

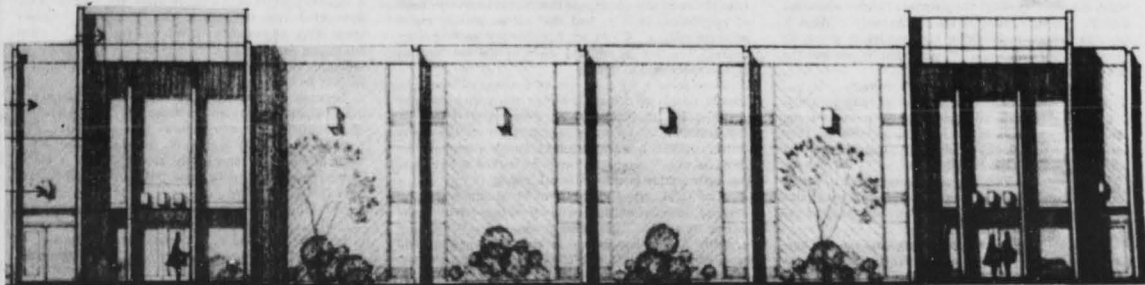
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Northern Kentucky University

NKU receives HUD loan for three dorms



by Corky Johnson

In a Monday morning announcement, NKU President A.D. Albright confirmed Northern has received a \$4.7 million Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant enabling the university to build three dormitories.

Albright said the dorms, which will house about 400 students, could be completed as early as the spring of 1981.

"This means that the University now can escape the label of a 'community college' and is, in fact, truly a university," said John P. DeMarcus, vice-president of administrative affairs.

Northern was ranked 13 on HUD's priority list among 203 applicants for housing funds, Albright said. Only 25 universities were granted loans.

DeMarcus told *The Northerner* that NKU was one of only two schools in Kentucky to be awarded the low-interest federal loans. The University of Kentucky was also given a \$4.3 million grant.

"NKU received the largest loan in the U.S. It is the maximum we could have requested under HUD guidelines," DeMarcus said.

According to DeMarcus, the HUD loan in reality acts as a grant because Northern will only be responsible for 3 percent of the interest rate. Interest will be paid over a 40 year period.

"It's technically a loan, but I consider it a grant," DeMarcus said, adding, "It will in no way cost the University anything."

Although housing fees have not been decided upon, DeMarcus explained the 3 percent interest rate will be easily covered by student receipts from the dorms.

Details of the dormitories are now sketchy, but current blue-prints show them to be three story "low rise" units constructed of wood and masonry. Each of the three building will house approximately 140 students.

DeMarcus said these are basic concepts and are not workable construction drawings.

The final plans will be decided by DeMarcus' office and NKU's Foundation Building Committee. DeMarcus is at this time not sure what role the Foundation Committee will play in deciding the plans for the buildings.

Sites for dorm construction have been narrowed down to two locations. One would place the building along Maintenance Road, on the north side of campus; the other would be in the Keene Complex, where art and

television facilities now stand.

DeMarcus declined comment on which site is preferred.

In look and style the dormitories will be a departure from traditional campus housing, DeMarcus stated. Emphasizing their apartment-like appearance, DeMarcus said, "The trend is going away from dorms as they are today. The idea is to accent rather than duplicate the campus proper."

DeMarcus said, he would feel badly if the dormitories are not better than those found in the rest of the state.

Pointing to the necessity of dormitories DeMarcus said, "It will enable the University to better serve the needs of all the people, specifically the underprivileged, foreign students, and those students in the outlying counties or others including the handicapped who have difficulty with transportation problems."

No plan has been set for accepting housing applicants but DeMarcus added, "We're going to have a waiting list as soon as we are open."

A recent survey of NKU students polling

their desire to live on-campus had only an 8 percent return. But DeMarcus said previous surveys have shown a great interest among students for campus housing.

DeMarcus encouraged students with ideas concerning plans for the dormitories to contact his office.

Northern applied for the grant in 1977 under the Loans for College Housing Programs passed by Congress in 1950. Until this current batch of money was made available, the fund had been dried up for nearly a decade.

Quest begins for campus radio

NKU, through the office of the provost, has taken the first step in acquiring an on-campus public radio station.

Douglas Vernier, director of broadcasting at the University of Northern Iowa, has been hired as a consultant to assist in obtaining a license and to make general recommendations for overall operation. He met with Dr. Janet Travis, provost, and members of the communications program last Friday.

"Northern applied for a 2000 watt channel sometime in 1975," Vernier explained, "but at the same time the Cincinnati Bible Seminary applied for a 10 watt channel. Since the applications were mutually preclusive, the FCC [Federal Communications Commission] returned them and asked us to work it out between us."

"An agreement was reached, and papers were sent to the seminary in early August," he said. So far the seminary has not responded.

If approved, the station "will be operated by a full-time professional staff," according to Vernier. "Of course, a great deal must be semi-professional—the intention is to use students. Initially, we need a very qualified staff...we need continuity to be able to prove consistent high quality programming," he added.

Renz explained that "most public stations are run by a full-time professional staff. Nearly all technical and administrative positions are filled by a professional staff; some still have provisions for student internships and practicum."

"In that kind of set-up, students do not have a voice in actual operation—they don't make decisions," said Renz.

The university will be responsible for hiring the staff, and may provide programming recommendations, according to Renz.

Funding for the station would be provided partially by the university, Renz said. Another possibility is a federal grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) [which could amount to up to 75 percent].

Additional funds could come from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Broadcasting Service, provide the station meets their requirements.

Because of the current status of the license, location of facilities and specific program format have yet to be determined. But, according to Renz, "an engineering study has been done. The transmitter, to be located on campus, would get out about seven or eight miles with a good strong signal. The antenna would be directional to protect southern Ohio from interference."

Vernier said the proposal intends the transmitter to be located on top of one of the buildings on campus and to reach 90 feet above average terrain.

SG declares winners

Only 425 students turned out to vote in the fall Student Government elections held this week, Oct. 3 and 4, according to the Judicial Council.

The top nine vote-getters for the position of representative-at-large will hold that position until next fall. They include:

- Kathy Sponsler
- Mike Monce
- Irene Norton
- Debbie Harmeling
- Marc Emral
- Sam Bucalo
- Taylor "Chip" Root
- Julie Bare
- Greg Steffen

The next three highest vote-getters will only hold the position of rep-at-large until the end of the spring semester 1979. They include:

- Charlie Parker
- Steven Humphress
- Chuck Young

In the areas of program representatives, the following were elected: Rebecca Sturm, communications; Jenny Brown, education; Joan Baioni, public administration; J. Gamel, literature and language, at a two-way tie occurred in the history program.

No votes were cast in the areas of graduate cluster reps, masters of education reps and social sciences reps, according to the Judicial Council.

opinion

Education means more than just a GPA

As the semester progresses and pressures begin to build, one wonders about the purpose of higher education and the priorities students set for themselves. What is truly important: maintaining high grades or preparing oneself for the real world? They should be one and the same. But are they?

Take, for example, the grade point average.

Some students are so obsessed with maintaining a high grade average that they exclude the development of social skills. Dedication and motivation are admirable, but they are only part of what determines how well a person will perform in his/her chosen profession.

Through involvement in campus activities, whether social or academic, a student learns cooperation and gains confidence in dealing with people—necessary skills if one is to function successfully in society.

For many, the effort to keep high grades can be a handicap. Rather than venture into the unfamiliar, students often enroll only in those classes required for their major field of study. When given the opportunity to choose electives, they often select those with which they are already acquainted.

For most people, the university is the only opportunity to explore new ideas or expose themselves to diverse areas of knowledge. Is it so bad that an accounting major achieves only a "C" in an introductory anthropology course? The fact he enrolled when he did not have to should speak well of him.

Some favor a GPA system as a means of incentive. Ideally, people participate in higher education because of a desire for knowledge. If the money forked over at registration is not incentive enough, then surely a desire to learn is. This is not high school. People attend of their own free will. A person who must be tricked or lured into paying attention in class does not belong.

Also, GPA's are a requirement for graduate and professional schools. Can they be an accurate measure of who is best suited for a particular profession? At best they measure how well a person is able to pass tests and memorize the contents of textbooks as well as his degree of self-motivation.

It does not indicate practical experience, a real desire to pursue that discipline or the struggle involved in ob-

taining the grades. Some people would do equally as well in nuclear physics as in English literature. How is he differentiated from the person with the same or slightly lower GPA, whose achievement was the result of great desire and hard work. Often it is the first who is accepted into the professional schools, even though the latter may be better qualified.

Granted, grades play a necessary and traditional role in any educational system. Professors must have a means of determining the effectiveness of their classes. And tradition is difficult to discard, especially when better methods are not immediately evident. Until a better method of measure can be developed, we must continue to strive for a high GPA.

This is not an attempt to overthrow the entire university grading system, or make excuses for those who do poorly because they goof off. It is merely a suggestion to students: do not become so involved with performance that you overlook the entire scope of opportunities that a university offers. Once again, which is more valuable and permanent—good grades or preparedness for life?

—Bev Yates

THE WALRUS

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by Ken Beirne

If the student is a consumer, does that mean Northern is a King Kwik? The question arises naturally out of the philosophy of the new Code of Undergraduate Student Rights and Responsibilities. At the end of the Code, in a miracle of modern understatement, the following appears, "there is an increasing body of law relating to students as consumers that, because of its complexity, can not be dealt with in a document of this length."

Now, the document whose length cannot deal with the complexities of a student existence is already twenty pages long. We shall soon be in a position where a fair portion of the student body will be able to make a major out of a four year study of their own rights and responsibilities. In fact, soon it will be absolutely necessary to do it, just to survive.

So where is this heading? Or, you might ask, where is this column heading (a

question that usually arises every other noun)? Does it really make any difference if we all have to walk around with lawyers in our holsters? Which has more kick, and kill power, the Weatherby-Magnum Harvard L.L.B., or the Chase J.D. 38 special? What are the ethics of using a hollow-point shyter as opposed to a steel pointed Bell? Whole new areas of inquiry open wide before us. God, it's exciting.

It would be a tad more exciting if it were not suicidal. Ask yourselves why, in a few short years, we have all the bureaucratic hardening of the arteries of a Michigan State with one-fifth the student body. You can wander around this campus for weeks without discovering a single person capable of uttering a yes. Whole associate professors have been discovered under unprobed mounds of triplicates, although it must be admitted they were in excellent states of preservation.

It must be admitted that there are potential untold advantages to the byzantine procedures that have grown up to strangle us, of which those described in the Student Code are only the most recent—although I have not checked my mail today. One as yet unexploited virtue of the appeals process is that it, like everything on campus, including

potty-permission slips, must go to the Provost's desk, the top of which has not been seen since the last Reds pennant. A few years ago, the student population of Los Angeles County put an end to the draft there by the simple expedient of making use of the existing appeals procedures, in all cases. Selective Service ground to a screeching halt. With any luck at all, it could be arranged that no new procedure or form could be created for the next, oh, fourteen seconds.

But so much for erotic fantasy, back to reality. A University is not a McDonald's. The only thing we can produce here, if we are really clicking, is schizoid undergraduates, to match the faculty. The only thing to be consumed here are gloriously contradictory positions. With any luck at all, even if you are a practical business major, you can be taught three contradictory theories of the cause of inflation, two opposed views of human work psychology, three philosophies that say you should not work at all, four separate sociological theories that prove (?) that work is dehumanizing, and a computer theory that does way with the need for humans at all, and this before lunch on Monday. So whom are you going to sue? And what is being produced but a headache?

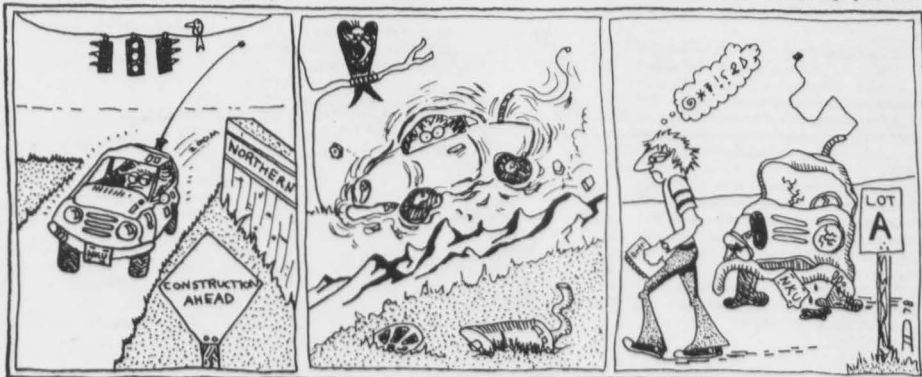
We can, if we wish, arrange production

out of this, and simplify everyone's sense of what he/she ought to get, by teaching one consistent theory throughout. And then we can grind out students in all the proper forms, recognize all rights, and raise questions. But if faculty and students are going to have the right to confuse and be confused, then we are all going to have to give up the right of way, uncork our lawyers, and laugh with each other.

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Total of \$16,510

UC Board allocates funds for equipment

by Connie Vickery

The University Center Board last Thursday allocated \$16,510 to various student activities, including a stereo-listening center, portable stage units and two movie display cases.

In addition, The Northerner obtained \$5000 for a compugraphic off-line type setting machine to speed up production, while Student Government received \$2450 for supplies, advertising and money to finance trips to university conferences around the country.

Administrative Board Chairman Bill

Lamb explained the procedure for allocating the \$16,000-plus to special requests.

"Student Services had money left. The Northerner had money left. Student Government had money left. Intramural sports had remaining funds," he said. "These, for example, are in need of money to operate daily."

Each retained last school year's additional money. Other activities' accounts were emptied, totaling \$16,510. "We're spending the left-over money first," Lamb said.

The Student Activities Office requested \$5000 "to equip the University Center with a stereo-listening center, to be located in the music lounges on the first floor," Lamb said.

Rooms 114 and 116 will be combined to create what Lamb thinks will prove "a popular area—a quiet area to relax."

Four separate stereo units will be installed, along with 20 headphone jacks around the walls. A student can come in, check out a cassette from an attendant, plug in his headphone and listen to his selection.

"There will be four different channels, so students get a choice," Lamb said.

Student Activities also requested the purchase of portable stage units, suitable for outdoor concerts, bands UC Ballroom dances and other special events.

The \$3300 unit comes in 6- x 8-foot sections to construct a 12- x 24-foot stage, adjustable from 16- to 24-inches in height.

The Board allocated to Student Activities \$760 to purchase two movie poster display cases. "The illuminated cases cost \$380 apiece," Lamb said. "They'll really dress up the UC lobby—and students will be able to see what movies are playing."

The \$5000-purchase of a compugraphic off-line typesetting machine will speed up The Northerner's production. The off-line, set up in the paper's UC office, will enable two people to set type at the same time—one on the new off-line, and a second person on the base machine located in the Fine Arts Building. The machine will be installed before spring semester.

"However," Lamb said, "this machine is not for the sole use of the newspaper. The yearbook will use the off-line if necessary, as well as Student Activities for advertising and design and layout of its various projects."

"Student Government could use the new machine for design and layout of its projects, and it could possibly be used on the student handbook and directory as well," Lamb said.

Student Government received and received \$2450 for several things: office supplies, a new typewriter and money to advertise SG-sponsored activities.

"Part of this money will be used for dues to the Student Government Association of Kentucky," Lamb explained. "And some SG leaders will attend university conferences around the country."

"Included in the total sum is \$500 for SG's contingency fund, in case something unexpected comes up."

Lamb went on to call this a "transition period."

"This 'extra' money gave us a chance to buy needed equipment to support student activities for this year and the next few years," he said. "The money collected from the Student Activity Fee will pay for the bands and the paper and Student Services."

"These purchases and the student activities themselves are both important. The two go hand in hand," he explained. "The purchases are needed to make the pro-

grams a success."

The third University Center Board meeting will be held within the next two weeks. "Then we'll allocate portions of the Student Activity Fee."

The UC Board expects to generate about \$97,000 from the Fee, "depending on our full- and part-time enrollment."

"I anticipate," said Lamb, "the money will be spent year by year. Student paying for that year should get the benefits."

The NKU Board of Regents reinstate the Student Activity Fee last April, "solely for the support of student services such as intramurals, student government, intercollegiate sports, concerts, films and student publications."

Beginning in 1972, each full-time student paid \$10 a semester toward student activities. However, in 1977, the Kentucky Council on Higher Education abolished collection of activity fees at state institutions, but decided to permit them once again this past January.

According to Lamb, it was "the student government presidents' influence that again permitted collection of a student activity fee."

The UC Board has set up six committees, to be manned by five to seven student members and a staff adviser. They include:

- a Travel Committee, designed to develop a travel center for student trips.
- a Lecture, Performing and Fine Arts Committee, to plan art exhibits and bring speakers to NKU.
- a Recreation and Games Committee, to promote special tournaments and competitions.
- a Special Events Committee, to promote theme programs for holidays and plan Rites of Spring and Homecoming.
- a Film and Video Committee, to select and promote UC's film program.
- a Contemporary Entertainment Committee, to plan and promote noon-time concerts, concerts and dances.

"We have had 25 students come in, but there are still plenty of positions available," Lamb said.

Each committee will request an amount of money from the Board to carry out its program. The decision as to "who gets what" belong to the Board; after that student members of each committee will plan activities using the allotted money.

Although the funds can be carried over to the following year, "I see more requests for use of the money than we will have," Lamb projected. "But it's up to the UC Board to decide."

Besides the committees listed above, the Activity Fee pays for Student Government activities, Student Services, The Northerner, College and the student handbook and directory.



Have cheers, Will travel

No, this isn't an ad for unemployed cheerleaders. It's just that, "we don't have any place to practice." Because of the lack of space in Regents Hall, the cheerleaders turned to the plaza to practice. Working on a pyramid include Kristi Heitzman, Anita Woods, Julie Gastright, Jill Gebelt, Shelly Wendling, Teena Carrier, Kim Holloway, Sharon Lang, Bruce Slavey, and Tony Whitaker. (Harry Donnermeyer photo)

Concession problem angers S.A.M.'s president

by Tom Groeschen

"A facility like this is badly needed. It's of the utmost importance when you consider the growth of enrollment here and attendance at athletic events."

Dave Emminger, president of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM), gave the preceding opinion in regard to the construction of a permanent concession stand in Regents Hall.

"The idea was my brainchild," said Emminger. "I penned the original epistle to the superiors in this regard."

The "superiors" referred to by Emminger included the NKU Space Committee, which approved the idea of a permanent concession on April 13, 1978.

"I figured they would take it from there and that the damn thing would be built by now," said Emminger. "But if you look in Regents Hall right now you'll see an empty space instead of a concession stand," he added.

Gary Eith, senior staff officer in the campus development office, acknowledged that approval has been given to construct the stand.

"The committee was concerned about the location of the stand," said Eith. "It's important that it does not block fire exits."

Eith said that state fire inspector Surinder Ram is the man in charge of approving the location.

"As of now we haven't heard from him. This inspection should have been done a long time ago," he explained.

"I'm sure Dave Emminger should know about all this," Eith continued. "Perhaps he should look into getting Ram to inspect the area. I don't know, maybe the idea was given low priority by the Space Committee," he

added.

The structure would have carpeted floors, a laminated counter and plywood over the top of it, according to Eith.

When told of Eith's remarks, Emminger said, "What am I supposed to do. Build the thing myself?"

"I don't know what else I should do," Emminger continued. "I guess I'll have to get in touch with Ram about this. I'm tired of all this turnaround. Maybe you can use this as your headline: 'SAM President Irked By Bureaucracy.'"

Sioux Indian talks to club on attitudes

by Annysa Corcoran

An American Indian spokesman, Harold Iron Shield, was the guest speaker at the September 27th meeting of NKU's Anthropology Club. Iron Shield, a Sioux Indian, is well known for his participation in the "Longest Walk."

The Longest Walk was a nation-wide march held from February to July, 1978. Thousands of American Indians from over one hundred tribes and their non-Indian supporters marched from Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, California to Washington, D.C. Although primarily considered a spiritual movement, the march served also as a protest against the negative legislation being enacted by Congress at that time.

Iron Shield is currently the director of the Longest Walk Communication Center at 2699 Clifton Ave. (in the United Christian Ministry Building) near the University of Cincinnati.

The center will serve as the coordinating nucleus from which various Indian related projects will stem.

"Most Americans," explained Iron Shield, "have a preconceived negative idea of what the Indian is all about. The only Indians they know about are the ones they see on TV. We want to change this attitude. We are trying to project the reality of Indian people today."

Following are just a few of the programs the center has scheduled for the near future.

Beginning the first Friday of October, WAIF-FM will broadcast a half-hour program presenting American Indian music, stories, poems and news.

Working in conjunction with various Universities, the center also intends to sponsor Indian speakers, writers and musicians who will tour the campuses.

A major project now in the offing is a four-day spiritual fast to be held at Ft. Ancient, Ohio around Thanksgiving.

"Many of our people have never known Thanksgiving as most Americans do because they are just too poor," explained Iron Shield. "If some of our people are starving then we suffer also," he continued.

Iron Shield hopes his demonstration will receive national support and that others around the country will follow suit.

In his lecture, Iron Shield stressed his need for volunteer assistance at his Clifton office. Interested parties may contact him at 861-5900. Individuals are needed to help at every end of the operation: office people to man the telephones and persons to prepare the newsletters and the WAIF broadcasts.



Greg Rust photos of "The Longest Walk," Spring, 1978.

Photographer walks with Indians

Greg Rust, NKU Anthropology major specializing in visual Anthropology, was one of a handful of non-Indians present on the Longest Walk.

"I became interested [in the walk]," said Rust, "when I heard it mentioned on an interview on WEBN and read about it in a Post article. I contacted Harold [Iron Shield] and I made plans to go."

Rust joined the march in Columbus primarily as a photographer.

"The march was a monumental accomplishment for the Indians. It was the first time in history that the tribal barriers have been broken down and the American Indians have completely united for a single cause," he said.

"The march was very spiritually oriented," recalled Rust. "We walked carrying a pipe—the Indian symbol of peace—which is like our Bible. There were prayer meetings often. There was absolutely no pot, no drinking and no weapons. We didn't want to give the authorities anything to come in and harass us about," Rust explained.

"Ohio was the worst state to walk through for the marchers," said Rust. "We couldn't do this and we couldn't do that—the state police were constantly hassling," he added.

"In Washington," said Rust, "we wanted to meet with Carter but he wouldn't see us. He went to Berlin for a meeting on human rights but he has never met with the Indians: a people who are denied their human rights right here in his own country. Knowing that,

my opinion of him isn't as high as it once was," he continued.

"The march was a good experience for me. I knew how it felt to be the minority for a change; to walk at the end of the line; to ride at the back of the bus," Rust said.



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Careful shopping a must

Good backpack equipment key to success

by Mike Ball
(part 2 of a series)

The most important thing a beginner backpacker might do when buying equipment just could be to not buy any equipment at all, at least for a while.

Chris Nicholson of Wilderness Trace, Inc. in Cincinnati, is a promoter of this idea. He thinks the try-it-and-see-if-you-like-it method is the best for beginner backpackers.

"If you want to try backpacking, you should rent or borrow some equipment and see if you like it [backpacking] first," Nicholson said. "Then if you do like it and want to make it a regular activity, you can buy good equipment. When you buy good equipment the first time. It lasts," he added.

The groundwork for successful backpacking is indeed the equipment. And Nicholson stressed that shopping for packing equipment should be—if nothing else—thorough.

"All the stores and all the brands should be accounted for. Whether looking at a tent, a sleeping bag or whatever, the product should be tried on, compared and contrasted with all the others. Prices vary from store to store. But the final decision to buy a product should definitely rest on one factor—comfort," he said.

Being comfortable while backpacking rests mainly, but not entirely, on what Nicholson called 'the big four'. They are: boots, sleeping bag, tent, and backpack.

Here is a closer look at 'the big four' and other backpacking equipment.

BOOTS

If there is any time element involved, the boots should be the first thing purchased. This is to allow for time to properly break them in. Most of the boots available are leather and should be waterproof. A good light to medium weight boot is normally required and can be purchased for about \$50 to \$70.

"The important thing about buying boots," Nicholson explained, "is not to buy them because of the name, but rather for the fit."

BACKPACK

There are two basic kinds here: external and internal frame packs. The internals are normally used for shorter trips because they have less space than the externals. A pack a cross-country skier would wear is an internal frame pack.

External frames are mostly used for backpacking and can be either flexible or rigid. The difference is nothing more than comfort, however, and the buyer should choose the one that is the most comfortable for him.

The backpack itself should have two main compartments inside and usually four or five smaller ones outside. The outside pockets should be large enough to hold rain gear and a water bottle, two items that must be easily accessible.

The frames of good packs are normally made of T 60-61 Boeing aircraft grade aluminum. The pack is usually a type of nylon. Denier is the most popular brand. The nylon may be coated or uncoated. Coated nylon allows the contents inside to breathe, which helps prevent mildew while coated helps waterproof the pack and is less expensive.

Other features include metal zippers (although synthetic ones are better around bending parts of the pack) and padded shoulder and waist straps.

A good pack and frame runs in the \$60 to \$100 price range. Again, Nicholson stressed the importance of comfort when buying a pack. "You should try the pack on with 30 to 35 pounds in it at the store. Move around in



it and choose the one that is most comfortable," he said.

SLEEPING BAG

There are again two basic types from which to choose. One is down insulation while the other is polarguard. Down has been the traditional insulator in bags but the demand has increased so much over the years the price has risen with it.

Down's main advantages are its compressibility and its lack of weight. It is the most effective insulator for its weight.

Polarguard, on the other hand, is heavier (about a pound per bag) but costs just about half that of a down bag. It retains much of its insulation when wet and it is made with a continuous filament structure that will not shift and create 'cold spots' through the bag. Polarguard is also non-allergenic. Both are machine washable.

Bags are normally marked for what temperature they will maintain (minus 15 degrees, for example), but Nicholson suggests that the purchase be made more general. A bag marked 'three season' would be more appropriate for the normal hiker.

The price of a down bag can be anywhere from \$150 to \$250 while polarguard bags range from about \$70 to \$90.

Nicholson suggested that a bag be tried on just like any other purchased project. "Different companies have different 'cuts' in their bags," he said, "so they fit differently. They should be tried on to see if they are the correct bag for you."

TENT

Tents are basically purchased for protection from weather and insects and must therefore have several important features. Since a hiker could become "cooped up" in the tent it is very important that it be made of a "breathable nylon." Most, but not all, of the tents are made of ripstop nylon, which is one of the best types to allow moisture and air to pass through the walls and avoid stagnant air. It is also important for the tent to have a door and window with netting to prevent insects from entering but not light.

The buyer should be careful to not buy a tent that is for weather more severe than he needs. This is a waste of money.

It is nice to have a roomy tent, but weight must also be considered. The tent will have to be carried in the pack so the weight should be

\$250 depending on the weather conditions to which it will be subjected.

STOVE

The portable stove is probably the most popular trend in outdoor cooking according to Nicholson. Using a stove prevents what he called "a fire ring." This is when packers tend to camp and cook where others have "designed" a nice spot. With a stove, however, you can make camp, eat and leave without hardly a trace.

The most popular kind is the Svea 123, a butane stove about 4 or 5 inches across and about six inches deep. It weighs between one and two pounds and is the easiest to operate and repair of all the stove on the market.

SLEEPING PAD

This item is used to prevent heat loss to the cold earth as well as to provide sleeping comfort. The two basic types are a foam pad or inflatable air mattress. Choice depends on personal preference.

WATER CONTAINER

This could be either a wide-mouth water bottle or canteen. The bottle can usually fit in an outside compartment and is preferred by people who don't like things hanging from their pack.

INSECT REPELLENT

This is probably the most underated item on the backpacker's list but is vital for a comfortable trip. Cutter is the most popular and probably the most effective brand.

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SPORTSCENE

by Rick Weasley

Journey's End

BENGALS

Cincinnati Bengals, (nee Cleveland Browns), age 10 years, beloved son of Paul Brown, devoted brother of the also late Cincinnati Reds. Passed away (and passed is the proper word—also fumbled, stumbled, etc.) suddenly, Sunday, Oct. 1, 1978. Funeral services any given Sunday at Riverfront Stadium (or other stadiums throughout the league). Guest Eulogist will be the Honorable Howard Cosell. In lieu of flowers, mourners are asked to send donations to the "Bring Back Dewey Warren" fund or the "Free Horst Muhlman" fund.

The 1978-79 edition of the Cincinnati Bengals is dead. The end wasn't a pretty one, as they died a gruesome and ignominious death in San Francisco last week before a stunned television audience.

Their death came about as the result of a brief, but swiftly fatal illness which saw the team debilitate to the point of no return over the first five weeks of the season.

The Bengals showed the first symptoms of the disease at the end of the exhibition season in the Green Bay game. Next came the Kansas City debacle, after which the Bengals showed signs of a possible recovery against Cleveland. But they immediately suffered a complete relapse (Pittsburgh, New Orleans), and the end was near.

"They were so young," one mourning fan was heard to say. "It seemed like only yesterday they were so healthy," said another. "Cut down in their prime," lamented a third.

Indeed it was only yesterday that the Bengals had one of the healthiest and most envied organizations in pro football. Though they were never really feared, Cincinnati did earn the grudging respect of every team in

the league (with the possible exception of Pittsburgh on certain occasions). Now that respect has turned to contempt.

It is ironic that the Bengals' situation is paralleled in likewise-winless St. Louis, for the Cardinals were also legitimate contenders just a short while ago.

But the real irony is that the Bengals, who so swiftly rose from lowly expansion team to NFL prominence (becoming the youngest franchise to make the playoffs), even more swiftly fell to the dismal depths they now inhabit. From a team that struggled, but fell one game short of a playoff berth on the last day of the season to a team which struggles to make a touchdown.

How could "The Rise and Fall of the Bengal Empire" occur so quickly?

Injuries decimated the team (Ken Anderson, Ross Browner, Lenvil Elliot, etc.), but there is more to it than that.

In the past, Cincinnati always remained a vibrant and ongoing franchise through superb drafting. The Bengals always seemed to have just the right mix of veterans and young players, with only a few exceptional rookies ever being able to crack the starting lineup at one time. Now, that subtle blend of experience and youth is no more. The Bengals are predominated with green rookies and second-year men. They are sending out boys to do a man's job.

Louis Breeden, David Turner, Blair Bush, et al., are examples of the plight of the infant-Bengals.

Breeden, a defensive back, right now couldn't cover a bed. (Cover-Blankets-Sheets, get it?) As punt returners, Breeden and Turner can't catch colds. Besides dropping the ball, they are given to circling aimlessly under it like crazed penguins in mating season. And the starting center, Bush, often snaps the ball like someone neglected to introduce him to his quarterback.

These are all typical rookie mistakes, however. The reason these mistakes show up so glaringly in the Bengals' case is that so many young players have been thrust into the line up by necessity and choice—and expected to perform as veterans. They say you only learn through experience, but the learning should be a gradual process, and mainly on the practice field. Not on Game Day.

Breeden, Turner and Bush may all one day be exceptional football players—One day.

In addition to injuries, retirements (Bob Trumpy, Tommy Casanova) have also weakened the team. But the Bengal management have always prided themselves on their astuteness. They should have foreseen the situation and prepared for it. Maybe then, a once proud franchise wouldn't now be, in the words of ex-Head Coach Tiger Johnson, "a shambles."

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Journey's End

HEAD COACH

In a related development, Bill "Tiger" Johnson passed on as head coach of the recently defunct Cincinnati Bengals. Johnson was only the second coach in the club's history, succeeding founder and mentor Paul Brown. Investigators are still probing into the cause of Johnson's demise. At the present time it is not known whether Johnson committed head coach suicide by resigning, or if he was executed by Brown in retaliation for leading his team down the road to ruin.

Well, they won't have Bill Johnson to kick around anymore. Somebody had to take the blame for the Bengals' dismal start and poor, old Tiger got nominated to be the fall guy. Being the prideful, team-first man that he is, he didn't decline the nomination.

Johnson's passing has been mourned extensively by Anderson & Co., but methinks the players doth protest too much.

What might really be upsetting them is the possibility that in the near future, not necessarily this year, someone might be brought in to kick their butts into line. Someone with a personality radically different from nice guy-good buddy Bill Johnson.

Bill Johnson purely and simply was a good assistant coach who should have remained just that. He just didn't possess the make-up or the temperament to be a good head coach. At least not in this town anyway, where everybody knows who really runs the show.

Bill Johnson's nickname is Tiger, but it is a name derived from his playing days. As a coach he was more of a pussycat than a tiger. He had the players' friendship. He had their respect. He had their loyalty. He just didn't have their fear.

Oh, Johnson was capable of yelling at an erring player with the best of them. It's just that they knew he really didn't mean it. One icy glare from Paul Brown was capable of instilling more fear in a player's heart than 10 minutes of verbal tirade from Johnson.

This lack of fear led to a subtle lack of discipline, which ultimately led to the present state of glaring disorganization. Never has a Bengal team seemed so confused, so unorganized on the field. Not even in the expansion years.

Botched coverages. Blown assignments. John Reeves running in from the sidelines to be on the kick-off team because the Bengals have only ten men on the field. And the turnovers. Oh, those turnovers.

The Bengals get seven more first downs than the 49ers. They outgain them offensively, 322 to 179. They amass 235 yards passing compared to just 66 for San Francisco. But they still get beat by 16 points in a game they were never in from the start.

The reason? Mistakes.

The Bengals had an incredible eight turnovers and were penalized 13 times for 133 yards. Where is the characteristic crisp efficiency that has been the hallmark of Cincinnati teams?

The plight of the Bengals is exemplified by their desperation to get Anderson back into the lineup after an 0-4 start. They rushed him in way before he was ready and he responded by throwing four interceptions and botching umpteen hand-offs in the first half alone. The man is a fine quarterback, but even when he's healthy he's not the Messiah.

Bill Johnson didn't throw the interceptions. He didn't miss the tackles. But still the mistakes reflect upon his leadership, his coaching ability.

So now Homer Rice takes over the reins. As one visitor to The Northerner office wryly put it, "Only the Bengals would hire a

coach who hasn't had a winning record since high school."

But no predictions on his coaching ability. The man may well be a fine head coach. Only time will tell. If he can turn the befuddled Bengals around he deserves to be called a magician (and co-billing with Blackstone Jr. at the new Palace Theatre). However, it is liable to get a lot darker for the Bengals before it gets any brighter. The first third of the schedule was supposed to be the easy segment. Now it really gets tough.

Some observations on Rice's appointment:

He is another in a long line of Bengal coaches cast from the Paul Brown mold. "And Brown Created Coaches in his own Image."

Rice took over power fairly groveling in Brown's presence, telling everyone how much he idolized him and how he had been a Paul Brown fan forever. Wouldn't it be nice to have a Bengal coach who was his own man?

He is supposedly retired, but the long reach of Paul Brown's arm still casts a distinct shadow over Riverfront and Spinney Field. If he keeps hiring coaches who are little more than extensions of his own personality, it defeats the whole purpose of his retirement. Brown should either come back and lead the team in his own inimitable fashion or he should truly dissociate himself from the program all-together.

Bill Johnson is out. Homer Rice is in. The King is dead. Long live the King. Let's just hope he isn't merely a puppet ruler.

PREDICTION DEPT.—Look for former Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian to be named as Bengals' coach next season. Remember, you heard it here first.

Campus Rec

STANDINGS
FORTH AND FORTY DIVISION

BREWERS	1-0
POLAR BEARS	1-0
FILL-INN	1-0
GOOD, BAD & KNUCKS	0-1
LOAFERS	0-1
HUSTLERS	0-1

SUDDEN DEATH DIVISIONS

SPORTS ARENA	1-0
RED RAIDERS	1-0
PIONEERS	1-0
BETA PHI DELTA	0-1
McVEE'S	0-1
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BLACK AND BLUE DIVISION

PI KAPPA ALPHA	1-0
NADS	1-0
MATH CLUB	0-0
SIGMA NU ALPHA	0-0
TEKE	0-1
UNDERDOGS K.A.	0-1

FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FOR OCTOBER 6, 1978

NKU BASEBALL FIELD

12:00—Math Club vs. Sigma Nu Alpha
1:05—Polar Bears vs. Hustlers
2:10—Good, Bad, & Knucks vs. Loafers
3:15—The Brewers vs. The Fill-Inn
4:20—McVee's vs. Sports Arena

NKU INTRAMURAL FIELD

12:00—Red Raiders vs. Beta Phi Delta
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VOLLEYBALL

University of Alabama Invitational Tournament
 Sept. 29-NKU defeated Southeast Louisiana (15-9, 15-3)
 NKU defeated South Alabama (15-9, 15-8)
 Florida Tech defeated NKU (15-11, 6-15, 13-15)
 Sept. 30-NKU defeated Southeast Louisiana (6-15, 15-9, 15-7)
 Florida Tech defeated NKU (9-15, 11-15)
 Louisiana State defeated NKU (6-15, 11-15)

Record: 9-4

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Kentucky Intercollegiate meet-
 Sept. 30-NKU finished second in the seven-team meet

Record: 24-9

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sept. 29-NKU 5-Marshall 3
 Sept. 30-NKU 5-Morris Harvey 2

Record: 7-3

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Northern Kentucky Invitational Tournament-
 Sept. 29-NKU 1-Kentucky Wesleyan 0
 NKU 6-Xavier 5
 Sept. 30-Xavier 11-NKU 4
 Xavier 2-NKU 1

Record: 7-6

UPCOMING ACTION:

Oct. 6-7-NKU Volleyball at University of Cincinnati Invitational
 Oct. 7-NKU Cross Country at Berea Invitational
 Oct. 10-Eastern Volleyball at NKU
 Bellarmine Cross Country at NKU
 NKU Tennis at Morehead
 Oct. 11-NKU Tennis at Xavier

Injury could clip promising Cutter

by Rick Dammert

A few weeks ago Jim Cutter, one of NKU's most celebrated baseball recruits, was running around the diamond snagging fly balls and pounding out base hits. Today the freshman sits at home with his leg in a cast wondering if he'll ever play again.

The centerfielder suffered a serious accident which will keep him out of action for at least a year.

"We were running situation drills," explained Coach Bill Aker, "when Jim and Dean Abner both went after the same ball and ran into each other."

Cutter said that just five minutes prior to the accident, the two had collided on a ground ball up the middle, but no one had gotten hurt. However, when another line drive came in between the two outfielders they both leaped for it.

On the play, Abner's head crashed into Cutter's knee in midair flipping Cutter to the ground. "I don't know if it [the injury] happened in the air or on the ground, but I know that I didn't get up," said the 18-year-old.

The following Thursday, Cutter, who according to Aker had "three ligaments torn away from the knee" was operated on. Dr. Frank Noyes, an orthopedic surgeon who has worked on Bengals, Reds, and several NKU athletes, performed the surgery.

"This will be a dramatic experience for him, not doing anything," said Aker, but "you have to learn to live with injuries." Despite Aker's philosophy, Cutter admits that he is scared. He doesn't know what he's going to do about school or about the baseball career which he had intended to pursue.

As far as worrying about school, Cutter fears that with his disability and the cold weather moving in he won't be able to make it to classes. However, he said that Aker is looking for a tutor for him. "He's helping me a lot," said Cutter. "He even came to the hospital to visit me."

Anxieties about his baseball career are a little more serious than school worries, according to Cutter. The Newport High graduate has a promising career ahead of him. After batting .600 and .596 his junior and senior years to lead all Northern Kentucky hitters he acquired a lot of recognition.

Major college and pro scouts began to look at him. "I had a lot of offers [both collegiate and professional] from Florida," Cutter said.

"I talked to pro scouts and I was invited to pro camps. One of the scouts suggested a school in Florida associated with the Reds." However, Cutter decided that it would be best, since he and his mother lived alone, to stay in the area so they could be together.

Aker talked with Cutter about coming to NKU and he liked what the university had to offer. So he came to NKU on a half financial aid-half scholarship program.

"I'm glad I stayed home," he said. "If this accident would have happened to me in Florida I don't know what I would have done. I would have had to come home."

The injury came at a very inappropriate time because Cutter was just beginning to show how good he really was. In a four-game series against Kentucky State he went four-for-seven with a double, triple, and three runs batted in.

"I felt real good," said Cutter. "I felt like I adjusted to it [college ball] all right. I hit the ball hard every time."

"He's done a real good job," said Aker. "He kept getting better and better everyday. I expected that before the spring season was over he would probably be starting." Now, however, Aker must red-shirt the youngster (in order for Cutter to retain the full year of eligibility) and hope that he will be able to play next season.

"I'm going to try [to come back from the injury]," said the determined Cutter. "And if I try and it doesn't work, at least I can say I tried. I know this is going to hurt. I know it will affect me a lot, it just depends on how much."

Cutter's statements are reflected in Aker's praise for his young recruit. "He has a desire to win at anything he plays. He's very coachable, yet he's very aggressive."

The knee "will never be 100 percent, but the doctor said it will be up to me to see how close it gets," said Cutter. "It's going to take a lot on my part to get back into shape."

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Houston at OAKLAND	4
MINNESOTA at Seattle	8
San Francisco at LOS ANGELES	10

UPSET OF THE WEEK- YEAR

CINCINNATI at Miami 1
A fresh start always helps, for awhile anyway. The Bengals have something to prove—that they're not as horrid as they've looked—and they would like to do it Monday night on national TV. Dolphins have been inconsistent and are coming off an easy win over hapless St. Louis. The prospect of facing just-as-hapless Cincinnati could well make Miami lackadaisical. Look for Ken Anderson to show a 200% increase in his performance—he'd better.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Chicago at **GREEN BAY** 2
This game could go a long way in determining whether Green Bay fans are warranted in dusting off those old "The Pack is Back" buttons.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

The Sports Editor—9 right, 5 wrong 64%
The Professor—12 right, 2 wrong 85%

TAPLITS TABS

Los Angeles 27	San Francisco 10
Miami 25	Cincinnati 13
Dallas 21	New York Giants 13
Kansas City 20	Tampa Bay 13
Oakland 21	Houston 13
Denver 23	San Diego 17
Washington 19	Detroit 13
New England 21	Philadelphia 17
Cleveland 20	New Orleans 17
Pittsburgh 22	Atlanta 10
Minnesota 20	Seattle 18
Buffalo 20	New York Jets 19

UPSET OF THE WEEK

St. Louis 21 **Baltimore** 20
Both these teams have faced three common opponents—Dallas, Miami and New England. Although the Colts have the better won-lost record against these teams, they have been outscored 107-34 while Cards have been outscored 65-28 and are at home.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Green Bay 18 **Chicago** 17
Is the Pack really back? They are back, at least, against the Bears. Both teams are equal in strength but a very slight home advantage should give Green Bay the edge.

OVERALL

42 right, 28 wrong 60%
43 right, 27 wrong 61%



NORTHERN'S DAVE CONRAD, is congratulated by teammate Tim Grogan after belting a homer in the Northern Kentucky Invitational Tournament last weekend. Conrad's blast helped lift NKU past Xavier University, 6-5. The Norse took second place in the tourney. (Frank Lang photo)

Norse tourney action

Baseball

Volleyball

Xavier University won the six-team Northern Kentucky Invitational last weekend (Sept. 28-Oct. 1) by sweeping a doubleheader from the Norsemen 10-4 and 2-1, on Sunday.

The Norsemen won their first two games with a 13-1 victory over Thomas More and a 1-0 whitewash of Kentucky Wesleyan on Friday. Russ Kerdoiff fired a three-hit, seven-strikeout gem against Kentucky Wesleyan.

The tournament left NKU with a 7-6 record. Coach Bill Aker acknowledged that he was satisfied with his team's effort. "I was very pleased," he said. "We played very good ball. We had good ball teams in the tournament."

Aker said that he was impressed with the play of his new recruits during the tourney. In particular, he praised pitchers Charlie Andrews, Dick Booth, Ron Cline, outfielder Carlos Gray, and infielder Dean Abner for their performances. "I think they're all doing a good job," he said enthusiastically.

On Sunday Oct. 8 the men will play a doubleheader against the Xavier Musketeers at Xavier.

The women's volleyball team traveled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, last weekend (Sept. 29-30) and grabbed fourth place in the eight-team University of Alabama Invitational.

The homestanding Alabama squad won their own tournament and Florida-Tech and LSU finished second and third respectively. Other teams competing in the invitational were Southeastern Louisiana, Louisiana State, Southwest Louisiana, and the University of South Alabama.

Playing without the services of starters Julie Thoman and Lisa Moore, the Norsewomen won two of their three matches on Friday to seed third in the tourney. Thoman was out due to a sprained ankle and Moore was declared ineligible academically and will miss the rest of the season.

On Saturday the women defeated Southeastern Louisiana, 6-15, 15-10, 15-7, but fell to Florida Tech, 10-15, 9-15, and to Louisiana State, 6-15, 11-15.

The women traveled to Ohio State last Tuesday and were defeated, dropping their season record to 8-5.

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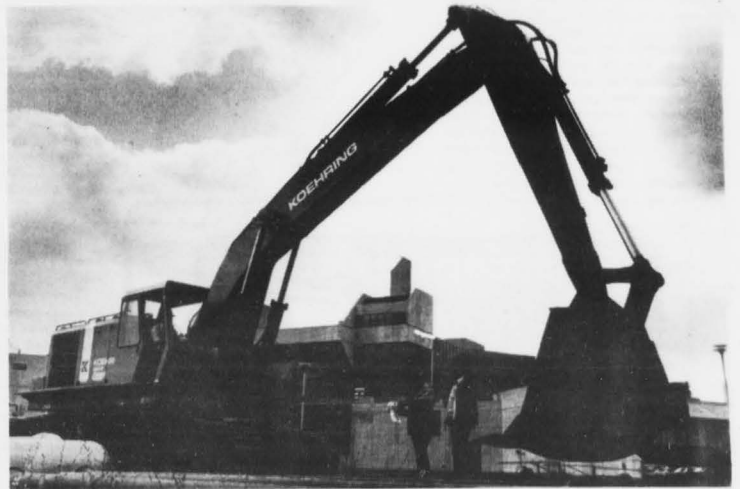
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Wizards entertains with great animation

by Dwayne Hampton

Wizards is the latest animated spectacular from Ralph Bakshi, the man who brought you *Fritz the Cat*, *Heavy Traffic*, and *Coon*. It is his best film yet.

The plot revolves around the lives of twin brothers, Avatar, an amusing little imp who smokes old stogies and Blackwolf, a skeletal, satanic villain. The movie takes place ten million years in the future after a cataclysmic nuclear war has all but destroyed the planet earth. The life forms that are left consist mainly of elves, fairies (mythological, not limp-wristed) and severely mutated humanoid.

Avatar, who talks like George Burns, is a practitioner of white magic. Blackwolf, his fraternal twin brother, is an evil sorcerer bent on world domination. Their struggle for power is symbolic of the struggle of good against evil, which is the essential theme of the movie. Although it is not quite original, it is still a valid philosophical question and the writer/director/producer Bakshi handles it well.

The movie opens with the sinister wizard Blackwolf sending forth assassins from his kingdom of Scorch to disrupt the tranquil lands occupied by Avatar and his people. They succeed in liquidating most of its leaders.

Avatar, however, succeeds in capturing one of the assassins, and after interrogating him discovers that his brother was making a bid for world supremacy. Centuries ago Avatar and Blackwolf had battled, with the result being Blackwolf's banishment to the badlands of Scorch. In the following centuries, Avatar had grown old and feeble,

while Blackwolf merely fed upon his own evil, becoming more powerful than before.

In addition, he had unearthed ancient Nazi propaganda materials, and, to his delight, these time-honored principles were as effective as ever. He used them to inspire his mutant armies toward world conquest. His formerly apathetic troops now posed a real threat to Avatar's people.

Avatar therefore sets out to stop his brother. He is accompanied on his quest by a rather scantily-clad nymph, Ellnore, a heroically homicidal elf and the android assassin who Avatar now controls and renames Peace. Peace is to guide Avatar and his company through the land of Scorch to find and stop Blackwolf.

The origins of the method used by Avatar to take care of Blackwolf are lost in antiquity, but nonetheless the method is as effective as ever.



The quality of the animation of this movie is excellent. It is every bit as good as Disney's best work.

Although *Wizards* does not have a very deep plot, it is quite entertaining. It is exceptionally well done escapist fare, with great visual impact and moments of high humor.

In addition to all this, the good guys win and the hero gets the girl. What more could you ask from a movie?

Wizards will be shown Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 12:00 and 7:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 13, at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. in the U.C. theatre. Admission \$1 with I.D.

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For more information, contact Dr. Paul S. Laughlin, United Methodist Campus Minister, in UC 208 or at 292-5629 or 261-5028.

Physical Education majors will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in N405.

Topics for discussion include club formation and convention attendance.

For more information, contact Dr. Mike Gray, N648, or Jeanne Johnston, N550.

The Black United Student Organization will hold two meetings on Tuesday, Oct. 10, and Wednesday, Oct. 11, at noon in UC 203.

The United Campus Ministry sponsors University Chapel Service every Monday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the University Center Theatre.

The chapel service is non-denominational.

Today is the deadline for submitting art, photography, prose or poetry, for the Fall '78 edition of *Collage*, NKU's literary magazine.

All work must bear name and phone number and be dropped off to Ms. Oakes, literature and language, first floor of the Academic Building.

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The Anthropology program will present the first film in its "The Worlds of Man" free anthropological film series next Monday, Oct. 9.

The film, "Nanook of the North," is a classic documentary of an Eskimo family's struggle for survival in the bitter environment of the Polar North.

It will be shown Monday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 12:15 and 7 p.m. All showings will be in A411 and are free.

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For re-entry students

Peer support group provides self-help

30% of the population of Northern Kentucky University is over the age of twenty-five. These students, in most cases, are re-entry students, students who have been out of the academic realm for at least six years.

Consequently, these people are at a definite disadvantage compared to the typical eighteen year old student.

Susan Heitzman, admissions officer at NKU is now seeing to it that these students and their respective dilemmas are afforded proper attention through its peer support organization.

Heitzman attributed the rise in the adult population of the University to "the diminishing number of eighteen year olds (the tail of the baby boom has just passed), conditions in society and the women's movement."

Most of the adult students are women because "today," explained Heitzman, "the female is granted a new freedom to 'expand her horizons.' Often times, when she reached a certain age, she takes a look at her life and what it has to offer—and one of these options is school."

"Men," she continued, "go through that same self-evaluation evolution but they are simply not free to attend day school. Their alternative is night classes."

Heitzman was the developer and is the current administrator of NKU's Peer Support Organization. Only a semester old, the organization has been highly successful in

attending to the needs to the needs of the older student.

Orientation and the first few weeks of school can be a very trying time for these students. The fears they face are numerous and seemingly unsurmountable, Heitzman said.

"Often times, reading comprehension is off and study habits poor," explained Heitzman. "Most are afraid they won't fit in. Many seriously wonder if they need to buy blue jeans. Going back to school is a big risk and they're afraid they may fail."

The Peer Support Organization is a self help program.

"We don't solve their problems," said Heitzman. "They have the ability to do that themselves. We simply put them in touch with the resources that can help them. Our biggest by-product is confidence."

"An incoming adult student," explained Heitzman, "is put in touch with another adult student who has successfully re-entered a semester or two before. People are much more receptive of someone like themselves rather than a counselor."

The "peer counselor's" role is one of a friend, confidante and advisor, according to Heitzman. He may help the student employ the various campus resources, sympathize with anxieties and most importantly, he is someone who will listen.

At least 150 persons benefit from the Peer Support Organization. Many are on the buddy-system, many come to the meetings,

some merely receive newsletters.

"A very high percentage of adult students decide to stay in school and many become full-time," said Heitzman. "They're highly motivated people and their maturity

gives them a definite advantage over the eighteen year old student.

Said Heitzman about her oasis in a desert of teens, "I just had a strong feeling that it would work from the very beginning." It has.

For handicapped School rates high

by Tom Groeschen

"We are rated fairly high in regard to our facilities for the handicapped," says NKU campus development officer Gary Eith.

Every year NKU fills out a self-evaluation form concerning the condition of its handicapped facilities. This evaluation is required by federal government regulations.

All building must be accessible to the handicapped, not only physically but also for program use.

"We have to be accessible, but this doesn't mean we have to go out of our way to get handicapped persons to attend Northern," said Eith.

"We try to make our facilities accessible to those who do come. I feel like we're doing well in this area," he continued.

All departments and areas of the campus are currently undergoing an extensive physical survey in order to complete the self-evaluation. This evaluation is in turn reviewed by the University Committee on the Facilities for the Handicapped, which is chaired by John DeMarcus.

"The review is due to be completed by the end of the fall semester. There are a few areas which need to be upgraded," Eith explained.

For example, the university is looking into the possibility of installing automatic doors. "We will also look into getting rail markings on the elevators," said Eith.

A detailed transition plan designed for implementation of these and other changes is currently being compiled.

How will the handicapped be served with regard to the dormitories which are to be built at NKU?

"The dorms must be accessible to the handicapped," said Eith.

The entire dorm does not have to be accessible, but certain areas of the buildings must be pinpointed to serve the handicapped.

"We'll be looking more into this when we get an idea of just how the dorms are going to be constructed," Eith commented.

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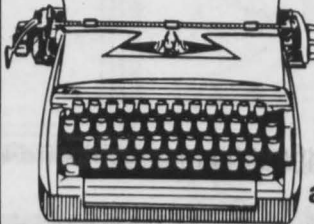
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