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In The News



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Case Polarizes City

VERNONIA, Ore. (AP) - In the past few years, the 2,000 residents in Vernonia, Ore. have been pulled apart by the issue of drug testing in the local schools.

In the fall of 1991, seventh-grader James Acton decided to try out for the grade school football team. But he refused to submit to a required urinalysis that would test him for amphetamines, marijuana, cocaine and LSD.

He and his parents, Wayne and Judy Acton, felt the test violated James' Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

Although the school district had no suspicions that the boy was using drugs, it said he couldn't join the team.

The Actons called the American Civil Liberties Union, and the family filed a federal lawsuit in Portland, a case that has wound up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Vernonia School District won at U.S. District Court level, arguing that the policy was a necessary effort to reduce student drug use. The rule, adopted in 1989, required all athletes to submit to mandatory drug tests.

In Vernonia, it was suspected that junior high athletes were leaders in the drug culture. Timothy Volpert, the school district's lawyer.

Those who tested positive twice could choose counseling and weekly drug tests or suspension from sports for the next two seasons.

Some townspeople considered those who wouldn't take the test to be guilty by default. "If they don't want to take it, they obviously have something to hide," said Dick Titus, a 1981 Vernonia High graduate.

Critics of the policy noted that only a few students have tested positive since testing began. School officials, however, said that just means the policy is discouraging kids from using drugs. After the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court and ruled that the testing policy was unconstitutional in May 1994, the district made the testing voluntary. This year, about half of the athletes volunteered to take the test.

By John Bach
News Editor

If today's college professors didn't get to create enough change while they were schooling in the turbulent 60s, they now have a second chance.

Gary Cox, executive director of Kentucky's Council on Higher Education, addressed the need for higher education constituents to take risks in order to keep the traditions of higher education alive.

He explained Friday to

Kentucky journalism students gathered at the Radisson Inns-Northern Kentucky/ Greater Cincinnati International Airport for the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association that the state of higher education was in trouble if some changes were not made. The faculty must push for those changes, he said.

Resources for higher education are dwindling as revenue is funneled to such needs as human services, prisons and health care, Cox said.

The state has had nearly \$85 million in higher education budget cuts in the past few years, he said. In 1985, 13 percent of higher education money came from tuition compared to 17 percent today.

"Everybody is in favor of cutting everyone else's programs," Cox said.

Changes have to encompass more efficient ways of running universities.

"Faculty members say that's not my responsibility," Cox said; he disagrees. "Teachers need to take

risks to make some changes."

He outlined some traditional elements of higher education that are threatened. Financial and geographical access, faculty independence and student choice all must be preserved in the higher education system, he said.

Changes that need to take place are in the efficiency of courses.

He suggested that the best instructor in biology should be able to teach every biology student on campus simply by allowing technological advances to reach

more students at once.

Courses could be more efficient if they were more universal, he said.

Communication among professors state and nation-wide about the common courses they teach would go a long way toward creating similar learning objectives, less duplication and more efficiency, he said.

As higher education changes, Cox encouraged institutions not to be stamped by change nor to stick their heads in the sand.

Local Stations Fight Contract To Cut Funding

By Brad Rubin
Staff Writer

"These public programs make us what we are as a culture. Without the arts, we're nothing." - Dave Arnold, WNKU's production manager.

Facing the possibility of having all federal funding cut from Public Broadcasting, many public radio and TV stations, and WNKU, in particular, are petitioning Congress to oppose the cuts.

Arnold, along with Student Government Association, have joined in on the opposition.

"Dr. Boothe has written very persuasively to Washington," Arnold said. "He doesn't get the kind of automated responses the rest of us get."

When WNKU's personnel first received word of the proposed cuts, it aired a message asking interested people to contact the station for more information.

SGA has also petitioned against the proposed cuts. It sent a letter to Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., stating its opposition.

"Area residents profit immensely from KET's broadcasting of Northern Kentucky University's telecourses and related programming," according to the letter.

The letter went on to say that public broadcasting is meant to educate and culture the citizens of the United States. The letter also makes the point that, in its opinion, cutting Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding would decrease listeners, viewers and consequently the

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Career Carnival

Allen Singer, general manager for WRFN, collects balloons after the Career Development Center's Job Fair Thursday.

More than 50 employers gathered in the University Center to speak with students interested in summer jobs and internships.

Companies on hand included Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati Bell Information Systems, Paramount's Kings Island, Hamilton County Parks and Licking Valley Girl Scouts.



-Jerry Floyd, The Northerner

Employee Disputes Spot Selection

Holding Interim Position Not Guarantee For Appointment

By Dorothy Johnston
Staff Writer

As some of NKU's faculty have discovered, serving as interim for a position may not act on their behalf when applying for the permanent job.

Robin Wright may never know why she wasn't interviewed for a position she temporarily filled for more than four months.

Wright was a secretary for Susan Kemper, the former director of the department of continuing education, for seven years.

She was named interim director after Kemper accepted a position at Raymond Walters College in the fall of 1994.

During this time, a search committee was comprised to find a qualified permanent replacement for Kemper. Seven committee

members were selected from faculty and administration.

Wright was among 40 applicants for the position and she was told she made it to the top five by Linda Olason, chairperson of the search committee.

Three applicants were selected for interviews, however, one of the applicants dropped out after taking a different job. The committee chose to interview only two.

"They never gave me a chance," Wright said. She received her master's degree in education at NKU and taught University 101 in 1993 and 1994. She was also interim director of continuing education when Kemper was on an educational leave in the spring of 1991.

Oftentimes when interims are up for a job, they are considered very seriously, said Barry Disney, director of labor relations at the

"They never gave me a chance."

-Robin Wright, an applicant for director of the department of continuing education

University of Cincinnati.

"Why would a person be picked to fill a position for any extended period of time if they weren't considered to be qualified," he said.

"For them to ask her to fill the position and then not give her an interview seems very peculiar."

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Student Eulogized

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) - The father of Murray State University cheerleader Ginger Adams, who died last week after a highway accident, rose at a memorial service with her mother to thank the community.

Westside Baptist Church was nearly full to its 600-seat capacity for the service. Adams, 20, was a graduate of Calloway County High School and her family lives in Murray.

She and 11 other cheerleaders and their sponsor were injured March 18 on Interstate 24 near Cadiz. The students were returning from Nashville, Tenn., where they had flown from Tallahassee, Fla., following Murray State's appearance in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Adams died last Friday.

Non-Traditional Students Like University's Safety, Convenience

By Diana Schlake
Staff Writer

When asked "What do you consider to be a typical college student?" the elderly woman replied, "A young person who loves to party, sleeps way too much, and dresses really weird."

She could be right, but then again, she may not be aware of NKU and its populous of non-traditional students.

While NKU has its share of traditional students, age 25 and younger, 40 percent of the entire student population is non-traditional, over the age of 25.

NKU has close to 5,000 students who are labeled non-traditional, according to NKU's

Institutional Research.

There are several reasons why NKU has so many non-traditional students, said Norleen Pomerantz, vice president for student affairs.

"We are a commuter institution," she said. "Adult learners tend to be attracted to a college like Northern which is commuter based."

Pomerantz explained that when homemakers and older people decided to go back to school, either to re-educate themselves or to complete degrees, choosing a college of convenience and safety is a high priority.

"It's a safe campus... particularly if you are older and thinking about what it will be like going back on campus,"

Pomerantz said. "It's a frightening kind of thing to go back."

NKU's location is another reason, she said.

"It's not an overly large campus... the buildings are not too spread apart," Pomerantz said. "It's a convenient campus."

"Our renovation of Highway 27 notwithstanding, it's really easy to get in and out of Northern."

Reasons given by non-traditional students lists everything from convenience of campus to high praise of teaching professors.

One non-traditional student said she chose NKU because some of the professors are

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Spectrum Explosion



-Jerry Floyd, The Northerner
Activities Programming Board sponsored a tie-dyeing event last Wednesday in the University Center.

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In A Land Far Away



-Jerry Floyd, *The Northern*

Grace Chimombe took part in the International Student Union's Pot Luck Dinner Friday in the University Center Ballroom. She came to NKU from Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe.

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Kemper, who wrote a letter to the search committee in Wright's behalf, said she thought Wright was qualified.

"I would come in with something on my mind and Robin would already have it done," Kemper said. "She is the kind of person you dream about having to help you. I couldn't have done it without her."

Wright received \$7.81 an hour as Kemper's secretary. When the position for director became available, the advertised annual salary was \$37,450.

"I wouldn't have felt so bad if they had just interviewed me," Wright said. "But I think it's just politics."

Some students of Wright's

thought she should have been interviewed as well.

"I think the university should have done more to help promote her to a higher position," said freshman Anthony Rouse, a law enforcement officer with the Wilder Police Department.

The continuing education department is the best kept secret in the world, he said.

"Robin helped me tremendously," Rouse said. "She should have been interviewed. I think it's pure administrative bull crap."

Other candidates met the requirements better than Wright, said Lonna O'Donnell, assistant professor of education and a member of the search committee.

"We liked Robin very much as a person," she said. "But when compared to the other candidates, Robin didn't compare favorably. I think a courtesy interview would have been cruel."

Being an interim is not a guaran-

tee for an interview, she said.

"We couldn't automatically assume that an interim would be the best," O'Donnell said. "Sometimes it's good to have a fresh face - someone from a different place."

Chuck Hawkins, director of academic computing, was another member of the search committee.

"The rules of the game are that you don't talk about the proceedings," he said.

"I was at the wrong end of a search committee last year.

"Having served as an associate provost, I was a candidate for the permanent position. I didn't get past the first tier."

Hawkins said he requested information from the committee as to why he wasn't given a public interview.

"I sent a memo to the provost asking him to review the decision and he politely said 'No,'" Hawkins said.

DPS Reports

March 24

•A female reported that a student passed out in Natural Science Center Room 535. Officer Donald Staudinger found a female sitting on the hallway floor leaning against the wall. She said she was dizzy and suffering menstrual cramps. Staudinger drove the woman to the nurse's office.

March 26

•A student from residential village reported his ex-wife had been making harassing phone calls 15 to 20 times a day. He said he did not know her address or phone number. He was instructed to contact residential life to change his phone

number.

March 27

•Patricia Radank, an administrative assistant in the library, reported that the computer in her office may have been used by someone without authorization. She said that when she left her office she turned the power off to all her computer equipment. She said when she returned the computer equipment was turned on. She said the screen was in an operation mode that required icons she never uses. She said she feared someone could have gotten access to sensitive information. The computer is a Macintosh Quadra 68-2 which is the most advanced computer in the library.

•A female from Norse Hall reported harassing phone calls. •Officer Baker responded to Landrum Academic Center in reference to a student who

passed out on the first floor. Baker spoke to him and he said he didn't remember anything except waking up. He also said he wanted to go to the hospital to be examined. Paramedics transported him to St. Luke Hospital.

March 29

•Officer Eric Roberts was dispatched to the University Center bookstore in reference to a female who fainted. She said she had been sick and threw up several times. Paramedics transported her to the hospital.

March 30

•A female from residential village reported a male resident who harassed her in her room. She said she asked him to leave and he refused. Friends attempted to assist her in removing him. He left after they threatened to call public safety, according to the report.

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amount of private donations.

"If public broadcasting attempts to commercialize, then its entire purpose will be lost," according to the letter.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the newly empowered Republican right are striving mightily to zero-out the National Endowment for the Arts.

Gingrich argues that the NEA should be privatized. Public Broadcasting should pay its own way through ticket sales and contributions, without government assistance. Gingrich has branded the agency, "a sandbox for the affluent cultural elite," according to a Knight-Rider Newspaper.

The chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Larry Pressler, has been a leader in the move to privatize Public Broadcasting. He sent a detailed and lengthy questionnaire, Arnold said.

"The questionnaire asked some things, that frankly, he shouldn't have asked about employees, some of which is private - that no one's required to answer," he said.

Ironically the questionnaire and the subsequent report that stations had to send back cost the stations additional amounts of money, Arnold said.

If WNKU went to zero funding, then they would have to find a way to double its rate of listener membership, Arnold said. "We will be past this crisis if we could double our membership," Arnold said.

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May 1 - June 9

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The Constitution

4th Amendment No Game

It's time to play "Jeopardy" at *The Northerner*.
"I'll take the U.S. Constitution for 100, Alex."

Answer—The First Amendment.
"What is freedom of the press?"

Correct. Even if we weren't journalism students we would have got that one right. That's why it's the \$100 question. Now let's raise the stakes in Final Jeopardy. Again the category is the U.S. Constitution; we're betting it all.

Answer—The Fourth Amendment.
"What is...?"

What is we just lost everything.
The correct question—What is search and seizure?

Just like Cliff Claven on "Cheers," we went on "Jeopardy," got a huge lead and lost it all. Only one *Northerner* employee knew which amendment was the Fourth Amendment, and he went to go to law school.

The Fourth Amendment is the miserable stepstiper of the Bill of Rights. In March, she got dressed up and went to the ball.

When James Acton, then a 12-year-old student in Oregon's Veronia School District, wanted to play football, he was asked to take a drug test required by his school to play sports. Acton refused, saying the test was an illegal search and an invasion of his privacy. He was not allowed to be involved in extracurricular activities.

The school began administering the tests after a wrestler from the school was injured during competition. The next day his coach said he smelled marijuana in the student's hotel room and somehow made a connection between a wrestling injury and drugs, said Timothy Volpert, the school district's attorney.

Consequently, the student-athletes were at the heart of drug crisis at the school, so only the athletes were tested for drugs, Volpert said. The school's principal contends if they only waited for probable cause to administer the test, the drug policy would be unsuccessful. It was a drug problem that proved to be so small that only three students in four years failed the test. The parties took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

The miserable stepstiper may have also paid a visit to the O.J. Simpson trial. The Los Angeles Police Department obtained damaging evidence from Simpson's home after scaling a wall and entering his property without a search warrant.

It is hard to defend the rights of the guilty, which is what detractors of the amendment's loose interpretation have said for years.

It's easy to sit back and say, "That's OK. The police are there to protect us, and if Simpson did it, he should go to jail. . . . The police protect our children. . . . The ends justify the means. . . . It's OK to stretch the law to gather evidence against an alleged murderer or to keep drugs out of the hands of America's youth."

While these two cases happened 2,500 miles from NKU, their consequences reach across the United States.

People don't take the Fourth Amendment seriously. On the surface it looks like a smoke screen that criminals will hide behind if given the opportunity.

It is a little harder, however, to ignore the Fourth Amendment when the police scale your fence to search your house and yard or when your principal, president or employer tells you to take a drug test that only a part of the student body or only some employees are required to take.

So as the clock strikes midnight, we must decide. Do we want to continue as Cinderella or go back to being Cliff Claven?



VID '95

Writer Argues Senate Proposed Bill 'Detestable', Restrictive To On-Liners

David Hatter
Staff Writer

Under the thinly veiled disguise of "protecting the public from the misuse of the telecommunications network and telecommunication devices and facilities," Senator James Exon recently proposed a detestable piece of legislation known as S. 314, The Communications Decency Act of 1995. Senate bill 314 expands existing Federal Communication Commission regulations regarding obscene material to include any electronic transmission that passes through or is stored within any on-line service.

The provisions of the bill hold both the originator and the ser-

vice provider criminally liable. Each violation can be punished by fines of up to \$1,000 per day and two years in jail.

This legislation mandates an invasion of privacy of unprecedented proportions. To protect themselves from possible liability, each service provider would have to continually scrutinize all e-mail, forum posts, news groups, "chat sessions," file transfers for and comment request, suggestion image or other communication which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent.

From both a financial and technical perspective, the capability to scan the immense amounts of information flowing through cyberspace is infeasible

if not impossible. It would also be ineffective because it is possible to encrypt data so its origins are unknown.

In addition, it becomes very difficult to catch the original offender and often the innocent victim is caught holding the bag. For example, through CompuServ you subscribe to a mailing list regarding sailing which is maintained on an internet host machine. Meanwhile a pornographic image is e-mailed from Japan to the list, which is automatically forwarded to your CompuServ account.

The Japanese originator is untouched and you, CompuServ and the internet hosts are left to serve the time and pay the fines.

Thomas Jefferson once said "The policy of the American government is to leave their citizens free, neither restraining nor aiding them in their pursuits." Yet Senator Exon would like to restrain our pursuits. Not only does the bill threaten our freedom, it would be bad for business education and science.

Millions of people access on-line systems for various valid reasons such as scientific research, business marketing, political forums and thousands of other beneficial uses.

The passage of S. 314 would kill on-line providers, like American Online, and severely restrict internet use, which would be a terrible blow to the competitiveness of our country.

Professor Explains Honor Societies' Eligibility Rules

A number of faculty and students have asked me, as faculty sponsor of NKU's Alpha Chi National Honor Society to explain the differences between Alpha Chi and the Golden Key National Honor Society, whose both was on campus recently.

Any organization that honors outstanding students is a good thing, in my opinion, but Alpha Chi is the only university-wide honorary society embracing the disciplines sponsored by the provost's office. Established at NKU in 1982, Alpha Chi has more than 300 member chapters nationally. Admission to Alpha Chi at NKU is extremely limited.

Only students with a 3.8 grade point average and a positive faculty recommendation are eligible. A one-time only initiation fee of \$40 covers both local and national dues. We are primarily an honorary society not a student organization, but we sponsor a freshman book scholarship contest and an Alpha Chi Essay award annually. Graduating seniors wear Alpha Chi cords on their gowns.

Tom Zaniello
Faculty sponsor, Alpha Chi
professor of English

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North Poll

How Do You Think The United States Should Handle The Hostage Situation In Iraq?



Craig Person
Sophomore
Social work
"We should get involved to get those people back."



Sherri Hamon
Senior
Information Systems
"If I was there I would want somebody to come and get me and I don't know who will help if we don't."



Heather Howard
Junior
English
"My emotions say yes (we should intervene) and my intellect says yes."



Bruce Hill
Senior
Human Services
"I think we have a commitment to get them back. If we can do it diplomatically, I would rather see that."



Helen Jo Luther
Senior
Radio television
"I don't think we should use military intervention but exhaust all diplomatic avenues."



Chris Mulvaney
First year
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"They should treat it as if they were held hostage. I believe they are using this as retaliation."

FEATURES

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Blind Dates; Students Tell Tales Of Terror

Jen Uhlinger
Staff Writer

Ever been on a date that you would rather forget? Had a friend set you up with someone you just knew you would get along with? Some NKU students have shared their blind date experiences.

Anna Fraley, an undeclared freshman, can't remember her blind date's name, but she'll never forget the date. Fraley met her blind date at a nightclub. When she saw him, she knew it wouldn't work. Instead of fleeing to the closest exit she could find, she decided to make the best of the night.

"He proceeded to get really drunk and hang all over me," Fraley said.

Fraley and her friends decided to leave to go back to her friend's house. They offered that Fraley's date come so he would not have to drive home. Then the trouble started, Fraley said.

"I went upstairs to go to sleep, and the guy kept yelling, 'Anna, come downstairs,' for over an hour," Fraley said. "I finally became so aggravated I just let him

drive himself home."

Tara Watts, a senior accounting major, went to a movie for her "dream date" about six months ago.

"My friend set me up with this guy, and he smoked, which I don't, so I knew it wouldn't work," Watts said.

Watts proceeded to go see "Time Cop" with her date and another couple.

"My date fell asleep about 10 minutes into the movie, then started to loudly snore about five minutes after that," Watts said.

Watts said she couldn't move from her seat because she was in the seat closest to the wall in the first row. She said she turned to her date to hit him on the head so he would quit snoring, but his head was covered in sweat.

"He was sweating all over, and his bottom lip was sticking out, like any minute he was going to start slobbering all over," Watts said.

Watts asked to be taken home immedi-

ately after the movie finished, which was when her date finally woke up.

Matt Zalla, a senior art major, got more than he bargained for when he went to

pick up his blind date. Two of her friends joined them.

"We went to Friday's for dinner and I was swindled into paying the whole bill," Zalla said. "That dinner cost me about 150

bucks."

Zalla could not stop the date there though, he had to take the trio to a party they knew would be a lot of fun.

"I didn't know hardly anyone at the party, the girls all ditched me and at the end of the night, I only took two of the girls home."

When asked if one of the girls he took home was the original person he was supposed to go out with, he said,

"Yes, but I'll never take her out again."

Carrie Kirby, a recent NKU graduate, was convinced of the old rule: You should really know your date before saying yes after her blind date.

"I met this guy Mike and he seemed

really nice, so we went out on a date," Kirby said.

After eating dinner at Zino's in Clifton, her date drove down the entrance ramp leaving the parking lot, driving about 40 mph.

"I thought I was going to die," Kirby said. "We were lucky that nobody pulled in."

After dinner, Kirby and her date parked his car in the Krogers' parking lot, and went inside a bar. When they came out, his car was towed.

"We had to walk about two-to-three miles, and pay \$150 to get his car back," Kirby said. "But it doesn't end there, Mike decided he wanted to go to a party."

At the party where Kirby's date took her, he forgot to mention he had a girlfriend.

"His girlfriend called up on the phone and threatened to come to the party and beat me up," Kirby said.

Kirby and her date quickly left the party, and she asked her date to take her home.

"It was the worst night of my life," Kirby said.

Top Five signs it's a bad date

1. Your date keeps going to the bathroom to check his make up.
2. Your date takes you to St. Joseph's church for dinner, and your waiter is wearing a collar.
3. Your date starts doing "Beavis and Butt-head" impressions.
4. Your date is being chased by professors in the anthropology department because they believe he is the missing link.
5. Your date has five teeth and four of them are in his pocket.

Top Five signs it's a cheap date

1. When your date tells you they have to pay out of state tuition.
2. When your date tries to get you to sneak into a \$1.50 movie.
3. When your date has to stop by the blood bank to get money.
4. When your date's car has handle bars and spokes.
5. When your date brings penny rolls to pay for dinner.

By Chris Mayhew
Features Editor

Spring; Prime Time To Experiment With Date Ideas

Students Look Past Alcohol To Have Fun

By Sean Townsley
Staff Writer

Bars and night clubs are places where many college students meet to have drinks and to socialize.

But students don't always want to go out for a night of drinking.

They enjoy going to places where drinking is not the focus. One of these places is Laser Base.

"It's more than drinking, it's life or death," said Dave Willacker, a sophomore psychology major.

Laser Base uses an indoor facility where two teams play against each other in a high-tech form of combat.

"They use a totally black room and fill it with fog," Willacker said. The two teams then shoot at each other in the darkness with laser light guns.

Sunlight Pool is another option for students looking for a good time without the pressure of alcohol.

Freshman Paul Ratcliff said he goes there often during the summer.

"I have a pass," Ratcliff said. His pass gives him access to Sunlight Pool and Coney Island because they are located in the same park.

Some students said they like to have the option to drink even when they don't want to drink.

"Sometimes I do drink, but not always," said Paula Capano, a junior political science major.



Terry Ranaker, The Northern

Neami Ashine, a junior pre-nursing major, gives a last kiss to her boyfriend of eight years, Dawit Negash. Every week, Negash drives two hours to NKU to visit Ashine from St. Marys, Ohio, where he lives and works.

Going to a nice restaurant with the option to drink can be fun.

"I like going to a nice restaurant for dinner," said Natalie MacDonald, a junior biology major.

It is nice not to drink in nice settings like that, MacDonald said.

Northern Kentucky and southern Ohio offers many other activities that don't require students to alter their

state of minds.

The Loveland bike trails offer miles of relatively flat land for bike riding and roller skating.

"I don't want to get drunk up there (Edgewater Sports Park). It's too exciting. I might miss something."

—Sharon Roberts, radiologic technology major

Campbell County Park offers fishing, camping and other outdoor activities for the student who wants to stay sober.



Terry Ranaker, The Northern

Jennifer Mineer, a junior sociology major, and her boyfriend of six months Josh Jackson, an undeclared freshman, stand on a balcony in the Woodcrest Apartments. Mineer and Jackson met at the Baptist Student Union.

Drag racing is a popular spectator sport for some students.

"I like going to Edgewater to watch the action," said Sharon Roberts, a radiologic technology major.

Edgewater Sports Park is a drag racing facility in Cincinnati. Roberts said she watches her cousin race on Sundays.

"I don't want to get drunk up there," Roberts said. "It's too exciting. I might miss something."

Movies Boring; Try Surprising Dates

By Chris Mayhew
Features Editor

It's Friday night. After one last glance in the mirror, it's time to make a rendezvous with the ultimate dream date.

One dilemma persists — what to do. Without giving it too much thought it looks like the ultimate dream date will consist of dinner, and a movie... again.

Going to the movies or going to an extremely expensive restaurant are bad date ideas, said David Coleman, the director of student activities at Xavier University.

Coleman also writes a weekly column for *The Cincinnati Enquirer* called "The Dating Doctor" and hosts a radio talk show by the same name weekly on WCKY-AM.

Whatever the date is, it should be the focal point of the evening, Coleman said.

Riding a bike for two, going bowling or any kind of active date like playing miniature golf can all be successful date ideas, he said.

Packing a blanket and food for a picnic lunch in a park is an excellent idea for the spring, Coleman said.

Making ice cream together from scratch instead of going out and buying it, and then having a party is another way to spend time together, Coleman said.

The best kind of date to get to know someone is to do volunteer work together of any kind.

Whether it's a soup kitchen or an animal shelter, people won't

worry about each other and learn more about the each other in the process.

"You're helping someone less fortunate, you're inevitably going to find out something in common," Coleman said.

On a date don't ask yes/no questions. Ask open-ended questions so the person answering can take the conversation any way they feel comfortable with, Coleman said.

Make eye contact during the date. "Listen with your eyes as well as your ears so they can see that you're truly interested," Coleman said.

Also, don't try to force jokes or humor.

"If you're not funny don't attempt stand up comedy now," he said.

For Jennifer Young, a sophomore radio television major, her most interesting date was when she went to the circus, she said.

"Being a kid at heart and being with the person you want to be with was what made it so great," Young said.

Going to East Fork Lake or a park for solitude to be alone is one of Young's favorite dates, she said.

The most interesting date for Becky Thompson was when she went to the overlook at Cincinnati's Eden Park and then went to a small coffee house in Clifton.

"It was just different," she said. "I like to be surprised," she said.

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Norse Split With Indianapolis This Weekend Likely To Determine Post-Season Chances

The University of Cincinnati's Steve Barbour looks back in disbelief as the umpire rings up a called strike. It was one of the few times that UC didn't put the ball in play as the Bearcats collected 13 hits in their 10-3 victory over NKU at Friendship Field last week. NKU went on to split a doubleheader with the University of Indianapolis on Saturday with a 3-0 loss and an 11-6 win.



Terry Renaker, The Northwesterner

By Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

At 4-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and in fifth place, NKU needed to sweep a doubleheader from eighth place University of Indianapolis on Saturday to keep pace in the race of which only the top four teams go to the post-season GLVC tournament.

What it got was a split, and at 13-12 overall and 5-5 in the GLVC, NKU most likely has to win at least three out of four this weekend in doubleheaders against GLVC frontrunners Lewis University and St. Joseph's College.

Lewis, ranked No. 12 in Division II in the latest poll, is tied with St. Joseph's for second place. Both are 7-1 in conference play.

"We're still struggling at 500," head coach Bill Aker said. "We need to get on a roll here pretty soon."

In the first game against Indianapolis, NKU got only four hits. Sophomore Mike Kichler limited the Greyhounds to only two hits but still lost.

A couple walks and an error in the bottom of the fifth inning of a scoreless game, hurt Kichler and led to three Indianapolis runs. The score was 3-0.

Kichler's record fell to 5-2.

Junior third basemen Chris Helzer had half of NKU's four hits, both singles. Junior second baseman Jeff Hetzer had his 12-game hitting streak snapped as he went hitless in four at bats. Hetzer leads the team with a .378 batting average.

In the second game, NKU scored quickly with three runs in the first inning, but Indianapolis took a 6-5 lead in the bottom of sixth inning. Junior Jason Rusk gave up all six runs and was relieved by senior Scott Drapp.

The Norse tied the score 6-6 in the seventh and a big five-run eighth inning put the game away. Sophomore shortstop Matt Baker, who leads the team with 25 RBI, and freshman catcher Scott Fryman highlighted the inning each smacking a two-run double.

Besides the big double, Fryman also drilled a triple earlier in the game en route to a four RBI day. Drapp picked up his second win of the season.

The comeback pleased Aker but now the team has to start getting tougher, he said.

"We played fairly well this weekend," Aker said. "We needed this to get back into the hunt."

NKU hits the road and plays St. Joseph's at noon on Saturday and Lewis at noon on Sunday.

CROSSBRIDGE SHOOTOUT

On Wednesday, NKU and the University of Cincinnati squared off on the diamond and UC came away with the win.

The Bearcats built a 10-0 lead after six innings and cruised. NKU's Jeff Hetzer knocked in two runs with a double late in the game to extend his hitting streak to 12 games.

Junior Jim Robinson was saddled with the loss for NKU while Chris Holt pitched seven strong innings for UC to pick up the win.

The Hot Corner



Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

Nothing Soft About Softball

Last Saturday I saw my first women's fast-pitch softball game. I could not have been more surprised by the talent level and excitement of the game.

Call it gender bias or ignorance or whatever you want. I was oblivious to this type of softball until then.

My idea of softball was the same as every other male that grew too old and had to finally give up baseball. To me, softball was a settlement - a step down. It was sort of a rite of passage into old age where the total number of beers drunk is almost as important as the total number of runs scored.

This is a place where men named Sal hit balls off the center field fence and end up with long singles. Headfirst slides? Forget about it. Breaking up a double play? No way.

The game I watched on Saturday nowhere near resembled my idea of softball.

The lesson began in pregame warmups. NKU's right fielder Monica Vest got hit square in the mouth when the ball took a wicked hop. She didn't go down. After a few tears, she sucked it up and threw an ice pack on her bloody mouth. A chipped tooth and trip to the dentist is all she got.

Blood and pain - it's all part of the game.

The pitching really stood out. The mound is 43 feet away from the plate but it seems like 10 feet

the way the ball flies off the pitcher's hand after her underarm wheelhouse motion. It's a blur, unless it's a change up or curve, two pitches I never associated with a softball.

There's no slow arcing illegal ceiling or flat calls like my umpires make.

"Our pitching has the classic 'Why we love baseball matchup' of pitcher versus catcher," NKU head coach Mary Biermann said. "The ball is always moving quickly in our game."

If you strike out in slow pitch softball, you need to take up chess. But let's say you do. After few moments of embarrassment, you crack a smile and shake it off. But when NKU's Lori Hayes strikes out, her helmet pays the price as she fires it into the ground in disgust.

Temper-it's all part of the game.

Mary K Danuser was one out away from finishing the game after having given up three runs. But after she walked the bases loaded, Biermann yanked her. Now all Sal would be thinking about is resting or going to the grill for a hot dog and beer. Danuser wanted to finish the game. Only one more out to go. "Why did you take me out?" she yelled to Biermann.

Competitiveness-it's all part of the game.

There was more. Like the loyalty to the team shown by a pat on the butt to congratulate or pick somebody up who's down. Like the elaborate cheers all sung in unison by the entire team. Like the hitting ritual NKU's Nickole Williams goes through before every pitch - three practice swings, step in the box, spit, tug on pants, then swing. Like the nicknames of "Scoop," "Litz" and "Reags."

It had a little bit of it all. A little bit of blood, sweat, dirt, spit, tempers, cursing, sportsmanship and a lot of intensity.

Now I know, it's all part of the game.

Softball Team Drops Two More To Ranked Team

By Tim Curtis
Sports Editor

When the NKU softball team hosted Ashland University on Saturday in a doubleheader, it once again showed that they can hang in there against ranked teams, but only for a little while.

Just like in the Rebel Games in Florida where NKU defeated one ranked team and lost tough games to three more, the Norse played No. 23 Ashland tight for five innings in both games but lost the doubleheader 3-0 and 5-1.

"We're hanging right there with them but we are not able to hit with them," head coach Lisa Biermann said.

Hurlers Mary K. Danuser and Mary Cornett kept NKU in the games but the bats that patted Kentucky State University for 37 runs on 36 hits in a doubleheader sweep earlier in the week were not there.

Whenever NKU did happen to rope a pitch, it was always right to an Ashland player.

"I don't think we've hit the ball harder all season," Biermann said. "We just couldn't buy a break."

NKU mustered only two hits in the first game. "I think we were getting frustrated with them catching everything we hit," Karen Wiesman said. "We still hit the ball hard and that is positive."

Through four innings of the first game, neither team was hitting. Danuser had faced only 16 batters, four over the minimum. Her

counterpart, Teri Boso, allowed only one batter over the minimum.

But in the top of the fifth, three straight singles by Ashland put them on top 1-0. The run was unearned because of an error on the initial single by left fielder Amy Sparrow.

Ashland could have done a lot more damage in the inning after Danuser walked the No. 4 hitter Jodi Mason to load the bases with two outs. After running the count to 3-0 on Tara Ringler, Danuser came back and got her to fly out to center field.

It was all the support that Boso would need. She allowed her only two hits of the game in the bottom of the fifth but a pickoff and two strikeouts killed the inning.

After Ashland hit back-to-back singles, Danuser was victimized again, but this time by the sun. A routine fly ball that would have ended the inning got lost in the sunlight and fell in front of right fielder Ann Lally, plating another run.

Ashland added another run in the seventh inning. In the shutout, Boso gave up some hard hit balls but also racked up six strikeouts. Only one NKU baserunner reached second base.

"She was mixing it up well out there between fastballs, curves and risers," Wiesman said. "She kept us off balance all day."

Danuser gave up two earned runs and an unearned run, on nine hits over 6 2/3 innings. Her earned run average dropped to 2.23.

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Johnna Ellis

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Norse Notes

Petition Signing

The NKU Young Democrats are sponsoring a petition signing drive in the University Center Lobby on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The petition is protesting proposed financial cuts.

Rescheduled

The NKU Brass Choir concert originally scheduled for April 6 will take place Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Featured in this concert will be the Trompetchor, a smaller trumpet ensemble that performs a varied program of trumpet music. The concert is free and open to the public.

Senior Show

NKU will open the Senior Shows in the Main Gallery and the Third Floor Gallery of the Fine Arts Center from April 6 through April 14. The public is invited to an opening reception on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Main Gallery will feature graphic design majors. Their exhibition will include graphic projects ranging from poster layouts to packaging displays. The Third Floor Gallery's exhibition will also include a range of graphic design projects including computer-based designs.

Alpha Week

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity celebrates Alpha Week '95 with several activities. On Wednesday they will have "The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Oratorical Contest" in Norse Commons Rooms 116 and 117 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday they will hold a "Black Male Caucus" in Norse Commons Room 117 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Leaderscope Course

Norse Leadership Society is presenting its sixth-annual Leaderscope course through April 26. Leaderscope is a five-week, non-credit hour course promoting personal and leadership development. Contact Student Activities at 572-6514 to make a reservation.

Lecture and Reception

The NKU Military History Lecture Series will present "A Paper with Illustrations," by Michael C. C. Adams, professor of history. The lecture will be held on Wednesday at 3:05 p.m. in Landrum Academic Center Room 417. A reception will follow in the department bay.

Nancy Boothe Award

The NKU Board of Regents is accepting nominations for the Nancy J. Boothe Award for perseverance and achievement. Letters of nomination, not to exceed 500 words, and letters of support are to be forwarded to the following address: 1995 Nancy J. Boothe Award Committee, Attention: Alice S. Sparks, NKU, Administrative Center 810, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, Ky., 41099.

Y.E.S. Festival

The 1995 Y.E.S. Festival will feature three original plays. The three plays are "Francis and the Biograph Girl," written by Cassi Harris and directed by Mary Jo Beresford, "Company Procedure," written by Ray Geiger and directed by Ken Jones and "Traumatography," written by Eric R. Pfeffinger and directed by Joe Conger. The plays run from April 20 through April 30.

Post-show discussions will be held on certain evenings.

Left of Spring

Because of budget cuts and scheduling problems, WRFN-AM810 will present the live coverage of the second annual "Left of Spring" on Monday, April 10 at noon. Find out what's happening with the new parking garage, hear some tunes from the NKU Karaoke Club and get a surprise from the Pi Rho Fraternity.

Summer Theater

The NKU department of theater has announced the schedule for its ever-popular Summer Dinner Theater season which will run June 22 through July 29. Included in the slate will be two musicals and a comedy. The shows will be staged in the Fine Arts Center's Black Box Theatre. Performances are scheduled Tuesday through Sunday. Patrons will be served dinner prior to the show in the theater. "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," "Romance, Romance" and "Play It Again, Sam" are the three shows being performed.

Calendar Of Events

Wednesday, April 5:

- Lunch for a \$1, noon, at the Baptist Student Union, 514 Johns Hill Road
- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at noon in the Women's Center, third floor of Business-Education-Psychology Center
- Wednesday Lunch Seminar: "What, Me Worry? Anxiety, Phobias and Panic Disorders," 12:10 p.m. in the University Center Faculty and Staff Dining Room
- Mass at 12:25 p.m. in UC Room 118

Room 116

- Spring Keyboard Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall

Saturday, April 8:

- "Greek Jam" 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UC Ballroom

Sunday, April 9:

- Mass at 7:30 p.m. in Norse Commons Room 117

Monday, April 10:

- Student Government Association meets at 3 p.m. in UC Room 108
- Jazz Ensemble Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall

Tuesday, April 11:

- Together in Fellowship meeting at 8 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 514 Johns Hill Road

Wednesday, April 12:

- Lunch for a \$1, noon, the Baptist Student Union, 514 Johns Hill Road
- AA meeting at noon in the Women's Center, third floor of BEP
- Lunch Seminar: "But it Wasn't Murder; She Wrote," at 12:10 p.m. in the UC Faculty and Staff Dining Room

Thursday, April 6:

- Single Parent Group in BEP Room 325 at 12:15 p.m.
- Anthropology Club meeting in Landrum Academic Center Room 206 at 12:15 p.m.
- International Student Union meeting at 4 p.m. in UC Room 116
- Bible study from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., the Catholic Newman Center, 512 Johns Hill Road
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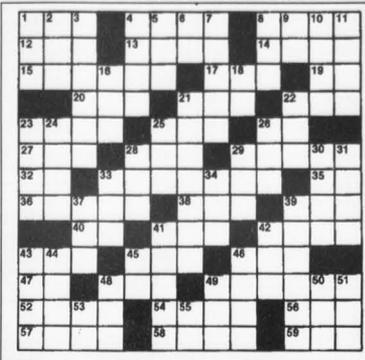
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Fellow students:

To begin this week's article, I congratulate the men's basketball team on the tremendous year it experienced. Its success helped bring about a strong sense of pride and community to NKU. Once again, congratulations and thank you for the thrills.

Student Government Association has been busy these last past weeks. First, SGA sent letters to Senators Mitch McConnell and Wendell Ford and Congressman Jim Bunning expressing our support for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Second, SGA expressed its support for the changes to the Code of Student Rights and

Responsibilities. These proposed changes are enhancement of various sections of the current code relating to computer security and expanded deadlines for all appeals. SGA thinks these changes are positive for the student body and the university community. SGA is also working on numerous on-campus issues. Senator Marlene Gerding is exploring the possibility of implementing married housing opportunities in Woodcrest Apartments. While there may not be a big demand for married housing, SGA thinks it should be an option. SGA is also still laboring on

the winter commencement issue. We are proud to say that progress, while extremely slow, is being made. This past week, Staff Congress unanimously passed a resolution supporting winter commencement and recommended that a campus-wide task force be formed to look into the feasibility of a winter commencement to alleviate the overcrowding that now exists in the spring commencement.

The last Vice President for Student Affairs Open Office Day is April 5. I hope students can take advantage of this opportunity to express concerns to Norleen Pomerantz.

Finally, election packets for SGA Executive Council, senator and Judicial Council positions are available in the SGA office. The packets must be turned in to the Dean of Students' office by April 17 at 3 p.m. Being involved in SGA is the best way for students to voice their opinions and create a better learning environment for themselves and their fellow students.

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Ashland

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In the first inning of the second game, NKU struck first.

After Lisa Richardson struck out, the ball got away from the catcher and she beat the throw to first. Johnna Ellis then ripped a one-hopper down the third base line and Leah Hanna followed with a double to the left center field gap that drove in Richardson.

Ashland tied the game 1-1 when Cornett gave up a single to Desi Gillman that scored Kristi Boggs who had tripled.

With two outs and the bases loaded in the fourth inning, the Norse were poised to break the 1-1 tie, but Wiesman hit a routine

grounder to shortstop, ending the inning.

With the bases loaded again in fourth inning, NKU couldn't capitalize. Richardson hit a bullet to center field which was snagged and the runner on second base was doubled up.

Ashland did capitalize on its chances and took a 2-1 lead on a two-out double in the top of the fifth.

Ashland's Jeri Savatt, the Monica Seles of pitchers because of the way she grunts after each release, settled down over the next three innings and held NKU scoreless. Meanwhile, her offense tacked on three more runs to cushion the lead to 5-1.

With the losses, the Norse drop to 11-14 and remain 1-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Ashland moved to 18-5 overall.

Non-trad

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well-known in the professional community.

NKU was recommended by Tony Cippolone, the Personnel Director of Metroweb, because of NKU's journalism staff, said Theresa Homan, a communications major.

Other non-traditional students have different reasons for choosing NKU.

"I like the classes better," said Mark Hall, a former University of Cincinnati student. "I like the fact that we have a name in class instead of a number. Also, I was fed up with UC changing my major requirements yearly and advisers who were no help whatsoever."

Technology is becoming more crucial in everyday jobs. Men and women who have

been in the work force for years are realizing the need to re-educate themselves, Pomerantz said.

"We've got lots of real positives for an older student," she said.

The percentage of non-traditional students has stayed constant in the past five years, according to the biannual Management Information Report.

"The non-traditional population is fairly stable and will always be a significant proportion of our student population," Pomerantz said.

"A large population of non-traditional students consists of homemakers whose children are at a certain age that enables them to come back and complete or begin a degree," Pomerantz said.

Nancy Sheehy, a former NKU speech professor, said she thought the reason for the high number of non-traditionals

was two-fold.

One reason she gave was because most colleges in this area are extremely expensive, and NKU's tuition seems reasonable.

"I teach at Mount St. Joe's and the tuition there is pretty high," Sheehy said. "If someone has to keep a job and try to go to school, NKU's lower tuition looks pretty good."

Another reason she gave was the location of campus. It's not far from Cincinnati's suburbs and not far from northern Kentucky's suburbs.

Whatever the reason, the fact remains that NKU has many students who don't fit society's concept of what a traditional student is.

The non-traditional student may be part homemaker and part student, or part employed and part student or even part retired and part student. They all have NKU in common.

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