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NKU Student 'Drives' Patriotism to New Level

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Glen Comstock is proud to be an American. He's so proud he literally drives an "American" car.

Comstock, a 26-year-old NKU psychology major, wanted to do something special to show his support for the troops in the Persian Gulf.

"Thousands of men and women are risking their lives for us," Comstock said. "I can't get involved, but I can get out on my own and support them."

Last weekend he grabbed a few gallons of paint and a paint brush and set out to make his own tribute to our troops. It took Comstock two-and-a-half days to

transform his 1975 Oldsmobile into a red, white and blue American flag. He put stars over the right front fender and painted wavy red and white stripes over the rest of the body. Then it was show time.

He parked his car on I-75 and Ky. 18 most of the week but later moved it to the intersection by Hardees in Highland Heights. Once parked, he usually gets on the hood of his car and waves an American flag with an orange ribbon tied to the top of it.

"People say, 'You must be nuts.' I tell them, 'I love my country,'" Comstock said.

The other responses he gets from people passing by ranges from praise to

shock.

"They think it's great. They say it shows initiative," Comstock said. "They go by honking their horns and staring."

He said people ask him where he got the car painted at. They act surprised when he tells them he did it himself.

"People asked me if I do trucks," he joked.

"Some people say, 'What are you going to do when the war is over?' I tell them, 'I'll put on a second coat.'"

This isn't the first time Comstock mixed patriotism with artistic talent. When the space shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986, he painted a huge memorial poster saying, "God Bless the Shuttle Crew" and hung it in the University Center.

When a picture of him and another student appeared on the front page of the Feb. 4 1986, issue of *The Northerner*, he cut it out and sent it to one of the families involved in the shuttle tragedy.

He said the two incidents of patriotism can't be compared.

"The space shuttle was a tragedy," he said. "The war involves 28 countries around the world. The patriotism now is more widespread because you have more people involved."

Comstock takes the war personally. He said he knows people in the Persian Gulf who drive tanks. He also is involved in the military.

After graduating from St. Henry High School in 1983, he joined the Army for two years. Then he joined the Air Force for two years. He is currently part of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Cincinnati.

One of the underlying reasons he wanted to paint his car like a flag was to get some of the media off the war protesters and show some support for the troops.

"I'm not down on the war protesters," he said. "They should support the troops. Their right to protest is brought to them by the Armed Forces."

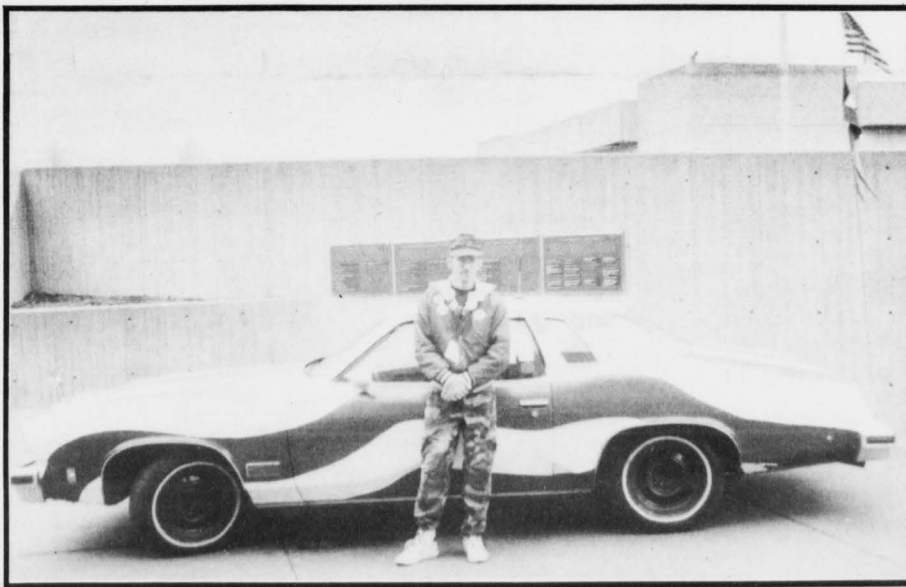
"The troops see that, and it can't make them feel all that great."

The cease-fire called by President George Bush Feb. 27 prompted Comstock to drive through downtown Cincinnati for a midnight rally. He said he waved his flag and honked his horn.

"The war's not over till the POWs come home," Comstock said. "Bush made it clear that Hussein must comply with all the resolutions."

Comstock said it's going to be crazy when the troops come home. He said he traveled to Washington, D.C., about four times for rallies. He said when they get home it would be "the most awesome display of patriotism."

"It's a shame it took a war to bring a new spirit of patriotism to this country," Comstock said. "But keep the ribbons up. Don't stop supporting until the troops come home."



DRIVING A FLAG—Glen Comstock stands in front of his car. Northerner photo by Larry D. Riley.

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Northern Acquires Personal Zip Code

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NEWS EDITOR

NKU's growth has placed it on the U.S. Postal Service map.

The postal service recently granted NKU its own zip code. NKU's new zip code is 41099. Previously, the university shared zip code 41076 with neighboring Highland Heights and Cold Spring.

Kenneth Ramey, director of business services, said NKU's growth made the unique zip code possible. University officials applied for the zip code over six months ago.

"The postal service has to check the volume of mail received and processed to see if you qualify," Ramey said.

He noted the university handles approximately 2.5 million pieces of incoming and outgoing mail annually.

Ramey said with the old zip code, the university occasionally received others' mail or the university's mail went to someone else's address.

"The new zip code will virtually eliminate misaddressed mail," he said.

He added it will also qualify NKU for discounts as the postal service becomes more automated.

The unique zip code also allows university officials to assign each department a four-digit suffix. The zip plus four added numbers will simply be the department's university billing code, Ramey said.

Although everyone can now use the 41099 zip, the postal service will still deliver mail with the 41076 zip code to NKU.

"Once we get it all in place we're going to send out notices about the change with the outgoing mail," Ramey said.

He explained university printed materials, such as envelopes, stationery, business cards, publications and brochures, will eventually be changed.

"We will use all the existing stationery, and when someone runs out, they will be issued the new stationery with the new zip code," Ramey said.

To acclimate the university community to the new zip code, officials will present workshops on March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Administrative Center 722. Presenters will explain in detail the reasons for establishing the zip code, delivering and sending mail and requirements for printed materials.

NKU Students Head To Gifu University

Mazak Scholarships Awarded

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Two NKU students received \$5,000 scholarships from Mazak Corp. to study at Gifu University in Japan.

"The international studies department at the school and our corporation thought the chance to study abroad would be unique," Fenton Koehler, Mazak's personnel manager, said.

"I will be able to study the Japanese language and be exposed to the culture of Japan," said David Hunt, a senior NKU manufacturing major.

"I'm very excited about going to Japan," Michael Slivka, a senior computer science major, said, "but there is still a little apprehension about going into a totally different culture."

Gifu University was selected because of its manufacturing curriculum and proximity to Yamazaki Mazak headquarters, the parent firm of Mazak in Florence.

Tokiko Freeman, a Japanese language lecturer, said she is confident both Hunt and Slivka will adapt well to the Japanese environment.

Slivka said among other things, he realizes the food is different, and Japan's work ethic is different but feels he can adjust.

"They can adapt to the new people and the new culture," Freeman said. "I know they can."

She has taught Japanese to both scholarship recipients.

"We were looking for students with a technical background," Koehler said.

He said the two were selected based on their grade point averages, their interest in technology and interest in studying Japanese culture.

Koehler said the students were chosen by a group committee consisting of some of Mazak's engineering staff; some NKU faculty, staff and administrators; and himself.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for me," Hunt said.

Slivka plans to take his wife and 16-month-old child with him.

"The only way they won't go is if we can't find housing or have trouble with visas," Slivka said.

Freeman said Gifu is near Nagoya, the largest industrial city in Japan.

"Gifu is a country town," Freeman said, "which is a sister city of Greater Cincinnati."

She said she believes this is another reason why officials chose Gifu University as the exchange site.

NKU and Mazak developed the scholarship program last year.

Koehler said the university will give \$2,000 to each scholarship winner "depending on need."

The students will be employed at Yamazaki Mazak to gain hands-on experience in Japanese manufacturing methods.

Hunt said they will be leaving in September and will stay at Gifu for one academic year.

"I'm going in blindly," Slivka said, "but that's what makes it exciting."

"It's an honor to be accepted to this exchange program," Hunt said, "and it's a great pleasure to be representing NKU."

Additional information added by Tina Williams, Staff Writer.



ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS—Lori Kyle and John Eubank sit on the grass near the plaza and enjoy the cool breeze of the outdoors. February saw many nice and sunny days. Northerner photo by Larry D. Riley.

Biggest Problem Is Not Racism

BUS Members Give Minority Student Views

SCOTT COOK
STAFF WRITER

Members of Black United Students (BUS) said while they have experienced racism at NKU, they don't feel it is the biggest problem between black and white students on campus.

"The problem at Northern is not prejudice. It is just that white students don't know how to coincide with black students," Todd Franklin said.

BUS members Franklin, Lee LeSure, Diane Bell and Jerome Bowles presented their views on being a minority student on campus during the Feb. 27 Student Government's cultural diversity workshop held in the University Center Theater.

Dean of Students Bill Lamb said he could understand Franklin's point. Because of the nature of the Northern Kentucky area, Lamb said, many of the

white students at NKU may be going to school with blacks for the first time.

He added that if ignorance on the part of whites on how to act towards blacks was the major problem on campus that was something that could be worked on.

They said one problem a black student faces at NKU is the fact he/she is the only black student in a class. The speakers said when a racial issue is brought up in class discussion, they are looked upon to provide an answer for all black people.

LeSure said he feels the class looks at him and says, "You're black; you know it all."

Bell said sometimes the issue that is discussed isn't just a black problem.

"Everyone is involved in the problems. It's just not black crime, it is everybody's," she said.

Lamb asked the panel if they had experienced any blatant acts of racism on campus.

When the members of the panel offered their views on this question, the answers ranged from one end of the spectrum to the other.

LeSure said he never experienced any such acts, only what he felt were minor incidents.

However, Bowles said he had

experienced blatant acts of racism on campus. He told of hearing racial slurs and of finding letters with racial overtones on a display case on the University Center's second floor. The display case belongs to a black student organization. He also said the case has been moved on occasion.

Bowles also said he was aware of a recent incident when a black student was walking back to the dorms, a van of white people drove by and yelled racial slurs at the student.

Franklin said he has heard racial slurs directed at him.

Members of the audience, as well as SG President Michelle Deeley, were disappointed in the turnout for the event.

"This is pathetic, they (the students) don't care about cultural diversity," said Teretha Prioleau, of NKU minority student affairs office.

Deeley said she would have liked to have more students there but it was a step in the right direction.

During the forum, members of the panel and the audience voiced their dissatisfaction in the fact that the issues being discussed lumped into groups. This is done, Prioleau said, because, "There is no way to address cultural diversity without lumping people into groups."

Campus Crime

Feb. 21 through 27

Theft: A female student reported the theft of her NKU parking decal, which was affixed to the rear bumper of her vehicle. She purchased the decal on Jan. 17, and observed it missing Feb. 14.

Theft: A male student had inadvertently left his two rings, valued at \$950, laying on a sink on a second floor restroom in the BEP building. The student reported the rings stolen. It was later determined by public safety that a professor had picked up the rings for safe keeping. The owner of the rings was notified and recovered his property from public safety.

Theft: A female student living in the NKU Residence Halls reported to public safety the theft of \$100 worth of clothes from the laundry room in the East Commons. The clothes were left in the laundry room for approximately eight hours. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal Mischief: An unknown person(s) had turned on a water valve on the second floor of the F-Wing, causing water to pour downstairs into the first floor hallway and lobby area. The damage is estimated at \$250.

Criminal Mischief: While attending a play in the Fine Arts building, a passenger-side window was broken out of a female student's vehicle, which was parked in lot B. The student had no idea who may have done the damage. The estimated cost of damage was \$150.



Public Safety Officer John A. Trapp

Public Safety Officer John Trapp came to NKU in February 1981. Since that time Officer Trapp has completed several law enforcement classes. Officer Trapp has assisted in providing security details during campus visits of noted political officials, also assisting local law enforcement agencies on various requests. He said he is very willing to assist new students and faculty in any way he can.

Officer Trapp graduated from Morehead State University in 1974 with a B.A. degree in secondary education. In 1987 he began pursuing a Master's degree in secondary education. At this time Officer Trapp is six hours from completion of this degree.

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Opinion

The Dorm Scandal: A Real Stinker

The following column is reprinted from The Lexington Herald-Leader.

Normally, a dormitory doesn't begin to smell bad until students have had time to load it up with dirty laundry and moldy pizza. The new dorm at Northern Kentucky University is unique in that respect. This dorm stinks to high heaven before it's been built.

The NKU dorm deal is a controversy wanting to be a scandal. The only thing holding it back is that the entire episode is nearly impossible to understand. There are characters in four states. There is a person named Booth and one named Boothe. There are documents that look

like an accountant's nightmare.

A friend who works at a bank in Louisville summarized what she knew of the NKU dorm. Speaking for most Kentuckians, she said: "All I know is that two companies wanted to build a dorm at NKU, and the one that gave a lot of money to Wallace Wilkinson got the job."

That's about right. What essentially happened is that several companies bid for the opportunity to build a \$13.2 million dormitory at NKU. The board of directors at the college clearly preferred one company's proposal. It was cheaper, better built and fit more exactly with the university's plans.

It was not the bid, however, favored by the state finance cabinet. In particular, it was not the bid favored by Cabinet Secretary Rogers Wells. Well's office ordered a new bid between the company favored by NKU (Pulliam Investments) and the company favored by Wells (Graves/Turner Developments of Lexington).

Given a second bite at the apple—and, it turned out, given a copy of Pulliam's bid—Graves/Turner beat the South Carolina firm by \$60,000. NKU officials still thought the Graves/Turner building was second to Pulliam's in quality, design and function. They figured the difference

in quality was so great that it would cost several million dollars more over 20 years to maintain the Graves/Turner project.

No matter. Wells and the Finance Cabinet wanted Graves/Turner (a fact all but acknowledged by NKU officials in correspondence), and Graves/Turner is who they picked. The question now is whether the reasoning that went into making that decision broke the law. A federal grand jury begins its investigation of the NKU dorm bid today.

The question that won't be answered by a grand jury, however, is the one posed

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Teachers Negative NKU Opinions Are Powerful

Dear Editor,

As an adult student at NKU and the parent of two young adult students here, I feel blessed to have access to a local college with such reasonable tuition fees. When I finished high school, NKU was not in existence, so many young people of my generation in Northern Kentucky could not afford to leave town in order to receive an education, nor could they attend private colleges in this area. For this reason, I feel a dedication to the school.

Unfortunately, I have experienced an attitude on the part of some instructors here that this is not such a quality institution from which to receive an education. They are hinting that a degree from NKU is perhaps not of much value in the real world. In actuality, I can relate several personal success stories to them. Oftentimes, I have heard students echoing these same negative sentiments. I have found this attitude from teachers to be demoralizing for students who look to and depend upon teachers as advisers and authority figures. Nobody expects, at all times, blind loyalty from all faculty members, but it is important for faculty to have confidence in the institution which employs them. One can maintain high standards and yet be flexible. I would like to ask teachers to be aware of the powerful effect of their opinions upon and statements to students.

Maureen Gerrein

What ever happened to Gripe Day?

Dear Editor,

I was a student representative on Student Government a few years ago. I remember having discussions concerning what we call "Gripe Day." This day would be a day when students would be able to voice their opinions about various aspects of campus life. Once again I will state: voice their opinions. Then we discussed how to go about trying to remedy the situations that students found to be unfavorable. When we held our version of "Gripe Day," we had a reasonable turnout unlike this semester. Students voiced their opinions about the food, the parking situation and various other campus aspects. Student Government then did what we could by talking to various people who held positions of authority. In some areas, we gained ground and in others we gained little or nothing. However, we did try to accomplish something and had the backing of the students' opinions. Somewhere between then and now, some faculty and staff have seen these attempts at gaining a better student life as outward attacks on the faculty and staff. I think that has caused many students to shut up. Many students realized that some time in their career as a

student he or she will have "Dr. So and So." "Dr. So and So" may remember the gripe submitted and consequently fail the student. They may park just a little on the grass and get that ticket. Many students began to have fears. Student Government then worked hard the next year to help cancel those fears. I worked as hard as I could even though I was not a member of Student Government to get students to voice their opinions and take a stand. I did this for two years outside of and with the permission of Student Government. The turnout for the next two years was quite significant. I am in no way giving myself a pat on the back. I want students to realize that they are the ones who make it all happen. Last time "Gripe Day" was held, many of the students opinions on campus life were shot down. Yet everyone wonders why nothing ever happens around here. Everyone wonders why nothing ever changes. Well, the reason is very simple. There is no cooperation between the students and many of the faculty/staff.

One of the most disturbing things about this campus is what is happening to the grounds. All we see is that blasted concrete. It is my opinion that instead of tearing up the ground and building more parking lots, we should have some sort of structure. I would love to see a little grass and a few trees every once in a while. I realize many people don't share my opinion. This is my opinion, not yours. I also believe that more money should be spent toward the educational aspects of our campus. I don't recall this as one of the questions on the questionnaire. One professor last year jumped on the parking situation like it was the last bastion. Why isn't that professor working on the educational aspects of the campus anyhow. Why didn't he differentiate between campus life and the educational aspects. They are not the same. One is social and one is educational.

There, I stated my opinions without fear. Now, I would like to see some student-faculty/staff cooperation. I would also like to see other students stand up for what they believe to be right and stand against what they see as wrong. After all, students pay for their education, not the staff. Students pay for the salaries around here, not the staff. Students have the right to voice their opinions, and if they are shot down, they have the right to stand up for what they believe. Faculty/staff have the right to cooperate and have their own opinion but don't pay the salaries around here. If there is no cooperation, then something must be done. I remember a time when we looked to teachers for guidance through education, not a personal Jesus. Gripe Day has turned into another controlled aspect of student life. **Students**, what is your opinion?

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Letters to the Editor:

All letters must be typed and limited to 200 words or less. Letters are due in The Northerner office Thursday. Each letter must include the author's name and phone number. We can, under special circumstances, protect the author's anonymity. The editorial staff reserves the right not to publish any letter if the above criteria are not met. Letters to the Editor are encouraged and welcomed.

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From SG To You

Care Packages Sent To Middle East

Dear Students,

Alcohol Awareness Week concluded March 1. SG would like to thank Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Phi Alpha for sponsoring events during the week's activities. Congratulations to Julie Caudill for winning the AT tricycle race.

SG sent out the first set of "care packages" to six students serving in the Middle East. The care packages consist of campus literature to keep students informed of issues on campus while they are away. SG will send out the care packages again on March 14. Any student organization can participate in this worthwhile project by dropping off a newsletter in the SG office.

Kristi Eubanks was appointed Resident Hall Council chairperson at the Feb. 25 SG meeting. The Resident Hall Council sponsored a Gripe Day for resident students on Feb. 21, and results were sent to Director of Residential Life Patty Haden. If a resident student missed Gripe Day, they can still voice their concerns by contacting Eubanks in the SG offices, 572-5149.

Currently, SG is seeking students to serve as safety escorts for evening students who wish to have protection when walking across campus. If interested, please call Wendi Staubitz at 572-5149. All escorts are subject to a screening process by the Department of Public Safety.

Sincerely,
Michelle Deeley
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Features

Black History Holds Strong Message

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STAFF WRITER

"The mind is a terrible thing to waste," was the theme of keynote speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud's speech, using the well-known motto from the United Negro College Fund.

Russell-McCloud spoke at the Black History Month dinner, Feb. 27, in the University Center Ballroom, using this theme throughout her motivational speech to put emphasis on the importance of an education and the need for leadership from African-American students in attendance.

"I invited Russell-McCloud to NKU so students, faculty and staff could hear her motivational message," said Teretha Prioleau, minority student affairs coordinator at NKU.

According to a press release, Russell-McCloud is president of Russell-McCloud and Associates, a motivational speaking and training professional association based in Atlanta, Ga. She is certified to practice before the United States Supreme Court. She holds over 75 keys to American cities and she is most noted for her speech, "If Not You—Who, If Not Now—When?"

"This is a celebration of African-American history, and we know it ranges from the contributions of 'he-ros

and she-ros,' from the noted to the unsung," Russell-McCloud said.

"When Martin Luther King declared we do have a right to life, liberty and the

pursuit of happiness, in that happiness certainly there was tied education, because our focus will be in this academic setting. The mind is a terrible thing to waste," she said.

She said the value of education in the future will be very important. Times are changing, she said, because assembly lines are giving way to microchip technology and the 21st century will be an age of robots.

"We do look at change as being the constant for this century, and leadership will be the requirement. The only thing that is going to remain the same is change," Russell-McCloud said.

"We need critical thinkers," she added. "The opportunity is there but will we be prepared to seize it?"

In the year 2000, she said, bigger will not be better. Things will become decentralized, and in turn, will require smaller efforts and team building.

"I am suggesting to you to be a contributing 'he-ro or she-ro' because those who are on snooze are in for a rude awakening, because Monday is coming," she said, referring to Monday as the not so distant future.

"And you begin by knowing that African-American says the last four letters says who we are. It says 'I can,'

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SHAKING HANDS WITH STUDENT LISTENERS— Speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud talks with student Leland Drinkard after the Black History Month dinner. Northerner photo by Larry D. Riley.

NKU Ins And Outs

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Most high school students dream of entering some sort of postsecondary education but are unable to meet their aspirations. Upward Bound hopes to help fulfill their dreams.

Upward Bound is a program designed to enrich and help students achieve success during high school and throughout their continuing education.

Jane Rega, director of Upward Bound, said the program is designed for students who have the potential for college but might not necessarily go.

"The students have borderline grades, but tests show they can go," Rega said. "We want them to find out what it's about. We counsel them."

According to one of their brochures, students begin the program as sophomores or juniors and continue through the summer and after their high school graduation.

"We see something in them for postsecondary programs in college and

specialty schools," Rega said. "Then we pick the program that fits their vocation."

She said it could be a two- or four-year program, a specialty school or even the military.

"All are designed to work with students who need help getting in and staying in," she said.

Currently, there are 50 students in the program from six area high schools.

The difference between Upward Bound and similar programs is the motivation and enrichment activities they provide.

"Talent Search does guidance, we do focus work," Rega said.

According to the brochure, high school sophomores and juniors are eligible based on the following criteria:

- Potential for academic success.
- Interest in attending two-year, four-year, vocational, technical or business school after finishing high school.
- Enrollment in an Upward Bound target high school in Northern Kentucky.

• Family income meets federal guidelines and/or parents did not graduate from college.

"We recruit independently," she said.

There are two types of programs being offered by Upward Bound to help get students on track with their continuing education.

The academic year program is geared to services at selected high schools. According to the brochure, it consists of:

- Tutoring.
- Guidance/Counseling: personal, educational, career, motivational.
- Pre-college Orientation: school selection, entrance test preparation, help in applying for admissions and financial aid.
- They would also attend NKU Saturday sessions—once each semester for special, educational, cultural and/or social activities.

The summer residential program lets students experience NKU by spending six weeks on campus to:

- Study cultural heritage, the arts,

technology and computers.

• Enrich basic skills in communication, mathematics, reasoning, analysis.

• Develop career awareness and college plans.

• Attend cultural activities and dramatic and musical performances.

• Participate in local and out-of-town field trips.

There is also a special program designed for Upward Bound participants after high school graduation.

The brochure states "Bridge Summer," which takes place during the summer after their senior year, allows students to enroll at NKU for six hours of regular college courses. Even though they are college freshmen, they participate in related Upward Bound activities. Fees for tuition, books, room and board are covered through Upward Bound.

Rega said interested students can pick up and return applications until March 22 at the Covington campus or call 572-5186.

Upward Bound Reaches Out



BREAKING A LEG—Kate Adams, along with other cast members, perform in the play "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder. "Our Town" is just one of the many NKU plays that have been very successful. NKU presented "The Boys from Syracuse," "Fallen Angels," and "The Cherry Orchard" earlier this year. The Y.E.S. Play Festival will arrive in April. Northerner photo by Larry D. Riley.

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NKU Student Feelings Mixed About Video

MARLENE KINMAN
STAFF WRITER

Audience reactions were mixed when a Kentucky writer spoke to students in the BEP auditorium Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Maysville resident Ed McClanahan spoke, read from a work "in progress" and showed a 40-minute video *Too Much of a Good Thing* in which he starred. His visit was sponsored by the Department of Literature and Language.

He brought the creators of the video with him: Tom Thurman, director; Tom Markesbury, screenwriter; and Frank Schaap, song writer.

In *Too Much of a Good Thing*, which Kentucky Educational Television has shown, McClanahan played Dr. Philander C. Rexroat, the coarse character he created in his comic novel, *The Natural Man*.

"The acting was atrocious," said Tom Sturm, a senior biology major.

"The only good part was when he read from his stories. If he had only read more of his work and talked about his work, it would have been great," Sturm said.

"It looked like a cheap porno without the sex," said Amy Arlinghaus, who said she saw the presentation for her literature and film class and again for her regional American literature class.

"I was disgusted that the speaker was paid money. It was an absolute waste," said Ali Petrie, a senior English and psychology major.

"I wish he had read more, as well. He's

an excellent writer," said Danny Miller, assistant professor of English.

"We asked him to show the movie. The film had been shown elsewhere. We were under the impression that the film was perhaps of a little more quality than it was," Miller said.

However, Miller said he does not feel money was wasted.

"I feel that people must open themselves up to experiences. Not liking something may be as much a learning experience as liking something, and I heard several people in the audience felt it was very funny," Miller said.

The lecture series is for the students," Miller said. "Most often students do not attend unless forced to by teachers, and we don't always have to like something in order to get some sort of intellectual stimulation out of it."

McClanahan, recipient of Stanford University's Wallace Stegner Fellowship for Creative Writing, in 1962, explained how *The Natural Man* was over 30 years in the making.

McClanahan said he got the idea for the book and for Rexroat from a character he saw in a sex education movie (*Mom and Dad*) in Brooksville, Ky., when he was 15 years old.

That was in 1948, and the movie was shown to male and female segregated audiences, McClanahan said.

McClanahan ran across the movie two more times, in Paris in 1953 and in

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"Students, you need to be bilingual," she said. "You will need a second language so you can communicate with persons around the globe. Language is important because it gives culture."

Quoting Frederick Douglas, Russell-McCloud said, "In life, you may not get everything you work for, but you're going to work for everything you get."

"So students, this is the reality of Monday," she said.

"Many have died so that Nat Turner could revolt, and Nat Turner revolted so that Rosa Parks could sit down, and she sat down so that Dr. King could march, and he marched so that Jesse Jackson could run and Jesse ran so that you could fly," she said.

She said the last step of success is a sense of self that students will need.

"This is what Black History Month is about," she added. "It is a responsibility to know sense of self."

In closing, Russell-McCloud said thank you to the audience in 11 different languages; from Chinese to German, and made sure everyone knew that life is not all good.

"Vision 2000, the mind is a terrible thing to waste," she said.

and I am suggesting we must because we're not an accident," Russell-McCloud said.

She said to become a part of the 21st century's reality, we all must be able to respond past the basics.

"The mind is a terrible thing to waste, because guess who's coming to the classroom, to the community, it will not only be the African-Americans, but the Asians and Hispanics as well. Around the globe there is going to be one sign and it will read: 'If you can't deliver, don't advertise,'" she said.

Education will be the key to make it in work force 2000, she added, and students have to make the deposit and keep the candles burning bright for others to follow.

"We're clear that now survival is an art and to survive takes an artist, and you won't be able to win tomorrow's wars with yesterday's weapons," Russell-McCloud said. "Leadership is not a personality, it is a performance, and when we see it, we know that Monday is coming."

She emphasized to the students attending they must follow their dreams and their minds are like parachutes; they only function when they are open.

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Sports

NKU To Host NCAA Tourney

Lady Norse Capture GLVC Crown

JOHN REITMAN
STAFF WRITER

"There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place like home." Made famous in 1939 by Judy Garland in *The Wizard of Oz*, these words might be heard again in the halls of Albright Health Center this week as the NKU athletic department "clicked its heels" and found themselves in an unexpected place — Regents Hall.

Headed into the last weekend of the season all the 12th-ranked Lady Norse had to do to assure themselves of an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II tournament was to win its final two games.

The Norse knew, however, that their opponent Saturday, IPFW, owner a 19-8 overall record and an early season win over first-place Bellarmine, would be no pushover. But what better way to stake their claim to a tournament appearance than by winning the season finale with the players' families in attendance for the annual parents' night festivities.

The Lady Norse survived a 14-7 IPFW run to open the second half, which cut the Norse lead to two points, to post a 68-52 win over the Lady Dons.

The NKU win made the automatic berth to the tournament, which accompanies the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship, Bellarmine's to lose.

But the Belles had to face St. Joseph's at Alumni Hall in Rensselaer, Ind., where the Lady Pumas typically draw some of the largest and most vocal crowds for women's games (as well as men's) in the conference, and rarely lose. The Lady Pumas had a 39 game home-court winning streak until NKU beat them 72-69 Feb. 9.

NKU, 22-5 overall and 16-2 in the GLVC, entered Saturday's game in a tie for first place with Bellarmine, but the Belles, in the event of a tie, would get the nod for the automatic bid because of its two head-to-head wins over the Norse.

While players were filtering from the locker room after the game, the call came in to the scorer's table. St. Joseph's 76-Bellarmine 69. And it was announced to the 1,200, or so, fans in attendance that the Lady Norse were the undisputed 1990-91 GLVC champions.

"We set goals for ourselves at the beginning of the season," Kristy Wegley said. "And one of them was to win the conference outright."

The loss cost the 6th-ranked Belles not only the conference championship, but also the number one seed and the chance



MAKING IT TO THE BASKET—Libby Moses drives the lane against IPFW on Saturday. *Northerner* photo by Larry D. Riley.

to be the host team of the Great Lakes Region. Late Sunday night the regional pairings were announced and Bellarmine, who previously had been ranked first in the region, was named the number-two seed. And NKU, who is seeded first was named as the surprise host.

Coach Nancy Winstel, with fists clenched in triumph, "high fived" assistant coach Melissa Fleming, then rushed into the locker room to tell her team the news.

"I think we deserve it," Freppon said Saturday when the regional site was undetermined and popular thought had Bellarmine as the host. "They did beat us twice, but we won our conference."

By clinching the GLVC championship, the Norse will be appearing in the NCAA tournament for the sixth time in Winstel's eight-year tenure at NKU. And this year's senior class of Wegley, Melissa Slone, Libby Moses and Christie Freppon will be going to the tournament for the third time in their four years at NKU.

The Lady Norse will play their first

game at 5:45 p.m. Friday against the region's number four seed Northern Michigan.

The Lady Dons did their best, however, to foil NKU's chances for a championship Saturday by seizing advantage of, what Freppon described as the Lady Norse being "tense" because of the added pressure of playing in front of their families.

"I played tense the whole game," Freppon said, who averages 50 percent shooting from the floor but shot just 21.4 percent Saturday. "It took me out of my game. I think everyone (for NKU) was like that."

IPFW was without the services of its second-leading scorer, Robin Scott, who was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons. Scott averaged 15.5 points, six rebounds, led the team in blocked shots and was second in steals through 24 games before being dismissed.

But it was the 21 points per game average of Lisa Miller that had Winstel concerned. And it was Norse guard

Annie Levens who drew the assignment to guard Miller. Sticking to Miller like glue all night, Levens held Miller to 12 points. Levens also had seven rebounds for the Norse and she led NKU with 11 steals and nine assists.

"Friday, after practice, we were watching videotapes (of IPFW)," Levens said, "and coach told me I needed a picture of her (Miller) to go home with because she said 'you're going to stick on her and not get off her all night.'"

Miller is the type of person, (that) if you harass her you can get her out of the team's offense. I think I contained her pretty well, and when she did get the ball I think she was kind of surprised."

Two free throws by Valerie Gaerke, after the first of two technical fouls called on IPFW's Shelly Sands, gave the Norse a 31-16 lead with 4:50 left in the first half. The Norse failed to score another point before halftime, as the IPFW defense collapsed around the middle anytime the Norse tried to get the ball inside. Failing to capitalize on this opportunity, as well,

Newcomers To Provide Punch

MATT BOHMER
STAFF WRITER

NKU baseball coach Bill Aker just doesn't know how well his team will fare this season.

In the NCAA Division II preseason poll, NKU's baseball team is ranked 19th in the nation and is second behind Lewis University in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU returns 19 players from last year's 36-17 squad that made it to the South-Atlantic regional for the second year in a row.

"A lot of kids really haven't played for us," Aker said. "Their stats (from other schools) say they can play, but we don't know what they can do."

Aker is speaking of outfielders Terry Chernenko, identical twins Steve and Jim Wintermute and catcher Mike Pogachar.

Chernenko, a junior college transfer from Cuyahoga Community College, hit .342 last year and will be counted on to roam center field, Aker said.

Jim Wintermute, who transferred from Monroe Community College, was the leading hitter in the nation in junior college with a .520 batting average in 1989 and is a leading candidate to play right field.

Steve Wintermute, also from Monroe, was an All-American last year at the New York school could, also see some action in the outfield.

Pogachar hit .400 for Cuyahoga last season and will share time behind the plate with senior John Heeter, who was an All-Region and All-GLVC first baseman in 1990.

Heeter thinks the newcomers to the team are doing well.

"They have good work habits," Heeter said, "and everybody seems to mesh real well."

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Aker must also shore up the left side of his infield. Junior Randy Cox will get the first shot at shortstop, and sophomore Jimmy Smith will start the year at third.

Cox hit .257 with two home runs last season in limited action and Smith played in 19 games in 1990.

Aker said the experienced pitching staff will be the team's strength this season.

Senior right-hander Alex Lentsch should be called the team's ace. The All-South Atlantic Region performer was 7-1 last year with a 3.22 ERA in nine starts and struck out 42 in 50 1.3 innings of work.

Dan Gill, a senior right-hander, and Jim Demler, a senior lefty, will also be counted on to start. Gill was 2-3 in 10

starts and Demler was 4-0 and had 35 strikeouts in seven starts last season.

Junior right-hander Joe Renner, last year's closer out of the bullpen, will move into a starters role this season. He was 2-1 with six saves last season.

Sophomore right-hander Brian Thompson, a transfer from Ashland University, will round out the starting rotation. Thompson pitched against NKU in 1989 as a freshman for AU.

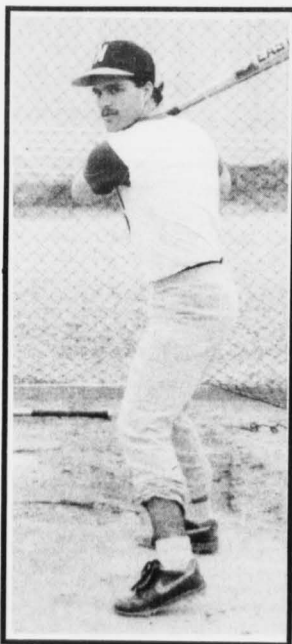
Senior southpaw Dale Losey and freshman right-hander Sean Mullins will split time as the team's closer. Losey was 2-2 with two saves and a 3.95 ERA out of the bullpen last season.

Heeter and senior second baseman Brian Haigis will solidify the right side of the infield for Aker. Haigis hit .311 and stole 23 bases last season and Heeter hit .384 and had 18 home runs with 65 RBI.

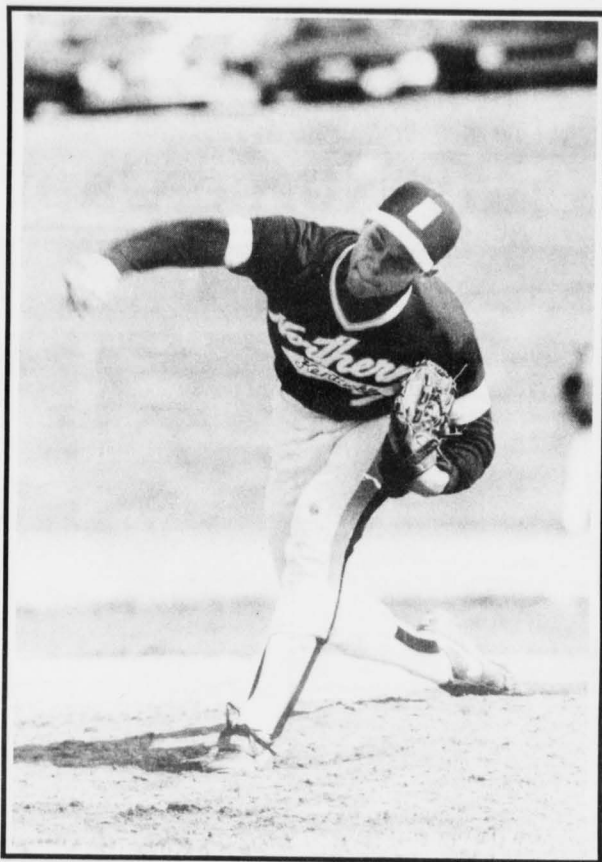
Sophomore Brannon Hicks is the lone returning outfielder from 1990. He hit .286 with three home runs and swiped 12 bases.

Junior Pat Berry was redshirted last season and sat out with a shoulder injury. Berry hit .317 in 47 starts as a sophomore and could see some action at the designated hitter slot.

Junior Bryan Norton provides Aker with some depth in the outfield and at second and third. He hit .308 with 17 RBI last season and is another candidate for



Mark Jenkins
Northerner photo by
Larry D. Riley.



PITCHING TO VICTORY—Alex Lentsch should be the ACE in the NKU rotation. Photo courtesy of NKU.

the designated hitter role.

According to Aker, a fast start is one key to the season.

"I think we can be good," he said. "We need to win one of the first two against a Division I (school) and get some confidence."

NKU opens against Xavier University on Wednesday, March 6 followed by Miami (Ohio) University on Friday, March 8.

The players are expressing confidence already.

"We'll be in contention for the conference title," said senior co-captain Haigis. "I think people will be surprised at how good we are. We have a lot of depth. We have three outfielders and two or three infielders who could start for a lot of other teams that aren't starting for us."

Heeter had no doubt in his voice when he said, "I think we're going to the series (Division II World Series)."

Aker also said pitching and an

additional run producer is needed.

"A key will be finding a third and a fifth place hitter to protect Heeter," he said, "and our pitching (staff) has got to the job, we think they can do."

Conference play for the Norse starts Saturday, March 23 when NKU hosts Kentucky Wesleyan College in a twin bill.

NKU has moved to a different region and the team seems to be happy about it and they feel it is not as difficult as the South-Atlantic region.

When, the 6-foot-4, 225-pound, Heeter was asked about the new region, he just smiled and said, "Much better."

Aker said Lewis' first-place GLVC ranking is justified but also said Indianapolis University, ranked third in the preseason GLVC poll, is strong.

However, Aker isn't worrying about his team's chances this season.

"We can be in the top four," he said. "I think we'll be all right but you just don't know till they play together."

Former NKU Players Find Bush Leagues Tough

MATT BOHMER
STAFF WRITER

Almost every young baseball player dreams of making it to the major leagues.

Four former NKU baseball players are trying to reach that goal now as they struggle through life in the minor leagues.

Outfielder Alan Hayden and pitcher Chris Hook are in the Reds organization. Outfielder Arturo Caines is in the Detroit Tigers farm system. Tim French was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in June 1990 and is still playing for them.

Hayden has been in the minors for six years. He steadily moved up with the New York Mets but was traded to the Reds two years ago and has run in to some obstacles. He had been an every-day player with the Mets, but since joining the Reds, he has been platooning and doesn't understand why.

He went to the Reds scouting director for some answers but was told to talk to his manager. However, Hayden said he felt uncomfortable talking to the manager during the season.

"They (Reds) weren't straight with you," he said. "They wouldn't tell you anything, but the Mets would tell you a lot."

When traded to the Reds, he started with AA Chattanooga. During the middle of the season, he was moved up to AAA

Nashville and played every day for a week. After that, he started platooning.

In 50 games with Nashville, he hit .246 and had 13 stolen bases. Hayden expected to be with Nashville again this season but was disappointed and again was assigned to Chattanooga. He appeared in 80 of the team's 144 games hitting .270 with 24 stolen bases.

He has not given up his dream of playing in the major leagues and still hopes for his big chance. He just feels he needs to be an every-day player to be effective.

Caines was signed by the Detroit Tigers two years ago while playing winter baseball in the Dominican Republic. He was assigned to the rookie league team in Bristol, Tenn.

In 190 at-bats, he hit .250 with six home runs, six doubles, four triples and 24 RBI. He was assigned to their AA team in Fayetteville to start last season but finished the year with their A team in Niagara Falls. There he hit .215 with five home runs, 23 doubles and 48 RBI.

The Fayetteville coach released Caines after last season.

Despite the problems faced in the Tiger organization, Caines still believes in his playing ability.

"I just have to get my head together," he said. "It's more mental than physical. I have to get ready to go in and play."

Hook was signed after his junior year at NKU and was assigned to the Red's rookie team in Plant City, Fla. In 14 games, he was 4-1 with a 3.18 ERA with 39 strikeouts and 17 walks.

This past season he was moved up to the A team in Charleston, W. Va. He struggled early in the season but did well at the end, and finishing 6-5 with a 4.07 ERA. He had 87 strikeouts and 62 walks in 119 innings pitched.

Hook said rookie-ball was a lot like college baseball, but A-ball is like taking the best player off each college team and putting them at each position.

He wasn't used to the many fans (2,000 per game) like there were at Charleston. He said there weren't many fans at Plant City.

Hook said it took him about five starts to feel comfortable. In fact, the night before his first start he dreamt a fan was yelling at him on the mound saying, "Give 'em the Hook."

Among other problems, Hook had difficulty finding a roommate he could trust. At the end of the season, his roommates left him with the electric and phone bills in his name and they didn't leave any money for the bills.

Hook said he became mentally tired over the course of a long season, but since he is a starting pitcher, he gets a lot of days off and never was physically

tired.

He said the keys to his success is to throw strikes and to constantly work hard. He doesn't want to work hard one day and come back the next and take it easy.

"Even if you're the best, you need to work a little harder," he said. "You can't be good enough."

French was drafted in June by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He spent the summer in Florida with their Rookie League affiliate, the Bradenton Pirates.

He struggled to a 2-6 record with a 3.20 ERA in 49 innings pitched. He then pitched for the Pirates' Instructional League team from the middle of September to the end of October.

French pitched better at this higher level earning a 3-1 record with a 1.70 ERA in 27 innings pitched.

"The first time I was nervous," French said, "but the second time I was playing against better competition and I had to play better."

French said he lost eight to nine pounds the first two weeks of Rookie League and had to pitch closer in the strike zone because it was much smaller compared to college.

Teammates on the Instructional League team included Mike Roesler and Jeff Richardson, the two ex-Reds who were traded to the Pirates for World Series hero Billy Hatcher.

French said he expected the players

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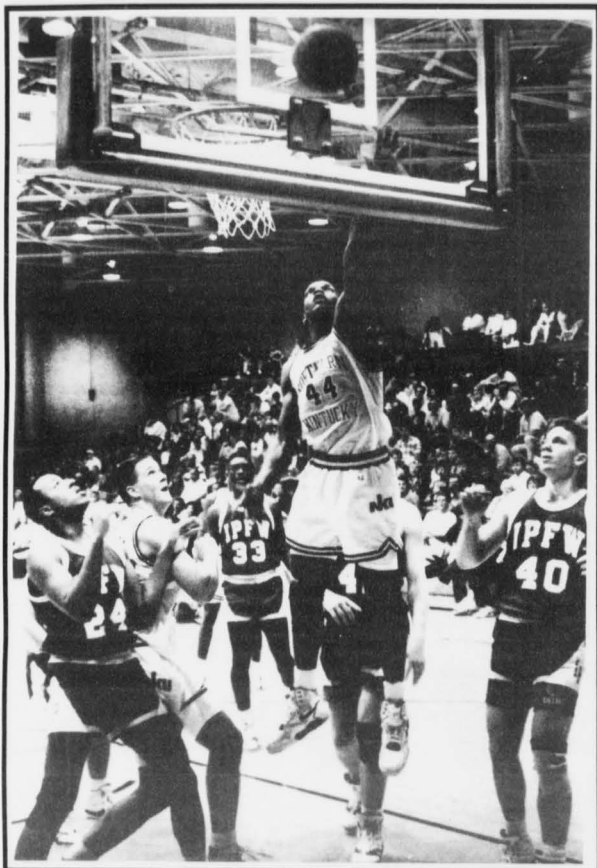
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Norse Use Quickness To Slip Past IPFW, 83-75



UP FOR TWO POINTS— David Marshall scores two of his game-high 26 points against IPFW on Saturday. Northerner photo by Larry D. Riley.

BRIAN NEAL SPORTS EDITOR

Smaller in stature, the NKU men's basketball team used its quickness to neutralize visiting IUPUI-Ft. Wayne's size advantage and post an 83-75 win on Saturday.

Northern started the game cold, hitting only two of their first 18 shots, but junior David Marshall decided to take matters into his own hands. Marshall, a 6-foot-4 forward, was hot and he stayed hot. He scored a game-high 26 points, hitting a perfect 8 of 8 shots from the field while knocking down 9 of 10 free throws.

"I was wanting the ball, but I try to blend in and let the game come to me," Marshall said. "This time I forced the action and good things happened."

Marshall who was named Tri-Player of the Week in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and NCAA Division II Defensive Player of the Week, has really turned his game up a notch, especially, on offense as the season has worn on.

"Basically, I was a little timid at first and was just trying to fit in. But as the season went on, my scoring started to pick up.

"I'm just hitting my shots and making free throws. After the Kentucky Wesleyan game, coach (Dave) Bezold worked with me on my shots and it has paid off," Marshall said.

Like other NKU opponents, IPFW decided they would try to punch the ball inside against the smaller Norsemen.

Doug Reincke, a 6-foot-9 220-pound center, scored a team-high 21 points on 7-of-9 shooting.

The Mastodons built a 19-10 lead with 7:55 remaining in the first half before NKU caught fire. Over the next two minutes Northern attacked the basket and scored on three three-point plays, including a Ron Marbreby dunk, to take the lead, 20-19.

Then Marshall hit a three-point goal and completed another three-point play to put NKU up for good.

Marbreby, who scored 22 points, has become a pleasant surprise for NKU.

"I think Ron is turning into a fine player," Northern coach Ken Shields said. "He's a quick leaper who plays bigger than his (6-foot-4) size."

IPFW shot only 31 percent from the field but made 14 of 14 free throws to stay close. In fact, the Mastodons ran their free throw streak to 18 in the second half before Kevin Shank shanked two freebies. Down the stretch, though, IPFW made 9 of 17 free throws.

In the second half, IPFW went on a 9-0 run to cut NKU's lead to cut the lead to 56-51. After a Northern breakdown, IPFW threw a full-court pass to John Hohnstreiter for a dunk, trimming the deficit to 70-69. But Northern kept going to the basket and drawing fouls to hold on for the win.

Despite a 13-15 record, the Norsemen are still hustling and aren't going to give half-hearted efforts.

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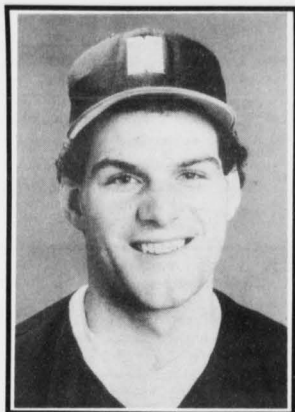
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Thompson Trades Purple For Gold

**BRIAN NEAL
SPORTS EDITOR**

tournament the past two years but they



Brian Thompson

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. But, "I was winning, 4-2, when I left in the sixth inning," Northern pitcher Brian Thompson said of his game against NKU when he played for Ashland University.

"But, they brought in a relief pitcher and he gave up three runs in the seventh inning without recording an out. Last year, after I came to Northern, the same guy came in against us and shut us out. After the game, he came up and said 'sorry I couldn't do it for you.'"

That was Thompson's freshman year when NKU was ranked fifth in the country.

This season, Northern is ranked 19th in the country and after sitting out a season, Thompson is ready to contribute.

NKU has beefed up its schedule and will play 11 games against Division I competition. Despite having games against schools like Xavier, Miami of Ohio, Cincinnati and Dayton why, don't you play the University of Kentucky and Louisville?

"They (UK and Louisville) won't play us because they have nothing to gain and everything to lose."

Then why do Cincinnati and Dayton schedule games with the Norsemen?

"They think it's gimmie games," Thompson said. "Lots of teams don't know about us then we beat them and they won't schedule us any more. Now its getting around were a powerhouse and nobody will play us, they are afraid to lose."

NKU has made it to the NCAA

have been unable to get out of its region and into the World Series. Thompson said that gives Northern added inspiration.

"There is more incentive and drive this year," he said. "We're hungry because we get so close (in regional), we want to go to the World Series and win the national championship. It's a big goal, but we have the depth and talent to do it."

"We are going to be deeper. We probably have 18 guys who can start for other colleges but it's not a selfish thing,

we push each other to get better so the team can win," Thompson said.

"I was impressed with the campus and the way they treated me and I was on the opposing team. That was a major factor. I cut it down to Lewis and NKU. I came down and talked to coach (Bill) Aker and John Derks and they made me feel at home."

Thompson does more than play baseball, he also works in the athletic department.

And, a not so major controversy is brewing in the sports information department. It seems that SID J.D. Campbell was an NAIA All-American outfielder at Kansas Newman, and with Thompson as his assistant, it isn't quite clear who is the best player in the office.

"J.D. talks a good game but I think I could take him," Thompson said. Campbell on the other hand admitted that it would take a month or so to get back into shape but after that, Thompson would be in trouble.

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who had been in the pros to be real arrogant, but they were really nice guys. He said they had been there before and they helped him through the minor leagues.

Bruce Kison, his pitching coach, had been a successful pitcher for the Pirates in the late '70s and early '80s.

"He redid all my mechanics and that was a real long drawn out process," French said, "but he would do anything for you. He was more than a coach. He was a friend if you needed a friend."

Kison was even helped French write a resume for a job when he got home.

French said, he will earn between \$950 and \$1,050 a month this season playing in Augusta, Ga. for their A team, which

plays the longest season of Pittsburgh's A clubs.

The players stayed in a renovated hotel which the Pirates own, he said. They receive three catered meals a day but he said they rarely ate anything more than breakfast.

French said he hopes to finish school in the winter when he's not playing and said the Pirates have agreed to pay for it during his first two years with the organization.

To keep progressing toward the major leagues, he realizes he has to take a business approach.

"I have a job to do. Somebody in high school is waiting to take my spot," French said. "I just have to stay one step ahead of everybody else."

A Look Back

**KIMBALL PERRY
1982 SPORTS WRITER**

NKU women's basketball coach Jane Meier had a very successful first year as she led her club to a number eight national ranking and their first ever NCAA tournament bid. This season, however, will not be as easy, as she is faced with the problem of replacing four of last years starters.

Those graduates combined to account for 66 percent of that team's offense as well as 57 percent of the rebounding strength. Gone are four-year starters Barb Harkins and Brenda Ryan who averaged 13.7 and 12.3 points respectively. Also center Janet Brungs who averaged 13.9 points and 9.4 rebounds per contest graduated and 7.9 points per game scorer Amy Flaughter left as Northern's all-time assist leader.

Even though many see this as a rebuilding year for the Lady Norse, Meier is much more optimistic.

"Sure it's tough to replace the people we had," Meier said. "They were the core of last year's team. We do, though, have some players who can pick up the slack and we did have a good recruiting year."

Returnees from last year who will be relied upon more heavily this year are few. Senior Nancy Williams, a 5-foot 7-inch guard, and backcourt mate Clare Lester, neither of whom averaged more than seven points last year, are expected to fill the starting guard spots early. Also returning is 5-foot 10-inch Deb Elwer who is expected not to see early action due to arthroscopic surgery performed on her knee recently. These three all saw action as starters at some time last year. Six-foot-two Hilary McHugh is also expected to see more action in the pivot spot.

But another player who will also be returning may well be the key to how successful this squad can be. Nancy Dickman, a 6-foot 1-inch power forward, was averaging 14.7 points and 8.5 rebounds per game before she ended last season in the 11th game due to ligament damage to one of her knees. Up to that point she had been the leading scorer for the Norse and one of the leading rebounders.

"If Nancy returns, it will go a long

A Piece of Lady Norse History

way in determining the success of this year's team," Meier said. "She is the most physical of the returning players and she can rebound and score underneath with anyone."

Nancy Williams, from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School is in agreement with her coach. She pointed out that the major weakness of this team are the relative inexperience and the injuries which have already begun to take their toll.

"The schedule this year is tough and we have a lot of new, inexperienced players," Williams said. "It will take time to mature as a team."

The inexperience Williams speaks of includes those who saw limited time last year as well as the incoming freshmen. All four of the freshmen are considered strong inside players. The best of the group could well be 6-foot 2-inch Beth Dickman. Like her sister Nancy, Beth hails from Covington Holy Cross High School. Beth scored 17 points and pulled down 16.8 rebounds per game in her high school career.

Erlanger Lloyd is the alma mater of 5-foot 10-inch power forward Jackie Botts who turned down an offer to follow her older brother Mike to Louisville. Botts claims a high school average of 17.3 points and 13 rebounds per contest.

Pam King, a 5-foot 11-inch forward out of Louisville Fairdale brings with her an average of 16.8 points and 12.9 rebounds. Sandy Lee comes to Northern from Cawood where she averaged 16.3 points and 8.4 rebounds.

Nancy Williams feels that one of the strengths of this club will be its ability to run and press and utilize their quickness as much as possible.

"We are quick and would like to press all the time," she said. "We've got the guards that can come in and out. We need to get in condition to press the who game if we want to. We'd like to run the ball and we have the players to do it."

The Look Back column is a weekly excerpt from past editions of *The Northerner*.

Bell Says Team Young But Promising

JOHN REITMAN
STAFF WRITER

Youth is usually synonymous with inexperience, but once in a while, even a young team can yield the veteran experience required to win at the championship level.

Young certainly describes the 1991 edition of NKU's fast-pitch softball team. The Norse return 10 players — three seniors, four juniors and three sophomores — from last year's 21-17 squad.

Third-year coach Herb Bell thinks this year's team is well-qualified to compete in the 1991 Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. The top four teams in the GLVC standings will advance to the conference tournament.

"We're awfully young," Bell said, "but we're more experienced than most young teams. We were in every game last year but one. If you take a handful of games (in which NKU lost by one or two runs), instead of being 21-17 we could have been 27-11."

Defending conference champion Ashland, who finished last season ranked 18th in the nation, is favored to repeat as champion, but Bell sees the race as being more wide open.

"Ashland is the team to beat," Bell said. "There are seven legitimate contenders (for the GLVC championship). I consider us one of those teams. We're a competitive team."

Gone from last year are Wendi Lakes, redshirt T.T. Drake, Lyn Gamble and Lisa Barnett are gone from last year's team.

Lakes' .340 batting average was second highest on the team. She led the Norse with four home runs and 25 RBIs. She also led the team in total bases, slugging percentage and game-winning hits.

The Norse were paced by Gamble's .917 (11 for 12) stolen-base percentage, and Barnett took with her an 8-7 record and a 2.24 ERA as a pitcher.

Among this year's key returnees is All-South Region selection Laura Watkins. She led the team last year as a

freshman with a .353 batting average. Also, despite a 7-9 record as a pitcher, she posted a very respectable 2.16 ERA and led the team with 104 innings pitched.

Bell said when Watkins is not pitching, she will share time at first base with Shelly Capasso, a transfer from Ball State University and co-captain Terri Bennett, a senior utility player.

"We're awfully young," Bell said, "but we're more experienced than most young teams."

Another returnee to the NKU pitching staff, which led the GLVC with a 2.11 ERA, is Michelle Angst. She led the Norse last season with a 1.50 ERA. Senior co-captain Barb Fischer returns from last year. She was 3-1 last year with a 2.17 ERA.

Returning at shortstop is All-GLVC performer Linda Schnetzer. Last year, as a sophomore, Schnetzer fashioned a .336 average and was tied for the team lead with 36 hits. Schnetzer, who played for Bell at Mother of Mercy High School in Cincinnati, will be counted upon heavily by the Norse this season.

"I expect a banner year from her this year," Bell said. "And she hasn't disappointed me yet."

The outfield will be anchored this year by junior Julie Thamann in right field, and senior co-captain Leanne Branno, an All-South Region player last year, will be in center. Playing time in left field will be split between Bennett, Fischer and sophomore Cindy Schwendenmann.

The catching position will be split between Bennett and newcomer Amy Klips, a transfer from Ohio University.

Bell is not the only one looking forward to the new season. Schnetzer is also confident of the team's chances this year.

"We have a lot of players who can hit," Schnetzer said. "I don't know if we'll be overpowering, but we can hit."

Last year NKU had a total of five home

runs. Lakes hit four and Barnett hit one; both players were seniors last year.

Sometimes, Bell said, the transition from slow-pitch to fast-pitch softball can be cumbersome for some of the players. One of the reasons for this slow process is there are no fast-pitch softball leagues in Cincinnati, he said. Throughout the summer, the players participate in

teams, Bell said; at any one time there will be 40-50 teams playing there.

NKU's first game in Florida is a doubleheader March 10.

The Norse will then play eight more games in four days. The trip includes two games against Division I Valparaiso and Maine.

"It (the Florida trip) gives us 10 games outside. It's the first time we get outside," Bell said. "After a while, the gym gets kind of old."

Up until the time they leave for Florida, the Norse practice in Albright Health Center.

To have a chance at a successful season, Bell thinks the team must do well on its trip south.

"The importance of the trip is it gets us ready for our conference," Bell said.

The Norse are back from Florida for less than ten days before their GLVC schedule starts. The first home game is Friday, March 22 against Ohio Northern University, and the first GLVC game is Saturday, March 23 at Kentucky Wesleyan.

For the Norse to have a winning season, Schnetzer said it is important for the players not to be intimidated by the other teams, many of which have larger players than NKU.

"You have to be cocky sometimes," she said. "When you have a six-foot girl pitching against you, you can't be intimidated."

various slow-pitch leagues in the area, then must become reoriented to the fast-pitch game.

To mold a group of players into a team that matches the coach's philosophy takes as long as four years, Bell said. The NKU team Bell ultimately wants to see can be described in one word — aggressive.

"I like aggressive offense," he said. "That means swinging the bat early in the count and not taking any pitches."

By being aggressive at the plate, Bell said, the batter cuts down on the chances of a pitcher throwing her best pitch with a two-strike count.

Every year during spring break, the team travels to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Rebel Spring Games to gear up for conference play. The Rebel Spring Games attract as many as 150



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Northern Bids Seniors Farewell

JOHN REITMAN
STAFF WRITER

Saturday night at Regents Hall brought to a close not just another season, but also marked the end of the line for another group of NKU seniors in the annual parent's night.

Playing in their last regular-season games, the NCAA Division II regional tournament will be played this weekend at Regents Hall, were seniors Christie Freppon, Melissa Slone, Libby Moses and Kristy Wegley.

Parent's night is always a special one for all the players, and the seniors especially, as players and their parents are introduced prior to the game.

Then juniors Valerie Gaerke, Annie Levens and Amy Middleton gave their own special tribute to the seniors, presenting each with a bouquet of flowers and light-hearted humorous jabs.

Slone, who had family members from as far away as Georgia in attendance,

said it was nice to have the school acknowledge the accomplishments of its seniors. And she said although her college career, in and out of basketball, has had its "ups and downs" the good times have definitely outweighed the bad.

"The best thing is the friendships I've developed," she said. "I've gotten so much more out of this than just basketball."

"It was really nice," Moses said of the pregame ceremony. "It feels kind of final. But the season's not really over yet. It would probably be different if it really was over. But I don't feel like I'm leaving (the NKU program)," she said, speaking of the this week's tournament.

"It (playing basketball at NKU) has been the best experience of my life," Wegley said. "It's kind of sad that it's over. It makes you feel good that the university thinks that much of you (to hold the ceremony). It really tops off your senior year."

Freppon, who will conclude her career

in the top 10 of virtually every statistical category in NKU basketball was impressed by the evening, because it shows the players as people and not just basketball players.

"(This night meant) everything in the

world to me," Freppon said who had about 30 family members and friends in attendance. "It says a lot for our university. They honor us as people and not just athletes."

NKU's Inside Attack Stuns Ashland

MATT BOHMER
STAFF WRITER

The NKU women's basketball team used solid defense and a potent inside attack to defeat a stubborn Ashland University team, 62-45, Thursday night in Regents Hall.

NKU held the Lady Eagles to 38.5 percent shooting for the night and outscored them 16-8 in the first 12 minutes of the second half to increase their lead to 47-28.

The Lady Norse's biggest weapon during the run was senior forward Christie Freppon. She led the attack with eight points, popping in four from the foul line. Freppon ended up with a game-high 15 points while pulling down 11 rebounds.

Freppon and junior center Amy Middleton were the biggest reasons for NKU's success in the paint. Middleton

added 14 points and six rebounds. The Lady Norse scored only eight points outside of 12 feet in the entire game.

NKU jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead to start the game on two quick baskets by junior forward Valerie Gaerke and four points from Middleton.

AU was able to recover and took the lead, 22-21, on a Jodi Ireland three-pointer with 3:12 left in the half.

"We played a little tense," said coach Nancy Winstel, "and we look tired. It's been a long season."

AU played some defense of their own in the first half, forcing NKU to make 16 turnovers.

Winstel attributed the turnovers to her team rather than the Lady Eagle defense.

"I was really upset with the turnovers," she said. "We were our own worst enemy. They (turnovers) are a coach's nightmare."

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the Lady Dons score only six points in that span cutting the margin to 31-22 at halftime.

The Norse started the second half as flatly as they had ended the first, when a Dawn Dressler field goal cut the lead to 33-36 with 12:50 left in the game. Surprised at the lack of intensity they showed, Winstel called a timeout to recollect the team.

"I don't know what was wrong with them," Winstel said. "Why don't you ask them."

"There were no x's and o's (in the timeout)," she said. "It was simple. I just told them, 'You run down on offense and score. Then you run down, play defense and stop them. We have to make a decision. Do we want to win or just go halfway?'"

Following the timeout the Norse came out and outscored the Lady Dons 10-2 and IPFW was never able to get closer than six points the rest of the way.

The Norse shot a less than impressive 36.4 percent from the floor for the game.

And their inability to hit the outside shot left them somewhat surprised they didn't see IPFW's zone defense more than they did.

"They're a big team," Freppon said. "I don't know why they didn't zone us more. I don't like playing against one. I was surprised."

For most of the game the Lady Dons pressed the Norse trying to create turnovers. Instead the Norse picked apart the IPFW press with relative ease.

"Coach likes teams to press us," Gaerke said. "Coach has a good press break. And we got most of our points off fastbreaks."

"We have five or six different press breaks," Freppon said. "You can't throw one at us that we can't break."

Gaerke led the Norse with 21 points

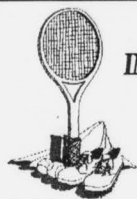
and Freppon led with 11 rebounds. IPFW, who finished the season at 19-9 and 12-6, were led by Kim Recker's 13 points and 12 rebounds.

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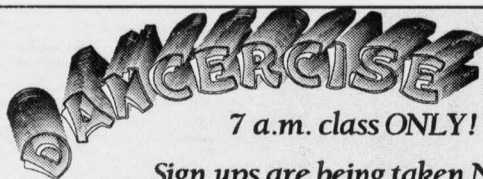


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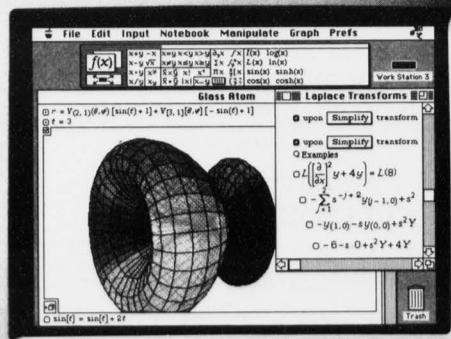
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by Rep. Marshall Long. What happened in state government, Long wants to know, that led to the messy situation. Or, as Long put it, "What went wrong with the process?"

The short and painful answer is that the process was what was wrong with the process. It's easy to sort through the complicated history of the project and find instances of impropriety and bad judgment. But what we know of the NKU dorm scandal now is that it wasn't a case of the system breaking down. The system was never right in the first place.

The sense one gets from the NKU dorm case is that those in political power treat the state as if it were their private hunting preserve. People who work for Graves/Turner and their families gave \$58,000 to various causes of Gov. Wallace Wilkinson. A committee filled with people connected to Graves/Turner and to Wilkinson was established to decide which dorm was best for NKU. And then, in a surprise to absolutely no one, the committee voted to give the \$13.2 million deal to Graves/Turner.

People who objected were swatted like flies. An Atlanta lawyer who does loads of work for Wilkinson administration allegedly threatened the firm Smith Barney with the loss of its billion dollar business in Kentucky after the company object to the way the NKU bid was handled. Smith Barney backed down. (We make money the old-fashioned way: We grovel for it.) Rogers Wells, Rep. Long says, tried to "intimidate" Pulliam into not testifying before a legislative committee. And on and on.

Nothing worked the way it was supposed to, but everything worked the way it was planned—the way it has worked for decades. The only thing that went wrong was that, this time, the stink was too much for even Kentucky to ignore.

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California in 1964. The movie and its characters remained in his mind and eventually influenced him to write *The Natural Man*.

The blurb on the jacket cover describes the language of *The Natural Man*, which was set in rural Kentucky in 1948, as "earthy and colloquial."

McClanahan is also the author of a non-fiction book, *Famous People I Have Known*.

English professor Robert E. Collier said approximately 80 people attended McClanahan's afternoon presentation and about 40 attended in the evening.

Larry Forgy Campaigns For Governor

DIANE GOETZ
ASSISTANT MANAGING
EDITOR

Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy visited the NKU campus March 1 to get acquainted with the students and administration.

Forgy met with members of the press for a brief question and answer session, left for lunch, then returned and toured the campus, meeting students and

administrators.

Most of the press questions pertained to the dorm controversy and Forgy's suggestions for the educational system.

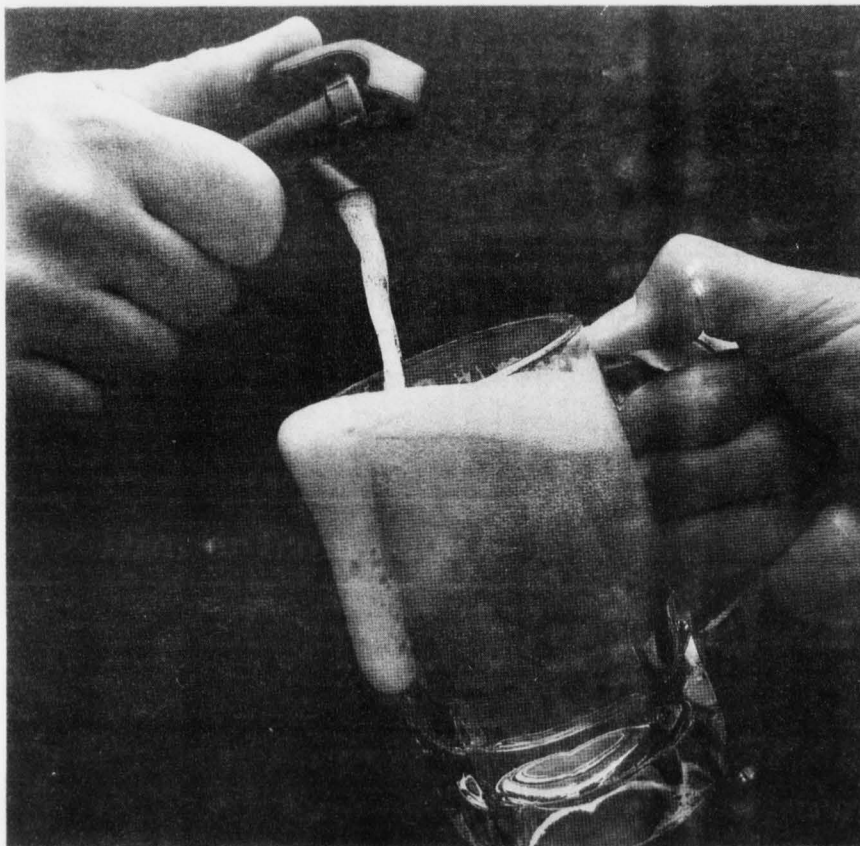
Forgy suggests institutions be more thrifty with the money already allotted to them as opposed to increasing taxes and funding.

Scott Kappas, member of the Chase Republicans, said Forgy is interested in increasing the quality of education without raising taxes. He told students

and administrators they need to improve the system, not raise taxes.

Kappas added Forgy wants higher education institutions to address more of the student concerns.

"Forgy is a Reagan conservative," Kappas said. "He worked on Reagan's 1984 presidential campaign. Because he is so closely associated with the Reagan ideology and has close ties with Reagan, I have a tendency to support him."



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American Youth Lack Physical Strength

ELLEN LINVILLE
STAFF WRITER

A recent national study of physical education shows American children are very weak in upper body strength.

Research also shows four out of five obese children grow up to be obese adults, and this obesity is not only caused by bad nutritional habits but also because children are less active.

Mary F. Kirk, NKU professor of physical education, said American children rank low in all measures of physical fitness compared to children in other countries.

"It's a well known fact in physical education that children's levels of fitness are falling and part of the reason is that they're not getting enough physical activity," Kirk said. "We are real concerned in physical education that kids aren't getting the types of experiences that help them to develop fitness components."

That is one of the reasons she started the Developmental Gymnastics Program for children this spring.

The Developmental Gymnastics Program is an instructional program focusing on developing body awareness, body management and control skills. These skills will be developed through involvement in gymnastic activities such as rolls and by using balance beams, uneven parallel bars, a climbing net and other apparatus.

The program is for girls and boys ages four to twelve. There are eight sessions

which began Feb. 23 and will end April 13. On Saturdays, the elementary class (ages 7-12) meets from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., and the preschool class (ages 4-6) meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Albright Health Center gymnastics room.

"One of the advantages of having the program here is that members can drop their kids off and go work out," Kirk said.

The elementary class fee is \$50 and the preschool class fee is \$40. If more than one family member is enrolled, a \$10 discount will be given to the family.

Children spend too much time watching TV and playing video games, Kirk said. In high school, kids have physical education class only once or twice a week because of budget cuts, and they are not engaging in the types of activities that will keep them physically fit.

Kirk, a former assistant coach of the nationally-ranked Ohio State University women's gymnastic team, and Mary Agricola, an NKU graduate in physical education, along with Michelle Lindle, Alan Cupp and Martha Gay Napier,

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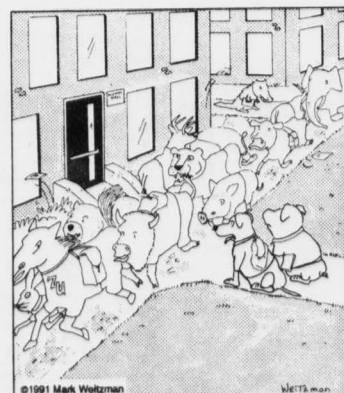
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Speech Team Ranks Third

RAY EGAN
STAFF WRITER

The NKU speech team broke a two-year jinx of finishing fourth in the state speech tournament by placing third, Feb. 23-25, in Lexington.

The team, led by captain Michelle Deeley, placed third in Individual Events, and the debate team finished sixth.

Deeley, a junior from Shepardsville, was instrumental in the team's third-place finish. She captured first in Impromptu Speaking and in Extemporaneous Speaking. Along with these achievements, she also finished fifth in Persuasive Speaking and seventh in Communication Analysis and After Dinner Speaking.

"She did an excellent job. Since she competed in a minimum of five events, she was eligible for the Pentathlon

Event, which is a culmination of all the events," said Durell Hamm, sponsor of the speech team.

Deeley finished sixth in this event, making her the sixth best speaker in the state of Kentucky.

Needless to say, Deeley was not alone at the tournament; it was a team effort in capturing third place. Brian Taylor, a junior from Cincinnati, placed sixth in Debate along with Crystal Litz, a junior from Florence.

Speech team members Jennifer Webb, Dustin LeCander, Julie Goodridge and David Kohl each finished seventh in their respective events.

The speech team traveled to Georgetown College on March 3 and are setting their sights on the national competition in April.

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senior physical education majors, teach the Developmental Gymnastics Program.

The activity level of children is lower because they simply come home from school and watch television or play Nintendo, Agricola said; they do not go outside and play anymore.

Obesity in children is increasing because with both parents working, it's hard for children to have organized exercise habits, Cupp said.

Cupp is the only male instructor, and he said he feels some boys might respond better having a male role model. This program is good because it exposes children to being active, he said, and if we make it fun now, hopefully they will continue to be active in the future.

Since there was such a good response to the sessions, Kirk said, they will offer

the program again in the fall. There is a waiting list now, but parents can sign up their children any time and be placed on the list.

"I really wanted to have a program that was geared towards kids whose parents just want them to have a fun and meaningful experience with movement," Kirk said.

Kirk plans to start two more programs in the future. One will be an adapted physical education program for students with disabilities and the other will be for senior citizens.

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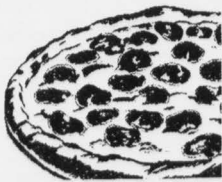


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