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NKU volleyball advances to the Elite Eight

By Chad Aulick
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University captured the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional championship Sunday at Regents Hall.

It's the first time NKU has clinched a regional title.

The Norse landed a first round match against No. 3 seed, Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne on Saturday. IPFW went up 14-8 in game one securing five game points. NKU responded scoring eight uncontested points taking game one 16-8.

IPFW outside hitter Laura Douglas says her team struggles when they're ahead.

"Losing the first game like that really hurt us," Douglas said. "If we would have won it may have been a different story."

As it went, NKU closed the book on IPFW sweeping 16-14, 15-8, 15-11.

IPFW snagged two points out of the gate in game two, and with Star Trahan's chest tap to Deanna Brown the Mastodons showed new life. It's 3-1 lead was short-lived however as NKU came back to win 15-8. Jessica Buroker put away the game with two consecutive blocks.

"I knew we had to win the first two

games to win the third," Buroker said. "I knew if we won those we'd be fine."

IPFW had a different outlook for game three. The Mastodons fired down on the Norse 5-1 grabbing four of its first five points off kills. NKU head coach Mary Biernmann called a time-out.

"I told them to be patient through IPFW's run, to overcome, and to go on their own run," Biernmann said.

They did. NKU shelled out eight unanswered points to gain a 9-5 lead. Jessica Buroker found herself at the service line at 14-11, match point.

"It was care-free when I stepped to the line because I knew we had it," Buroker said. "I remember smiling. I was happy with the team effort."

Jenny Jeremiah helped the team effort delivering bad news to IPFW with a match winning kill.

"I did what I had to do," Jeremiah said. "I knew if they set me I'd kill it." With its win on Saturday NKU earned a spot in the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

"We're prepared for tomorrow," Biernmann said about NKU's upcoming match against No. 4 seed, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. "We've been prepared

since August."

On Nov. 22 NKU showed its preparation defeating SIUE 15-9, 15-3, 3-15, 15-9.

GLVC Player of the Year Michelle Gilman and Lindsay Rust compiled over 40 kills in SIUE's first round victory over No. 1 seed, Northern Michigan University.

The Norse kept Gilman and Rust to a combined 28 kills on Sunday.

In the aftermath Buroker fused 27 kills, and Donovan racked up 86 assists for the weekend. Both players were named to the All-Regional Team.

"I've been trying to pick up my game lately," Buroker said. "I knew I could step it up for the tournament."

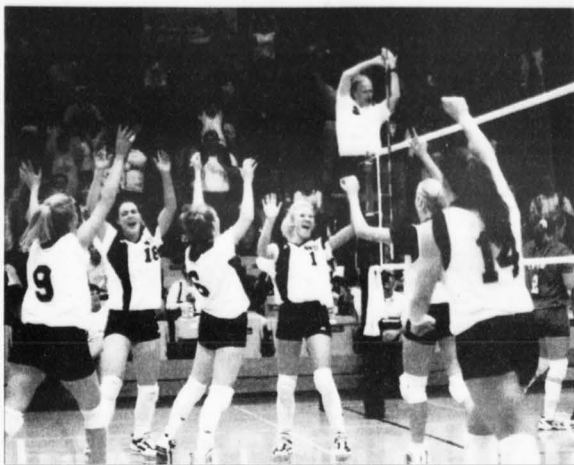
After winning The Great Lakes Regional Championship NKU has stepped up to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, which will be held Dec. 4-6, at Kissimmee, Fla. The Norse will play either Tampa (Fla.) or Barry (Fla.) in the first match.

Donovan says she has no idea what to expect.

Earlier in the year she expected NKU to win the GLVC tournament and advance in Regionals.

Goals accomplished.

The Norse have one more achievable goal—a national championship.



NKU's volleyball team celebrates a first round victory against IPFW. The Norse went on to win the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

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Basketball team members support Garner's dismissal

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

Several of the claims by Jaime Garner in her case against Nancy Winstel and Jane Meier that she was dismissed from the Northern Kentucky University's Women's Basketball team, because of her sexual orientation, have been contested by 15 signed affidavits.

The affidavits were filed on Nov. 2 in support of the defendant's response for a preliminary injunction that would allow her to play before the case went to court. U.S. District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman on Nov. 6 ruled against the injunction, due in large part to the damaging statements in the affidavits.

Members of the team, NKU athletic personnel, former NKU players, and NKU athletic council member Professor Tom Kearns all made statements in support of the defendants and NKU.

Garner's suit states that she was released from the team due to her sexual orientation. Coach Winstel stated that she was released because of "her poor, disruptive attitude and her negative impact on the team as a whole."

"My decision to dismiss Jaime Garner from the basketball team was based upon careful and thoughtful consideration of what was in the best interest of the team," Winstel stated in her affidavit.

"[Garner] got along well with all the other members of the team, including the other seniors," her suit states.

This is refuted, however, by several of the affidavits.

"Since [her] arrival at NKU she has never made an attempt to get along with the other members of the basketball team," Katie Kelsey, a senior member of the team, said in her affidavit.

"Jaime liked to tell tales which would set players off against each other and she constantly caused turmoil among the play-



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Maryanne Zeleznik, news director of WNKU, hosts "Morning Edition," which can be heard on 89.7 every Monday through Friday, 5-9 a.m.

By Kelly Sudzina
Managing Editor

Ask and you shall receive. That old phrase seems to be true of WNKU—and also of its listeners.

WNKU, 89.7 FM, listened to its public's request and shortened the time of the fall fund drive, seeking "record dollars in record time."

In that week, the assistant general manager of marketing and development at WNKU said, "Many listeners and members have asked us over the course of the past year to consider having a shorter fund drive."

And so it was. This fall the fund drive was two and one quarter days shorter than past drives, lasting only one week.

In that week, they managed to raise \$82,000 in on-air pledges alone, exceeding their goal by \$12,000, which is the most WNKU has ever raised.

"We had a record breaking first hour of the fund drive. We raised over \$24,000 in the first hour," Ellis said. The fund drive began at 6 a.m. on a Monday and ended Sunday afternoon.

"We think it's important for

people to support the things they use," Ellis said. "We ask our listeners to support what they use because we are a non-commercial listener-supported station."

The money WNKU raises from memberships pays for all its programming and operating costs. And they needed to raise even more this year because program fees have been increasing.

For example, the cost of National Public Radio went up 24 percent. "That's just one of many bills that increased," Ellis said. Another example is *Thistle and Shamrock*, a Celtic program that is on Saturdays at 5 p.m., which increased 27 percent.

"Since we have increases like that, we really are having to raise more money," Ellis said.

Northern Kentucky University gives some financial support to WNKU.

"We are licensed to NKU, and NKU is very generous in financially supporting us, as well," Ellis said. NKU funding provides 7 full time WNKU employee salaries and office space.

But most of the money comes from memberships.

Members benefit from giving to

the radio station as well. Members at the basic level (\$35 pledge) or above receive the monthly program guide called *Guided Tour*. Thank you gifts are also given to upper levels of memberships.

Ellis said one of the most popular thank you gifts this year was a CD called *Exit 89 Volume 3*, which is a recording of local and national artists that performed live in WNKU's studio and cannot be bought in stores.

But the main thing that members receive is the station, since their pledges keep it running. "We emphasize that what you're getting is 89.7 FM on your dial coming back at you," Ellis said.

There were a total of 65 volunteers who helped answer the phones during the fund drive. Ellis said volunteers usually work an average of two one-hour shifts.

During the fund drive, tables are set up in a room with four telephones. Volunteers answer the phone and record the information of the person pledging on pledge forms.

"Many of our volunteers remarked that they were busier than they had ever been and it was

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Non-traditional students turning trends at NKU

By Jeffrey Williams
Staff Reporter

Since the fall semester of 1996, more than one-third of the students seeking undergraduate degrees at Northern Kentucky University have been 25 years of age or older. Called non-traditional students, this large fraction of NKU's student body is not unique to this university and reflects a growing international trend: older people are returning to college.

Dr. Linda Dolive, a political science professor at NKU, suggests people are educating themselves to adapt to a changing world. "An international change in educational attitudes that spans decades of evolution from an econ-

omy based on industrial manufacture to an economy based on technological service requires people to seek more advanced training," Dolive said. She explained that as technology becomes more advanced, machines are performing the menial, blue-collar labor people conventionally have been trained to do and displaced workers are seeking higher levels of education in order to survive.

Non-traditional students have brought variables onto college campuses that traditionally had not been considered. Some of these students are married, some have children, some have full or part-time jobs and most non-traditional students pay for their own educations.

Non-traditional students seek grants and

loans to off-set college expenses. These expenses, coupled with the costs of running a household, an automobile, feeding and clothing their families, and other financial and personal responsibilities categorizes these students as non-traditional students at a majority of universities.

You must be 25 years old to be considered a non-traditional student at NKU. "That is it," said Betty Kelly Cram, NKU Office of Institutional Research secretary, referring to the university's non-traditional student policy. Cram said that a woman, 24, married with two children would not be considered a non-traditional student at NKU.

Dr. Gary Graff, the director of NKU's Office

of Institutional Research said age 25 is the only statistic the university uses because the university is not permitted to ask students about their marital or dependent circumstances. The financial aid office on campus has these statistics but Graff said the statistics are not used for compilation in the Office of Institutional Research documents.

Other universities are more elaborate in their definitions and recognition of non-traditional students. According to their Internet General Student Services home page, the University of Arkansas, for example, has an Office for Non-Traditional Students. The ONTS "...provides

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Parking tags changed for students' benefit

Joe Hargett
Staff Reporter

The new hanging parking tags are all the rage at Northern Kentucky University. Since their arrival in 1998, everyone parking in student, residential or faculty lots is required to have one of these tags hanging from their rearview mirror.

Why the switch from the bumper stickers to the hanging tags? According to Sgt. Allen Thomas Jr., Administrative Assistant for NKU's Department of Public Safety, 90% of all complaints were related to the bumper stickers. "Students disliked scraping off the old sticker just to place another one on their new car. Now only 5% of complaints are related to parking tags," said Thomas.

Don Hicks, senior international studies major at NKU, found out how useful the new tags are when he had problems with his vehicle earlier this year. "I just switched the tag to my parents car while mine was being fixed," said Hicks.

The interchangeable new tags eliminate the need for students to get temporary tags when driving another car to school. This has

greatly decreased the workload of the Parking Office. According to Sgt. Thomas, 26,000 temporary tags were issued in 1997, he doubts if half that many will be issued this year.

Thomas also recommends that students notify the parking office when switching tags between cars. "Though it isn't necessary, notifying the parking office makes tracking tags easier," said Thomas. With this newfound freedom of switching tags between cars comes the threat of tag theft. According to Robert Neumann, NKU Parking Director, 11 tags this year have been reported stolen to the parking office.

Believing the number to be higher, Neumann urges students to take care of their parking tags. While tags can be cross-linked with a student's parking information, a system of information exchange between the parking office and DPS is not currently in place. Future plans call for new parking software and hardware which would make access and exchange of information easier between DPS and the parking office," said Neumann, but right now we don't have records of all



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DPS officer Erk writes a citation for a vehicle parked illegally. The new parking tags have made life easier on DPS and students alike.

the tags reported stolen to DPS.

"We knew the hanging tags would be a theft commodity in the first year we issued them. We also knew that after the first year students would be more careful about locking their cars once they realized the threat to their parking tags," said Neumann.

Though he was not allowed to state the procedure for security

reasons, Sgt. Thomas said the DPS does have a way of tracking stolen tags. Students who have had a tag stolen should file a report with DPS. "once we have an official report that the tag has been stolen the parking office will issue another parking tag at no charge," said Neumann.

Fortune 500 company enters partnership with NKU

By Margie Wise
Production Manager

Move over Fidelity and Delta, there's a new business in town. GE Capital Information Technology Solutions is making the move to Northern Kentucky University.

"They will fund a new distance education classroom on our campus that they will use for education and training purposes," said NKU President James Votruba.

NKU will benefit from the move because students and faculty will have access to the lab when it is not in use, said Barbara Holland, associate provost.

According to Holland, the move is part of Votruba's partnership with Tri-county Economic Development task force and the northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The Tri-ED program is geared toward bringing metropolitan and training services to NKU, she said.

"The idea behind [it] is that we will continue to develop partnerships in the area," Holland said.

Holland said the idea to bring more businesses in to the area came out of the Visions, Voices and Values meetings which Pres. Votruba held last year. She said students, faculty and

Northern Kentucky community members stated a demand for more workforce education.

"We are making a commitment to meeting the needs of the area," Holland said.

An article in the Nov. 13 edition of *Campus Digest* said the role of NKU will be to help recruit, train and provide special courses for GE employees.

Holland said, "We are working with [GE] to select a variety of education programs, some of which will be provided by NKU." Some NKU faculty will be used to teach the GE employees, she said. However, some classes will also be done via satellite. Holland added that GE will be providing a "smart classroom" near campus for their workers, which will include satellites for access to distance learning programs.

"They've already been contracting with a training program from India," Holland said.

Votruba said, "When not in use by GE Capital, the room will be an important addition to our facilities and will not take any existing classroom space off line. In the longer term, I hope that we can get Commonwealth support to build an education and training facility here on our campus."

Making a difference



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Michelle Boeing vote for senators at the SGA elections which were held on Nov. 18 and 19.

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fun for them," Ellis said.

Patti Catton, the volunteer coordinator, said, "There were very few periods when they didn't work. Most of them worked very hard."

"And they enjoyed lunch with us because we always have good food. Restaurants make donations," Catton said.

Among the restaurants that donated food were: BW-3, Italiani's, Fridays, Jo an, Oriental Wok, Pizza Hut, Kroger, Thriftway and NKU Catering and Food Services.

President James Votruba also volunteered his time. On Wednesday, he was on the air with Marianne Zeleznik, the direc-

tor of news and public affairs, trying to get listeners to pledge.

"I was encouraging the listeners throughout the region to think about how much WNKU means to them...they really did respond and that is terrific."

Catton said it was the first year she had organized the volunteers during the fund drive. "I was amazed at the loyalty of the volunteers. A lot of them called me before I even got a letter out requesting help," Catton said.

"We're very pleased to see the tremendous support for our station and our programming," Ellis said.

Ellis encourages everyone to "give it a listen, try it, discover it."

GARNER: Both sides of the argument

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ers," Kris Kamrath, senior team member, said.

Garner's suit also mentioned her impressive record on the court.

"Her final statistics for the season placed her as the second highest scorer on the team," her suit said. She also had the second highest number of steals, and was tied for second highest number of blocked shots and assists, it states.

"She amassed these impressive statistics yet the season box score as of February 24, 1998, shows that she played 553 minutes while starters played from 695 to 841 minutes," her suit stated.

"Jaime's main focus was to score as many points as she could and whenever she had the ball she would shoot it," team member Shannon Roddy said. "She did not play a lick of defense."

Jaime's behavior towards the team was very selfish and amateur," Shannon Smith, team member, said in her affidavit. "It didn't matter if the team won or lost, as long as Jaime scored a lot of points. Jaime was very interested in her own stats."

"During the Indianapolis game when she was taken out she sat on the bench and cheered for Indianapolis," Monique McKee, another team member said. "If she had a bad game it was every body else's fault but hers and she yelled and screamed and complained constantly."

"It's hard to express how hurtful it is for a member of your team to cheer for the other team," said Michele Tuchfarber, another team member. "Jaime did this in Indianapolis when the coach pulled her out of the game and she felt she belonged in the game."

Kamrath also mentioned the

Indianapolis game, saying "Jaime's attitude was so bad toward the end of the season she even sat on our bench and rooted for the other team when she was taken out of the game."

It was in December, 1997, "rumors began to circulate among the team members that [Garner] and another team member were involved in a sexual relationship," Garner's suit states.

"Coach Winstel pulled [Garner] aside in a private meeting Feb. 1998. Coach Winstel asked [her] if she was involved in a sexual relationship with the other team member," Garner's suit says.

"During this meeting, Coach Winstel stated that she did not want lesbians on her team."

Winstel also commented on the February meeting.

"Jaime came into my office to discuss her playing time. We talked about the close relationship she had developed with a freshman man on the team which was interfering with the basketball team."

"As a counselor, I listened to what Jaime had to say and her concern for the freshman. It was only in the context of discussing this issue that I asked Jaime about her sexual orientation."

"I have not, in my entire history as a basketball coach and in my personal life made any judgements about an individual based upon their sexual orientation,"

Winstel stated.

"Besides coaching, I have a responsibility to look out for the welfare of all my players and frequently counseled them one-on-one," Winstel said.

"In May, 1998, Coach Winstel accompanied [Garner] to a doctor for treatment of her knee. After learning from the doctor that [she] was healthy and able to play, they went to lunch," Garner's statement says.

"During lunch and without warning, Coach Winstel told [Garner] that she was no longer on the team because she destroyed team chemistry."

"[Garner] asked Defendant Jaime Meier to intervene and order Winstel to reinstate her to the team. Meier refused to intervene," the statement says.

"As the director of athletics, I made a complete and thorough investigation of the matter of dismissing Garner from the women's basketball team at the time the coach made the decision," Meier said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that coach Winstel's decision to release Jaime Garner from the team was not only well reasoned and supported by clear facts but was necessary in order to

preserve the best interests of the entire basketball team and it's individual student-athletes."

"I offered to help Jaime find another university for 1998-99. I would assist her in contacting representatives of women's professional teams. I remain ready to assist her in these efforts," Winstel said.

"It's hard to express how hurtful it is for a member of your team to cheer for the other team"

-Michelle Tuchfarber

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Political clean-up crews

By Sidney Framinghammer

While away on vacation in Southern California, I had an epiphany. A few years ago, we started seeing signs spring up along highways and streets proclaiming that some person or group could "adopt" that particular stretch of road.

We soon figured out what that meant. Somebody will clean up the cigarette butts, empty fast food containers, and assorted trash that the irresponsible and thoughtless people of this country throw there.

In return they get to "advertise" by putting their name on an "Adopt a Highway" sign. So here I was, driving down a California freeway when I saw a sign, which read: Adopt a Wall.

What do you know? Californians have progressed to a point past the selfish and irresponsible individuals who trash streets to include the selfish and irresponsible scum who feel the need to trash any solid horizontal surface.

And sure enough, instead of making it extremely uncomfortable for those people to do that, they decided to encourage someone else to come along after these low lives and again - clean up their messes.

That's when I finally understood. I had wondered for months now why so many people appeared not to be able to see the wrongs committed by Clinton. Now it all makes sense.

Adopt a Politician! These people giving Clinton a pass have been

programmed to clean up after the selfish lawbreakers instead of holding them responsible for their own actions.

You've got to hand it to them. By justifying, lying, and rationalizing Clinton's behavior, they have "cleaned up" their favorite politicians latest messes. And it couldn't have been that easy to do with both eyes tightly shut while holding their noses. But they seem to have pulled it off.

While their reward may not be an "Adopt a Politician" sign pinned to the president's lapel, they do have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have paved the way for many more "messes" for them to tackle in the future.

I stand in awe! A grateful nation thanks each and every one of you!

Response to international turmoil

By Clinton G. Hewan

The current mood in the United States in regard to the issue with Iraq and Saddam Hussein frighteningly mirrors a prevalent view in the country that killing human beings for whatever reason, especially if they do not fit the majority description is all right. During the past week a prominent poll showed that 85 percent of citizens of this country would favor and the enthusiastically support the bombing of Iraq. If one should undertake a poll of these same people in an attempt to establish true knowledge of the total issue regarding the UN, the US and Iraq, the result would be startling in its revelation of the abject ignorance that exists. Note in 1989, when President Bush sent US troops to invade Panama, an invasion unanimously condemned by the United Nations, a poll taken two days after the invasion. Not surprising, at least to those who want to understand the foreign policy of this country, 86 percent of the same people polled did not know the geographical location of Panama.

Within the context of the above revelations. The existing school of thought accepted and articulated by many people in this country, emphasizes the belief that national interest as defined by the United States particularly within the context of a realist para-

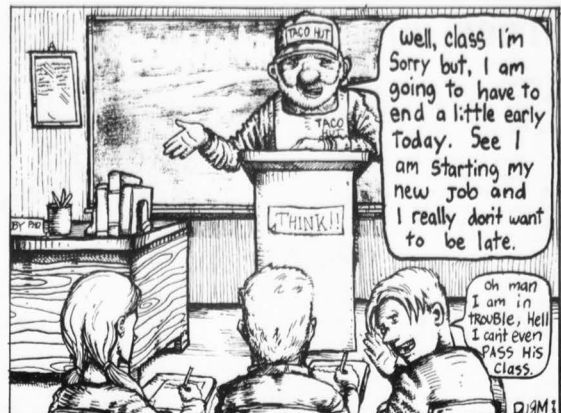
digm supersedes all other considerations with regard to what is seen as national security, national economic viability, and the preservation of prestige. The question of whether ethics and morality is situationally applied in the pursuit of US national interest, is given very little thought if any at all. Military power, and the leverage it affords the strong in defining what is in their national interest, and the only paramount when the United States seek to formulate and implement its foreign policy. As for the public being truthfully informed by the media as to what is considered in our national interests, and the policies we employ to achieve those stated interests, very little, if any, is done to truly inform the public. It is to be understood however, that few would really be interested in being adequately informed.

Generally however, when the question of national interest becomes an issue the moral and ethical precepts underlining the efficacy of international law becomes mute and thus ineffective as far as we are concerned. Realpolitik becomes the guiding force that shapes and governs policy formulation and implementation. Bearing in mind, the foregoing should be observed that the current crisis with Saddam Hussein does not exist in a vacuum. Saddam Hussein in the widest stretch of the imagination is by

far no angel. Neither however, is Ronald Reagan, George Bush and William Jefferson Clinton, or for that matter past United States governments. As the following will demonstrate, situational ethics plays a continuing and central role in the implementation of this country's foreign policy.

Let us examine the facts. It was the United States in aiding and supporting one of the most horrific governmental systems ever to operate on the face of this earth: the former racist Apartheid government in South Africa - that tracked down and saw to the arrest and incarceration of Nelson, Mandela, for over 27 years. His only "crime," should be noted, was opposing the continued degradation of other human beings simply because of the color of their skin. The United States now adamantly and sanctimoniously insist on Iraq complying with United Nations resolutions while having itself vigorously opposed and vetoed numerous UN Security Council resolutions of the Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty, it was the United States that gave nuclear weapons technology to the state of Israel, and South Africa's Apartheid government-note this is a weapon of mass destruction. Why was there not an equally adamant stand in opposition of these two having nuclear capability?

The reluctance of the United States to take a moral stand against apartheid in South Africa during the heyday of that system, is in sharp contrast to its role in other areas. D.L. Cingranci, in his classic book *Ethics, American Foreign Policy and the Third World*, forcefully argues "in the name of anti-communism, since World War II the United States has conducted morally reprehensible foreign policies toward some Third World countries. It has developed close relations with repressive but anti-communist dictators, including three generations of Samozas in Nicaragua, Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines and Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the former Shah of Iran."



Saddam Hussein as terrible as he is alleged to be, comes no where close to South Africa's P.W. Botha and F.W. De Clerk among others in the commission of atrocities. These are people, along with their respective administrations who were aided and fully supported by succeeding United States Governments and business executives. They with the acquiescence of the U.S. Government engaged in some of the most horrific acts of wholesale murder, torture, rape, forced sterilization of black South African women of child bearing age, and an extreme restriction on human rights. Many of these morally reprehensible acts were conducted not only in south Africa, but in neighboring Angola, Mozambique and

Namibia fully supported by the United States. Every citizen of this country should read the final report of South Africa's *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*. This commission was mandated by President Nelson Mandela, the final report was presented to him just last month, it is indeed chilling reading.

When viewed within the context of contemporary international big power political behavior, especially regarding the vaunted position given national interest, Stanley Hoffman, the highly regarded international political ethicist's observation that: Realist indeed believes "that the conduct of nations is, and should be guided exclusively by amoral requirements of national interest" is indeed given credence when the facts of our foreign policies are revealed. In this very year, indeed only six months ago, Turkey sent 30,000 troops into northern Iraq, where thousands of Turkish Kurds were slaughtered, not one word was heard from the U.S. Note however, U.S. response to the Iraqi treatment of the Kurdish population. Indeed, as will be noticed, if an issue is seen as in the interest of the United States, and there is the need for an ethical approach, the application of ethical standards quickly becomes conditional, based primarily on the situation, the other national entities involved and the extent to which the

existing administration will be willing to ignore international public opinion.

The intent, focus and impact of the Reagan Doctrine on the Middle East crisis, especially during the Iraq/Iranian war demonstrated a profound lack of moral fortitude. Indeed this lack of morality, carried over to the Bush administration, was clearly evident during the Gulf War. Despite UN Resolution 4558-I, which "proscribed any military attack against nuclear facilities" the first targets of United States bombing were Iraqi nuclear facilities, not withstanding the fact that the United States was likely to spread radioisotopes all over the Gulf region. Coupled with that atrocity, the United States used indiscriminately radio active uranium artillery shells in Iraq that is affecting children as well as adults to this day.

While in fact, a strong case can and should be made in regard to Iraq's compliance with United Nations resolutions, the same should be expected of all members whether they are allies of the United States or not. Likewise, enforcement should be throughout the United Nations as a coherent voice, not by the war mongering posture of an equally morally deficient member who has not paid its dues for more than four years. Situational ethics should not be tolerated in the conduct of foreign policy.

North Pol

Are you satisfied with NKU's System for class registration? Why or why not?

Chas Porter
Louisville, KY
Management

"Northern's system is good, but if they wanted to change it they should speak with someone from U. of L., because they have a 24 hour telephone system, using access codes."



Dan Springer
Florence, KY
Business
"This is NKU, not Harvard."

Jerome Bowles
Madisonville, KY
Education

"I wish they would offer a telephone, computer and in-house registration because I think students might have conflicts with the current system."



John Carroll
Florence, KY
Law
"Yeah, I've never had any problems with it."

Jacob Tildon
Villa Hills, KY
Business

"Sure, why not."



Mike Perazzo
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"Overall, my experiences have been positive, although at times it's been a hassle to complete simple situations."

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Greek collect cans and coats for community

James Proffitt
Staff Reporter

During the week of November 16-21, the Inter-Fraternity Council, a group of men from all the fraternities whose goal is to help the development and growth of the Greek system, held Community Service Week. This was the first time the fraternities have joined together to hold such an event.

"Every fraternity already has the tradition of doing community service projects, but they often have little support and go unnoticed," said Bret Ramsey, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. The intention behind combining all the fraternities together was to increase participation from faculty, staff and non-Greek students as well.

"With many diverse projects going on all the same week, we hoped that every individual at NKU could find and support at least one event of interest to them - whether it be donating a dollar for a food drive or walking a riverside to pick up trash," Ramsey said.

"Our intentions are to make it an annual tradition, falling just before Thanksgiving each year," Ramsey continued, explaining



Suzanne Fleming/The Northerner

Dustin Ketchum, Josh Heuser, Nick Gray and Stephen Hightower, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon, participated in the canned food drive held on campus by the International Fraternity Council during their Community Service Week.

that the time surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday would be the time of year where support would be at its highest. "Our next step is to encourage the sororities of NKU to host events as well. Down the road, it would be nice to see all student organizations sponsoring events - there can never be too many events when trying to get a campus of 12,000

to get involved in something positive."

Ramsey said that even though he was a little disappointed with the overall participation this year, he was very satisfied with what did take place, because "...we definitely have something to build upon." He also says that the IFC is already discussing ideas for next year's Community Service

Week.

Some very worthy causes were given time to during Community Service Week. Pi Kappa Alpha sponsored a Riverside Cleanup on Saturday. Tau Kappa Epsilon held a kids' winter coat collection on Wednesday. Phi Kappa Tau spent their Monday afternoon working at a local Food Bank Service.

A canned food drive was also held in front of the University Center cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every day of the week. Greek students, faculty and other students helped out by bringing in food and giving donations of money. "All the donations will be used to purchase additional canned goods, baby food, diapers, and paper products, all of which will be delivered to St. Anthony Church in Bellevue," Ramsey said. The delivery occurred early this week.

Coincidentally, some other events also occurred during "Community Service Week." Among these were the Northern Kentucky University Dance Marathon for MDA and a Delta Zeta hosted Jell-O eating contest held to benefit the Women's Crisis Center. "The fraternities were encouraged to participate in these events to help develop the whole community service atmosphere of the week," Ramsey said.

Ramsey said that he hopes that the week will become an annual tradition which will involve many students of NKU.

"It is certainly a very worthy cause, and we would like to wish all the Greeks out there good luck with it next year, and a happy Thanksgiving," he said.

Campus Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 28:

- NKU basketball, NKU vs. Bellarmine. Regents Hall. Women's game, 1 p.m. Men's game, 3:15 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30:

- "Les Causeries du Lundi", informal French conversation. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.
- Northern Noel. UC lobby decorating. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- NKU basketball, NKU vs. Kentucky Wesleyan. Regents Hall. Women's game, 5:30 p.m. Men's game, 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1:

- Northern Noel Bazaar. Craft sale in the UC lobby. Fashion show at NKU bookstore. Noon.
- Survivors Support Group. 3 p.m. UC 232.

- "Deutsche Kaffeestunde", informal German conversation. 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

Wednesday, Dec. 2:

- Christmas carols performed by the campus ministry staff, the NKU Brass ensemble, Anointed Voices and the NKU Jazz chorus. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. UC theater.
- Wednesday lunch seminar, "Legal Lynching? Overt and Covert Racism in Kentucky's Death Penalty, 1976-1998." 12 noon. UC faculty/staff dining room.

Thursday, Dec. 3:

- Northern Noel Kwanzaa. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. UC lobby.
- MACBETH opens. 8 p.m. NKU Corbett theater.
- Phi Beta Lambda meeting. 3:15 p.m. UC 303.
- Students Together Against Racism. 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.

Friday, Dec. 4:

- NKU Vocal Jazz concert. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 6:

- Cocoa and Carols, annual Christmas show. 2 and 5 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

Friday, Dec. 11:

- "Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex," presented by Angela Davis. 7-8 p.m. UC Theatre.

Bag of Bones comes alive

By Stacy Ridgway
Staff Reporter

Review: *Bag of Bones* Stephen King (Scribner, \$28.00)

Stephen King has made Maine a famous place that readers have visited time and time again.

This new novel, set there, is a good addition to his Maine books.

This novel is styled differently than his previous books. It is more like *Insomnia* and *The Dark Tower IV*.

Bag of Bones is a romantic ghost story involving a unique cast of characters, both alive and dead.

Grieving over the loss of his wife, novelist Mike Noonan returns to the summer home that has haunted his dreams, Sarah Laughs.

Once there, he becomes part of a town struggle involving a millionaire, his widowed daughter-in-law and her child.

Noonan is also having problems of his own, like visiting ghosts,

nightmares and a sudden recovery of his writer's block.

King often exemplifies the quote, "write what you know" and being a successful novelist is what King himself is all about. Writer's



block appears to hold a giant power over King and his reverence of that occurrence is apparent in these pages.

The unique and quirky extras that King fans expect are as valu-

able as ever here.

Refrigerator magnets act as a relay from the spirits, a ringing bell that answers questions and stashed-away novels that prolong a writer's career are examples of these extra touches.

This book may not educate, but if you love to read for pleasure, this book is a worthy tale that I completed in just two days.

King fans will enjoy his foray into a tale that is so unlike what he is famous for.

His talent is in the storytelling and at that he is as good as ever.

Hardcore King fans should pay attention to the final pages. His tale really has changed and an apparent sense of responsibility has settled onto King's shoulders. As his lead character, Noonan writes, "I've lost my taste for spooks...I've put down my scribbles pen. These days I prefer not to."

A question must be asked. Are these the characters feelings, or are they King's?

His sales alone suggest that many readers depend on King to write on.

STUDENTS: Non-traditional trends

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prospective and currently enrolled non-traditional students with support, services, information, and resources to meet their unique needs and to enhance their opportunity for success at the University of Arkansas.

A non-traditional student is defined by ONTS as one who meets one of the following criteria: 25 years of age or older, married, has dependents (children or older adults), holds a full-time (40 hours per week) job while in school, or has an interruption in their pursuit of a higher education.

Mirra Colon, a non-traditional student even by NKU's modest standard for the classification, has received her bachelor's degree in English and is currently working on her master's degree in public administration.

She also has two children. Her oldest son, 10, has Severe Profound Mental Retardation, he is visually impaired, he has a seizure disorder and he cannot chew or swallow solid food. She gets him up around 6:30 a.m., showers, dresses, feeds him, brushes his teeth and gives him medications.

Then Colon awakens her youngest son, 2, and repeats the morning ritual. They are out of the house in time to get the 10 year old to school in Latonia by 8:00 a.m. and arrive at NKU by 9:00 a.m.

Colon picks up her youngest son at 2:00 p.m., rushes home to await her eldest son. She prepares dinner, then gets the children to a baby-sitter. Between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Colon has classes, then she picks up her children at the baby-sitter's and again rushes home.

The children are in bed by 11:00 p.m. and Colon studies until 2:00 a.m. most nights before going to bed. She gets up the next morning and begins the entire process again.

"It's not as bad as it sounds," said Colon. "The hardest thing is when there is nothing to do. I'm always in motion. It's always been like that. I think if I stop my batteries will discharge."

Colon said she likes NKU because the campus is small. "It's not as overwhelming as bigger schools would be and...well...my life is overwhelming so..." she said.

Colon said NKU meets her needs as a non-traditional student. "They really do because this is the only place I can wrap my work schedule and my school schedule around the rest of my life or my kids' lives, which is more important. Daycare on campus really helps," she said.

Colon's hectic lifestyle is a normalcy for most of NKU's single parent stu-

dents with children. If Colon were under age 25 and her life were the same as it is now, she would not be recognized as a non-traditional student by NKU.

Carrie Hunt is a traditional student by NKU standards. She is younger than 25, has a two-year old and is a single parent. She faces some of the same issues that Colon encounters every day. Hunt is not considered a non-traditional student by NKU.

Most of NKU's non-traditional students agree that, despite the university's absence of formally recognizing the unique nature of more than one-third of the student body, non-traditional students' needs are being met.

According to Norleen Pomeranz, the assistant vice president for student development at NKU, the university developed their daycare center in the late 1970's.

"It started as a part-time operation then, because the students needed more, the daycare was brought to full time," she said.

The Women's Center on campus has also brought about programs specifically designed for non-traditional students.

"Women in Transition is a group of non-traditional, female students who meet to discuss their unique issues and develop a support system," said Katherine Meyer, the coordinator for the center.

Meyer said she also expects a male student's, single parent group on campus in the near future.

Meyer said that non-traditional students and student parents are at a "whole different stage of development" than traditional students.

Many of the professors recognize this and are varying their teaching styles to accommodate the students.

Meyer said some of the administration offices have also kept their facilities open past regular closing times to accommodate students who could not get to campus during office hours.

"Students get a great deal of support from teachers and staff," Meyer said. NKU agrees with Meyer. According to the student handbook, "NKU is a multicultural community of diverse racial, ethnic, and class backgrounds, national origins, religious and political beliefs, physical abilities, ages, genders, and sexual orientations."

Our educational activities and interactions are enriched by our acceptance of one another; and, as members of the university community, we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect."

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Where's the chow?



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Students line up to enjoy the cuisine featured at the Soul Food Festival. Soul Food Festival, a pre-Thanksgiving celebration, was sponsored by several organizations including the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Black Faculty/Staff Association, Alpha Phi Alpha and the Delta's.

Deathly entertaining

Job Holbrook
Staff Reporter

Did you hear about the FBI agent, CIA agent and the Army general who go to New York?

Yeah, the movie is called "The Siege" and it stars Bruce Willis as a hard nosed Army General, Denzel Washington as the FBI agent with a conscience and Annette Bening as a CIA agent with a secret agenda.

The movie begins when a bus explodes which sets off a reign of terror that sweeps through the big apple.

The FBI believe they have apprehended the bus bombers. However, the bombings continue and get bigger as the terrorists bomb a Times Square Theatre on opening night.

The height of terrorism comes when a van filled with explosives crashes into the lobby of the FBI's New York office killing about 600 people.

The American public begins putting political pressure on the president who, in turn, sends in the troops headed by General Devereaux.

The General invades Brooklyn and declares martial law.

The army proceeds to round up all Arabic men between the ages of 14-30 and puts them in internment camps near the Brooklyn bridge.

As it turns out, the CIA had

sponsored some anti-Saddam Hussein Arabs in Iraq by giving them money and military training.

After the Gulf War, these Iraqis came to the United States and started to cause havoc.

To top it off, Bening is sleeping with one of the kingpins of this terrorist group.

In the General's enthusiasm to stop the terrorists he crosses the line.

In one case, he arrests a suspect, strips him naked and tortures and kills him.

On February 1993 in New York City the World Trade Center was bombed.

This event brought terrorism home to the United States.

Until then Americans, whose country has never been invaded, thought terrorism only happened in places like Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Now Americans are reflecting on domestic terrorism and this is the topic of "The Siege."

This movie is a political thriller and I

would recommend it to anyone who liked "Patriot Games" or "Die Hard".

With a body count in the hundreds this is not a good date movie and I would not recommend it to people enjoyed "Titanic" and or "When Harry met Sally."

"With the body count in the hundreds, this is not a good date movie."

-Job Holbrook

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Film shows famous Native American burial mounds

By Jeffrey Williams
Staff Reporter

"WHY? That is the first question anthropologists ask themselves when they are studying a group of people," said Northern Kentucky University anthropology professor Rebecca Hawkins.

Hawkins, co-author of the film "Searching for the Great Hopewell Road" hosted the national award-winning film on Thursday, Nov. 19 in room 110 of the Landrum Academic Center.

The event was the last of NKU's Anthropology Film Festival exhibitions for the 1998-99 season and was presented by the NKU Museum of Anthropology.

Hawkins introduced the film as a good example of an anthropological study.

The film first asks, why? "Then, ask yourselves, how do we interpret the past: we meaning all of us. And also watch for the film for the application of the scientific process," Hawkins said.

The film began with the searcher, Dr. Bradley Lepper of the Ohio Historical Society, flying by helicopter over the Hopewell earthworks at Newark, Ohio.

It is Lepper's belief that two perfectly straight, parallel mounds, 200 feet apart, stretched 60 miles from Newark to Chillicothe, Ohio.

He has named the theoretical highway, The Great Hopewell Road and he has

spent the last seven years trying to prove his theory.

The story of the Hopewell begins when Mordecai Cloud Hopewell allowed the first excavation of the mounds on his farm near Chillicothe in 1891.

Thirty years later, William C. Mills realized the excavators had discovered a new culture and Mills named them the Hopewell after the owner of the land where the discovery was made.

Tom Law, the film's producer, said the film was a great success.

The film has aired on 14 regional Public Broadcast Stations and has been picked up by the American Program Service for national distribution.

Law said the general public and the anthropology viewers have told him the quality of the film was amazingly good.

"People are astounded that here, in Ohio, are some renowned anthropological Indian mounds.

During the 1800s, Ohio was the hotbed of anthropological study and people like Thomas Jefferson and students from Harvard University and around the world came here to study the mounds," Law said.

Law said anthropologists were excited by the multi-disciplinary approach to the film and were especially interested by the incorporation into the film of Native American oral history.

Did the film make money? "Oh no. It was more of a passion and portfolio building thing in the hopes for doing more films. The endeavoring thing for me was the quality and the quantity of the pro-bono work people were willing to do on the project," Law said.

Law estimated the cost of voluntary effort alone at \$250,000 and he said the cost of making the film will never be recovered.

He said the educational and historical value of the film far surpasses the monetary question.

The film has been a success for Law and Hawkins in other ways.

They are currently working together on a series of films entitled "Kentucky Archeology." The series is sponsored by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Hawkins is writing the series and Law is producing the series.

Why did the Hopewell Indians build the largest geometric enclosures in the world? Nobody knows.

There is only conjecture. The last mound the Hopewell erected, is almost 1600 years old.

Anthropologists continue to put missing puzzle pieces together to mend the story of the Hopewell culture.

Perhaps one day Lepper will finally realize indisputable proof of the great Hopewell road. Perhaps he will not. That is the nature of anthropological study.

Movie I still know...stays good

By Michael Phillips
Staff Reporter

"You want me? Come and get me. I'm not dying on this island... Do you hear me?" -Julie James in *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*.

At the end of last summer, we left Julie James (Jennifer Love Hewitt) trying to overcome the horrifying murders of her close friends in the scary thriller *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*.

It has been a year and Julie is back in her hometown of Boston, hoping to leave behind the memories of last summer.

Julie's grades are slipping and the relationship between herself and Ray Bronson (Freddie Prinze Jr.) has hit a standstill.

Julie is on the edge of total destruction due to the paranoia and the terrifying dreams of the killer, Ben Willis (Muse Watson).

Is Ben Willis really dead? Did they find her body?

Will Julie and Ray - and their relationship- survive?

Enter newcomer Karla Wilson (Brandy), Julie's free-spirited, fresh and energetic college roommate and best friend.

Karla wins an all-expense paid trip for four to the Bahamas during the Fourth of July weekend.

This is exactly what Julie needs, a trip to a warm, sunny beach.

With Ray being busy with his job, Julie's friend Will Benson (Matthew Settle) had been asked to come, along with Karla's man Tyrell Martin (Mekhi Phifer).

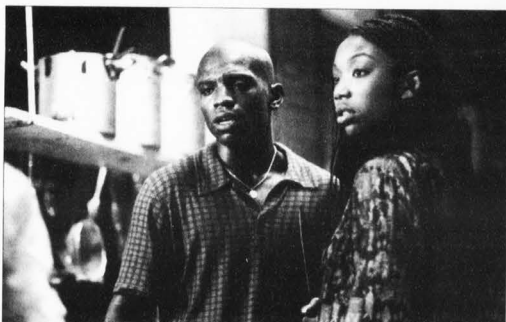
As they arrive on the island, they are greeted by sandy beaches and the sky-high palm trees.

Wait, why are they the only ones getting on the island and everyone else is leaving?

The hotel manager Mr. Brooks (Jeffrey Combs) informs them that is the beginning of hurricane season. After a rough greeting they settle into their rooms with the help of bellman Estes (Bill Cobbs) and cabana boy Tutus (Jack Black).

Even though it is hurricane season, the four are looking to have some fun and excitement.

With Julie's mind still focused on last summer, the students find that this roman-



Tyrell Martin (Mekhi Phifer) and Karla Wilson (Brandy) play college sweethearts in "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer."

tic getaway turns into a bloodbath.

Once again, Julie is found running for her life, except now she is on an island with nowhere to go.

Was this one better than the first one? Yes. The sequel was much better than the original.

Most people will say sequels aren't worth a darn and you should leave the original films alone.

However, there are some reasons why this one was better than the first one.

The fact that director Danny Cannon brought them to an island at the beginning of the hurricane season with heavy rain, lightning, thunder and 90 mph winds set the perfect psychopathic killer mood.

The setting of the story line is a critical part of the movie; they had no problem giving us the scary and terrible feeling that you can't survive on a desert island.

Another critical part of movie making is putting together a cast who will appeal to audiences of all kind.

In my opinion, signing Brandy to this movie was a good idea.

She has a great resume, her singing career has skyrocketed and her TV series *Moesha* holds interest to a variety of audiences.

Considering that this movie was built up to be an outstanding movie, it was tough for Brandy to jump right into the script.

However I think she did an exceptional job. I will be looking for her in other movies.

Phifer plays Karla's boyfriend, and he

portrays the attitude of wanting to "kick butt."

His character adds comical relief to keep you from being frightened out of your seat.

Settle makes his film debut with a starring role in the movie. Will is a normal college student with a great deal of interest in Julie.

He happens to be everywhere Julie goes, so you might start to sense something fishy going on between the two.

Settle does a magnificent job in this sequel. Coming back from the first movie, and trying to overcome what happened last summer, is Bronson.

We all remember Ray, the local fisherman who has the hots for Julie. Are they finally going to get engaged?

Ray plays a more determined and serious character in the sequel.

Saving the best for last is Julie James (Jennifer Love Hewitt).

Having her come back for the sequel was the greatest thing that happened.

After her first movie became a smash hit, you could only imagine that Hewitt could put together another stunning performance.

Yes, indeed she did. She looked as if she was more comfortable in the sequel which helped her perform her part to the maximum.

I enjoyed the movie and I hope you will see it.

It is one of those movies where you need to see it on the big screen to get the full effect.

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer receives 3 1/2 (out of 4) candy bars.

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Norse edged out in Lions Club final

Elden May
Assistant Sports Editor

This season, when someone plays "big" for Northern Kentucky University, it usually means big in heart. Heart helped NKU win two games before meeting 6 feet 6 inches of heart named John Hester in the Finals of the John L. Griffin Lions Club Classic.

NKU began the season on Tuesday, November 17 with a game in Frankfort against the Kentucky State Thoroughbreds. NKU took at 39-32 halftime lead and held off a late KSU rally for a 79-77 win. Freshman Nathan Seiter made the most of his NKU debut, scoring 17 points.

The difference in the game was free throw shooting.

NKU was stellar from the line, connecting on 33 of 40 attempts. KSU shot 50 percent from the line.

NKU assistant coach Dave Bezold said the guards were just doing their jobs.

"Look how small we are. We've got all guards shooting. We shouldn't miss any."

The crucial moment in the game came at the 9:51 mark of the second half. As KSU drove for the tying basket, the Thoroughbreds were whistled for a technical foul.

Brian Lahown sank both free throws and the Norse followed with back-to-back threes from Seiter and Lahown. It gave NKU a 60-54 lead it would not relinquish.

Lahown said he took advantage of the opportunity and scored five of the seven NKU points.

"If you get the other team flustered, you can really take advantage. They lost their minds and I hit the free throws and hit the three. It happened so fast," Lahown said.

KSU pulled within one at 78-

77 in the closing seconds, but Seiter hit a crucial free throw and KSU was not able to get off a final shot.

NKU finished the opening round of the Lions Club Classic Friday night with local rival Thomas More. The fiery Saints led much of the game before NKU took command and held on for the 73-63 victory.

Both teams came out cold in the first half as NKU shot 39 percent from the floor. Thomas More fared slightly better at 43 percent.

Redshirt freshman Craig Sanders went on a personal 7 point run midway through the half to give NKU a 19-13 advantage. Sanders finished the game with 12 points.

Thomas More hung around and finished with 12-7 run to take a 31-30 lead at halftime.

That's when Mitch Perdrix took over. Perdrix scored 13 second half points, including three 3 pointers.

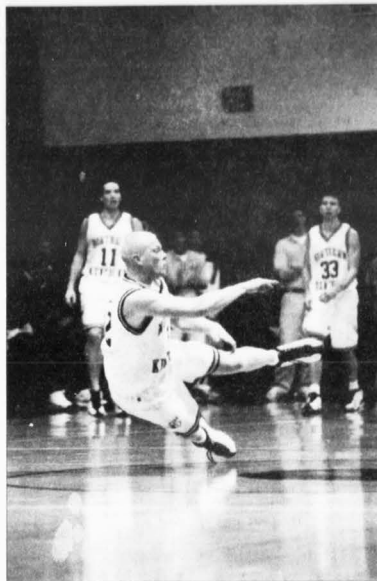
After Thomas More had taken a 43-42 lead, Perdrix drilled a three as the shot clock expired to give NKU the lead for good.

"I was wide open and the clock was winding down, so somebody had to take it," Perdrix said. "I've waited for four years to get the chance to contribute and I the one thing I learned from Clux (Paul Cluxton) and LaRon (Moore) and Shannon (Minor) is how to win," Perdrix said.

Charles Nixon led NKU with 14 points, while Perdrix and Craig Conley added 13. Adam Gergen led all scorers with 17 for Thomas More.

Saturday, NKU played the Central State Marauders for the championship of the Lions Club Classic.

Led by the inside play of tournament Most Valuable Player John Hester, Central State held off the Norse for an 86-82 victory. NKU fell behind the Marauders early, 16-12 before



Jeff McCarty/The Northern
Brian Lahown recovers the ball for NKU in the Lions Club Classic. Lahown contributed nine points in the winning effort against Thomas More.

rallying to take a 21-20 lead. Although NKU shot a blistering 67 percent from the floor, it found itself down 40-36 at halftime. In the second half, the sharp shooting of Craig Sanders kept the game close for NKU. Sanders scored 19 second-half points and 31 for the game.

Central State pushed the lead to 12 on two occasions, but NKU made a furious comeback

in the final five minutes.

NKU converted a rare five point play to cut the lead six at 71-65.

Sanders drilled a three from the top of the key as Lahown was pushed to the ground. Lahown then drilled both free throws.

Central State pushed the lead back to nine at 80-71.

The lead was narrowed to 81-

76, but after five free throws by Chris Grant, Conley and Sanders hit threes to provide the final margin.

Sanders led all scorers with 31 points. Craig Conley added 14, followed by Lahown and freshman Brian Schaefer with 11 each.

John Hester led Central State with 17 points and nine rebounds. Kevin Burke added 16 points.

Sanders said the NKU comeback reaffirmed something he already knew.

"We never quit. We may be small, but we'll fight till the end and we'll surprise some people."

NKU Coach Ken Shields had nothing but positives for Central State.

"We respected their athleticism and their strength. We just had no answer for Hester. At this point, we just need Adam (Norwell) to get healthy."

Adam Norwell, counted on to be a major contributor for NKU this season, missed the first three games with a sprained ankle after stepping on Mike Vieth in practice.

NKU placed two players on the All-Tournament team. Sanders and Charles Nixon were named to the squad. Nixon was named best defensive player of the tournament.

"My goal is to stop everybody on defense," Nixon said. "My defense creates my offense so I try that much harder on defense."

NKU be in action on Saturday, Nov 28 with a home game against Bellarmine College. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

On Monday, Nov 30, NKU will host #1 ranked Kentucky Wesleyan at Regents Hall. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

NKU will then hit the road for games on Dec 3 and Dec 5 against Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois at Edwardsville, respectively.

Classic Results

A look at the teams' history

About Thomas More:

The Saints, members of the NCAA Division III, finished 17-7 last season and return all five starters. Thomas More features senior center Ike Kirch, who averaged 14.4 points per game last season. Kirch also grabbed an average of 5.0 rebounds per contest. Senior guard Johnny Martin averaged 12.0 ppg and had 32 steals last season. Senior point guard David Green averaged 10.1 ppg and dished out a team-leading 103 assists last season. Senior forward Aaron Mann averaged 8.8 ppg and 3.8 rebounds last season, and senior forward Roy Tillman averaged 6.2 ppg and 5.5 rebounds.

About Central State:

The Marauders, members of the NAIA, are currently 5-0, and ranked No. 23 in the nation in the NAIA Division I poll. Central State features junior forward Allwyn Jones, who averages 14.8 ppg and 6.5 rebounds. Jones is also shooting 51.2 percent from the field. Senior forward Ortavius Walker averages a team-leading 15.5 ppg and 6.0 rebounds, and senior center John Hester is scoring 12.3 ppg.

About American International:

The Yellow Jackets, members of the NCAA Division II Northeast-10 conference, posted a 9-17 record last season. Senior forward Reggie Carter, a transfer from the University of New Orleans, scored 17 points and hit a trio of three-pointers in the Yellow Jackets' season-opening 70-64 win over Queens, Carter. Senior guard Rashon Mickens, a transfer from Wichita State, scored a game high 18 points in the victory. Sophomore forward Jorge Garcia averaged 12.8 ppg last season and is the top returning letter-winner for AIC.

Clarification:

In the Nov. 18, 1998 issue of *The Northern*, it was stated that Todd Clark was ineligible to play this season. Clark was not ineligible, he was just in danger of it.

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THE NORTHERNER

Why can't NKU go Division I?

Eliden May
Assistant Sports Editor

On Wednesday, October 18, the front page of the Detroit Free Press sports section focused on a landmark basketball game.

Michigan-Michigan State? Ohio State-Michigan? Try Oakland University versus Michigan State.

Many Northern Kentucky University basketball fans may remember Oakland. NKU defeated OU for a spot in the 1997 NCAA Elite Eight, 101-87.

In the two seasons that have followed, NKU has made another NCAA tournament appearance; Oakland has moved on to Division I. NKU reserved its yearly spot on page 12 of the Kentucky Post; Oakland now has top billing in the Free Press.

Charlie Vincent, Free Press columnist, was on hand for the first game at the new Recreation and Athletic Center on the Oakland campus.

"To get an idea of what Tuesday meant to Oakland University's basketball program, you need to know some of its history," Vincent wrote.

Vincent continues, "history (and the media guide) tells us Oakland U.'s third opponent last season was Huntington, one season, the third opponent on Oakland U.'s schedule was Lewis. Not Lewis & Clark, just plain Lewis. Tuesday, it was Michigan State."

Guess who plays Lewis (not Lewis & Clark, just plain Lewis) not once, but twice this season? Northern Kentucky University.

Do the Oakland fans appreciate the move to Division I? For the home opener against Michigan State, students were lined up outside the new arena by 2 p.m. for a

7 p.m.

The arena seats 3,000 but 3,405 managed to see the 30 point loss to Michigan State. As OU freshman Mandy Ryan said, "everyone came together here for the first time and it felt great."

Oakland coach Greg Kampe was quoted after the game as saying, "we wanted to turn Oakland University into more than a local university; we wanted to turn it into a regional university and today, I think we took a major step in that direction."

Does this sound familiar? This is what NKU has attempted for years.

Actually, the similarities between the two schools are striking. Oakland is located in Rochester, Michigan, about a half-hour north of Detroit. NKU sits in the shadow of Cincinnati, just seven miles from downtown. OU has approximately 14,379 students, while NKU has roughly 12,000. Of these 14,000 students at Oakland, only 1,100 live on campus. At NKU, less than 1,000 students call campus home.

Both are young universities. Oakland was founded in 1957, NKU in 1968.

Oakland took a chance and decided to play in the Division I nether regions, the Mid-Continent Conference (with such powerhouses as Chicago State and Southern Utah).

Meanwhile, NKU has shown little desire to make the effort of moving to Division I, even though the Ohio Valley Conference and its natural geographical rivalries would pump more cash into a hemorrhaging athletic department. Why else would we need a \$20 student athletics fee?

Sure, Oakland will be a doom for its first few Division I seasons. Oakland is playing the Michigan

States, Ohio States and Cincinnati's of the world. However, the exposure of being dunked on for ESPN will attract better recruits and the increased revenue from its beatings will provide a boost for the entire athletic department.

NKU has chosen to take the moral high road and decline the invitation to play Xavier, even if it means a large paycheck.

If NKU were to make the jump to Division I, the reality is the Norse will bus to Lexington for a 50 point shellacking by the University of Kentucky. But, it is our taxpayer dollars that support both institutions, so why not keep the game revenue in state?

NKU may sell its soul for a trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium and an appointment with Duke, but it will make sense when the money starts rolling in. Settling for sell-outs with Thomas More is fine, but a percentage of 24,000 souls in Rupp could help finance an athletic department for some time.

With the recent success of NKU sports, now is the time to make the move. NKU is experiencing a "golden age" of its sports.

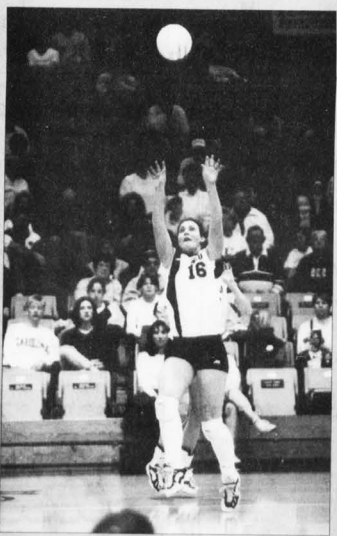
The women's tennis team dominated play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference this season. The women's soccer team won a conference championship and should have received an NCAA tournament berth. The volleyball team is on its way to Florida for the NCAA Elite Eight. Both the women's and men's basketball teams are on solid ground. NKU fans deserve to see their athletes compete against top-notch programs.

From a logical standpoint, a move to Division I makes sense. As Oakland student Tanya Shaye puts it, "we win. We can't lose, no matter what happens."

All Region-Team



Jeff McCarty/The Northerner
Senior setter Molly Donovan (top) and sophomore middle hitter Jessica Buraker (bottom) were named to the All-Region Team Sunday. Donovan notched 41 assists along with Buraker's seven blocks in the Regional Championship game.



NBA Lock-out

Whose side is NKU on?

By Tom Ramstetter
Staff Reporter

When asked who they favor in the NBA labor dispute, 11 out of 15 Northern Kentucky University students sympathized with the owners.

Nobody is worth the money professional sports players make, right? The \$24 million dollars Michael Jordan made last season is more money than most people dream of.

"They make way too much money," sophomore Aaron Whitt said. "The owners pay them far more than they are really worth."

This time last year we were hearing about the Chicago Bulls' chances to again three-peat as World Champions and win their sixth NBA title in the 1990s. Not this season.

The debate is not about who will cut down the nets at the end of the year, but about how the players and owners will divide the \$2 billion the league brings in annually.

The owners imposed a lockout more than 130 days ago. Since then, training camp has been canceled and the start of the season has been postponed. The season will be reduced by at least 20 games from the normal 82-game schedule, and the possibility that the entire season will be wiped out is still strong.

The players' union wants 60 percent of the revenue devoted to player payroll, and the owners intend to reduce last year's figure of 53 percent to 51 percent. Considering how much two billion is, a nine percent difference—\$180,000,000—is huge.

That huge difference has former University of Kentucky star Nazr Mohammed working out in Lexington, waiting to join the Philadelphia 76ers. Xavier University alumnus Tyrone Hill will be busy producing his brother's rap album until the Milwaukee Bucks take the court. Ruben Patterson, a former player for the University of Cincinnati Bearcats, has left the Los Angeles Lakers to play in Europe.

Sophomore Glen Kraus said he didn't care whether the season starts or not.

"I was never a big fan of the NBA," Kraus said. "It doesn't matter if the money hungry players and owners start the season or not."

He could be right. Of course, we do have college basketball starting. The Norse have a pretty good team this year. With just a trip up the road a little bit, students can take in a Cincinnati Cyclones or Mighty Ducks hockey game. The Bengals are still playing their ridiculous version of football.

The only way we can ever see an NBA game around here is on television anyway. There are plenty of hockey, football and college basketball games on television. Who needs the NBA?

Three students sided with the players. Of course the players aren't worth the money they are paid, but are the owners worth the income they make every year?

Look at it this way. If the league hauls in \$2 billion every season and the owners only have to pay the players 51 percent, approximately 30 owners will get to split \$1 billion. The other \$1 billion will go to the players. There are many more players than there are owners. The players have a point.

Like the baseball owners were four years ago, the NBA owners are wrong. Professional sports players may get a lot more money per year than the average person, but so do the owners. They are the ones who set the ticket prices and rates for the merchandise and other forms of league revenue. The players are the ones who make the league what it is and they deserve their fair share.

Labor disputes are as inevitable in sports as they are in any other business. Fans can do nothing but wait. We did when baseball was shut down for eight months four years ago and we will again. The fans will go back to games.

Until then, we have other sports to consider. NKU does have a basketball season underway.

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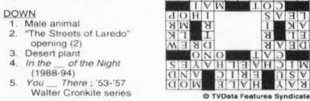
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-TV-CHALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- 1. Star of Patricia Heaton's series
 - 4. Portrayer of the Skipper on Gilligan's Island
 - 6. The ... Squad (1966-73)
 - 11. School in Tempe, Ariz., for short
 - 12. Stephen Collins' role on 7th Heaven
 - 13. Word in the title of Jenna's series
 - 14. Series about an attorney (2)
 - 17. Early Edison animal
 - 18. Sean Lennon's mom
 - 21. John (1988-92)
 - 22. Star of Ryan Stiles' series
 - 24. ... Diablo: 1990 TV movie
 - 25. Initials for a suspender-wearing CNN show host
 - 26. Setting for Northern Exposure: postal abbr.
 - 27. Novak (1963-65)
 - 28. Thompson and namesakes
 - 30. Restaurant chain, family
 - 34. Extra bed
 - 35. 1979-82 series about a police captain (2)
 - 41. Song to Billy Joe
 - 42. Hop Sing's position on Bonanza
 - 43. Madeline Kahn's age
 - 44. Jackson and Diddley
 - 45. Newman Bros.
 - 46. Elliott or Donaldson
- DOWN**
- 1. Male animal
 - 2. "The Streets of Laredo" opening (2)
 - 3. Desert plant
 - 4. In the ... of the Night (1988-94)
 - 5. You ... There, '53-'57
 - 6. Diamond lady
 - 7. ... Park; 1985 Susan Oey movie
 - 8. He's the ... 1986 Kevin Hooks sitcom
 - 9. Day ...; newsmagazine series
 - 10. Letters for a driller and filler
 - 11. Gregory of Trapper John, M.D. (1979-86)
 - 16. Arrest ... (1963-64)
 - 19. Word in the title of Monty Hall's show
 - 20. ... Sommer
 - 22. Sesame Street character
 - 23. In Cincinnati (1978-82)
 - 25. Green ... (1965-71)
 - 31. Word in the title of Jason Priestley's series
 - 33. Word with Georgia or Texas
 - 34. Role on Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
 - 35. Denver, for one
 - 36. Commotion
 - 37. ... Again? (1986-87)
 - 38. Me and ...; 1985 Holland Taylor series
 - 39. Star of 29 Down
 - 40. Border



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By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

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- Aries (March 21 - April 19)**
An upcoming vacation will give you a chance to catch up on your rest and re-energize your body. Don't postpone it.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
A project at work keeps you busy. Don't be afraid to stand up for what you believe in. You'll be surprised by the results.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Luck is on your side, but don't be too quick to spend your winnings. Financial stability should be your main priority.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**
You may find yourself the mediator in an uncomfortable discussion. It is important that you remain objective.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
A budding romance takes a surprising turn. Don't try to force the other person into anything for which he or she is not ready.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
It is necessary to take health matters seriously and seek the proper care. Make sure you include family members in important decisions.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Finances take a drastic turn, so this is not the time to overpay. A loved one wants to help in a special way.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
Life is full of bumps in the road, but there isn't anything you can't handle. Tap into your creative side and watch what happens.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
A reward of some kind may not be what you expected, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. A friend has important news for you.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
Stop procrastinating and start making those home improvements. Open your eyes and take a good look at what is really going on.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Your love life will be a lot less stressful if you just tell the other person what is on your mind. You need matter, too.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
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- Nov. 23 - Susan Anspach
- Nov. 24 - Denise Crosby
- Nov. 25 - Christine Applegate, Joe DiMaggio, Amy Grant
- Nov. 26 - Robert Gould, Charles M. Schulz, Tina Turner
- Nov. 27 - Dennis Quaid, Peter Stevens
- Nov. 28 - Ed Harris, Judd Nelson, Randy Newman

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*Please respond by Dec. 2

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Wednesday



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Low 40
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Thursday



High 49
Low 39
Cloudy with showers possible today. Chance of rain is 66 percent.

Friday



High 47
Low 31
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Saturday



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Low 31
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Sunday



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Low 31
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