt Queen a member of the Albright Health Center, and participant in triatholons, said that he is looking forward to being a part of the Aqua-Norse. "I'd like to cut my triathlon swimming time in half. When I started I didn't know how to swim at first" Queen said. "Now it's just a matter of improving my time, and I think Cindy (Lacey) can help me.

"It's exciting to me because the Northern Kentucky area seems to be big into swimming," Lacey said. "I'm really hoping that some of the students in the Aqua-Norse want would like to compete."

APES 'Marches For Parks'

The Oxbow is an endangered wet land in eastern Indiana. Saturday Northern Kentucky University's Animal, Plant, and Earth Society set out to help save it. APES had about 10 sponsored walkers for their first annual "March Per Parks." Members and non-members hitted about 6 miles at Shawnee Lookout, a courty park in Ohio that has a view of the Oxbow.

Dr. Miriam Kannan, advisor to APES, said an event like this is impor-tant because it demonstrates that there are people that really care about the

environment.

"Only by showing this with participa-tion in such events, can we hope that some of our parks will be left alone and not be converted to shopping malls and parking lots," Kannan said The money raised is being donated to Friends of the Oxbow, an organization that plans to buy the land before poten-tial developers get to it.

Make Sure To Meet On Common Ground

music playing in the evening. Depending on the day, you might hear live folk music, jazz or straight-edge rock.

Displayed on the walls are local artists' work. Off in the corner is a piano waiting for somebody to play it as well as several vinyl records that visitors can choose to play on the old record player.
"We've been told we are in n

the various types of art, music and poetry," said Jeff Mudd, one of the owners of Common Grounds Cafe

in Covington.

According to Jennifer VonHagel, senior Spanish major who lives in Covington, the Common Grounds is a place people go to meet.

"People aren't coming for great

"reopie aren't coming for great art or great music. Of course there is great art and music there, but I go there because it's where my friends and I meet," she said. "It's a nice comfortable place to go. We stay there for hours."

ate.
"It is not uncommon to see customers from age 16 to 60 visiting tomers from age 16 to 60 visiting on a given night. That's exactly what we want, a place where people can come together. It's an opportunity for people to meet that may not normally be in the same settings," he saidow a bind 50 oil. "One of the reasons we named it Common Ground because it is a great place for many different types of meetle to have out mostlers." The

of people to hang out together," he

Grounds. Although Mudd is not opposed to it, he likes the idea of not serving alcohol. "A lot of people in Northern Kentucky have no place to hang out where there's no alcohol," he said. Common Grounds offers a full selection of coffees, espressos, lattes and cappucinos. Salads,

lattes and cappucinos. Salads sandwiches, black bean burritos and vegetarian specials top off the food menu.

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Norse Sports...A Look Back--And Ahead

Baseball

DaseOall
Head Coach: Bill Aker
Current 1997-98 Record: 12-21 (2-15 GLVC)
Season Recap: The Norse started the season hopin
to surprise some GLVC teams, but a depleted pitch
ing staff has hindered NKU, which has lost 15 straight games

Next Year: Next season's success depends on how well the team can replace its current pitching staff.

Men's Basketball

INCH S DASSECULAII
Head Coach: Ken Shields
1997-98 Record: 23-7 (15-3)
Season Recap: The Norse surprised most of the
GLVC when they rolled through the league. Led by
senior Cliff Clinton, NKU advanced to its fourth
straight NCAA Division II Tournament.
Next Year: Repairse Clinton will not be easy but

Next Year: Replacing Clinton will not be easy, but if NKU can do that, they should compete in GLVC

Women's Basketball

WOMEN'S BASKEtDall
Head Coach: Nancy Winstel
1997-98 Record: 18-10 (13-5)
Season Recap: NKU started strongly, but lost steam
near the end of the season. The Norse did earn a
GIAVC Tournament berth.
Next Year: The deep senior class will be key for
NKU next season. Expect this squad to pose more
of a challenge than in 1997-98.

Golf

Men's Cross Country

Women's Cross Country

7th place at GLVC Char Season Record: 'An place at OLV'C campionism,' Season Record: The season began well, with NKU finishing 3rd, 4th, 5th and 3rd in its first four races, but NKU ended its season 21 out of 22 teams at the

Oreat Lakes Regional.

Next Year: The Norse should again be competitive in 1998, with some of its key runners returning.

1997-98 Record: 7th place at GLVC Championshi 1997-98 Record: 7th place at GLVC Championshi Season Recap: Freshman Tabatha Smith led NKU to the most recorded victories in team history. She also set the school record for fastest finish. Next Year: Smith returns next season to a Norse team that could challenge for a GLVC title.

Head Coach: Daryl Landrum 1997-98 Record: 7th place in GLVC Championships Season Recap: NKU finished second in its first competition, but a young golf team finished 7th out of nine teams at the GLVC Championship. Next Year: Experience will help next season, as NKU hopes to challenge for a conference champiMen's Soccer

Women's Soccer

Head Coach: John Toebben 1997-98 Reconi: 7-11-2 (4-6-1 GLVC) Season Recap: After a rough regular season, NKU shocked Lewis University in the GLVC Tournament to advance to the second round. Next Year: The loss of some key seniors will hurt NKU, but the Norse have some talent returning and a goalie with a year of experience under his belt.

Head Coach: Bob Sheehan 1997-98 Record: 7-11 (did not compete in GLVC) Season Recap: In its inaugural season, the Norse won seven games, including two over future GLVC ext Year: Coach Sheehan expects to b

eral new players to next season's team, and the Norse hope to challenge for the GLVC crown.

Head Coach: TBA
Current 1997-98 Record: 18-24 (8-17 GLVC)
Season Recap: The Norse didn't make a GLVC appearance for the first time in under head coach Mary

new softball facility get under way. Expect the Norse to put up more of a fight in the GLVC next season.

Head Coach: Geoff Crawford 1997-98 Record: 15-9 (7-3 GLVC) Season Recap: After rolling through the GLVC, NKU stumbled in the GLVC Tournament, finishing

Next Year: Aaron McDowell returns to a Norse team that hopes to replace all-GLVC Mike Curnayn in its quest for a conference title.

Women's Tennis

Women's Tennis
Head Coach: Dave Bezold
1997-98 Record: 5-12 (3-6 GLVC)
Season Recap: The Norse struggled last season,
with the exception of doubles play from Nikki
Thompson and Leah Hanna, who finished regular
season GLVC play unbeaten.
Next Year: The Norse expect to bring in a solid
freshman class, which could dominate the GLVC.

Volleyball

Volleyball
Head Coach: Mary Biermann
1997-98 Record: 29-6 (16-0 GLVC)
Season Recap: The Norse beat IPFW for the GLVC
title en route to its first NCAA Tourney since 1981.
Next Year: Volleyball may again prove to be the most
successful Norse team next season. A handful of key
returns should propel the Norse to a second straight
NCAA Tournament berth.

Money Key To Future Of NKU Athletics

Tip S'eloc



By Sir H.C. Eloc Sports

Retpahc Lanif Eht.

Northern Kentucky University ports stand at a crossroads. The most important period in the history of the school's at department is approaching. athletic

More important, even, than in 1981, when NKU nearly dropped its entire athletic department

Then, money was the issue. Statewide budget cuts left the athletic department bleeding profusely.

As a result, some programs were cut, including wrestling and women's tennis. Women's tennis returned after a brief absence, but wrestling was a casualty.

Here we are, 17 years later, and money is still the issue. Now, the

direction it will go.

Last year's student fee was cer-tainly a step in the right direction, but it was merely the tip of the iceberg. And if more money isn't pumped into the department--and soon, Norse sports, as we know them, will sink like the Titanic

The fact is, if you're on the outside, you just don't know. You don't see all that goes on.

I've had a year and a half become acclimated with the workings of the department. I've seen the holes in the equipment sheds, the cracks in the tennis courts and the baseball games called due to darkness

I've used the "hand-held mini-vox"--a small battery-operated speaker with an attached microphone used at baseball and soccer

Our track isn't regulation size, but that doesn't matter because NKU lost its track and field team program. That is just the way it is. Anyone who thinks the school will make the jump to Division I any time soon either doesn't know anything about the depart-

ment or doesn't know anything We're not even a top-notch Division II school. We are Mickey Mouse.

I've talked to the athletes that are so frustrated they can hardly see straight. Most of the time they are tired because their team could not afford to stay in a hotel. They drove home all night instead.

They are sick of eating bologna sandwiches on the road. Guys like Scott Berryman, who catches for the baseball team, is tired of buying equipment out of his own

After you consider what little aid the baseball team has to offer him, you realize he's actually paying to play ball here.

What they are most tired of

Quote Of The Year

Next Year: The team has a new attitu



Name: John F. Kirtley (Horse's Ass?)

At Saturday's baseball double header between NKU and Kentucky Wesleyan, John Kirtley, NKU's play-by-play announcer/P.A. man said that he had heard that the horse that won the Jim Beam Stakes--Event of the Year, had been injured.

Ouote: "Hey, did you hear? Event of the Year won't be able to run in the Kentucky Derby. He got hurt. I think he broke his toe or something."

Don Owen, sports information director at NKU, sarcastically replied, "You sure, John? I think it was his finger."

I bitched and complained all year when I saw fans not supporting NKU sports. The truth is, however, what the

support is financial support. Until the financial support gap between basketball and sports

soccer is closed, those sports are doomed to mediocrity.

People ask why basketball at

NKU is at a different level than Look at the 1998 NKU bas

ball team. The team gets less than three scholarships. The Norse had lost 15 straight games

going into Monday's game with Brescia College. Until the team gets more schol-rship money, that is the future of

NKU baseball. Money.

No bones about it. Basketball is competitively funded. End of story

STAR OF THE YEAR





Name: Leah Hanna Sport:

Women's Tennis/Softball Women's Tennis: Tied for team high with seven singles victories, and teamed with Nikki Thompson for a 12-2 doubles record (9-0 GLVC). Softball: Hanna

leads NKU in batting average (.433), runs scored (24), hits (55), RBI (22), triples (3), and is 2nd in doubles (8).

Well, there you have it. Leah Hanna. "NKU's two-sport star. She may not have been your first pick, but she definitely deserves the honor of Star of the Year. Molly Donovan was a close run-ner up. She, Brian Lawhon and Cliff Clinton racked up the majority of the people's youtes.

of the people's votes

Other athletes receiving votes: Michele Tuchfarber, Shani Smith, Jaime Garner, Todd Clark, Craig Conley, Mike Pitzer, Jenny Jeremiah, Jessica Buroker, Tabatha nith and Mike Curnayn, Steve ornhoffer, Lindsay Smith.

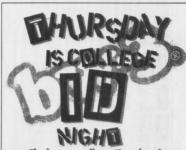
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Roberts, Ray Simmons, Joe Danahey, Joe Gentry, Pat Ryan, Mike Murphy, Carlos Chia, Beth Ramer, Rob Zinkan, Jeff McCurry, Tony Bosch, Brian Terhaar, Bill Erpenbeck, Termite, Chris Boggs, the NKU cheerleaders, Scott Borders, Ed Godderdam, Pepsi, the Symphonic Winds, Way Down

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Chad's Mystical Horoscope

By C.C. Clark - eTVData Fee

April 26 through May 2, 1998



Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Watch for exciting new opportunities. Do not be defensive. Enjoy the attention others are willing to



Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
There is a lot of activity centered around the home.
If you are making a new start, be sure to attend to If you are ma small details.



Genini (May 21 - June 20)

A clever person may be trying to unload his or h
burdens on you. You need to make certain you a
headed in the right direction.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22) comeone close to you has put you in an uncom-table situation, it is time to speak up. Do not let



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) on to advice given by someone y erson is strong and stable and has ye



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

me to grips with your life and stop letting the
lettings slide. Make new goals and get busy acmplishing them.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) s time to get everything organized so you car in a new project. An important message is or



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) epping a dream journal. Rely on your own and stop turning to others for help in mportant decisions.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) right person will help make your project a suc-s. Seeds planted for a new business venture will



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) irritable only makes things worse. It may be for an ego check. Analyze the situation care



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) re going through a difficult period right now, will soon pass. Someone favors you and will d you if necessary.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) n and misery have no place in you ble that you are adding to the stresng about what you cannot change?

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